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Summer 2026

International Joint Exercise

HMCS Corner Brook foreground
Korean submarine ROKS Dosan Ahn Chang-ho far left
HMCS Ottawa, Republic of Korea Navy ships ROKS
Daejeon background right

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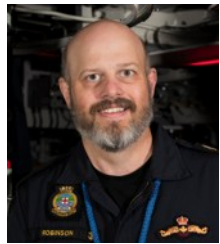


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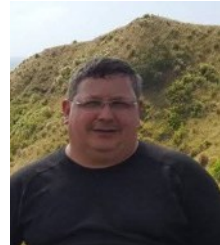
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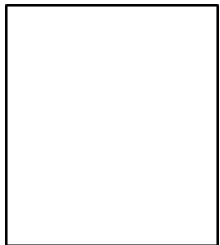
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Cover photo of Pacific Joint Exercise submarines and ships: HMCS Ottawa and HMCS Corner Brook Republic of Korea ROKS Dosan Ahn Chang-ho and ROKS Dosan Ahn Chang-ho - photo courtesy of the Royal Canadian Navy.



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INTERNATIONAL JOINT EXERCISE



Republic of Korea Navy ships ROKS Daejeon and ROKS Dosan Ahn Chang-ho

The Royal Canadian Navy recently teamed up with the 대한민국 해군 Republic Of Korea Navy for a joint exercise off the west coast of Vancouver Island.

HMCS Ottawa, HMCS Corner Brook, and Republic of Korea Navy ships ROKS Daejeon and ROKS Dosan Ahn Chang-ho trained side by side at sea, building skills, strengthening interoperability, and demonstrating the close partnership between two Pacific allies. Exercises like these are about far more than simply putting ships and submarines to sea together. They allow sailors to learn from one another, refine tactics and procedures, and ensure that allied navies can operate seamlessly together during everything from maritime security operations and disaster response to potential future conflicts.

As the Indo-Pacific region continues to grow in strategic importance, Canada's relationships with capable regional partners are becoming increasingly important. South Korea operates one of the most modern and capable navies in the region, with a highly professional submarine force and growing blue-water capabilities.

Working together at sea helps strengthen regional stability while reinforcing Canada's commitment to security in the Pacific.

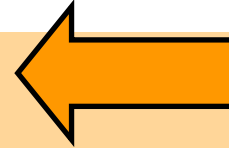
This exercise is also particularly interesting given Canada's ongoing efforts to explore options for a future submarine fleet. South Korea has emerged as a serious contender in any discussion about replacing the Victoria class submarines, and opportunities like this allow Canadian sailors and planners to gain first-hand experience working alongside South Korean crews and observing their capabilities. There is simply no substitute for operating together at sea when it comes to understanding how another navy trains, maintains, and employs its submarines.

Whether or not a South Korean design is ultimately selected, exercises such as these provide valuable insights that help inform future decisions while strengthening an already important defence relationship between Canada and South Korea.



IMPORTANT MEETING NOTICES

Wednesday, June 17th



June Meeting

Wednesday, June 17th

7pm – 9pm

Colliers Theatre, Work Point

Presentation by Patrick Hunt

An overview of capital assets that are being added to the RCN, and then a detailed compare and contrast of the contenders for the Canadian Patrol Submarine Project:

Korean KSS-III

VS

German/Norwegian Type 212CD

Please note our change of date and location of our June Meeting:

Subject: **Comparing the Canadian Patrol Submarine Project Options**

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 17, 2026 from 19:00 to 20:30

Where: Collier Theatre, HMCS Venture, Work Point, 1094 Victoria View Rd.

Speaker: Patrick Hunt

Participants: Question and Answer Period

You will also be able to view the presentation online using Microsoft Teams by clicking on this link:

<https://teams.live.com/meet/9370640045853?p=YMOdrKnqO9oSNQakC0>



EDITOR'S NOTE

Hello SAOC members

As we approach our summer and the warm weather ahead, the long mostly sunny days are always so enjoyable. Those mornings sitting on the patio, enjoying a cup of coffee and watching the birds at the feeder, deer crossing the yard, squirrels hoping from tree to tree, the day quickly unfolds and what a delight to enjoy the sunshine.



For our SAOC West activities, in April we enjoyed a trip up to Qualicum Beach Legion for our annual up island meeting.

Patrick Hunt kept the topics light and interesting as each person who attended talked about their connection being a submariner and their lives following, also their spouse had an opportunity to also reflect.

Excitement surrounds CFB Esquimalt for the past several weeks as the Korean KSS-III submarine *ROKS Dosan Ahn Changho* and crew have travelled across the Pacific Ocean arriving May 23rd. It is part of a presentation and campaign to win a contract for replacement of Canada's submarines. They conducted tours for various officials and participated in joint exercise programme and hosted several community events in Victoria with their delegation.

