



Submariners Association of Canada

# *Rum Silent Newsletter*

Fall 2025



## HMCS OJIBWA 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

23 September 2025



## HMCS CHICOUTIMI 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

03 September 2025



Dedicated to our Submariners  
Past & Present  
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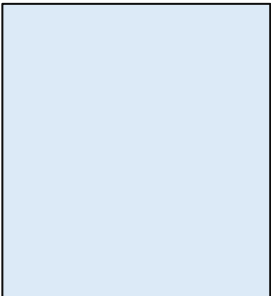
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The *Run Silent* Newsletter is published on behalf of the Submariners Association of Canada West for members to read and enjoy.

Featuring articles of interest, photos and items pertaining too and about our Association, our serving and former Submariners and the boats they served on.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**September** : Casual Social Gathering  
Theme: **BURGER 'n' BEER SOCIAL**  
Date: Last Wednesday, **24 September**  
Time: **4:00 pm** – **no host**  
Location: Langford Legion  
761 Station Road, Langford



Let's Celebrate the Commissioning's of  
**HMCS Ojibwa 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**HMCS Chicoutimi 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
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**October**: Social Gathering  
Theme: **Subs 'n' Subs @ the C&POs' Mess**  
Date: Last Wednesday **October 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Time: 2:30pm to 4pm  
Location: Chief & Petty Officers Mess  
1577 Lyall St., Esquimalt



November: **Victoria-class Speaker •**  
Date: Wednesday, **26 November 2025**  
(Last Wednesday) •  
Time: 7pm to 8pm •  
Location: Collier Theatre, Work Point,  
1094 Victoria View Road •  
Theme: **Captain Alex Kooiman** will discuss  
HMCS Corner Brook operations between 2009 and  
2011 with a brief glimpse at 2025.





## REPORTS & REMINDERS

### A REPORT ON GUEST SPEAKER SERIES – JUNE 2025

Held the evening of Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Collier Theatre, Work Point, 1094 Victoria View Road

**Rear-Admiral Robinson** discussed **HMCS CORNER BROOK** operations between 2007 and 2009, where in addition to normal fleet duties, it deployed to the Canadian North for Operation Nanook and the Caribbean Sea to conduct a counter-drug patrol as part of Operation Caribbe. In recognition of its outstanding contribution to Canadian sovereignty, CORNER BROOK was awarded the Canadian Armed Forces Unit Commendation in 2008.



**Commander Isabelle** discussed Windsor operations between 2014 and 2018, where in addition to normal fleet duties, it deployed for 133 days on Op Projection Euro-Atlantic, the first time a Canadian submarine was operational in the Mediterranean in more than four decades. While on Op Projection, joined NATO allies for Dynamic Manta in the Mediterranean Sea for anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare training. In 2016 it participated in the multi-national joint training engagement Dynamic Mongoose off the coast of Norway in June, and in NATO's Cutlass Fury in the North Atlantic in September. The year before Windsor deployed for NATO's Joint Warrior and Trident Juncture training engagements along with joint training with Canadian Special Operations Forces personnel. There was no audio-visual recording permitted or available.

### Submariners Association of Canada West **Annual Christmas Luncheon** **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

1pm Cocktails – 2 pm Luncheon

Four Mile Restaurant

189 Island Hwy., View Royal

Turkey or Roast Beef Dinner \$27-\$30. plus tax –or order off menu

**RSVP between Nov 1<sup>st</sup> & Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> –attending & food  
choice to [valerieandddick@telus.net](mailto:valerieandddick@telus.net)**





## EDITOR'S NOTES

Hello fellow members

The days have begun to shorten, vacations come to an end, and we now get back to into the old daily routine. There is always time to fondly reflect on the recent warm days of summer and the times you shared with family and friends.



In August I attended the Change of Command ceremony for Rear Admiral Christopher Robinson's transition and incoming Rear Admiral David Patchell. Held at CFB Esquimalt with a beautiful view of Esquimalt Harbour and the Lighthouse at Fort Rodd Hil in the background. A special ceremony with various dignitaries and special guests. We wish Rear Admiral Robinson every success in his new position.

As we approach the next season for the Submariners Association of Canada West, we have a **new get together to look forward to on Wednesday, September 24 at the Langford. A casual Burger & Beer social gather at 4:00 pm to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HMCS Ojibwa and 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HMCS Chicoutimi.** You can select from the menu if you prefer another food selection rather than a burger. Members buy their own food. We hope you will enjoy this event and make sure to let me know if you want a seat saved, as space is limited.

This fall there are several SAOC West events: Upcoming September 24<sup>th</sup> is a *Burger & Beer @ the Langford Legion*, a *Subs 'n' Suds Social* at the C&POs' Mess on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> with guest speaker Captain Alex Kooiman Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, and our annual **Christmas Luncheon, Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.** A complete list of events is within this newsletter near the last page.

