

Friends of H.M.C.S Haida

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President's Message

First I would like to take the opportunity to thank **Ken Lloyd, Maj (retd) CD, MA** our past-president for all of his energy and efforts in steering the course for the success of the Friends of HMCS HAIDA. I look forward to working with Ken Lloyd as the past-president and continuing to raise the awareness of HMCS HAIDA as a national historic site.

Our Board of Directors continues to change with the addition of **Ms. Snezana Savic, B.P.A.**, and our newest addition as our director of Public Affairs. Snezana brings with her a variety of experiences in the field including working with organizations such as the Region of Waterloo International Airport, the Cadet Youth Development Center (CYDC) and the Department of National Defence, just to name a few. Her communication plans have generated substantial awareness and financial support for several organizations. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Snezana Savic, B.P.A. to our working Board of Directors.

As the site opens to the public we also have a new Gift Shop Manager, **Mr. Ralph Edwards, CD, and RCN**. Ralph brings with him a whaler full of experiences and energy and has been working on a new look and feel for our gift shop. When you are down, stop in and chat with Ralph and see some of the new HMCS HAIDA spirit wear that is now in stock. In support of our gift shop we have **Ms. Leah Wilson**, our summer student, from Mohawk College assisting us with the shop along with our weekend team of **Crystal and Holly Stevenson**. Look for more things coming from this team in the future. I would also like to introduce our Membership Manager, **Mr. Sandy Keynon**, one of our volunteers who has come forward to look after this important area of the Friends of HMCS HAIDA. He is responsible for the promotion and processing of our membership renewals, tax receipts for memberships, and donations to the "Restoration", "Membership" and the "In Memorium of" areas. **Welcome Aboard Sandy!**

I would be remiss if I did not talk about a restoration project on board that the **SLt the Reverend Canon William Thomas** has been working on. This is a project to refurbish the strapping and Carley floats. Many thanks to his wife Jetta who did the sewing of the straps that hold them in place. Looking forward to seeing this important restoration project completed. Anyone interested in helping out please contact **Mr. Andy Barber**, V-P and Director of Volunteers so that he may put you in touch with the SLt the Reverend Canon William Thomas.

Our Volunteers have been extremely busy with school trips, on-board tours and working with our partner Parks Canada in providing interpretations on board HMCS HAIDA. Anyone interested in joining our team of Volunteers please drop us an email addressed to Mr. Andy Barber, V-P and Director of Volunteers at info@hmcshaida.com

Now here is one for our younger crew (check out our Kids Zone on our web site.....www.hmcshaida.com)....we have a new mascot who is in need of a name. That's right, the newest member of our team is here to have some fun with our younger sailors. Check out our web site and enter the naming contest. The best three names will receive some cool prizes. This is the place to be this summer!

Until next time "Fair Winds and Following Seas"!

Walt Dermott, CD, Ph.D., RCN

Chairman and President Friends of HMCS Haida

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You are hereby notified that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Friends of H.M.C.S. HAIDA will be held on **Saturday, October 24th, 2015 at 13:00**

**HMCS Star 658 Catherine St. N.
Hamilton Ont. L8L 4V7**



The AGM will be held for the purpose of considering and taking action with respect to the following:

- ☐ To receive and consider the annual financial statements.
- ☐ To elect new directors.
- ☐ To transact such further or other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

All members in good standing are eligible to vote at the AGM.

**Walter Dermott
President
Board of Directors
Friends of HMCS HAIDA**

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PROXY

The undersigned member of Friends of H.M.C.S. HAIDA hereby appoints Walter Dermott, or failing him, Andy Barber, or instead of either of them,

_____ as proxy holder, with full power of substitution, to attend and vote for the undersigned at a meeting of members of the Corporation to be held October 17th, 2015, and at any adjournments, to receive the financial statements of the Corporation, to elect directors, to receive such reports concerning the activities of the Corporation as may be placed before the meeting, and to consider or conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

I hereby revoke any proxy previously given.

DATED _____, 2015.