Interesting times ahead as major decisions will be made as to the final contract to build the new submarines.

For our June meeting Patrick will be the guest speaker to discuss the hot topic of the upcoming selection of potential submarines that will be chosen for Canada and their capabilities.

Date: Wednesday, June 17th

Speaker: Patrick Hunt

Topic: "Comparing the Korean KSS-III Batch 3 to the German/Norwegian Type 212CD"

Before you know it, many will be heading out for their summer vacations. I hope you have special times with family and friends.

We will reconnect after the summer holidays and SAOC West will host a BBQ. Location to be determined, date Sunday, September 13th.

Next year is the 60th Anniversary of HMCS Onondaga—Rimouski QC tentative date June 22, 2027. Plans are being made for a celebration at the boat a Pointe-au-Pere, Quebec.

Enjoy your summer folks, see you in September.

Regards

Valerie Braunschweig

SAOC West

Communications Director & Run Silent newsletter editor



SAOC West President's Report, June 10, 2026



SAOCW Members,

We had our annual meeting North of the Malahat at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch in Qualicum Beach on the Saturday of the long weekend, May 16, 2026. I chaired the meeting and attending were John Conlon, John Abraham, Skip and Fran Whitfield, Lew and Wendy Forth, Stephane Marcotte, Jim and Anne Scott, Dick and Valerie Braunschweig, Don and Claudette Adamek, and the Dwight Grieve. If we started the meeting by introducing ourselves, and answering the question, "Why am I an SAOC Member?" Very informative, and very entertaining as well. There is no question that one thing that makes submariners special is their sense of humour.

A big THANK YOU to Stephane Marcotte, who is a member of the Qualicum Beach Legion, who arranged the meeting room at no charge to our Association. Stephane also brought some of his new Slops products, many of which he has created and can build them on demand on his surging machine, 3D printer, and laser printer. You really have to see them to appreciate how artistic they are. You will then realize how creative Stephane is to think up, design, and manufacture these new offerings.

Lew and Wendy Forth, who are also members of the Nanaimo Royal Canadian Legion Branch, have offered to arrange for us to meet there over lunch on Saturday, May 22nd, 2027, which is over the Victoria Day long weekend. Our Social Director and her husband, Valerie and Dick Braunschweig, met Lew and Wendy at their Legion, and we're delighted with the arrangements. There is a private room that will hold approximately 40 people for a meeting and a sit-down luncheon. Dick and Val enjoy their lunch there as well! Details will follow closer to the event. Thank you Lew and Wendy.

Unfortunately, we had to change the program for our next meeting, which is on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at the Collier Theatre at HMCS venture. Illness intervened, and Harvey Waddell and Wilf Lund cannot make this meeting. It would have been an interesting program, with the objective of leaving the meeting with a vocabulary to answer the question, "What Makes the Submarine Community Special"? Hopefully, they will be back in the saddle another day to provide us that leadership.

I will fill in for the program on June 17 with a presentation entitled "*Comparing the Korean KSS-III Batch II to the German/Norwegian Type 212CD*". These are the two submarines left competing to provide 12 submarines to the RCN.

I want to congratulate our member, Eric Isabelle, who just sent me a picture of his new uniform that has four stripes below his executive curl. Way to go Captain Isabelle!

We now have our program up on our website, www.saocwest.ca/schedule-meetings/ for the coming year. Our two most recent newsletters have been added to our website as will this Summer 2026 addition in due course. Your board will be meeting over the summer to work out the logistics for publishing more of our information on the web that will be password-protected for members only.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, mark your calendars for Sunday, September 13, 2026, the date for our summer BBQ. Details to follow.

Yours Aye,

Patrick Hunt, President,

Submariners Association of Canada, West

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VIDEO VIEWING

Go Bold with Joetey Attariwala



Everything You Need to Know About Submarines in Canada from the Navy's Highest Ranking Submariner

In this exclusive GO BOLD one-on-one interview, I sit down with Canada's highest-ranking submariner, Rear-Admiral Chris Robinson, for an in-depth discussion on Canada's Submarine capability.