As he steps down, a special thanks to Chris Parkes for his years of service on the board and Shaun Sharpe steps forward as the new Treasurer. It is important to note for the association to remain active, it requires your participation and involvement. Don't depend on others to constantly carry the load, please ask how you can help, what can you do. This is an association with its roots formed in comradery and friendship. Let's see you come out and join us.

Soon, we will get the news of the decision on which country and it's company will be successful contractor for the building of Canada's new submarines. There is a big job ahead to fill the requirements attracting young people to be trained and ready to crew the boats upon completion. If there is any way our association can assist in attracting sailors to the RCN to train for submarine service, beyond passing the word to family and friends, please bring the suggestions to our attention.

If you know a fellow submariner who would be interested in coming out to one of our events, please invite them. Should they be interested in joining our association, please have them visit our website: [saocwest.ca](http://saocwest.ca) where they can find more about us.

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## **SAOC WEST PRESIDENT'S REPORT**



**SAOCW President's Report, September 4, 2025**

**SAOCW Members,**

It is an exciting time to be a submariner as the Canadian government has repeatedly stated its intention to acquire 12 new submarines. The specifications were shared with us by Rear Admiral Christopher Robinson at a monthly meeting in January. Of course, the submarine selected will have enough reserve buoyancy to breakthrough a few feet of ice, and an air-independent capability so they can navigate out from under ice if need be, and to operate without having to snorkel for days. Besides the latest electronic kit, and being well armed, the specification I particularly like is the requirement for a proven, in service, design and no changes to the specifications. Canadianization adds cost, time, and often compromises serviceability instead of improving capabilities.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find it is a great time to be a member of the Submariners Association of Canada. We will continue with the changed format of last year of alternating between guest speakers, tours, Subs & Suds social get-togethers, a Christmas Party on Sunday November 30, and a summer BBQ.

Another variation on the theme is this month we will meet for Burgers & Beers on Wednesday, September 24 at 4:00 PM at the Langford Legion for a no host social, and optional early supper.

I want to thank Chris Parkes for his yeoman service on the Board, and five years on the Executive as Treasurer. Please join me in welcoming Shaun Sharpe as our new Treasurer. Shaun is no stranger to accounting, so we are in good hands.

I will certainly miss seeing Christopher Robinson in person as he has already reported for duty in Ottawa. He still retains the title of the senior serving submariner! The RCN is well served by him and all of our serving submariners.

The country can be very proud of the service they provide. Christopher has been like a rock in support of me, and all our members. Fortunately, thanks to modern technology, Christopher is willing to stay on as our Secretary, so he will still be with us and providing the best minutes of meetings I have had ever had the pleasure to read!, Like our three out of town Directors at Large, Ed Falstrem, John Abraham, and Mitch Ewan, Christopher will join our meetings by Zoom. So that is the bad news, and the good news all rolled into one announcement.

Although for now Christopher and I are willing to continue in our respective roles on the Executive, we need a succession plan, so please give me a call if serving your association in any capacity would be of interest to you. It is always good to have new ideas that new blood brings to any association.

**Mind Your Bubble,**

**Patrick Hunt, President, Submariners Association of Canada, West**

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## HMCS OBJIBWA 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY 23 SEPTEMBER 2025



**HMCS *Objibwa*** is an [Oberon-class submarine](#) that served in the [Royal Canadian Navy](#) (RCN) and later the [Canadian Forces Maritime Command](#) (MARCOM). Originally intended for service with the [British Royal Navy](#) as **HMS *Onyx***, the submarine was transferred to Canadian ownership before completion and entered RCN service in 1965.

*Objibwa* operated primarily with [Maritime Forces Atlantic](#) until her decommissioning in 1998. In 2010, *Objibwa* was laid up at [CFB Halifax](#) awaiting disposal, with the [Elgin Military Museum](#) planning to preserve her as a [museum vessel](#). The submarine was towed to [Port Burwell, Ontario](#) in 2012, and was opened to the public in 2013. She is now the new focal point of a planned Museum of Naval History to be built alongside the submarine.

## HMCS CHICOUTIMI 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY 03 SEPTEMBER 2025



**HMCS *Chicoutimi* (SSK 879)** is a Victoria Class long-range hunter-killer [submarine](#) (SSK) of the [Royal Canadian Navy](#). She is the former [Royal Navy Upholder-class submarine](#) **HMS *Upholder***. Shortly after being handed over by the UK to Canada, she was involved in a partial flooding incident which resulted in a fire at sea.

The incident sparked a fierce debate over the value of the purchase of this group of second-hand vessels, as well as the handover inspection process. The subsequent investigation “determined the fire was caused by human, technical and operational factors and the board cleared the commanding officer and crew of any blame.” The submarine was repaired and entered Canadian service in 2015.

