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# Operations update

## **HMCS *Vancouver* participating in RIMPAC 2024 and Operation *Horizon***

His Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) *Vancouver* will depart in the coming days for Hawaii to take part in Exercise *Rim of the Pacific* (RIMPAC) 2024. *Vancouver* will be joined by HMCS *Max Bernays*, Motor Vessel *Asterix* and a shore-based contingent of approximately 300 Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members.

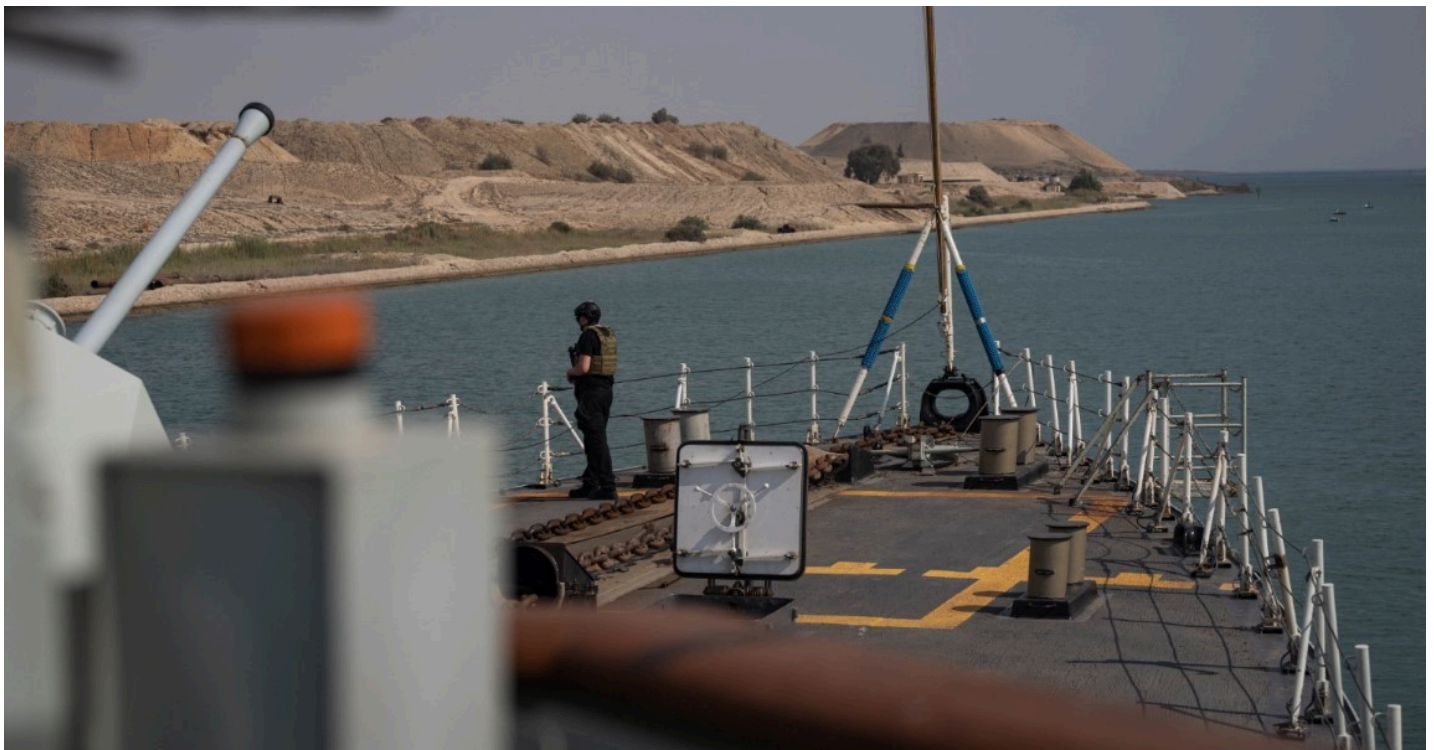
Our participation in RIMPAC will focus on honing military expertise in the Indo-Pacific region while fostering relationships between partners and allies.

In this year's iteration of RIMPAC, there will be 29 nations participating with 40 surface ships, 3 submarines, over 150 aircraft and 25,000 personnel.

After RIMPAC *Vancouver* will sail across the Pacific Ocean to conduct Operation *Horizon*, Canada's forward-presence mission in the Indo-Pacific region. *Vancouver* will be the second Canadian frigate deployed to the region in 2024, with HMCS *Ottawa* expected to follow in the fall.