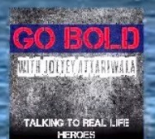
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTv9fMq32kg>

Go Bold with Joetey Attariwala



INSIDE Our Dive with HMCS Corner Brook - A Canadian Navy Attack Submarine | Go Bold

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General Meeting
Saturday, May 16th (Victoria Day Weekend)
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
QUALICUM BEACH LEGION



Members attending:

Patrick Hunt

John Conlon

John Abraham

Skip and Fran Whitfield,

Lew and Wendy Forth

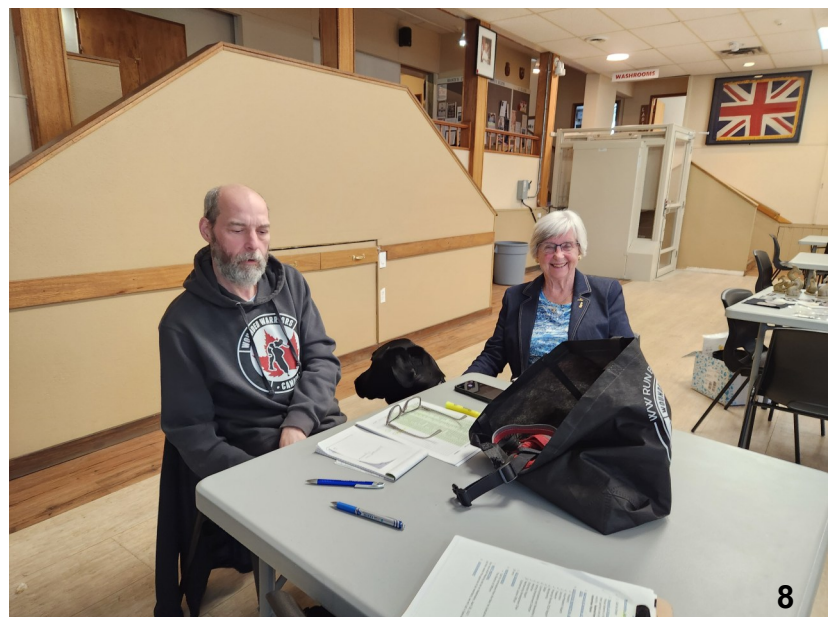
Stephane Marcotte,

Jim and Anne Scott

Dick and Valerie Braunschweig

Don and Claudette Adamek

Dwight Grieve



SAOC WEST 2026 SCHEDULE



Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Time: 7-9pm

Place: Collier Theatre, Work Pt.

Speakers: Patrick Hunt

Topic: "Comparing the Korean KSS-III Match 3 to the German/Norwegian Type 212CD"

Date:

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Time: 2 - 5 PM

Place: To Be Determined : Spencer Castle, Fleet Club or Legion

Event: Association BBQ

Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Time: 2 - 5 PM

Place: To Be Determined

Speakers: Dr. Jim Boutillier

Topic: China's Submarines

Date: Wednesday, November 25, 2026

Time: 3- 5 PM

Place: Chief & Petty Officers' Mess, 1577 Lyall St., Esquimalt

Event: Subs 'n' Suds Social (subject to the operational schedule of the Canadian Submarine Force)

Date: Sunday, December 6, 2026

Time: 1-4 pm

Place: Four Mile Restaurant

Event: Annual Christmas Luncheon
Members & Spouses/Guests



SAOC WEST 2027 SCHEDULE



Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2027
Time: 7 – 8 pm
Place: Collier Theatre, Work Point
Speaker: Captain Eric Isabelle
Topic: Update Canadian Patrol Submarine Project

Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2027
Time: 3 – 5 pm
Place: Chief & Petty Officers' Mess
1577 Lyall Rd., Esquimalt
Event: Subs 'n' Suds Submariners Social

Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2027
Time: 1 - 4 pm
Event: To Be Decided
**Tour of Coast Guard, HMCS Malahat, 443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron,
Naden or Maritime Museum, Other?**

Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2027
Time: 6:30 for 7 pm
Place: Chief & Petty Officers' Mess
1577 Lyall Rd., Esquimalt
Event: Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2027
Time: 12 – 3 pm
Place: Nanaimo Legion Branch #256
1630 E. Wellington Rd., Nanaimo
Event: Annual Up island Lunch & Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 23rd, 2027 (Tentative)
Time: 11:30—2:00 pm
Place: Langford Legion, 761 Station Rd., Langford
Topic: TBA: 60th Anniversary HMCS Onondaga- Social luncheon