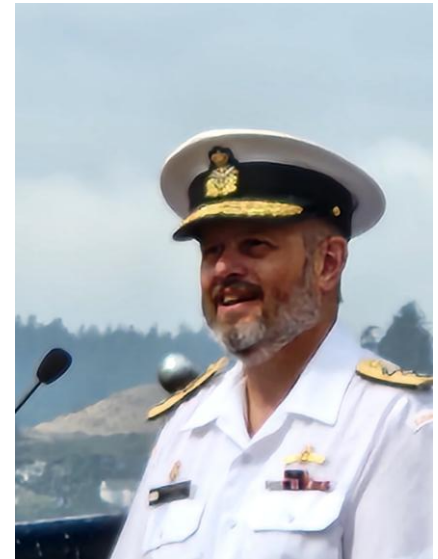


## CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

On Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Rear Admiral Christopher Robinson former commander of the Maritime Forces Pacific transfers authority to Rear Admiral David Patchell at a change of command ceremony held at the Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt.



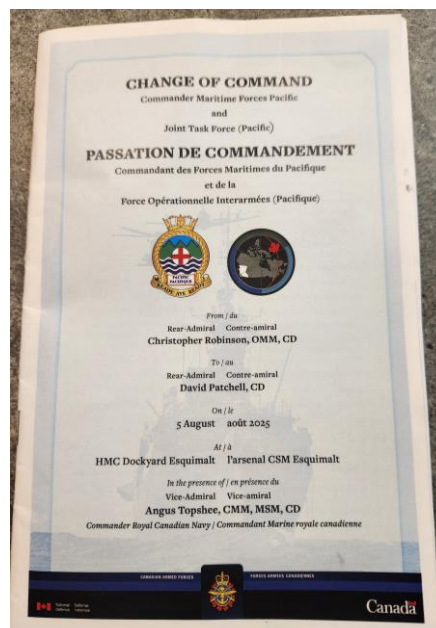
RA Robinson, VA Topshee, RA Patchell



Rear Admiral Robinson



Vice Admiral Angus Topshee







Following the Change of Command ceremony invited guests and forces members were greeted by Rear Admiral Robinson, VA Topshee and RA Pachell, and the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia Honourable Wendy Cocchia at the Rear Admirals residence at CFB Esquimalt for a reception.




**On behalf of the Submariners Association of Canada West we wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Rear Admiral Robinson for his excellent leadership and dedication during his service at CFB Esquimalt.**

**We also wish to thank him personally for his commitment and assistance for the success and continuance of our SAOC West association. We are very proud to have a fellow submariner of such calibre be part of our organization. His support has been and remains most appreciated. We wish you well in your new endeavours in Ottawa. *Fair winds and following seas.***

## NEWS RELEASE

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CBC NEWS

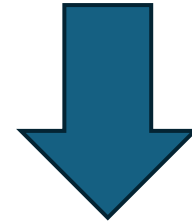


**Canada narrows choices for new submarines to German and South Korean bidders**


PM Carney meeting chancellor, attending business roundtable in Berlin

Posted: August 25, 2025 4:55 PM PDT  
Last Updated: 1 hour ago  
Murray Brewster, CBC News


As he delivered the hard sell pitch last spring for Canada to buy his submarines, Oliver Burkhard, the CEO of Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems (TKMS), used the phrase "strategic partnership" half a dozen times.




**Sunday Oct. 5th**

 **Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt - La Base des...**

Defence on the Dock is back on October 5th! We're excited to welcome HMCS Vancouver and other Royal Canadian Navy vessels to Ogden Point for ship tours and interactive displays. Don't miss your chance to step aboard and meet the crew - it's a great day for all ages! #CFBESqSupports - Le retour de Défense sur le quai, le 5 octobre! Nous sommes ravis d'accueillir le NCSM Vancouver et d'autres navires de la Marine royale canadienne sur Ogden Point pour des visites de navires et des expositions interactives. Ne manquez pas l'occasion de monter à bord et de rencontrer l'équipage - une journée formidable pou...

**DEFENCE on the DOCK**  **DÉFENSE sur le QUAI**



**SUNDAY / DIMANCHE  
OCT 5, 2025  
10AM-3PM  
OGDEN POINT  
BREAKWATER DISTRICT**

**BRINGING THE NAVY TO YOU | NOUS VOUS APPORTONS LA MARINE!**





## SAOC EAST REPORT

From Brian Lapierre, SAOC(E) Secretary 24 August 2025

### Submariners Association of Canada East

The current Executive for SAOC East are as follows: President – Scott Parsons, Vice President – Jeff Cameron, Secretary/Membership Chairman – Brian Lapierre, Treasurer – Ron Cooper, Entertainment Chairman – Brian Cooper & Slops is vacant with Claude Gendron resigning.

Since the fall of 2024 there hasn't been much going on with SAOC East. SAOC East did participate in the Graduation of the latest Victoria Class BSQ in July 2025. BSQ# 2025-0084 was successful. Welcome to the Submarine Community. This course had seven members from the Philippine Navy who took this training. All of the Course Photos are posted on [www.forposterityssake.ca](http://www.forposterityssake.ca) under Diesel Boats Forever Section. With HMCS Windsor now in her extended refit Submariners are a limited breed on the East Coast.