Name of Member – Please Print

Signature

Please send proxy by fax to: 905-388-0812 or mail to: Friends of H.M.C.S HAIDA c/o 658 Catharine St. North, Hamilton, ON L8L 4V7. Please allow enough time for mail to arrive prior to the AGM.
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25th Annual General Meeting of Friends of HMCS HAIDA

Saturday, October 24th 2015 at 13:00hrs



1.0 Call to order

Act of Remembrance.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes of 14th September 2014

Motion to approve the minutes

2.0 Financial Review and Treasurer's Report

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report

3.0 Directors Reports

Director of Fund Raising and Grants

Director of Marketing and Outreach

Director of Museums and shop

Director of Education

Director of Volunteers

Director of Membership

Director of Governance

Motion to accept Directors reports

4.0. Presidents Report

4.1 Motion to accept President's report.

5.0 Approval of the action of the Board of Directors for 2014-2015

5.1 Motion to approve the actions of the Directors for 2014-2015

6.0 Election of Directors

6.1 Election of eligible Directors.

7.0 New Business.

8.0 Presidents closing remarks

9.0 Adjournment and next meeting

9.1 Motion to adjourn the meeting.



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Walter Dermott

President, Board of Directors

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From the Museum Archives

Our latest Addition

THE ANATOMY OF AN ACQUISITION | VK-5 Radar Repeater

By Jerry Proc

HMCS HAIDA Radio Department Volunteer



Photo by Don Courcy

Over the years, much of HAIDA's missing electronics has been repatriated. Many of these acquisitions are not straightforward. They are laden with twists and turns. This is one of the many stories which illustrate the effort that it takes to help make HAIDA'S fittings as complete and functional as possible.

When HAIDA paid off, she was fitted with the Sperry MI II navigation radar and the A/N SPS- 6C air search radar. In the Operations Room, a type VK-5 radar repeater (aka radar indicator) was fitted in the same space as the Sperry. It could be switched over to operate from either radar system to display targets of interest. There were 400 VK-5 units produced for the USN by Westinghouse Electric in Baltimore, Maryland. The RCN procured their VK-5 repeaters from Westinghouse in Hamilton, however the production quantity is unknown at this time. What's special about the VK-5 is the fact that the operator can move the sweep line all over the screen instead of having it pivot only around the centre.

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Once stricken off strength in 1963, HAIDA was “demilitarized” and all critical equipment was de-installed and returned to naval stores or given to Crown Assets for disposal. As a result, HAIDA arrived in Toronto in 1964 with most of her electronics missing.

Sometime in the late 1980's, the Sperry MK II system was liberated from RCN naval stores in Halifax and shipped to Toronto. The system was installed and made functional by Jim Brewer, a former Fire Control Technician in the RCN and now, HAIDA's retired Ship-keeper. There was no VK-5 in that shipment, however the navy did provide the ship with the AN/SPA-4 radar repeater. The SPA-4 was actually fitted in the radar compartment but since there was no SPS-6C radar aboard, it was used in place of the VK-5. The SPA-4 worked well and successfully demonstrated the operation of the Sperry radar for many years as a slave display.

As lady luck would have it, (the late) Andre Guibert, a radio collector and former HMC Dockyard mate living in St. Lambert, PQ, offered HAIDA a VK-5 radar repeater after responding to a request for assistance. This was one of two units in his collection. Jim Brewer and Stoker volunteer Marg Mathers drove to Montreal to pick up the unit. It was received aboard HAIDA on September 21, 1996. At 471 pounds, it was not going to be an easy task to get the VK-5 up to the Ops Room. However, expertise triumphed. A block and tackle was rigged to the deck-head of the Operations Room lobby and all the ladders in the other lobbies were removed right down to the main deck. The yoke on which the VK-5 was mounted was removed to lessen the weight.

Taking the better part of a day, the VK-5 was finally nudged into place in the Ops Room after the SPA-4 repeater was removed. The same operation was performed in order to hoist the 145 pound VK-5 power supply and the heavy mounting yoke. That completed the physical move but there was still more work to come.

The first major problem facing Jim Brewer was the lack of a technical service manual. Only a schematic diagram was available. With 101 vacuum tubes and associated circuitry, the VK-5 was a very complex piece of electronics. To add further difficulty, some of the circuitry was modified by the RCN but not updated on the schematic. There were numerous vacuum tubes with cracked glass envelopes which had to be replaced. For just a brief moment in time, Jim managed to get the VK-5 operational before it was plagued with yet more problems. Troubleshooting the device then became a “rainy day” opportunity which never materialized. To this day, periodic searches of the Internet have failed to locate a VK-5 manual anywhere.