Submariners Association of Canada East 09 June 2026

Brian Lapierre, SAOC(E) Secretary

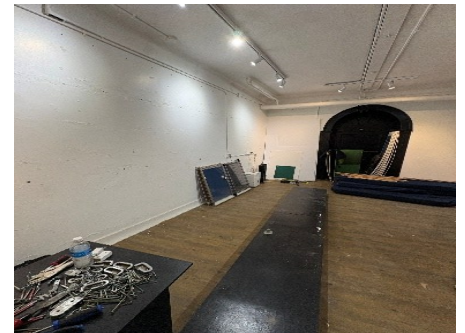
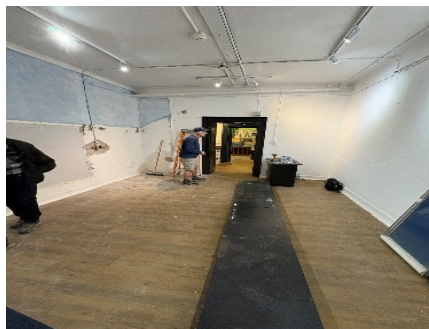


The current Executive for SAOC East is as follows: President – Scott Parsons, Vice President – Jeff Cameron, Secretary/ Membership Chairman – Brian Lapierre, Treasurer – Ron Cooper, Entertainment Chairman – Brian Cooper & Slops being handled by Brian Lapierre.

Since the Spring of 2025 there hasn't been much going on with SAOC East during the winter months. SAOC East had our Spring Beer Call Event. Always an enjoyable event held at the Seamus David Pub in Dartmouth Crossing.



SAOC East has been involved with The Naval Museum of Halifax, Admiralty House. The Museum closed on 01 April 2026. All artifacts and displays are being removed and stored. The Museum is undergoing a Refit and Renovation and won't open again until 2028. With the Museum being over 220 years old it is time that work is done. I doubt that we will ever see the Submarine Room ever again the way it was. However, we can't dwell over that and look forward to the next challenge for a new updated display. Jim Northrup, Ron Cooper and I finished removing the final bunk space display and wall displays. A bit of a tear in our eyes after done.





SAOC EAST (cont.)



In February 2026 I was asked to begin tours of the Submarine Room each week for the NEP Program. The Naval Experience Program now that the museum is closed, I have been conducting Slide Shows. It is now every three weeks and has been successful so far. The last class on Friday the 5th of June was held at Tribute Towers in the MAC Room. Andy Lovasi has been my side kick in this and last Friday we did our first Video of my session. Here is a pic of the last two classes.

SAOC East Membership continues to be steady. We now have 89 Regular Memberships, 54 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 out weight your cost.

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 has restructured its website, and Andy Lovasi is now the Administrator.



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2026-May-19. Graveside Ceremony for Luc Rollin at Oakridge Memorial Gardens in Middle Sackville, N.S. (1) Scott Parsons, (2) Tim Wood, (3) Jim Gordon, (4) Wynn Jones, (5) Brian Lapierre, (6) Ron Butchart, (7) Sylvain Rouillard, (8) Robbie Fraser, (9) Ron Cooper, (10) Larry Smith.

We at SAOC(E) wish everyone a good Summer.



**Submariners Association of Canada
Central Branch**

SAOC Central Newsletter – May 2026

INTRODUCTION Well as I write this newsletter, I am hoping it warms up a bit and starts feeling like spring has really sprung.... This newsletter captures some of the activities that have occurred in the past few months and what members can expect to look forward to in the coming year.

2026 SAOC (C) AGM AND SOCIAL WEEKEND 14 – 16 AUGUST 2026 Book Your Calendars for the above dates – Please note an earlier email called for this weekend to be held 21-23 August. This was sent in error.

The dates for the 2026 AGM and associated programme will be 14 - 16 August 2026 (Friday thru Sunday) in Ottawa at the CFS Leitrim Mess. We have used this facility for the past several Ottawa summer gatherings as many of you know. The program will be similar to previous years with a more fulsome program and registration instruction will be forthcoming by mid-June. We expect there will be a charge of approximately \$30 per person to cover meal costs (for all events – individual event meal pricing will be available once the program is finalized).

Gord Burns will be leading the effort to organize this weekend, with help from myself and Pierre Bouchard (and any others who wish to step forward).

If you have any ideas/suggestions please let Gord Burns (gord_burns@rogers.com), Pierre (treasurer.saoc.central@gmail.ca) and myself (dsouleRCN14@gmail.com) know and we will see what can be arranged.

OJIBWA WORK PERIODS – 2026

Here are the dates for 2026 Work Parties:

June 2026 – Sunday 7 June through Sunday 14 June.

This activity is fast approaching. Jerry Brown advises that arrangements for food, accommodation and a working party program are well underway. If you wish to partake in this activity (especially if accommodation is required) please let him know soonest so he can ensure arrangements are made in advance.



If you cannot participate, you can make a donation to ensure those working have a good portion of their food and accommodation needs covered. Donations can be made by e-transfer or PAYPAL to: gpbrown1953@gmail.com

For those who will be in the work party, Jerry advises that you can bring campers, tents, etc... and stay on-site or even sleep onboard if you so wish. There is a small rental home nearby that has been used in past years with a small fee charged. Most of the costs for accommodation and food have been covered by donations so thanks to those who support this activity, either on-site working or through your donation.