Victoria Class Basic Submarine Course BSQ# 2025-0084

01 May - 17 July 2025

- (1) Dupuis, Jesse, MS, Instructor (2) Cleator, C.. SLt (3) Giesbrecht, J., Lt  
(4) Alarie, Reece, S2 (5) O'Brien, J., S3 (6) Smith, Quinlan, S1 (7) Tyva,  
Keith Glenn Joy, ENS, Philippine Navy (8) Palabrica Angel Grace, ENS,  
Philippine Navy (9) Fuentes, Roland, LCdr, Philippine Navy (10) Silva, Maureen  
Joyce, LCdr, Philippine Navy (11) Tipay, Christian Chalz, Lt, Philippine Navy  
(12) Pakoy, Earl Jade, ENS, Philippine Navy (13) Rosete, Jerome L. ENS,  
Philippine Navy (14) Sylvain Rouillard, SAOC(E) Rep (15) Brian Lapierre, SAOC(E)  
Rep (16) Scott Parsons, SAOC(E) Rep.





## SAOC EAST REPORT CONT.

SAOC East Membership continues to be steady. We now have 89 Regular Memberships, 53 Life Memberships and 2 Honorary Life Memberships. The Standard for our Membership is that once you turn Age 80 and have been a member for 10 consecutive years then you are awarded a Life Membership. The Secretary does up a card, laminates it and mails it to the Member. In the past year we have also been honoured to have **four current serving Submariners** join our Association. We will continue to try and get more serving and retired Submariners to join. Our Membership dues are still only \$20.00 per year and the benefits outweigh your cost.

SAOC East continues to hold our Monthly Meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at the Somme Branch Legion in Dartmouth. They offered their facilities to us. We have a large room we use upstairs which we have begun to adorn with Submarine Memorabilia. Items donated from Members and some items Brian Lapierre has obtained from MOG 5 which recently cleaned out items and donated to the museum. Again, it is very suitable for us.

SAOC East will hold our next “Beer Call” at the Seamus David Pub in Dartmouth Crossing on the 22 of October 2025. Always an enjoyable time.

SAOC(E) will again continue to hold our Bi-Weekly Zoom Meetings which has had a so/so response considering that we send the email out to over 200 people. We normally get around 10 to 15 people who “pop in” for a short visit of longer. Notices are always posted on Facebook and sent out in an email.

We have noticed in the past few months that those who attend are the normal people who attend. With the email going out to 200 people it appears that people are not interested.

SAOC East held our Annual General Meeting at the “Escape Tower” Snr Rates Mess in MOG5 in the Dockyard. It went very well. First time the Association was back in MOG 5 since before the Pandemic. Not like the old days when we would have a Potluck. Can't do that anymore. The Galley is closed, limited # of Submariners on the East Coast but we still had a few attend. Here is a picture of the group who attended. Pizza was served



2025-07-18

SAOC(E) AGM at MOG 5, 18 July 2025.

1. James Gordon, 2. Claude Gendron, 3. George Byzewski, 4. Andy Lovasi, 5. Tim Wood, 6. John Meehan, 7. Terry Chatham, 8. Bert Houde, 9. John Madison, 10. Sylvain Rouillard, 11. Paul Bailey, 12. Marc Pallard, 13. Matt Larkin, 14. Robbie Fraser, 15. Brian Lapierre, Secretary, 16. Scott Parsons, President, 17. Brian Cooper, Entertainment, 18. Ron Cooper, Treasurer, 19. Mike Davis, 20. Anton Carter, 21. Chris Assuncao, 22. Justin Wettlaufer. Missing is John Dunn.





## SAOC EAST REPORT CONT.

SAOC(E) held our Annual BBQ at John & June Meehan's in Musquodoboit Harbour, N.S. Weather was great, a good turnout and we had 63 Members and Guests attend and we had members come from Cape Breton, New Brunswick and Ontario. Here is a picture of those who attended.

SAOC(E) BBQ, 19 July 2025 at John & June Meehan's in Musquodoboit Harbour, N.S. 1. Brian Lapierre, 2. Ron Cooper, 3. Kim Cooper, 4. John Gullion, 5. Sandra Gullion, 6. John Slack, 7. Cathy Slack, 8. Barb Slack, 9. Ricky Bodden, 10. Cathy Morrison, 11. Jim Gordon, 12. Leslie Birdsall, 13. Brian Cooper, 14. Jan Cooper, 15. George O'Keefe, 16. Tina O'Keefe, 17. John Meehan, 18. Bill Cleal, 19. Marilyn Cleal, 20. Jim Harris, 21. Doreen Harris, 22. Scott Parsons, 23. Margaret Parsons, 24. Sandra Clahane, 25. John Clahane, 26. Marie-Therese Carrier, 27. Doreen Bodden, 28. Heather Bodden, 29. Tim Kramble, 30. Bert Houde, 31. Kevin Stephens, 32. George Byzewski, 33. Bob Evans, 34. Lillian Evans, 35. Taff Jones, 36. Wendy Gracie, 37. Chris Norman, 38. Erik Norman, 39. June Meehan, 40. Doug Birch, 41. Nigel Walsworth, 42. Cathy Creelman, 43. Joanne McMillan, 44. Ken McMillan.