Now let's fast forward to January of 2015. In that month I received news that the Radio Museum of Quebec (Le Musée Québécois de la Radio Inc.) could not get a renewal of their existing lease. Jacques Hamel, the museum's President spent a great deal of time trying to find a new home for the collection but to no avail. Included in this collection was Andre Gilbert's second VK-5 which was acquired by the Radio Museum of Quebec some time before his passing. Jacques indicated that existing museums would have first priority in acquiring any portion of the existing collection.

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It then occurred to me to try and acquire the second VK-5 display for HAIDA. Once again, lady luck was with us. Donald Courcy, a former RCN communicator in Oberon class submarines, offered to transport the VK-5 from the museum's temporary storage facility in Sorel-Tracy (PQ) to HAIDA.

On June 9/15, a small work party moved the newly arrived VK-5 from the delivery van to a temporary location in the Gift Shop. Here it will sit, until such time that it can be moved to the Operations Room and be tested.

My congratulations are extended to Jacques Hamel and Le Musée Québécois de la Radio Inc. for making the second VK-5 available to HAIDA and to Don Courcy for transporting it at his own expense. The VK-5 was set up in a temporary location in the Museum less the mounting yoke. Hopefully some of HAIDA's visitors will appreciate this artefact for the length of time that it is there.

Finance Report

I was reminded a week or so back that the Friends of H.M.C.S. Haida is not only an organization of like-minded individuals who have come together to promote the Haida and the legacy of our military past. We are also a community who have committed to supporting the organization. A veteran, now in a long-term care facility and a member of the Friends, reached out to connect and say hello.

He had been following our exploits and stories through this newsletter and was just looking to touch base and let us know that he was there, paying attention and wishing us well. We responded, thanked him for his interest and wished him the same. It was a poignant reminder that there are veterans and members out there that we have the potential to reach out to. Hopefully we can all do just that.

Summer is a somewhat busier time for the treasury. The ship and the gift shop are open and activity has once again increased. Our funds are in good shape thanks in no small part to memberships and donations that keep coming in. Elsewhere in this newsletter are the statements of our activity for the last fiscal year ending March 31, 2015.

Stay safe and have a great summer.

Herb Holst
Treasurer

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Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of 31 March 2015



	31 Mar 15	31 Mar 14	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Chequing/Savings				
Cash Register Float	97.15	0.00	97.15	100.0%
Current Account	26,887.35	25,144.45	1,742.90	6.9%
Savings Account	1,295.33	11,782.46	-10,487.13	-89.0%
Total Chequing/Savings	28,279.83	36,926.91	-8,647.08	-23.4%
Other Current Assets				
PST Payable - Ontario	-318.16	-318.16	0.00	0.0%
Total Other Current Assets	-318.16	-318.16	0.00	0.0%
Total Current Assets	27,961.67	36,608.75	-8,647.08	-23.6%
Fixed Assets				
DeWolf Pavilion	64,248.17	64,248.17	0.00	0.0%
Accum Depr - DeWolf Pavilion	-60,887.26	-54,462.44	-6,424.82	-11.8%
Furniture, Fixture & Equipment	7,243.08	7,243.08	0.00	0.0%
Accum Depr - Furn, Fix & Equip	-6,146.89	-4,698.27	-1,448.62	-30.8%
Total Fixed Assets	4,457.10	12,330.54	-7,873.44	-63.9%
TOTAL ASSETS	32,418.77	48,939.29	-16,520.52	-33.8%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Other Current Liabilities				
Payroll Liabilities	191.84	605.72	-413.88	-68.3%
Total Other Current Liabilities	191.84	605.72	-413.88	-68.3%
Total Current Liabilities	191.84	605.72	-413.88	-68.3%
Total Liabilities	191.84	605.72	-413.88	-68.3%
Equity				
Unrestricted Net Assets	48,333.57	34,384.00	13,949.57	40.6%
*Retained Earnings	0.00	932.14	-932.14	-100.0%
Net Income	-16,106.64	13,017.43	-29,124.07	-223.7%
Total Equity	32,226.93	48,333.57	-16,106.64	-33.3%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	32,418.77	48,939.29	-16,520.52	-33.8%