September 2025 – Saturday 13 September through Saturday 20 September

A plan for this activity will be announced later this summer. Thanks again to all those who support and participate in these work periods!



SAOC Central Newsletter – May 2026 (cont.)

OBITUARY – CDR (RET'D) RON PERKS

Ron Perks passed on 1 May 2026. I know several of you served with him either at sea or during his time as submarine squadron commander in the early 80s, He was always proud of his time in submarines and those who served with him. His obituary can be found at this link.

SAOC BLAZER AND BERET BADGES

SAOC East has procured a number of SAOC blazer and beret badges at a reasonable price. They look great and the quality is good enough. I would contact Brian first to see if these items are still available (SAOC East may have a new Slops person so check with Brian first before ordering)

Price - SAOC Blazer badge which includes tax and shipping is \$23.00. SAOC Beret Badge which includes tax and shipping is \$17.00 Orders: If you are interested, please email and e-transfer funds to Brian Lapierre at lapo48@gmail.com (Ensure you include your name and shipping address as well)

SAOC TIES AND GOLF SHIRTS

Brian Lapierre, on behalf of SAOC East, sent out an email earlier this year in regard an order by the East Coast branch for SAOC ties (\$18 shipped) and golf shirts (\$58 shipped). Brian informs me that there are 10 ties still available. You will need to order your shirt(s) by end April.

BITS AND PIECES

SAOC Policy Documents - As announced at the 2025 AGM, we are working some amendments to the SAOC policy documents. While some changes have been proposed, a closer review suggests there are a few other items to review to reflect how we operate. We hope to have this review ready for the AGM. (sounds like a broken record but we are working on this...really!)

Peter Heppleston Award - your executive will be reviewing a couple of nominations that have been submitted for this award. A decision will be made over the next few months (end-Jun 2026 most likely)

SAOC Central Website - As with other planned reviews, this has stalled over the winter but I hope to look at this in the coming month. (Still a work in progress but needs to be done)

HMCS Onondaga 60th Anniversary Celebration – Rimouski QC 22 June 2027 (tentative)

Fellow SAOC member Donald Courcy has advised us that preliminary investigation/planning has begun to celebrate Onondaga's 60th anniversary. The events associated with this celebration (circa 22 June 2027) would most likely take place at the Site historique maritime de la Pointe-au-Pere, which is very close to Rimouski. Some of you who participated in the 2027 SAOC Central AGM may remember this venue. All to say more information will be passed to you in the coming months.



SAOC Central Branch

SAOC Central Newsletter – May 2026 (cont.)

Your executive is exploring whether or not our AGM could take place at the same time, noting it would be earlier than is custom (in accordance with our by-laws, etc...)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2026 (and beyond if you so wish!) If you have not renewed your membership for 2026 (and beyond if you wish to do so) please do so by cheque or e-transfer.

Dues are \$30 a year: Cheque (made out to) Submariners Association of Canada

Mail to:

**Submariners Association of Canada,
193 Oakwood Drive Rockland, ON, K4K 1K9
Attn: Treasurer/Membership
e-transfer: treasurer.saoc.central@gmail.ca**

Note: your association remains in a good financial position. Your dues allow us to continue to fund, in part, our annual AGM weekend as well as support some of the costs associated with our Ojibwa maintenance weeks.

Next Newsletter- Mid-July 2026 with focus on the 2026 AGM and weekend events. And remember to have a good laugh from time-to-time, even if it is at yourself!

Life is good!

Yours, David

David Soule

On behalf of your

SAOC Central Executive

dsouleRCN14@gmail.com

SAOC Golf Shirts (\$58) and Ties (\$18)

If you are interested, please email Brian at: lapo48@gmail.com

Shirt: Please include shirt size and colour desired, and your mailing address.

Ties: include your mailing address.

All Prices include shipping. Payment – you can send an e-transfer to Brian (but suggest you email him first to check availability, shirt colour first)





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A Royal Canadian Navy Historical Project

In memory of those who have Crossed the Bar



Kevin Albert Stephens, C.D.

Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Marine Engineer, RCN / C.A.F. (Navy)

Born: 11 Feb 1957

Died: 16 Apr 2026, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada

STEPHENS, Kevin Albert - We regret to announce the passing of our husband, brother, uncle and friend Kevin Albert Stephens of Cole Harbour, after a brave battle with Glioblastoma. He passed away peacefully at home with family and his beloved fur babies. Kevin was born February 11, 1957, to the late Raymond Joseph Stephens and Rose Marie (Ross) Stephens. Kevin was born in the Ashby area of Sydney and spent much of his younger years there before moving to Hardwood Hill with his parents and siblings.

