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Two drug busts in one month... These sailors are busy

HMCS Summerside and Saskatoon helped seize almost 700 kg of cocaine while on patrol in the Caribbean Sea and the eastern Pacific Ocean on Operation CARIBBE.

The interception involving HMCS *Summerside* took place on March 7, 2016, off the coast of Nicaragua when the ship located and approached a 12-metre sailing vessel suspected of smuggling. During a search, the team seized 16 bales of cocaine weighing 324 kg.

March 19, 2016, the crew of Saskatoon, were monitoring a vessel off the coast of Central America. One of the vessels being monitored, a "panga" style fishing boat, jettisoned its cargo and fled at high speed. Once on scene, crew members retrieved 10 bales of cocaine from the water, with a combined weight of 360 kg.



Canadian and American team members inspect seized bails of cocaine

NAC-VI 30 May Luncheon

Guest Speaker:

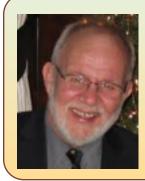
Susan Pickrell

Regional Supervisor Maritime Search and Rescue

Cost \$25

Guests - spouses, friends, family are most welcome

Lunch at the Fireside Grill at 1130 for 1215 4509 West Saanich Road, Royal Oak, Saanich. Please contact David Collins collinsdb@hotmail.com or 778-265-0872 prior to noon on Thursday 26 May. Please advise of any allergies or food sensitivities.



President's Message **May 2016**

As mentioned in my last letter, our AGM is scheduled for next month and other than the normal formalities. this is a time for affirmation and renewal. A number of spots are coming open on the Executive and if inclined I would encourage you to consider coming on board. We will especially need a new Secretary as Kathie will be standing down from many years on the Executive. We will also be looking for members willing to monitor Naval Affairs, and as we move to our new website. a team to keep it current and up to date. Your Executive has also been exploring opportunities to grow our "Programs" area to include, in addition to our regular luncheons, a series of evening sessions that will present and discuss challenges and issues involving our Navy. We would enjoy help in this area.

The Defence review has been announced as well as the process involved for having your voice heard. I encourage your involvement. We are looking to coordinate activities with RUSI and CIC so to better speak with a common voice as this review process unfolds.

This month, our luncheon speaker will be Susan Pickrell, Regional Supervisor Maritime Search and Rescue, Joint Rescue Coordination Centre who will be speaking to current and future operations here in Western Canada. This is becoming a building area of activity given increased traffic and use in the Western Region. Susan has extensive experience both professionally and privately having completed an extensive offshore cruise with her family. This should be a very interesting presentation.

Finally, this is the time of year to consider donations from our endowment fund. Each year we propose opportunities for community investment here on Vancouver Island and have been pleased to help many worthy causes. If you are aware of some needs here, please contact the Endowment Chair Mike Morres and he will help you with the process.

Yours Ave Bill

> Please note that this month's luncheon will be held a week later than usual due to the May long weekend falling on May 23rd.

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MND wows them at 2016 Vancouver Strategic Studies Conference

by Larry Dawe

At 1530 on Saturday 9 Apr the room was filled with the deep and resonant voice of "Hari" as he is known locally in his regiment. Beginning his 20 min speech with a short story; upon his very first encounter as MND with his new workplace, an NDHQ honour guard, he told them: "Everybody in uniform serves Canada and my job is simple; to serve you."

Clearly well prepared as last speaker for this conference on global flash points, he reinforced the core concerns about the local regions of: Mali (Lake Chad basin), Ukraine, Syria, and Libya.

His concern is counter-flow to the usual political approach of quick fixes. He used the example of Libya where Canada and others had considerable success in achieving what we set out to do in 2011; BUT there have been ripple effects



since, which have left a power vacuum there; a very favourable situation for ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) to recruit.

He thinks we could have handled the 2011 Libva situation in a way which would have achieved both the short continued on next page

HMCS Fredericton deployed to the Black Sea

HMCS Fredericton spent most of April in joint drills with naval vessels from Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey as part of Operation Reassurance.

Fredericton is working with Romanian frigate Regina Maria and other allied ships from Bulgaria and Turkey, and is the lead to Standing NATO Maritime Group 2 Task Unit 02 deployed to the Black Sea.

She replaced HMCS Winnipeg which concluded a six-month operational deployment. Since January, Fredericton has performed surveillance, reconnaissance and monitoring operations of migrant crossings in the Aegean Sea.



