



REDEDICATION  
OF  
HMCS ONONDAGA

16 MAY 1984

IN HER MAJESTY'S DOCKYARD, HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

# HMCS ONONDAGA SHIP'S COMPANY

LCdr	J.A.Y.	Plante	Commanding Officer
Lt(N)	L.M.	Hickey	Executive Officer
Lt(N)	J.E.H.A.	Langlois	Operations Officer
Lt(N)	R.M.	Newman	Engineering Officer
Lt(N)	R.M.	Truscott	Navigation Officer
Lt(N)	A.B.	Smith	Electrical Officer
Lt(N)	E.C.	Stiles	Combat Systems Engineer
Lt(N)	C.S.	Melowsky	CSE Designate
SLt	D.C.	Marsaw	Weapons Officer

## HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

C2	J. McManus	CELECT
P1	J. Hughes	Cox'n
P1	C. Andrew	CERA
P1	J. O'Dwyer	RP1
P2	R. Mizuik	TI
P2	E. Jones	UC1
P2	L. Pike	PO Tel
P2	S. Fairbairn	Chef

## PETTY OFFICERS

P1	G. McLaughlin
P1	G. Byzewski
P1	R. Rankin
P1	R. Downie
P2	D. Vrooman
P2	R. Cooper
P2	A. Despaties
P2	T. Kramble
P2	A. Campbell
P2	L. Rollin
P2	D. Caldwell

## MASTER SEAMEN

MS	K. Ruller
MS	C. Dockrill
MS	D. Kays
MS	D. Hughes
MS	B. Harris
MS	J. Lavoie
MS	J. Marshall
MS	S. Binks
MS	D. Dupont

MS	T. Farler
MS	R. Pearce
MS	J. Haddock

## LEADING SEAMEN

LS	G. Fewer
LS	D. Hall
LS	C. McDonald
LS	D. Hiscock
LS	A. Laprade
LS	J. White
LS	A. Casey
LS	R. Burke
LS	S. Hearfield
LS	T. Wood
LS	P. Martell
LS	G. Hallonquist
LS	R. Parratt
LS	G. Godin

## ABLE SEAMEN

AB	B. Butcher
AB	C. Uhler
AB	T. Ried
AB	M. Mitchell
AB	R. Wallace
AB	G. Winstone

## ORDINARY SEAMEN

OS	W. Walker
OS	R. Lyle
OS	E. Fischer



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**REVIEWING OFFICER**  
Cmdre J. Harwood, CD

**GUEST OF HONOUR**  
Cmdre E.R. Ross, CD

1. Reviewing Officer and Guest of Honour arrive. Tour ONONDAGA with Commanding Officer.
2. Post Refit and Pre Work-ups brief by Commanding Officer to CANCOMFLT and COS MAT.
3. Ship's Company forms up alongside ONONDAGA together with Stadacona Band.
4. Reviewing Officer arrives, General Salute.
5. Inspection of Ship's Company.
6. Address by Cmdre Ross (COS MAT).
7. Address by Cmdre Harwood (CANCOMFLT).
8. Rededication of HMCS ONONDAGA.
9. Ship's Company mans HMCS ONONDAGA.
10. Cheer Ship.
11. Reviewing Officer departs.
12. Luncheon in Submarine Complex.

## EXHORTATION

Brethren, seeing that in the course of our duty, we are set in the midst of many and great dangers, and that we cannot be faithful to the high trust placed in us without the help of Almighty God, let us unite our prayers and praises in seeking God's blessing upon this ship and all who serve in her, that she may sail safely under God's providence and protection.

HYMN: (To the tune Melita)

O Father, King of Earth and Sea.  
We dedicate this ship to Thee;  
In faith we send her on her way,  
In faith to Thee we humbly pray, —  
O hear from heaven our sailors' cry,  
And watch and guard her from on high,

And when at length her course is run,  
Her work for home and country done;  
Of all the souls that in her sailed,  
Let not one life in thee have failed;  
But hear from Heaven our sailors' cry,  
And grant eternal life on high.

AMEN

Psalm 107 (Verses 23 to 31, 43)

23. They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;
24. These see the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep.
25. For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.
26. They mount up to the Heavens, they go down again to the depths; their soul is melted because of trouble.
27. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.
28. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He bringeth them out of their distresses.
29. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.



30. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so He bringeth them unto their desired haven.
31. On that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of the men!
43. Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

### THE NAVAL PRAYER

O Eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; who has compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end; be pleased to receive into Thy Almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us Thy servants, and the Fleet in which we serve. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence of the enemy; that we may be a safeguard unto our most gracious sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and her Dominions, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our Commonwealth may in peace and quietness serve Thee our God; and that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of our labours, and with a thankful remembrance of Thy mercies to praise and glorify Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### PRAYER FOR SHIP

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hear our prayers and bless this ship with Thy right hand as Thou didst bless Noah and the ark on the waters of the flood. Send Thy holy angels from heaven to guard, assist, strengthen and encourage those who will serve therein. Preserve and deliver them from all weakness of mind and body. Endow her Officers with the spirit of wisdom, knowledge and the fear of Thee, inspire her men with the spirit of truth, courage and loyalty. Strengthen and increase their admiration for honest dealing, so that they may hate that which is evil and love that which is good. That through them the tradition of the Navy of Her Majesty the Queen may be maintained, to ensure the freedom of the seas to all who have the right to use them. And under the patronage of the blessed Mother of God, Mary, Star of the sea, of St. George Thy Martyr, and of all Thy saints, may their words and works be such as to bring them the honour due to faithful servants in this Life, and an eternal reward in the Life to come. Thou who livest and reignest world without end. AMEN.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. AMEN.

## BENEDICTION

O Thou that sittest above the water floods, and stillest the raging of the sea, accept, we beseech thee, the supplications of Thy servants for all who in this ship, now and hereafter, shall commit their lives unto the perils of the deep. In all their way, enable them truly and godly to serve Thee, and by their Christian lives to set forth Thy glory throughout the earth. Watch over them in their going forth and their coming in, that no evil befall them, nor mischief come nigh to hurt their souls. And so through the waves of this troublesome world, and through all the changes and chances of their mortal life, bring them of Thy mercy to the sure haven of Thine everlasting Kingdom; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. AMEN.

## O CANADA

O Canadal Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all thy sons command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!  
From far and wide, O Canada,  
We stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.



## THE SHIP'S BADGE

### BLAZON

Azure, within a representation of the Wampum of the Iroquois nation, another of the head of the mace used at the sitting of the first Parliament of Upper Canada in 1792, both proper.

### SIGNIFICANCE

This design displays a representation of the Wampum of the Iroquois nation, of which the Onondagas, known as the "Keepers of the Wampum," were members. The Wampum, referred to as the Magna Carta of the League of the Iroquois, was made when the League was founded about 1580 and handed down through a line of hereditary custodians.

The Mace head is an indirect reference to the Schooner "Onondaga," ship of H.M. Provincial Marine on Lake Ontario, which had a part in the convening of the first Parliament of Upper Canada at Newark in 1792, and also in the founding of York (now Toronto) in 1793.

**SHIP'S COLOURS:** Blue and white.

**MOTTO:** "Invicta". (unconquered)