Guests who left early: Robbie & Olia Fraser, Andy & Linda Lovasi, Gord Hamilton & Nicole Picard, Sylvain & Linda Rouillard, Steve McLellan, Greg Hallonquist, Robert Clements, Gary Hopkins, Joe & Sheri Antonio, Marc Pallard, Shaun MacDougall, Meaghan Lahey & Keith Estabrooks.

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SAOC(E) BBQ, 19 July 2025 at John & June Meehan's  
in Musquodoboit Harbour, N.S.

Guests who remained with #'s & names.





## SAOC EAST REPORT CONT.

Submariners who have “**Crossed the Bar**” always plays an important part in SAOC East. We always pay respects to our fallen Comrades at our AGM and at our BBQ.

2024-2025 Departed Brother. From AGM 19 Jul 2024 to 18 Jul 2025

**Ralph Gruendel** – 31 October 1993. Sailed in all three Oberons.

**Brian Parrott** – 25 March 2007, Served in all three Oberons.

**William Sturgess** – 04 April 2008, Served in RN Submarines Aurochs, Alderney, Astute, Auriga, Sentinel, Seneshel

**Glenn Steen** – 11 January 2018, Served in RN Submarines, HMS Dolphin (Submarine Training), HMS Anchorite 1957 HMS Amphion 1957-58, HMS Ambush 1958-59, HMS Thule 1959-61, HMS Finwhale 1961, HMS Acheron 1961-64

**Marie Kamermans** – (Wife of former Member William Kamermans – 30 August 2024.

**William Seward** – 20 September 2024. Served in HMS Alcide & Trespasser. Part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Block Draft in 1955.

**Paul Robinson** – 26 September 2024. RN Exchange. Served in HMCS Onondaga Jan 1979 to Dec 1980. Retired as a Commodore.

**Ken King** – 28 September 2024. Served in HMS Odin, HMCS Onondaga (CC) and HMCS Okanagan (CC).

**Frank Scherber** – 06 October 2024. Served in HMS Oracle, HMCS Ojibwa, HMCS Onondaga, HMCS Okanagan (14<sup>th</sup> CO) and 13<sup>th</sup> SM1. Served in HMCS Protecteur as XO during 1<sup>st</sup> Gulf War. Served in HMCS Huron as 13<sup>th</sup> CO.

**Ed Farrelly** – 07 October 2024. Served in HMCS Onondaga & HMCS Okanagan.

**Ron (Alvin) Carrier** – 26 November 2024. Served in HMCS Ojibwa & HMCS Onondaga.

**Stephen Foster** – 03 December 2024. Served in HMCS Okanagan

**Richard (Dick) Newman** – 16 December 2024. Served in HMS Walrus, Porpoise, HMCS Ojibwa, HMCS Onondaga (CC), HMCS Okanagan.

**Sally Tovey** – 03 January 2025. (Wife of Brum Tovey).

**Angus MacLeod** – 13 January 2025. Served in Oberon's.

**Robert (Dolly) Gray** – 17 January 2025 – Served in HMCS Ojibwa (XO) & HMCS Onondaga (XO).

**William Wright** – 21 January 2025. Served in HMCS Grilse (Commissioning Crew).

**Denis Chitouras** – 11 February 2025. Served in HMCS Ojibwa, HMCS Onondaga & HMCS Okanagan.

**David Caldwell** – 10 March 2025. Served in HMCS Ojibwa, HMCS Onondaga & HMCS Okanagan.

**Jake Allen** – 23 April 2025. Served in HMCS Rainbow, HMCS Ojibwa, HMCS Onondaga & HMCS Okanagan.

**Robert MacNeill** – 02 May 2025. Served in HMCS Ojibwa.

**Douglas Griffith** – 21 May 2025. Served in Grilse, Rainbow, Onondaga & Okanagan.

**Roland Lanouette** – 03 July 2025. Served in HMS/M Tapir, HMS/M Trespasser, HMS/M Amphion, HMS/M Ambush, HMS/M Artemis, HMS/M Onslaught, HMS/M Alderney, HMS/M Scotsman, HMS/M Sentinel & HMS Dolphin. Also served in HMCS Quebec

In August 2025 the Submarine Training School was dedicated by Canadian Sub Force to honour PO2 LaVerne McLeod who was killed on HMS Sidon on 16 June 1955. SAOC East was not invited to this event which was very disappointing indeed. A brain fart by Canadian Submarine Force, I am sure.

SAOC East in restructuring its website and hope to have it up and running in a month or so. It has been taken over by Andy Lovasi.

