



The Canadian Naval Heritage Centre Project

After 27 years of maintaining HMCS SACKVILLE, the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust (CNMT) has taken a major step in achieving its fundamental objective of ensuring the preservation of this iconic symbol of Canadian heritage for future generations by launching the Canadian Naval Heritage Centre Project.

Owned and operated by the volunteer CNMT, SACKVILLE-- which was first commissioned in 1941-- needs to be enclosed in a berth that will protect her from the elements. Planning for this preservation in perpetuity has been a priority for Trustees and other supporters over the years. With the support of government and private donors the CNMT has undertaken to build this heritage facility on the Halifax waterfront in an area adjacent to the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

In April 2012, a major milestone in advancing the multi-year Canadian Naval Heritage Centre Project was reached when Catalyst Engineering Consultants of Halifax was brought on board to provide project management services in assembling a Project Brief. This brief will document all the required information and technical data to enable an architect to develop a concept design for the structure. Catalyst will also provide guidance in the selection of a design architect, which will be conducted through a national competition.

A Naval Heritage Centre Project office has been established in the Bedford Row/Sackville Street area overlooking the proposed site. It is expected that selection of a design architect will be made by 2013.

Corvette Specifications (Flower Class)

Length overall: 205 feet **Beam:** 33 feet

Displacement: 1,170 tons (full load)

Armament: 4-inch main gun, 2 pounder pom pom, 20 mm Oerlikon, Hedgehog (mortar), depth charge throwers and stern rails

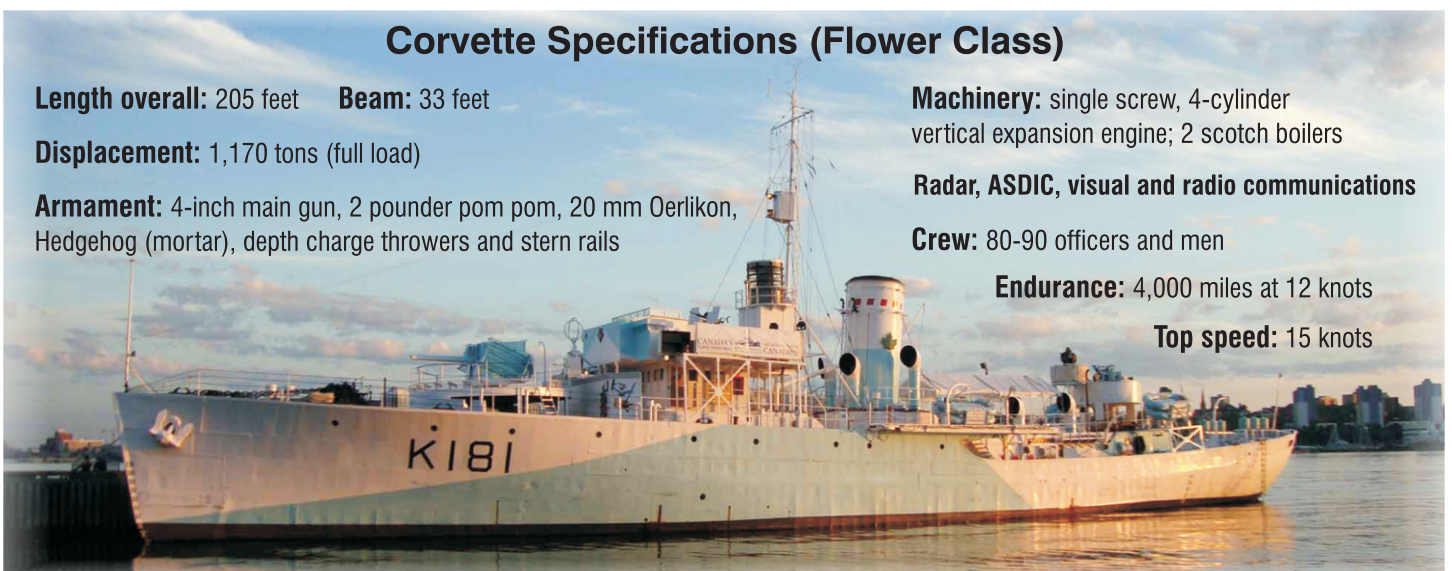
Machinery: single screw, 4-cylinder vertical expansion engine; 2 scotch boilers

Radar, ASDIC, visual and radio communications

Crew: 80-90 officers and men

Endurance: 4,000 miles at 12 knots

Top speed: 15 knots



Vision

HMCS SACKVILLE was acquired by the CNMT in 1982 after she retired from active service as an oceanographic research vessel and restored to her wartime configuration. She was designated Canada's Naval Memorial by the Government of Canada in 1985.

The Trust's vision for the Canadian Naval Heritage Centre is that of a visually compelling structure, situated on the prime area of the historic waterfront that will attract international attention to Halifax, Nova Scotia and Canada.

SACKVILLE is the last of the 123 Royal Canadian Navy corvettes of which 269 saw service in allied navies. They proved to be a critical element in achieving victory in the Battle of the Atlantic, an accomplishment that was seminal to subsequent victories and eventual triumph in WWII.

The pre-war RCN strength of 3500 personnel, both regular and reserve, and a half-dozen ocean-going warships, grew to more than 100,000 as men and women from across the country answered the call to naval service. SACKVILLE is not only a memorial to the courage and sacrifice of all who served in peace and war but also a symbol of the extraordinary achievement of Canada as a country and the transformation of the Royal Canadian Navy into the professional, internationally respected institution it has become.

Since her restoration, SACKVILLE has welcomed thousands of visitors at her summer berth in front of the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic; in the winter she is berthed in HMC Dockyard. Throughout the year the ship supports various naval, community, youth and corporate events and activities.

Partners, Support

The Trust is advancing the Canadian Naval Heritage Centre Project in stages with the support of all levels of government, including the Waterfront Development Corporation Ltd., and enthusiastic corporate sponsors and private donors.

Canadian Naval Heritage Centre Components



The project will comprise three main elements:

- Enclosed dry dock berthing facility to house HMCS SACKVILLE
- Memorial to those who served
- Naval Heritage Centre which will present the narrative of 100 plus years of naval service

How to Provide Support

Individuals and organizations wishing to support the Canadian Naval Memorial Centre Project are asked to contact Hugh MacPherson, CNMT Corporate Support Committee: Tel: 902-835-3709 or e-mail: hughmacpherson01@ns.sympatico.ca.

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