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## HMCS *Montréal* enroute to Operation *Horizon*



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HMCS *Montréal* navigated through the Suez Canal last month enroute to the Indo-Pacific region for Op *Horizon*. During its transit, the crew of HMCS *Montréal* offered support to Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) during Operation *Artemis*.

The Royal Canadian Navy's (RCN) participation in *Artemis* and CMF upholds the rules-based international order and ensures the security of some of the world's busiest and most critical trade routes.

## HMCS *Summerside* sets sail for Op *Caribbe*



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On May 6, HMCS *Summerside* set sail from Halifax, Nova Scotia, for a nine-week deployment on Operation *Caribbe* in the Caribbean Sea. They will join the already deployed crew of HMCS *Margaret Brooke* before its expected return at the end of this month.

Op *Caribbe* is Canada's contribution to the U.S.-led enhanced counter-narcotics operation to address illicit drug trafficking in international waters. *Summerside's* participation contributes to stability and security in the region.

## Top Stories

## HMC Ships *Max Bernays* and *William Hall* commissioned



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The RCN celebrated a significant milestone last month with the commissioning of two new HMC Ships: *Max Bernays* and *William Hall*. The commissioning ceremony is a deeply rooted naval tradition and significant event for the ship's company, making them the vessels of the fleet.

On May 3 *Max Bernays* was commissioned in Vancouver becoming our third Arctic and Offshore Patrol Vessel (AOPV). It is the first ship of its class for the Pacific Fleet.

On May 16 *William Hall* was officially commissioned in Halifax, Nova Scotia. As the RCN's fourth AOPV, *William Hall* will strengthen our ability to uphold sovereignty in Canadian waters and to meet future defence challenges in the North.

## HMCS *Frédéric Rolette* named



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On May 26 a naming ceremony was held for the future HMCS *Frédéric Rolette*, the RCN's fifth AOPV. Dating back centuries, the naming of a ship is steeped in tradition and believed to bring good luck and safe travel to the vessel and crew.

The ship's sponsor, Hélène Châtillon, a descendant of Frédéric Rolette, officially named the ship by breaking a bottle of sparkling wine against the bow and declaring, "I name you Frédéric Rolette. Bless this ship and all who sail in it."

The ship is named after Lieutenant Frédéric Rolette, a Canadian-born officer who served in the Provincial Marine of Upper Canada.

When the War of 1812 broke out on July 3, Rolette acted immediately, capturing an American vessel before the crew became aware that their country had declared war. Rolette went on to be an influential soldier in several battles, being injured several times and returning to combat.

When wounded at the battle of the River Raisin, Rolette refused to leave the field. "I have been selected to work this gun," he said. "And it would be a lasting disgrace for me to leave it."

## Future crew of HMCS *Protecteur* gains hands-on experience aboard German ship



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The German Berlin-class replenishment ship *Frankfurt am Main* arrived in Halifax last month after sailing from Germany with crew members of the future HMCS *Protecteur* aboard.

Commander Landon Creasy, incoming Commanding Officer of HMCS *Protecteur*, described the exchange as an incredible opportunity to familiarize themselves with the operational nuances of the future *Protecteur*.

"It's probably one of the best experiences I have had in my career," said Cdr Creasy.

He highlighted the importance of understanding the ship's handling and organizational structure, particularly the Engineering Department, which closely mirrors the RCN's Marine Technician trade structure.

The experience provided valuable insights into replenishment operations and complex cargo management.

Cdr Creasy is enthusiastic about the future HMCS *Protecteur*, which will enhance Canada's capability to support both military and humanitarian missions globally.

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## Stay humble is this medic's key to leadership



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As Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Pier-Vincent Michaud prepares to deploy to NATO mission Iraq, his focus on empowering his members is his key to team success.

## More news

**Coxswain brothers mentor future leaders:** With a collective 52 years of service, Joe and Dan Dagenais are a perfect example of family ties and dedication.

# Up Next

## Navy Bike Ride 2024

The 2024 Navy Bike Ride (NBR) has kicked off with rides in June still open for registration.

Join us in-person:

- Halifax, NS: June 8th
- Québec City, QC: June 14th
- Ottawa, ON: June 15th

## Naval Museum of Halifax 50th birthday celebration

The Naval Museum of Halifax officially marked its 50th anniversary on March 26. Local Defence Team members and community members are invited to attend a 50th birthday celebration at the Naval Museum of Halifax and Admiralty Gardens on Friday, June 14 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm AST.

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