He is survived by his common-law wife who he adored, Anne Ogilvie; his children, Diana (Jon) Trider and Bradley (Katie) Stephens; and Anne's children Evan and Kathleen (Charlotte). He is also survived by his siblings Blair, Darcy (Lisa), Michele (Chris), Raymond and Raylene and many nieces and nephews, cousins and friends, and the mother of his children and first wife, Levonna (MacDonald) Stephens. He shared a particularly close bond with his little sister Raylene and her boys Mitchell and Trevor.

How do you tell the story of a life that lasted 69 years with more travel and adventure than most people could dream of having in just a few short paragraphs? Well here goes.

Kevin was a true sea farer and knew he would spend his life at sea from the time he was very young, joining the sea cadets in 1969. When he graduated high school from Sydney Academy in 1975, he went straight to the recruiting office and enlisted for the Royal Canadian Navy and left for basic training at Cornwallis that same summer of 1975. His adventures were just beginning.

After graduating Cornwallis as a Marine Engineer, he was stationed to the HMCS Fraser before moving on to the HMCS Onondaga, HMCS Ojibwa and HMCS Okanogan. Kevin was a staunchly proud submariner and rose to the rank of Chief Petty Officer First Class at an early age. Over the course of his Naval career, he had the opportunity to travel the world and have opportunities and adventures that could fill novels. He was well loved and respected by his shipmates and fellow submariners, affectionately known as "Effie" and made lifelong friendships that remained until the day he passed.

Upon ending his Naval career, Kevin was employed with Halifax Shipyard before moving on to the Queen's Harbour Master which would eventually become the Kings Harbour Master. He served on the Tug Boats as Chief Engineer and often sailed with the research vessel CFAV Quest for voyages in various engineering positions. He joined CFAV Quest officially as their Senior Engineer in 2008 and made epic voyages to places such as Greenland and the Arctic and all through Europe and the South. There is an amazing video on YouTube called "Life at sea on CFAV Quest" of his crossing from Europe across our brutal and rough Atlantic seas. He retired in August 2023 as Chief Engineer.



Kevin Albert Stephens (cont.)

Kevin was an avid motorcycle enthusiast with a soft spot for old cranky British Bikes that broke down as much as they ran. Fortunately, Kevin could also repair anything. He was a true engineer and there wasn't much that could stop him from making a bike rideable again. He also loved old British and German cars and of course his Triumphs and BMW motorcycles. Anyone who knows Kevin has probably spent time broken down on the side of the road somewhere while he tried to fix whatever the vehicle of the day was. The day he discovered CAA was a good day for us all!

Kevin had a knack for finding and fixing old project bikes. The Bargain Hunter Press and Maritime Merchant were Bibles to him back in the day, but good old word of mouth and Kevin's gift of gab often turned up new finds. We all have so many stories about our adventures with him that took us all over the Maritimes and beyond with him on the never ending quest for the next project.

Kevin was also an avid historian constantly reading and learning. His knowledge of dates and historical events, whether political, sports related, music, or family history was astounding. He was the guy to call if you had a question about anything and everything as long as you didn't call him when Jeopardy was on! He was definitely the true Jeopardy Champ.

Kevin loved to have bonfires and fancied himself quite the cook on an open fire. In his later years, Kevin's favourite thing to do was camp out in his Westfalia with Anne on the property they purchased by the water. There, they spent many hours happily turning that scrappy piece of land into their own personal heaven.

To say Kevin will be missed by his family and friends is an understatement. There are no words to describe the loss we feel. However, the love and the memories he has left with us will remain with us until we close our eyes ourselves and see him again.

Special thanks to all involved in Kevin's care, especially the caring staff at the Dartmouth General and his home care nurses provided by AJLifeline Inc. Also, to his many friends who visited regularly bringing coffee and treats and reminiscing with Kevin. There are way too many names to mention in fear of missing someone, and doesn't that speak volumes for the legacy he leaves behind.

The best quote ever from Kevin was when his little sister Raylene and Anne had him out in the wheelchair for one of his last adventures and he said with tears "I feel so loved." Kevin, you are so loved!

There will be no service at Kevin's request. Kevin would want you to remember him with the best memories you have of him; relaxing by a campfire with friends and family. He loved us all. (Harbourside Regional Crematorium)

Ships served in:

HMCS FRASER

HMCS ONONDAGA

HMCS OJIBWA



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Ronald Charles Frederick Perks

Commander (MARS), RCN / C.A.F. (Navy)

Born: 16 Sep 1938, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

Died: 01 May 2026, Ajax, Ontario, Canada

PERKS, Ronald Charles Frederick - Passed away peacefully, with his loving family at his side on Friday, May 1, 2026.