We at SAOC(E) wishes everyone a good fall and hope you spent your summer in Canada & traveled our great country.





# Run Silent

Fall 2025

## DO YOU LIKE GOOD RUM?

For those interested you can order the HMCS Ojibwa 60th Anniversary Submariners Rum. Once ordered you will receive a Confirmation email to either pick it up at Compass Distillers on Agricola Street in Halifax or it will be delivered or shipped. On or before the 22nd of July it will be posted on the Facebook Group and sent out to others who wish to purchase it. **Rum is on sale from the 15th July until supplies are exhausted.**

Here is how to Order you Rum.

1. Go to [www.compassdistillers.ca](http://www.compassdistillers.ca). Enter the website and accept that you are old enough.
2. Go to the SHOP menu
3. Go to the SPIRITS menu
4. Scroll down to the bottom and you will see Submariners HMCS Ojibwa 60th Anniversary Rum advertised for \$526.32 a bottle.



## DON'T PANIC THE PRICE COMES DOWN WITH THE CODE.

5. STEP 1. Click Quantity on the Image. Enter the quantity you would like to buy, then Click Add to Bag. It will tell you how many bottles are left.
6. STEP 2. Go to Checkout.
7. Click on the Promo Coupon box.
8. STEP 3. Go to the area which says, "Redeem your Coupon". The Promo Coupon is **OJIBWA72**. Enter the code & select APPLY.
9. STEP 4. You're in the Shopping Cart. You will see the # of bottles you ordered with the Discounted price of \$48.00 per bottle and the total.
10. Enter your email address in Checkout. Click Checkout when completed.
- 10 Follow the instructions with your personal information of Name, address & phone.
11. Select your delivery Options.
12. Select a payment method.
13. Order your rum and proceed to Checkout. Pay for your order.
10. Upon completion it will send you a Confirmation Email with your Order #:

**NOTE: If you visit the Compass Store on Agricola Street, show your SAOC East Membership Card or quote the code Ojibwa72 and you can purchase the rum at the store. No need to purchase online.**

**The online store shows 500 bottles. There are actually 600 bottles. Compass has reserved 100 bottles for instore stock.**

Order soon before it is all gone.

Regards

Brian Lapierre

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## SAOC CENTRAL & OJIBWA REPORT

### Museum of Naval History

Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, Ojibwa prepared to celebrate her 60th anniversary as a hunter killer submarine and now her role as keeper of the stories of the life of submariners during the Cold War. Retired submariner Jerry Brown harnessed up to go out on the casing to add the colourful pennants to the string of lights that Ian Raven lowered from the bridge of the fin to the deck and hauled back up into position. Looks very festive. The Submariners Association of Canada (Central) returns to Port Burwell this weekend for their Annual General Meeting at the Legion. Saturday mid-day is set aside to have lunch at HMCS Ojibwa to celebrate Ojibwa's significant milestone.



HMCS Ojibwa 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
23 September 1965 – 2025





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Fall 2025

## OJIBWA 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY @ PT. BURWELL



2025 Central AGM at the 60th Ojibwa anniversary in Port Burwell



(Facebook: Jerry Brown)

On Saturday 23 August 2025 at the 60th Anniversary of HMCS OJIBWA the following submariner's, Dave Robinson, George Roach, Max Wood, Fred Rowe, Pierre Bouchard, Jerry Brown, David Anderson and Yvon Desrosiers and also Ian Raven from Elgin Military Museum were presented quilts (every quilt is unique) that were hand made by Karen Anderson for their work during PaintEx 2020 and also their continued commitment to HMCS OJIBWA.

This was a very big surprise to all and there were a few moist eyes.

We can not thank Karen enough for these beautiful quilts.

There is a submariner that was not present, who will receive his at a later date.







## HMCS OJIBWA



### Reminder: Ojibwa September 2025 Work Period

[Jerry Brown](#)

The September Work Period at HMCS Ojibwa, Port Burwell, On is Sunday, 07 September to Sunday, 14 September 2025

Volunteers needed for scraping and painting touch ups and other general maintenance , also there will be lots of work on the new Office container and the New Display containers.

Please notify me (Jerry Brown) ASAP so that I can begin to calculate meals and beverages.

Food for the volunteers will be purchased from any donations received. Volunteers will only be asked to pay for food if insufficient funds are donated.

I am currently working on the "To Do List" for the work period.

You can bring campers, tents, etc and stay on site. You can also sleep onboard. There is also a rental house that we use and there is a small fee per person.

Email to: [gpbrown1953@gmail.com](mailto:gpbrown1953@gmail.com)

For those that can not attend, but wish to support the HMCS OJIBWA Maintenance Work and those that volunteer, donations can be sent via E-Transfer or PayPal

Email to: [gpbrown1953@gmail.com](mailto:gpbrown1953@gmail.com)

All funds donated will be split 50/50 and put towards Food and Accommodation's for the volunteers.

Thank you for your support.

