



Boats Chair Annual Report 2019-2020

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 stripped of any reusable parts and is now ready for disposal.
 4. Safety Boat – Zodiac – working with the Ottawa Board to purchase a new safety boat
 5. Storage – winter storage is prearranged prior to end of season and beginning of the next
 6. Security – cameras have now been installed and keys to the jetty are kept within HMCS Carleton with limited personnel access
 7. Yard Maintenance – to ensure that the jetty is cleaned and removal of weeds

Comments of Achievement Status

- HOWARD - underwent several modifications this past winter while in storage. By order of priority and cost efficiency it was decided to have the boat stripped to the fibre glass and re-painted. An automatic bilge pump was installed to help alleviate the problem with excess water and grease was added to the gland seal housing for the first time in many years. The bilge and engine were pressure washed and cleaned completely. Inspection covers were installed on both fuel tanks. New batteries were purchased for the HOWARD and have been installed and working well. The toe rails and vent boxes were stripped and re-stained by the Boats O. The Boats O also installed a chrome deflector over the exhaust port in order to stop the exhaust from spraying upward and two chrome bilge ports to match. Three new fenders were donated by Port-of-Call Marina. The HOWARD was returned to her home on Dow's Lake in early June and after a good test run, it was decided that a new fuel pump was needed before taking on any sailing assignments.

Recommendations for 2020-2021 Objectives

- More training for all 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 and there is possible training video to come
4. **Schedule** – to be developed for the use of the boat but you must be trained in order to schedule some on-water time

Boston Whaler:

1. Disposal – make arrangements
2. Replacement - looking for a new safety boat possible Zodiac

Canoes;

1. Need some repairs
2. Need a new coat of paint – great project for the cadets

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.

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) were as a CIC officer 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** – when a new boat is purchased there will have to be training, new guidelines put in place and followed.
- **Storage** – a shoreline temporary/sprung shelter would be helpful in prolonging the longevity of the watercrafts.

SUMMARY

On December 9th, 2019 the previous Boats Chair resigned. The Boats Officer for NLCC V/Adm Kingsmill was selected by the Council as the most appropriate replacement for the position.

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 celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Navy League of Canada. The HOWARD will be on the Rideau Canal to celebrate this milestone but unfortunately with no cadets onboard.

So, keep your eyes open if you happen to be anywhere along the canal and give us a honk or a wave!

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

Respectfully,

Lt (NL) Richard Duval

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