Devoted husband and best friend to Gail for 65 years. Beloved father to Wendy (Glenn) and Patrick (Jemima). Proud and loving grandfather to Geoffrey (Lisa), Timothy (Emily), Jamie (Sam), Remy, and Amélie. Dear brother to Doreen Augustine (d. Harold) and Barbara Lane (Ron), and predeceased by his brother Bill Perks. Ron will be deeply missed by his extended family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Ron lived a life defined by service, adventure, and deep commitment to family and community. Born and raised in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, it seems unlikely that a young man from the prairies would go on to spend much of his life travelling the world by sea – and even more unlikely that much of that time would be spent underwater. After reading a Navy recruitment brochure in his Bedford Road Collegiate High School's library that promised he would "see the world", he joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1957 as an Officer Cadet through the Venture Program. He served Canada with distinction for the next 30 years, retiring at the rank of Commander in 1987. Among the most defining chapters of his naval career were his appointments as Captain of the submarine HMCS Ojibwa from 1972 to 1974, and then as Captain of HMCS Onondaga from 1974 to 1975. He later served as Commander of the First Canadian Submarine Squadron from 1981 to 1983. He embraced the challenges these positions brought, and he cherished the bonds formed and the lifelong friendships built with his fellow submariners.

Following his military service, Ron continued to contribute his expertise in Canada's defence industry. He joined Paramax Electronics, where he served as Marketing Manager for Canada's submarine program, and later as Director of Naval Programs, supporting major national and international naval initiatives. He subsequently joined MIL Systems Engineering, where he led an international industry delegation in support of the deployment of HMCS Halifax to Asia and later



PERKS, Ronald Charles Frederick (cont.)

assumed marketing responsibilities for the company. Through this work, he continued to represent Canadian naval capability internationally and to share his deep professional knowledge long after leaving uniformed service.

In retirement, Ron embraced life fully. He continued to travel the world, only this time with Gail – from Asia to Africa to Europe to Australia and everywhere in between – together, he and Gail saw it all and then some.

Those of us fortunate enough to have crossed paths with Ron will remember his tremendous sense of humour. In keeping with proper Naval tradition, he never let the truth get in the way of a good story – his quick wit and well told stories brought endless laughter and joy to family and friends - and Gail was always close-by to provide correction and accuracy when required.

Ron also had a lifelong love of cars and car shopping. He took great pleasure in researching, comparing, and debating his next potential purchase with anyone who cared to listen.

Ron enjoyed golf and curling, and remained actively involved in his community. He was a long time member of the Oshawa Golf Club, the Annandale Curling Club, and the Ajax and Pickering Probus Clubs. Ron served on the Board of Directors for Durham Regional Crime Stoppers and for his condominium corporation, always motivated by a desire to give back and serve others. In later years, he was an enthusiastic pioneer of pickleball and helped support the growth of the Pickering Pickleball Club.

Above all, Ron valued loyalty, friendship, and family. He cherished his wife, Gail, and the life they built together, and took immense pride and joy in his children, grandchildren, and the friendships nurtured over a lifetime.

Ron's family wishes to thank the many health care professionals and caregivers who supported him with kindness and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Sunnybrook Veteran Centre or the Canadian Cancer Society in memory of Ron would be appreciated by the family.

A Celebration of Life will be held on May 22nd, 2026 at 11am at the McEachnie Funeral Home (28 Old Kingston Rd, Ajax, ON). (McEachnie Funeral Home)

Ships served in:

HMS/m OPOSSUM - 1965 - 1967

HMCS OJIBWA - 6th Commanding Officer

HMCS ONONDAGA - 11th Commanding Officer 02 Jul 1974 - 14 Jul



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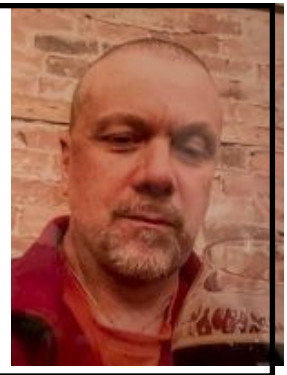


Eric Fischer

Sonarman, C.A.F. (Navy)

Born: 18 Apr 1964, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada

Died: 06 May 2026, North Bay, Ontario, Canada



FISCHER, Eric- With profound sadness and heavy hearts, family and friends announce the passing of Eric Fischer, who passed away peacefully in the loving arms of his devoted wife Lori at the Nipissing Serenity Hospice on the night of May 6, 2026.