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## ‘Good neighbour’ noise policy contributed to Esquimalt submarine accident

*Noise restrictions at Esquimalt dry dock identified as a contributing factor that compressed a work timeline and led to serious damage to HMCS Corner Brook while undergoing repairs*



[Stefan Labbé](#)



A voluntary “good neighbour” noise policy at Esquimalt Graving Dock contributed to an accident that led to permanent defects in Canada’s most advanced naval submarine.

Canada bought four hunter-killer submarines from the United Kingdom in the late 1990s. Since then, the renamed Victoria-class vessels have been plagued by mechanical and electrical problems. The fleet has spent more time undergoing repairs than in active service.

One of the subs, **HMCS Corner Brook**, struck the seafloor off Nootka Sound, causing extensive damage. An extended overhaul in the federally owned dock kept the submarine out of service until April this year. The work was initially meant to conclude in 2016, but delays dragged on, partially due to a 2019 fire and an accident in 2020.

In 2020, the Department of National Defence found a thumb-sized hole connected to a leak in a main ballast tank — which controls buoyancy — caused when workers inadvertently over pressurized the tank.

[Documents in federal court filings](#) said the incident led to significant “damage, deformation and separation” of several of the submarine’s bulkheads.

A third-party investigation report commissioned by the contractor Babcock Canada found the 2020 accident was caused by a series of avoidable failures, including a lack of key equipment, a breakdown in communication and pressure to complete a critical test more quickly because of a local noise bylaw.



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## HMCS CORNER BROOK *continued*

Ballast tank testing was initially planned to last two days, but, in the end, was compressed into 24 hours.

One of the primary time pressures came from a city noise bylaw, according to the investigation report. Workers were told the bylaw would prevent them from using an external air compressor after 11:30 p.m., the report said.

Workers filled the ballast tanks with 30,000 litres of water to carry out a pressure test. When the test was over, they hooked up an unregulated air compressor to the tank to help force the water out faster in what was later discovered to be an unsanctioned practice.

Within about five minutes, workers found structural damage and water leaking from a hole near the hydroplane.

The Township of Esquimalt previously said its noise bylaws do not apply to the shipyard or the naval base.

Department of National Defence spokeswoman Cheryl Forrest said the permanent defects from the incident do not affect the submarine's strategic capabilities. Asked about the noise bylaw, Forrest said: "All applicable regulatory requirements are being followed."

DND spokesman Brendan Calado-Luke said Babcock Canada and Seaspan's Victoria Shipyards Company (VSL) — the subcontracted labour force — are both required to adhere to Esquimalt Graving Dock's "environmental best management practices."

They include silent hours between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. in order to be a "good neighbour" and reduce any negative impact on surrounding populated areas, said Calado-Luke.

While work continues 24 hours a day, seven days a week, during silent hours, industrial noise is expected to remain below 60 decibels.

Calado-Luke said the facility's requirement to maintain silent hours was "only a single factor" in the 2020 decision to compress work into a 24-hour timeline.

Robert Huebert, executive director of the Centre for Military, Security and Strategic Studies at the University of Calgary, previously said the idea that workers were rushing to finish work on a crucial piece of Canadian military hardware because of local noise concerns was "totally ridiculous."

Mark Norman, a former vice-admiral and commander with the Royal Canadian Navy, has said the incident is symptomatic of a country that has become obsessed with "big shiny objects" in the military instead of building up a defence industrial base.

In a statement, DND said the incident was not related to industrial capacity and that its contractors "continuously monitor and improve operational processes to address areas of concern."





## SAOC WEST Plan for 2025/26 Gatherings & Meetings

### **September:** Beer & Burgers •

Date: Wednesday, **24 September 2025** (Last Wednesday) •

Time: 4pm •

Location: Langford Legion, 761 Station Ave, Victoria BC V9B 4V2 • Theme: Social gathering with food and drinks • Coordinating Instructions: Read the upcoming newsletter for all the details!

### **October:** Subs & Suds •

Date: Wednesday, **29 October 2025** (Last Wednesday) •

Time: 2:30pm to 4pm • Location: C&POs' Mess •

Theme: Subs & Suds (Social gathering with food and drinks) • Coordinating Instructions: Snacks provided. Cash bar will be open.

### **November:** Victoria-class Speaker •

Date: Wednesday, **26 November 2025** (Last Wednesday) •

Time: 7pm to 8pm •

Location: Collier Theatre, Work Point, 1094 Victoria View Road • Theme: Capt Kooiman will discuss Corner Brook operations between 2009 and 2011 with a brief glimpse at 2025.