Crossing the Bar

The following "Crossed the Bar" since our last newsletter:

Ralph Frayne

Ken Bough

We will remember them

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Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
April 2014 through March 2015



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Friends of HMCS Haida Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison April 2014 through March 2015

	Apr '14 - Mar 15	Apr '13 - Mar 14	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Gala Revenues	9,670.00	0.00	9,670.00	100.0%
HST Rebate Income	2,822.74	4,633.17	-1,810.43	-39.1%
Donations	19,844.12	23,172.16	-3,328.04	-14.4%
Events & Fundraising	240.00	19,773.80	-19,533.80	-98.8%
Gift Shop	10,829.78	13,798.61	-2,968.83	-21.5%
Interest Income	5.88	13.70	-7.82	-57.1%
Membership	6,521.10	8,862.33	-2,341.23	-26.4%
Sponsorship & Grants	0.00	8,500.00	-8,500.00	-100.0%
Total Income	49,933.62	78,753.77	-28,820.15	-36.6%
Cost of Goods Sold				
Volunteer Expense - Gift Shop	1,560.00	0.00	1,560.00	100.0%
Gala Expenses	10,030.44	0.00	10,030.44	100.0%
Merchant Fees/Visa/MC/Debit	728.53	732.39	-3.86	-0.5%
Gifts Expense	0.00	126.45	-126.45	-100.0%
Restoration	0.00	1,970.37	-1,970.37	-100.0%
Education Expense	9,043.74	5,017.43	4,026.31	80.3%
Events & Fundraising Expenses	487.69	9,789.37	-9,301.68	-95.0%
Gift Shop Supplies	10,844.42	11,049.01	-204.59	-1.9%
Gift Shop Payroll	0.00	6,570.00	-6,570.00	-100.0%
Volunteer Expense	4,266.25	740.26	3,525.99	476.3%
Total COGS	36,961.07	35,995.28	965.79	2.7%
Gross Profit	12,972.55	42,758.49	-29,785.94	-69.7%
Expense				
Museum	410.79	0.00	410.79	100.0%
Payroll	3,885.16	11,429.80	-7,544.64	-66.0%
Public Relations	1,229.49	0.00	1,229.49	100.0%
Internet	899.48	1,088.34	-188.86	-17.4%
Utilities	1,014.48	1,179.61	-165.13	-14.0%
Accounting	847.50	847.50	0.00	0.0%
Bank Fees	404.43	393.43	11.00	2.8%
Building Maintenance	12.41	30.41	-18.00	-59.2%
Depreciation Expense	7,873.44	7,873.44	0.00	0.0%
Office & Administration	4,786.86	803.94	3,982.92	495.4%
Insurance	3,171.96	3,080.16	91.80	3.0%
Advertising	0.00	282.50	-282.50	-100.0%
Newsletter	3,221.98	1,658.52	1,563.44	94.3%
Telephone	1,185.15	973.41	211.74	21.8%
Travel	36.08	0.00	36.08	100.0%
WSIB	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Expense	29,079.19	29,741.06	-661.87	-2.2%
Net Ordinary Income	-16,106.64	13,017.43	-29,124.07	-223.7%
Net Income	-16,106.64	13,017.43	-29,124.07	-223.7%

Upcoming Events

Book Signing with Sean
Livingston author of
**OAKVILLE'S FLOWER –
The History of HMCS
Oakville**

Sat, Aug 22 |
11am-3pm
HMCS Haida NHS

Celebrate HMCS Haida
Birthday - **NEW** Virtual
Reality Showcase

Sun, Aug 30 | 2-4pm
HMCS Haida NHS

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Friends of HMCS Haida Goes Digital with our Newly Launched Web Site



Just as the Tribal Class Destroyers were equipped with state-of-the-art technology, so too are the Friends of HMCS Haida! We recently launched our new web site and many agree it's the best yet. In order to tell the story of HMCS Haida to all ages, we have added some fun links as well as some useful sections for visitors to check out so be sure to bookmark our web site and return often. Now, you can share the web site experience with your children and grandchildren and get them involved. Do you have a creative kid in the family?