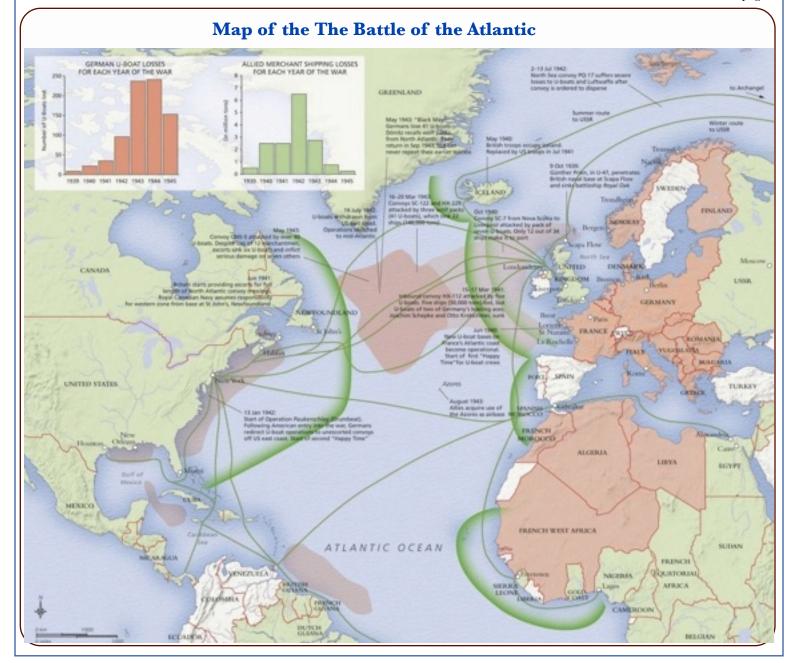
HMCS Fredericton conducts a Passex with the Turkish ship TCG Yavuz

New MND says all the right things...

term remedy and also avoided allowing ISIL an area for medium term expansion. These he calls the ripple effects. He believes that wise and consultative planning can design better solutions which comprise the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and so on ripples of the effects of interventions in order to truly optimize long term outcomes. Dr Jim Boutillier asked him the penetrating question: Now that Min Sajjan is just

back from Canberra discussing the recently completed Aussie defence review; did he learn useful things about how best to do it here in Canada? Previously mentioned in the conference was the success of the Aussies in having core issues of defence policy (and procurement) decided by an all-party committee. This has resulted in much admired effectiveness and remarkable time saving plus policy consistency over time for Australia. The Aussie all party group figures things out and then just does what is needed

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MND says all the right things...

without the paralyzing effects of competing political and regional agendas.

Minister Sajjan said that the Aussies use a representative advisory panel, which consults widely across not just party but also includes industry, academia and the public at large. This approach is now being used in Canada. It is clear that Canada is trying to emulated some of the successes of Australia in Defence policy formulation and implementation.

A question, which caused many people in the room a sharp intake of breath, was a direct challenge to the minister, that the Liberals were going to reduce the size of the Canadian Armed Forces. He said: "I will be blunt too". "There will be no near-term slash and there is no plan to slash." The money plan is for 2% increase in this year and 3% in each of the next two years.

To answer the further challenge on the \$3.7 billion, which was "re-profiled", he emphasized that this is not lost to Defence but in fact could not cash out in the near term. This money is ear-marked for Defence rather than re-allocation elsewhere. He said he can call it into the present for immediate projects at any time. Special forces (now about 1760 strong) and intelligence activities may well benefit from this process. He said: "When you fight an enemy they learn from you very rapidly so the advantage you had to start with decreases. We are doubling the numbers and seriously enhancing the capability of "situational awareness". He explained that "situa-

tional awareness" includes but goes beyond what is traditionally seen as intelligence.

Though he was not asked a question about this; he stated that the replacement of aircraft and ships is independent of the Defence Review.

Also, he was not asked a question about this but said that the extremely highly centralized financial approving authority that COs have been subject to in recent years will be relaxed quite a bit. He said the principle is that as you gain responsibility at higher rank then you are trusted with the appropriate authority; and that this principle is *required* to encourage senior level initiative.

He has secured the express approval of the President of the Treasury Board on this. BUT he also said that if you screw up "there will be hell to pay". (General spontaneous applause)

Finally he stated: "If anybody thinks that the Defence budget is going to be slashed; they are absolutely wrong and I can't say it any clearer than that!" This, and several other clear statements he made, resulted in spontaneous and vigorous applause.

