

# The Admiral's Log

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(Photo as LCdr. Piers, Commanding Officer HMCS Restigouche 1941)

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## Message From the President's Bridge

Shipmates: Here it is fall again and where does the time go? I will start out by thanking all those members and their guests that made this summer's "Pot Luck Lunch, BBQ and Corn Boil" such a success. A great time was had by all who attended and our "Patron-in-Chief", Janet Piers, paid us a visit and managed to have a few words with most everyone before leaving for home. It is a real pleasure to see her "Sailing" along on her own as if she was still a young lady. Well she is young at heart, that is for sure.

We have a group of 26 (as of 22 Oct) members, wives and friends along with Janet Piers, motoring off to HRM (Dartmouth) on Sunday, 5 November, to enjoy the stage production of "Corvette Crossing" at the Alderney Landing Theatre.

The Annual Christmas Dinner is approaching and plans are being firmed up. We are looking to have favourable rates at the Bogan Villa Inn for those who wish to rest up over night after a festive evening. Pricing for the event is being held at our previous rate and we are looking for some proceeds from an in-house raffle of twelve Lunenburg County Winery's glass turkeys, (the flavours are the winner's choice) to offset the extra expenses. With this thought in mind we are including a book of raffle tickets in this newsletter for your consideration.

Our monument to Admiral Piers is moving along very well and may be finalized by next year. Finally the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual RCNA Reunion being hosted by ADPNA at Digby is proceeding full ahead with favourable seas. What would one expect with "The DOC" at the helm and the communicator "Sigrist" banging out the communication about the said reunion? But favourable seas.

## Entertainment Chairman

### Christmas Dinner & Dance Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2006

Place: Bridgewater Legion, Churchill Street.  
 Time: 1730 – 1900 Cocktails (Happy hour & a Half)  
 1900 – O/C Hands to Christmas Dinner  
 2030 Approx Dance to Grant Smith & Friends.  
 Dress: Casual – No Jeans  
 Price: \$20.00 Per person

Dinner: A choice of Turkey or Chicken is available. Choice must be given at time of purchasing tickets and cannot be changed as we must give these figures to the Legion Chef 10 days prior to the dinner.

Tickets: Available from Jerry Sigrist 902-624-9556  
 Martin Field 902-527-2660  
 Ivan Foote 902-644-3629

Or mail your cheque to the ADPNA at the address on front and your tickets will be sent to you. Enclosed with this newsletter is a book of tickets for a raffle of a case of wine (12). If you wish to be in on the raffle, whether you attend the dinner or not, please return the stubs with \$5.00 before December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Prizes: There will be the usual 50/50 draw along with prizes for spot dances.

Accommodations: Rooms have been reserved at the Bogan Villa Inn (formerly Bridgewater Motor Inn). If you are staying overnight call them at 902-543-8171 and reserve your room using code Naval Association to get the special rate of \$49.95. Rooms should be booked prior to November 24<sup>th</sup>. The conference room at the Inn will be available in the afternoon of the 8<sup>th</sup> for socializing and we shall meet for the usual breakfast the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Questions?? Please call one of the above Shipmates

The Dinner/Dance is open to all members and their guests.

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### **Notes from the Editor**

I am still looking for help with this newsletter in the form of articles, stories, pictures or anything you might wish to contribute. Surely with over 100 members someone has something to contribute.

### **Last Post**

We have been very fortunate since our summer newsletter that no members have crossed the bar.

### **Membership:**

Membership stands at 133.

A warm welcome goes out to these new Shipmates who have joined since the summer of 2006:

Chris St. Germain - a serving member of the Canadian Forces (Navy) and living in Halifax.

Ken Cassis - served in the RCN from 1956 to 1961, now living in London ON.

Ron Vallillee - served in the RCN for 25 Years and lives in Yarmouth NS

Just received a membership application from Richard "Dick" Logan, an old Shipmate of the editor. Some of you may know Dick.

Welcome aboard Shipmates.

**WEBSITE** - <http://adpna.com> Have you checked our web site lately? We're sure you will have a pleasant surprise. Pictures are changed from time to time. Such things as events, newsletter, obituaries, application forms, etc. etc. will be available. There is also a website for the RCNA - [rcnahq.com](http://rcnahq.com), both have links to a bundle of information and have been receiving many hits. The website contains full information and registration forms for the 2007 reunion. Many thanks to our Webmaster Robert "Zulu" Currie who puts in many hours to keep these sites up to date and full of information.

**Address:** The club now has its very own mailbox address which is on the front page. In case you missed it, in future please address all mail to:

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**Kit Shop** - Our Supply Officer, Shipmate David Heming, has a large inventory in the kit shop. A complete listing with prices is on the web site [www.adpna.com](http://www.adpna.com). He can be reached at 902-543-7054. I'm sure Dave will be nice to you. Even though he was a stoker, he is a very congenial fellow.