Eric was born in St. Catherines, predeceased by his parents Paul and Margrit Fischer. Cherished stepfather to Sara , Tyler and Dalton. Dear brother of Elkar Fischer, Dorli Fischer, Marc Fischer (Jennifer) and step sisters Sylvie Carr , Sue Carr and Shelia Carr.

His loss has left an immeasurable void in the hearts of everyone who knew and loved him. Eric will be remembered as a devoted husband, loyal friend, and compassionate soul whose warmth touched countless lives. He was known for his caring nature, quiet strength, and unwavering dedication to the people closest to him. Whether through his words of encouragement, sense of humor, or simple acts of kindness, Eric made those around him feel valued and loved. Above all else, Eric treasured his family and friendships. His presence brought comfort and joy, and the memories shared with him will continue to live on in the hearts of loved ones for years to come. His legacy is one of love, loyalty, and compassion-a life that truly made a difference.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life in honor of Eric at the, 38 James Street E in Orillia on Monday May 11th, 2026 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Nipissing Serenity Hospice in Eric's name through the Simcoe Funeral Home (705) 327 0221. (Simcoe Funeral Home)

Ships served in:

HMCS ONONDAGA - Served in ONONDAGA as an OS SN. Eric is in the 1984 rededication crew photo.

HMCS OKANAGAN - Served on OKANAGAN as an AB SN. Eric is in the 1986 rededication crew photo.



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Samuel Patterson (Sam) Edgar, M.B.E.

Lieutenant-Commander (SD) (MESM), CO39133D, Royal Navy

Born: 18 Nov 1937, Northern Ireland

Died: 18 May 2026

EDGAR, Samuel Patterson (Sam) - It is with great sadness and the family's permission, that we have been informed that one of our Submariners LtCdr Sam Edgar MBE, Crossed the Bar on the 18th May 2026, aged 88.

Lt Cdr (SD) (MESM) Samuel Patterson (Sam) Edgar MBE, born in Northern Ireland on the 18th Nov 1937. He Joined the Royal Navy aged 18 in 1956 against his mother's wishes. His Submarine Service was from January 1964 to November 1987. Mechanician in 1966, Lt (SD) (MESM) from 1st October 1973, Lt Cr (SD) (MESM) from 1st October 1981. MBE London Gazette 31st December 1987. Former Gosport Branch SA Member No. 2868 from 4th January 1996 to 2nd April 2011. Friend of Submarine Museum. Served in: HMS DOLPHIN (Senior Engineer 1983-1985), HMS OPOSSUM, HMS NARWHAL, HMS ODIN (as Mechanician) on Commissioning at Rosyth on 19th August 1966, HMS OLYMPUS, HMS SEALION, HMCS OKANAGAN (1976 NL), HMS CENTURION (1982 NL).

Sam Leaves his Wife Rita, His Sons Paul and Barry, his daughter Maddie (Mandie) and 9 Grandchildren.

The following notes from his family:

Despite all the risks of asbestos exposure in engine rooms, breathing in diesel fuel, years of cigars in messes and wardrooms, crashing his motorbike under a double decker bus, force nine North Atlantic gales, Pacific typhoons, terminal bowel cancer, a heart attack, new hips, and having blood that was permanently 20% Single Malt, he finally opted for setting sail peacefully and quietly in his sleep before morning watch on Monday the 18th May. As was the case with every football match he ever watched, he appears to have slept through his own passing. We all agree this would have been what he wanted.

Dad joined his beloved mama today, on her birthday of all days, no longer Wee Sammy but as Sam Edgar, a man who had made her proud. A testament to her own spirit and tenacity.



EDGAR, Samuel Patterson (Sam) (cont.)

"Wee Sammy" isn't really how I ever saw my dad, although that's what the old-timers in Ireland called him. Sounds a bit like describing a butterfly as a caterpillar. To me he was a submariner and a sailor. In my very early years when he would be away for a long time, months and months, once over a year, it made him feel like a larger-than-life character.

The Funeral service will be held at The Oaks Havant Crematorium Barton Road Havant PO95NA on the 5th June at 11.30. Afterwards from 1pm at The RNA Club, 66 Fareham Road Gosport, PO130AG.

The family have requested that all are welcome especially anyone that remembers him. They have requested that no flowers are sent and an update will be provided for charitable donations.

Our sincere condolences are with Sam's family, friends, submarine associates and all that knew, served or worked with him.

RIP Submariner Lieutenant Commander Sam Edgar MBE.

He served in:

His Submarine Service was from January 1964 to November 1987.

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- **HMCS OKANAGAN (1976 -77 NL)**
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