Minister Sajjan spoke and responded to questions for 70 min: 20 min speech and ¾ hour informal questions *ad hoc* (not prepared or submitted questions) from the floor.

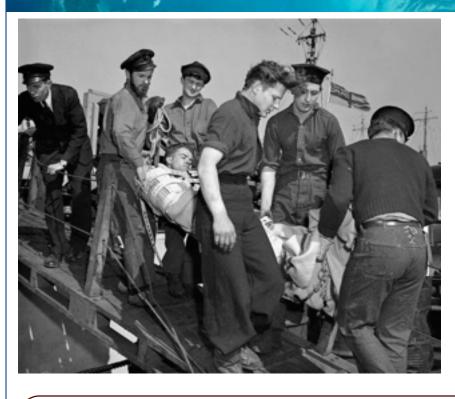
To cap off the session, the Minister was presented with a bound edition of the last quarter 1915 *Punch* Magazine; which contains the first publication of McCrea's "In Flanders Fields".

Chilean supply ship arrives in Esquimalt

On March 15, eight RCN sailors, including a liaison team and bridge watchkeepers, embarked in the Almirante Montt. The team worked with the crew and prepared them for the additional 20 trainees from the RCN who will work on board in rotations while the ship supports the Pacific Fleet - Necessary skills for the new Queenston-class supply ships expected in 2021. Almirante Montt will sail with our Pacific Fleet from April to June. The Spanish Navy's replenishment ship ESPS Patino provided the supply capability the RCN needed on the East coast earlier this year.



En route to Esquimalt, Almirante Montt rendezvoused with HMCS Vancouver for replenishment-at-sea training.



Naden Museum launches display on sinking of HMCS Esquimalt

A new permanent display on the sinking of *HMCS Esquimalt* was opened at the CFB Esquimalt Naval Museum on April 15th in Building 37.

Esquimalt was the last Canadian warship lost to enemy action just three weeks prior to the end of the war. She sank with heavy loss of life within sight of the coast of Nova Scotia on April 16th, 1945. A torpedo from U-190 struck her starboard side knocking out all power and sinking the ship in less than five minutes. Forty-four men died.

2016 Annual General Meeting

In preparation for the Annual General Meeting the President has issued the Annual Call for volunteers to serve on the Executive Committee and for proposed resolutions to be tabled at the next NAC-VI AGM. Please forward your nominations and/or resolutions to the Secretary- — Kathie Csomany—csomany@islanednet.com or call 250-477-4175

Notice of NAC-VI Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 7th Annual General Meeting will take place at the Fireside Grill 4509 West Saanich Road, Royal Oak, Saanich, BC on Monday, 27 June, 2016 on completion of the Luncheon.

- To consider, and subject to any necessary amendments, approve the minutes of the 6th Annual General Meeting held on Mon 22 June 2015;
- To receive the report of the President;
- To consider and approve the financial statements for the year ending 31 December, 2015;
- To approve the budget for the year ending 2016;
- To ratify and confirm the actions of the Executive Committee to take action on behalf of the Organization for the year, and
- To transact such business as may be properly brought before this meeting.



Things which interest the Editor

HMS Bounty was originally the collier Bethia, built in 1784 and bought by the RN for £1,950 in 1787, refit, and renamed Bounty. The ship was relatively small at 215 tons, but had three masts and was full-rigged. She was equipped with four 4-pounder cannons and ten swivel guns. She was bought for one purpose: to see if Breadfruit could be transported from Tahiti and be successfully grown in the British West Indies.

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Snippets from Global Flashpoints RUSI Strategic Conference 8-9 April

compiled by Larry Dawe

Migration of people has been a core feature of human existence since the earliest times. It is still going on today and in response to most of the same reasons: lack of water, lack of food and war. Lack of water and food are gaining importance recently because of climate change. War in its many forms has been motivating migration forever and generally in combination with scarcity of water and food. These remain primary forces of human existence today. Dr Jim Boutillier stated: "We are sleepwalking over the precipice of climate change. We have left only a few decades."

Shipping Currently the Straits of Malacca sees 70,000 ships of all sizes per year. By 2020 this is

Minister Sajjan's Defence Review Appeal

Minister Sajjan, had a core message for us all. He was very clear several times that he believes it is critical for the effectiveness and eventual success of the current Defence Policy Review that all Canadians participate directly. He gave specific information as to how.