**Meetings:** The next meeting will be held Thursday, November 16th, at the Bridgewater Legion and every third Thursday thereafter except July, August and December. As there is no meeting in December, the first in the New Year will be held Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

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**Projects**

The Admiral Desmond Piers Naval Association has two important projects underway at this time.

- (1) It has been approved by the membership that the club shall erect a monument to the memory of our namesake Admiral Desmond Piers. A small committee has been formed, Chaired by Shipmate "Doc" Halliday and much work and planning has already been done. Approval has been given by Mrs. Janet Piers to proceed with the proposal; Chester Municipal Council was given all the specs and are providing space to erect the monument. Three monument companies were asked for quotes which would include maximum costs with nothing hidden. The quotes were all under \$15,000.00 installed. Some details of construction asked for are: 6 ½ feet tall, 10 inches thick, logos, crests, a picture of Debby, bases, quality, African black granite etc. At the Annual General Meeting of the RCNA approval was asked for and given to canvass all 32 RCNA Clubs in Canada for donations to assist with this worthy cause. Letters have been sent to all and some donations have already been received. It is planned to have this project completed sometime around Battle-of-the-Atlantic Sunday 2007. Donations are solicited from anyone wishing to help perpetuate the memory of Admiral Piers. Please make cheques payable to Admiral Desmond Piers Memorial Fund and send to the ADPNA.

- (2) As was described in our last Newsletter, the Admiral Desmond Piers Naval Association has initiated a Bursary to go to a deserving Sea Cadet to pursue career goals at a recognized University, College or Community College. We have since learned that Mrs. Janet Piers wishes to establish a living memorial to her late husband Admiral Desmond Piers. She plans to donate a substantial sum to sustain this memorial at no cost to us. Both Scholarships, Admiral Desmond Piers Memorial Scholarship Trust and Admiral Desmond Piers Naval Association Bursary will be administered by the ADPNA and both will be available to an applicable Sea Cadet serving with a Corps' from Chester to Yarmouth to Cornwallis. Donations are solicited to help with our bursary which we consider a worthy cause. If you do not wish to make a donation, please support our money raising efforts such as raffles etc. **Remember: These Cadets are our future.**

**Dues:** - As the President stated earlier "where does the time go?". I hate to say it but it is that time of year again where we look for dues. Our dues remain at \$15.00 per year and have not changed since we started 21 years ago. If you are unable to attend a meeting, please send your dues by mail; otherwise, reminders will need to be sent out and that all takes time and work. Perhaps dues can be included with your cheque for Christmas Dinner or the wine raffle. For those of you who have already paid - Thanks

**53rd Annual RCNA Reunion - Sailor's Homecoming - May 18-21, 2007**

As you are all aware, arrangements for next year are progressing very well. Registrations are coming in quickly, with 130 paid registrants at the time of writing, and many phone calls and questions have been answered. I consider this early interest and numbers registered a good sign. Accommodations in the Digby area are filling up fast, and people are going further afield. There are still some good rooms available, but you have to go down the list to find them. I would suggest anyone wishing to attend who has not booked accommodation, to do so ASAP. We still have a few rooms left in Cornwallis, particularly for single attendees.

Plans are shaping up well, good entertainment is being booked and much work is being done to make this an enjoyable weekend that you will never forget.

A few volunteers are still required, particularly in the fields of bartending and selling bar tokens.

If you wish to volunteer, a list of Committee Chairmen follows:

Doc Halliday	902-685-2342	Reunion Chairman
Jerry Sigrist	902-624-9556	Registration & Accommodation
Gordon Crouse	902-634-8350 (Evenings)	Treasurer
Frank Wells	902-627-2748	Souvenir Program & Wreath
Leo Sampson	902-354-5027	Security
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Sam Emmons	902-543-4093	Arena
Maurice Legault	902-634-3285	Lottery & Raffles
Dave Heming	902-543-7054	Transportation
Ivan Foote	902-644-3629	Ceremonial
Milton Williams	902-543-4997	Ships Logs

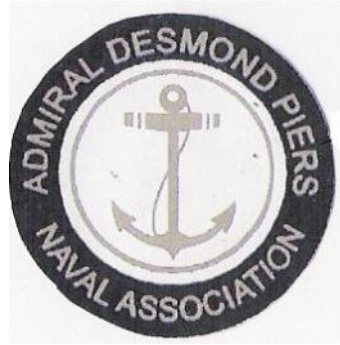
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Please remember, if you know of anyone in hospital or sick at home, call one of the Sick & Visiting Members and let them know.

If you move or have a change of address or phone number, I would appreciate knowing. I get some newsletters returned as address unknown from time to time.

**Please address all correspondence to our address on the front page.**

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