



Boats Chair Annual Report 2020-2021

Chairperson: Lt (NL) Richard Duval

PORTFOLIO

- Maintain all watercraft in safe condition
- Provide a safe environment for cadets, staff and guests
- Responsible for the following;
 1. Howard – ongoing need to have personnel trained and qualified to operate this vessel
 2. Canoes – to be cleaned and tested before cadet training year begins
 3. Boston Whaler – has been properly disposed of in May 2021 (will be removed from the portfolio)
 4. Safety Boat – Zodiac (FC-470) – ongoing need to have personnel trained and qualified to operate this vessel
 5. Storage – winter storage is prearranged prior to end of season and beginning of the next
 6. Security – boat shed key is kept within HMCS Carleton with limited personnel access

Comments of Achievement Status

- **HOWARD** – all batteries were maintained and charged at my home in the off season and then were brought to Port of Call Marina to be installed for the summer. Pressure washed the boat, waxed and buffed the boat uppers (forward and aft cabin). Howard was returned to its home on Dow's Lake on May 29th, 2021 and had a good test run.
- **Zodiac** – purchased in October 2020 (Toronto area), drove down just before the lock down to secure the purchase and bring it back to outdoor storage at HMCS Carleton. Beginning of this season (2021), I took the zodiac to the Port of Call Marina to affix the outboard motor (25 HP), all fluid levels were checked and a water test was performed successfully. Good to go!

Recommendations for 2021-2022 Objectives

- Continue to train more staff that want to be part of the on-water program. Safety is the most important part of running a great program.

HOWARD;

1. Repairs – to maintain the upkeep in all aspects of the boat
2. Ships Log – must be completely filled out every time the HOWARD is taken out
3. Training – proper procedures need to be followed according to the HOWARD manual located on the boat, the Boats Chair/Boats O is able to train others
4. Schedule – has been developed for the use of the boat but you must be trained in order to schedule some on-water time

Zodiac:

1. Need to purchase a cover to protect from UV rays
2. Stored in compound at HMCS Carleton (approved by the Commander) and for easy access to the water

Canoes;

1. Need some repairs
2. Need a new coat of paint
3. Possible purchase of a new canoe to replace the one that was stolen in April/May 2021 (investigation is on going by HMCS Carleton).
4. Need to find a solution for securing all canoes to the trailer

50 HP Motor;

1. Plan is to get the 50 HP motor inspected by the MAR tech staff at HMCS Carleton to ensure that this motor is ready for use. Have been in contact and waiting to confirm a time with MAR tech.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

- **HOWARD Training** – this has always been and will continue to be a concern. The Boats Chair/Boats O is very well versed in how the HOWARD runs, knows the particulars of the engine, the quirks of the mobility of the boat and is willing to train.
- **Canoes** – NL officers do not have to be certified (licenced) to the extent that CIC Officers must be in order to take cadets out on the water. A weekend lesson for the NL officers would be a good incentive so that both corps use the canoes. The canoes are sitting at the jetty for most of the water training season and we should utilize them to their full capacity.
- **Safety Boat** – Zodiac – training is required.
- **Storage** – a shoreline temporary/sprung shelter would be helpful in prolonging the longevity of the watercrafts.

SUMMARY

Due to COVID-19, our on-water training has been postponed until further notice. The Ottawa President prepared a plan that was approved by the Ontario and National Presidents' to be able to have the HOWARD brought out of storage and put on the water in order to promote the Navy

League of Canada and the two corps. The HOWARD will be on the Rideau Canal again this summer but without cadets onboard.

Hope to see all of our cadets back on the water in the Fall.

Respectfully,

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Ottawa Branch Boats Chair

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