Here it is: http://dgpaapp.forces.gc.ca or just "Google" Canadian Defence policy Review

The schedule is; public consultation started recently and running until 31 July. Then analysis over the autumn: then Ian 2017 release

He rounded this off with the following: "It is important for all of us to work together but it is even more important to plan together."

Larry Dawe

expected to be 120,000. Trans-Pacific trade is now fully three times that of trans-Atlantic. Most of the world's largest container ports are in China and they are huge. Shanghai is the largest but is of typical size... transfers 32.5 million TEUs per year... Vancouver 2.5. (TEU: Twenty-foot Equivalent **U**nit. The standard container 8ft x8ft x 40 ft is 2 TEUs.)

Navies We are seeing a "fundamental recalculation of the world's navies". The Chinese are building 2 submarines per year. Everybody is "getting into" more submarines. Note: the citystate of Singapore operates 4 submarines. The Aussies are doubling their submarine strength from 6 to 12. The Chinese have half a million fishing boats (for worldwide protein capture) and sometimes use them in a semi-military capacity, such as ramming other vessels.

Flash Points Dr Sens outlined a useful sevenpoint criterion list for evaluating the seriousness of instability of various regions. These will be outlined in a future article. Some of the most unstable and worrisome regions are: North Korea, Nigeria, Tajikistan, Syria, Thailand, Myanmar, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and (perhaps surprisingly) China. The key to world stability generally is effective governance for everyone.

Partition not a durable solution. The path to peace is often seen as simple partition; divide the civil-warring factions into two states. In practice this does not work because the same issues which lead to conflict in the first place are still present and only burst forth internationally in a short time. Unless a durable, inclusive and strong governance is set up, the ever present "violence entrepreneurs" and "spoilers" will soon have their way and destroy, for their own short term profit, what seemed to the well-meaning fixers to be progress. The winning strategy is bottom-up design of solutions to arrive at durable stability and peace, where all elites are respected

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and have material influence on deciding the big *questions*. This is the subject of a whole literature. There is practical hope, but it demands as a very uncomfortable first step, a new humility on our part, especially when dealing with Muslim groups.

Partition failure The textbook example of the results of the partition approach is the spectacular failure of the Sykes-Picot dividing up of the Levant during the First World War. A century later we are still fighting the same problems. Sudan and South Sudan are current examples. The path to stable peace is strong governance where real power is shared and where all the various elites have an effective stake.

Arctic Dr Jim Boutillier made the interesting comment: "The Canadian Arctic is a kind of "Narnia" for 99% of Canadians; a sort of mystical place which they like the sound of but which only about 1% have ever visited". Canadians generally fail utterly to have any real grasp of how immensely huge the Arctic is. Without significant investment in the Arctic in real terms and truly engaging those living in the Arctic, we will dwindle into a world of powerlessness of our own will. We cannot create capability out of wishes. The Chinese and Russians especially are investing aggressively in the Arctic. The Chinese are operating one large icebreaker. So is Canada. Russia operates 40 icebreakers.

Russians play 'silly buggers' with USS Donald Cook

Expressing what I can only assume is severe annoyance with the A Russian helicopter joined in the fun, cir-United States Navy's presence in the Baltic Sea, two Russian Su- cling the ship as it was conducting helicop-24 Jets made several close-range (100 ft) and low altitude passes ter landing drills, causing the Commanding near the USS Donald Cook (an Arleigh Burke class guided- Officer considerable angst. missile destroyer) on April 12th.



Tensions have been running high since Russia annexed the Crimea in 2014 and the Russians have become more aggressive about intercepting American aircraft and ships in the Baltic or Black Seas. On April 14th a Russian Su-27 fighter jet performed a barrel roll maneuver over a U.S. Air Force RC-135 spy plane flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea, all of this just days before the Nato-Russia Council's first meeting in two years.

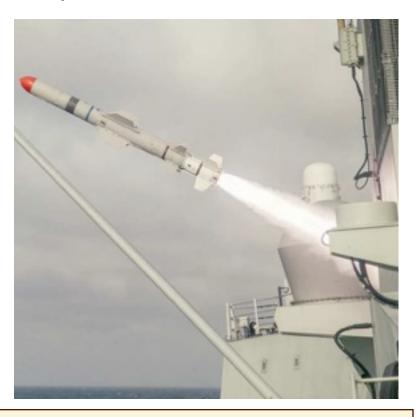
The meeting proved unproductive to all parties.

