

Naval Association of Canada – Key Messages

1. Canada's national interests of peace and security and economic prosperity are intertwined.
2. Canada possesses a vast, resource-rich ocean estate.
3. Canada is an increasingly global, sea-trading nation.
4. Beyond its sovereign waters, Canada values and is an ardent advocate of the rule of law at sea and of international peace and security.
5. There are threats to elements of Canada's national interests.
6. Future threats to our national interests are difficult to predict.
7. Canada must not rely exclusively on others to protect and further its national interests.
8. Canada's peace and security contributions to the United Nations, to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and to other defence and security arrangements must be meaningful.
9. Future Canadian Government's will likely one day need to send Canadian naval and maritime air forces into harm's way.
10. Without the establishment and continuous maintenance of ready-to-deploy, ready-to-act, capable and effective Canadian naval and maritime air forces, which are purposely designed to operate against current and future threats in Canadian, international and far-away waters, the maritime-related elements of Canada's intertwined national interests of peace and security and economic prosperity will be at risk.
11. A capable and effective Navy is ultimately all about avoiding, preventing and deterring costly conflict and war.