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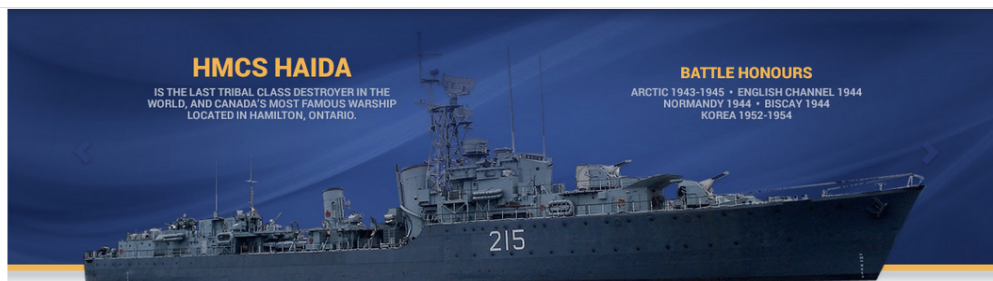
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Get them to enter our **Kids Cabin Mascot Naming** contest and help us to electrify a whole new generation with her incredible stories. Be sure to have friends, family, neighbours and co-workers sign up for our free online Up Spirits newsletter. Stay on top of all the great things we are planning including events,

sponsorship drive and an online portal. Simply go to www.hmcshaida.com and click on the Newsletter link, fill in your details and start receiving Up Spirits in your inbox. It's easy and free! The new web site is just a first step in taking the Friends of HMCS Haida digital. We have ambitious plans to extend the web to do loads of other useful and exciting things. Our online partner, i2b Global Inc. has done an incredible job partnering with us to realize our our new online presence.

“It has been an honour and a pleasure working with the Friends of HMCS HAIDA. I'm thrilled that we've been able to lend a hand in the constructing of a new responsive website that is able to tell the story of the HMCS HAIDA, inspire audiences, and drive visitors to this important piece of Canada's naval history.” – Robert Gill, President i2b Global Inc.

Many thanks to the entire i2b Global Inc. team for their great work. We look forward to continuing the relationship and to tell the amazing story of HMCS Haida across Canada and around the world. Stay tuned and come back often!

Barb Shackleton
Director of Marketing

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with our members and in our organization.

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Friends of HMCS Haida Welcomes our new Public Relations Director



Ahoy! Thank you for the warm welcome to Friends of H.M.C.S HAIDA. My name is Snezana Savic, I'm a navy officer within the Cadets Canada organization, proud mother of a WO1 Air Cadet and a PO1 Sea Cadet, and hold a BA in Public Relations.

This year for the Friends of H.M.C.S. HAIDA organization, I've put together a few contests to create awareness for our organization; our **Mascot Naming Contest** and a **Colouring Contest**. Please visit our website for more info: www.hmcshaida.com.

We have a number of events still to come this year, **a book signing event on August 22**, and naturally **Our Commissioning Birthday event August 30**. Have you heard of our Virtual Reality Showcase tour yet? Please join us to celebrate.



Make sure to read about it in the Upcoming Events section of **Up Spirits!**. Working together will ensure our success as an organization. I trust your support will create awareness, drive membership and preserve our mission and vision for our ship. In advanced, I thank you for your participation in spreading the word to your family, friends, and neighbours, and I hope to meet many of you out at these events.

Yours Aye,
Director of Public Affairs
Snezana Savic B.P.R.

Education Report

We have been busy this year although with the Teacher's Union working to rule we have not been active in the Schools as we have in the past. We have been busy with other groups and venues. We had displays at the Garrison Ball and Royal Military Institute's annual Military Band Concert in Toronto as well as the Hamilton Military Tattoo. We have had various School and Cadet Groups visiting the ship which our Volunteers have explained the various workings and compartments of the ship.