HMCS Vancouver tests Harpoon Block II missile

HMCS Vancouver recently became the first FE-LEX Canadian frigate to successfully test surfaceto-surface missiles against a shore-based target, using the Harpoon Block II surface-to-surface missile

The Harpoon was originally designed to be an anti-ship missile but this upgrade allows it to engage land coastal targets as well. This is the first time the RCN has exercised the surface-to-surface missile launch capability, known as "coastal target suppression mode". The launches were part of a Joint Littoral Training Exercise (JoLTEX.)

JoLTEX 16 is a training exercise that was recently completed by the RCN at a US Navy missile firing range off the coast of California. The exercise was held from March 30 to April 1, 2016.



Massive cruise ship first luxury vessel to sail the Northwest passage Canadian Coast Guard less than thrilled

The latest monster cruise ship to be launched, the Crystal Serenity, plans to make its inaugural 32-day voyage through the Northwest Passage this summer. Prices range from \$30,000 to \$156,000 and the voyage will start in Alaska and end in New York.

Michael Byers, Cdn Research Chair in Global politics and international law at UBC says if the entire ship required search and rescue (remember the Titanic) then that would actually break the Canadian search-and-rescue system. When the Clipper Adventurer struck an uncharted rock shelf in Coronation Gulf, Nunavut a few years ago, it took almost two days for a coast guard icebreaker to arrive. Crystal Cruises has charted its own icebreaker to follow the ship. If successful, more cruises will follow.



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Four Canadian naval vessels headed to New York City for Fleet Week in May

This week-long party of all things naval is in its 28th straight year since its inception in 1984.

This year nearly 4,500 sailors, US Marines and Coast Guardsmen will participate, in addition to the ships companies of four Canadian vessels.

Ship tours will be conducted daily throughout the week in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Staten Island.

The four Canadian vessels will be berthed in Manhattan, at Pier 92S:



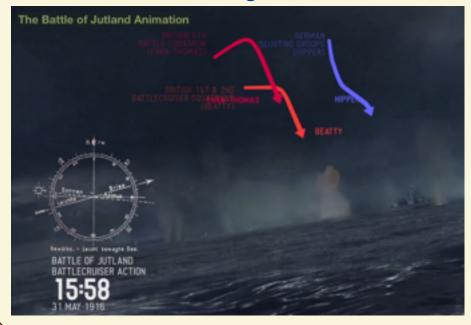
Iroquois-class destroyer *HMCS Athabaskan* (D 282),

Kingston-class coastal defence vessel *HMCS Kingston* (MM 700),

Kingston-class coastal defence vessel *HMCS Moncton* (MM 708), Submarine *HMCS Windsor* (SSK 877),

The parade of ships will be 25 May.

The Battle of Jutland



http://www.jutland1916.com/understandin q-the-battle/ Gives a full account of the Battle of Jutland narrated by Admiral Jellicoe's grandson as part of the Jutland Centenary Commemorations. The 24 minute animation gives the viewer an overview of the major "chapters" of the battle - the opening battle cruiser action, the Grand Fleet deployment, the Turn Away and the Night Destroyer actions. Additionally the 1917 submarine campaign is explained as a consequence of Scheer's decision not to risk another Fleet-to-Fleet encounter. Graphics, animation, animated maps and contemporary photography illustrate key points.

Special Franklin exhibit at the Vancouver Maritime Museum

The Vancouver Maritime Museum is partnering with the Royal Ontario Museum and Parks Canada as part of the Franklin Museum Network; a collective of 10 Canadian Museums who will share the ongoing story of the Franklin Expedition through pop-up displays and programming.

In 1845, explorer Sir John Franklin set sail from England with two ships, *HMS Erebus* and *HMS Terror*, in search of a Northwest Passage across what is now Canada's Arctic. Franklin and his crew of 128 were never heard from again. The project used both state-of-the-art technology and 19th-century Inuit oral testimony to solve the mystery.

But it's a mystery no longer – and now anyone can get the inside scoop at a special new exhibition at the Vancouver Maritime Museum, which launched in March.



Sonar picked up tantalizing details of the ship, including the hull, deck planking and objects onboard. Underwater archaeologists subsequently recovered dozens of artifacts, ranging from a canon to the wheel of the ship, plates, a boot and mariners' tools.