### **December:** Xmas Luncheon •

Date: Sunday, **30 November 2025** •

Time: 1pm Cocktails, 2pm Luncheon •

Location: 4 Mile Pub, 199 Island Highway

SIGN UP Notice for Sign Up to be Circulated in October

### **January:** Victoria-class Speaker •

Date: Wednesday, **28 January 2026** (Last Wednesday) •

Time: 7pm to 8pm •

Location: TBD, likely Collier Theatre, Work Point, 1094 Victoria View Road •

Theme: Update on the Canadian Patrol Submarine Project by a member of the project



## SAOC WEST Plan for 2025/26 Gatherings & Meetings

### **February:** Subs & Suds •

Date: **Wednesday, 25 February** 2026 (Last Wednesday) •

Time: 2:30pm to 4pm •

Location: C&POs' Mess •

Theme: Subs & Suds (Social gathering with food and drinks)

### **March:** Tour of HMCS Max Bernays •

Date: **Wednesday, 25 March** 2026 (Last Wednesday) •

Time: 2:30pm to 4pm •

Location: Dockyard (likely B jetty) •

Theme: Tour of HMCS Max Bernays •

Coordinating Instructions: Wear comfortable shoes and working clothes. Access requirements for the dockyard will be promulgated in mid-February.

### **April:** Annual General Meeting (AGM) •

Date: **Wednesday, 29 April 2026** (Last Wednesday) •

Time: 6:30pm gather, 7pm to 8pm meeting (Hybrid Meeting on Zoom) •

Location: C&POs' Mess •

Theme: AGM (business meeting)

### **May:** Qualicum Beach •

Date: **Saturday, 16 May 2026** (Victoria Day Weekend) •

Time: 1pm to 3pm •

Location: Qualicum Beach Legion, 180 Veterans Way •

Theme: Annual Qualicum Beach meeting

### **June:** Panel Discussion •

Date: Wednesday, 24 June 2026 •

Time: 7pm to 8pm • Location: C&POs' Mess •

Theme: Panel Discussion - Is the submarine community special, and if so why? Lead by Wilf Lund and Harvey Waddell. Panel members to be determined. 2 of 3





## SAOC WEST Plan for 2025/30 Gatherings & Meetings

### **Upcoming notable dates: 2025 Milestone Events:**

January 1995 is the rebranding of the Submariners Old Comrades Association Canadian Pacific Branch to Submariners Association of Canada (West) – 30 years in 2025

3 September 2015 is the anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS Chicoutimi – 10 years in 2025

23 September 1965 is the anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS Ojibwa – 60 years in 2025

### **2026 Milestone Events:**

16 January 1986 is the birth date of Submariners Old Comrades Association Canadian Pacific Branch – 40 years in 2026

22 April 1966 is the anniversary of the founding of the First Canadian Submarine Squadron – 60 years in 2026

11 May 1961 is the anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS Grilse – 65 years in 2026

5 July 2001 is the anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS Windsor – 25 years in 2026

### **2027:- 2028 Milestone Events:**

22 June 1967 is the anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS Onondaga – 60 years

2 Dec 1968 is the anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS Rainbow – 60 years in 2028  
22 June 1968 is the anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS Okanagan – 60 years in 2028

29 June 2003 is the anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS Corner Brook – 25 years in 2028

**2029 Milestone Events:** Nothing yet – historians amongst us: any ideas?

**2030 Milestone Events:** 2 December 2000 is the anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS Victoria – 30 years in 2030



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*In memory of those who have crossed the bar.*



### John Wallace (Jack) Goodman

Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Boatswain, 57598-E, RCN / C.A.F.  
(Navy)

Died: 16 Jul 2025, Parksville, British Columbia, Canada

**GOODMAN, John Wallace (Jack)** - age 76, of Parksville, British Columbia; passed away, peacefully in his sleep on the morning of July 16/2025.

Jack was predeceased by his parents, and is survived by his loving wife, Gayle Goodman; his son, Jack Goodman, and his stepchildren, Jennifer Campbell, Steven Campbell, Lisa Sinnott and her husband Jayson Sinnott. He will also be missed by his grandchildren Ella Goodman, Aidan Downing, Caley Downing, Gabrielle Sinnott and Grace Sinnott; and his large extended family.

Born in Yorkton Saskatchewan, Jack joined the navy at the age of 17 and served for almost 30 years. As a young man, Jack loved the navy and his time in service which included being stationed in Vietnam just after the war and then later in Cambodia with the UN. Jack loved to “cowboy” every summer in High River, which he did for many years. His true passion was enjoying extended motorcycle trips on his Harley Davidson with his beloved wife Gayle. Together they explored much of North America and enjoyed the camaraderie of the motorcycle community.

Jack will be greatly missed by those who knew him. In lieu of flowers, please donate to The Canadian Cancer Society. (Dignity Memorial)

Ships served in:

[HMCS SUSSEXVALE](#)

[HMCS QU'APPELLE](#) - Served in QU'APPELLE in 1967-68

[HMCS GRILSE](#)

[HMCS RAINBOW](#) - Commissioning crew 02 Dec 1968 as an Able Seaman

[HMCS YUKON](#)

[HMCS TERRA NOVA](#) - Served in TERRA NOVA for Westploy '73

[HMCS HALIFAX](#)

[HMCS CORNWALLIS](#)

[HMCS SASKATCHEWAN](#)

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