I had a group of Veteran's invited to St Dominic's School in Oakville to tell the grade seven Students about ourselves and what we did as young people and of our time in the Service. The class was split up into groups and they had to interview eight Veterans from the Navy, Army and Air Force. They had to write a story about us to be marked by the Teacher and then published in a booklet and a DVD then presented it to us at a Service they had at the Veterans Memorial Garden on Bronte Rd that they built with the help of local sponsors. It was quite an event and also very humbling to read what these fine young students thought of us old Vets

Mike Vencel RCN
Director of Education

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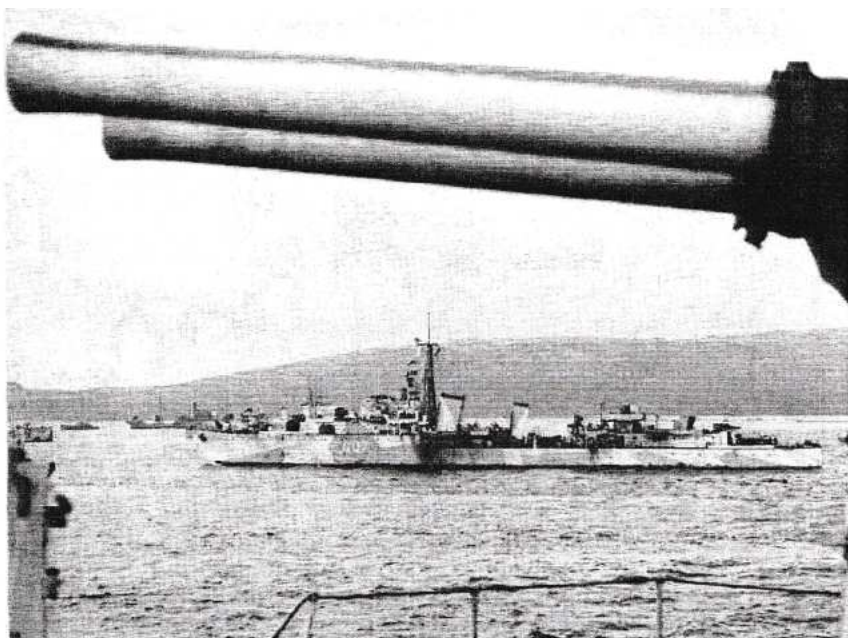
**Veterans and kids from St
Dominic's School in Oakville**

“I Will Never Forget The Sound of Those Engines Going Away”

A re-examination into the Sinking of HMCS Athabaskan, 29 April 1944

Peter A. Dixon

On the morning of 29 April 1944 the Canadian Tribal Class Destroyer HMCS Athabaskan was sunk in the English Channel after an engagement with the German Elbing class Destroyers T-24 and T-27. The official explanation from the "inquiry into the Loss of HMCS *Athabaskan*" claimed that Athabaskan sank because of two explosions, the first at 0417 hours, and the second at 0427 hours. The first explosion was attributed to a torpedo from T-24. The second explosion was believed to have occurred when fuel fires, caused by the first explosion, ignited the 4-inch magazine.



HMCS Athabaskan returns to Plymouth after the night action of 25/26 April 1944.

Photo by Peter A. Dixon

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Membership / Donation Options

Revenue Canada Business Number 14077 3649 RR0001



Please check off your choices below:

- ☐ **DONATION**
\$ _____
- ☐ **MEMBERSHIP** | **\$50** | Membership Card, digital “Up Spirits”, 1 vote at AGM
- ☐ **SHIP SUPPORTER** | **\$100** | As above, plus Day Pass to HMCS HAIDA *
- ☐ **GOLD** | **\$250** | As above, but with Family Day Pass to HMCS HAIDA *
- ☐ **PLATINUM** | **\$500** | As above, but with Family Season Pass, Hat & Golf Shirt *
- ☐ **LIFE SUPPORTER** | **\$1500** | As above, plus opportunity to fire the “Noon Gun” + Certificate *
- ☐ **RESTORATION FUND** | Maintenance & restoration projects in and around the ship
\$ _____
- ☐ **EDUCATION FUND** | School visits to promote the history of HMCS HAIDA and other educational projects
\$ _____
- ☐ **IN MEMORIUM OF** | A donation in the memory of an individual that has “Crossed the Bar”
\$ _____

Name: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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volunteer or donate. Tax receipts are issued at the end of each month.

*Redeemable with membership card in our Gift Shop at time of visit only.