Now replicas of some of those artifacts, including the ship's bell shown above, with well as in-depth displays about the expedition can be seen at the Museum.





VETERAN'S CORNER BY ROD HUGHES

I recently received my CFOne card in the mail the other day. I don't know how many Naval Association members have the new card but in a nutshell; it is a very much-enhanced CANEX card of old, and the card is now available to a much broader group. What follows is a reprint of the letter that accompanied my card.

Dear Sir or Madam I am pleased to provide you with your new CFOne Card. The CFOne card, introduced by Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare (CFMWS) in 2013, provides cardholders with access to a wide variety of morale and welfare programs/services.

In the past two years, the benefits associated with the CFOne card have been significantly enhanced. As a result, Platinum coloured CFOne Cards are being issued currently to serving members of the CAF, Veterans and their families. In addition, all cards now clearly indicate the category of membership of the card holder to allow businesses and partners to ensure that their discounts and special offers reach their intended audience.

You may use your CFOne Card to access the CF Appreciation Program, where you can unlock thousands of opportunities to save whether you are looking for everyday discounts or special offers to enhance the next getaway. Visit www.cfappreciation.ca and start saving today!

Your CFOne Card allows you to shop online at CANEX.ca, Canada's Military store, and gives you exclusive access to: Members Only Prices on select products, the CANEX No Interest Credit Plan* and the CANEX Reward Program.

Several additional morale and welfare program/ services have recently been linked to the CFOne Card. For instance, your CFOne Card is now required to participate in:

- 1. the Support Out Troops (SOT) Scholarship Program,
- 2. the National Summer SOT Camp Program,
- 3. the Vacations for Vets Programme,
- 4. the Canadian Defence Community Banking Programme delivered by BMO Bank of Montreal;
- 5. the annual June is Recreation Month Contest and
- 6. the CAF Photo Contest.

Eligibility criteria apply. Be sure to visit the CFMWS Services Directory at www.cfmws.com/YourServices to view other services that may be of interest to you.

My CFMWS team is dedicated to improving programs and services to meet your needs and those of your family and colleagues.

Please visit www.CF1FC.ca to:

- Learn more about your CFOne Card
- Register each member of your family (subject to eligibility criteria)
- Activate your card;
- Connect to the CFMWS Service Directory; and
- Review the terms and conditions.
- or call toll free at 1-855-245-0330

Commodore Mark B. Wilson, MRC Commodore, RCN Director General Morale and Welfare Services

I expect you will find parts of the programme that are useful to you.

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HMCS Protecteur towed into Shelburne Harbour

After an uneventful tow through the Panama Canal, Protecteur has finally returned to Nova Scotia. The ship was acquired by R.J. MacIsaac Ltd. of Antigonish, which secured a \$39 million contract with the federal government to recycle and dispose of Protecteur and Algonquin, which will be heading to Liverpool next month. The ships will be dismantled and the parts recycled over the next two years at the site of the former Bowater Mersey paper mill, which closed in 2012.



NAC-VI Welcomes new members:

RAdm Gilles Couturier RCN -Marpac, JTF Pacific

LCdr Kevin Kirkwood RCN (Ret'd)

Lt(N) Diana Dewar RCN (Ret'd)



Could you live in a submarine?

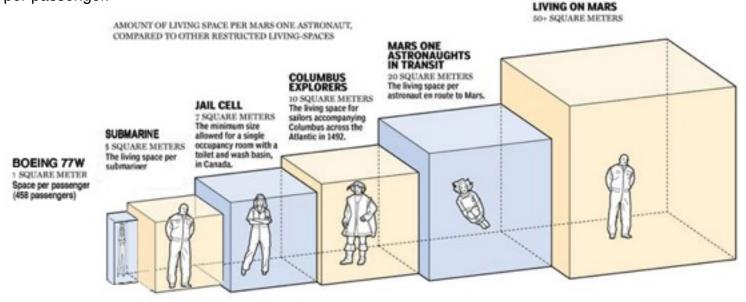
Musings by John Webber

Last month, while flying from Hong Kong to Vancouver on a Boeing 77W with 458 passengers, I wondered what area the passenger space was per passenger.

It is officially listed as 0.98 square meter per passenger!

I am not surprised, since I could barely move in my seat for 12 hours.

Anytime someone says "I could never live on a submarine" ask them if they every flown in a commercial aircraft



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