

# ❖ H.M.C.S. "SANS PEUR" RE-UNION 1994 ❖

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The article below was in a 1947 Halifax paper.

## Hi Shipmates

Les Durham has some exciting memories of the hurricane we experienced off New York when we lost our porthole and limped into Halifax covered with thick ice.

Ray Burwash remembers when he was drafted on board - terms such as (Going forward to) "PORT STUDY", "SMOKING ROOM", or "AFTER SALON" were being used by the original yacht members. These terms changed quickly

We will be able to talk about many other experiences soon, because our RE-UNION organizers have unanimously chosen SASKATOON as the location of our RE-UNION during the dates of May 27, 28, 29, 1994

## Veteran Patrol Yacht Of Navy Up For Sale

Formerly a luxury yacht owned by the Duke of Sutherland, then converted for naval purposes to establish a fine record of usefulness in the Canadian Service, Ex-HMCS "Sans Peur" is now offered in the marine market by War Assets Corporation.

The "Sans Peur" was one of a number of small craft quickly assembled at the outbreak of World War II to form a mosquito fleet for the Royal Canadian Navy. She joined the fleet in Esquimalt, British Columbia, early in 1940.

Built in a British yard, the "Sans Peur" is stoutly constructed with reinforced frames and 3-8-inch plating. She is 210 feet overall, 30 feet 3 inches beam with draught of 13 feet 6 inches. The displacement tonnage is 865. Twin Diesel engines developing 870 brake horse power drive the vessel at a speed of 15 1-4 knots. Auxiliary machinery is both electrically and Diesel driven.

The accommodations are described as luxurious, the guest rooms being panelled in various decorative hardwoods. The decks

are teak. Navigational aids are completely up-to-date.

HMCS "Sans Peur" established a worthy war record. Her first service was on patrol in Queen Charlotte Sound, Pudget Sound and the Straits of Juan de Fuca. Then she assisted in the removal of enemy aliens from outbound ships. In May, 1941, she assisted HMCS "Prince Henry" in landing the crew of one of two German vessels which were scuttled to escape capture by the Canadian auxiliary cruiser.

Later she carried out anti-submarine patrol, and in the fall of 1942 she was refitted with the latest anti-submarine equipment to become a training ship. After serving with the West Coast training base, HMCS "Naden", the "Sans Peur" was transferred to the Halifax command and in January, 1944, was allocated to the anti-submarine school in the large naval base, HMCS "Cornwallis", near Digby, N. S.

Probably the best equipped anti-submarine training ship in the Canadian Navy, "Sans Peur" contributed much to the anti-submarine efficiency of the little-ship navy which shepherded the convoys safely in the North Atlantic sea lanes.

Below is a suggestion of activities we propose for the HMCS "SANS PEUR" RE-UNION 1994

Thursday	May 26	-	- Early arrivals settle in
Friday	May 27	- 10:30 - 13:30	- Registration.
		- 12:00	- Cold plate lunch.
		- Afternoon	- Free time for renewing acquaintances and sight seeing.
		- 19:00 - 22:00	- Get together Wine and Cheese party.
Saturday	May 28	- 10:30 - 12:00	- Registration .
		- 13:00 - 14:00	- Business meeting "next re-union" where, when etc. Election, etc.
		- 14:30 - 17:00	- Tour W.D. Museum
		- 18:30 - 01:00	- Re-union banquet/dance with cash bar.
Sunday	May 29	- 8:30 - 12:00	- Farewell brunch.

## Now!

it's WAKELY!  
WAKELY!  
WAKELY! time.

Before we can proceed further with this undertaking we would request you indicate your interest in this reunion by filling in the enclosed form and return it to me in the self addressed envelope.

If you have anything you would like to add to the proposed activities planned, please let me know and we will consider it. There will be many leisure activities to round out the "get together" including shopping sprees, sight seeing at the university, Diefenbaker Dam, Wanuskewin Heritage Park, Capital city of Regina or leisure strolls on walking paths in the Meewasin Valley, along the South Saskatchewan river.

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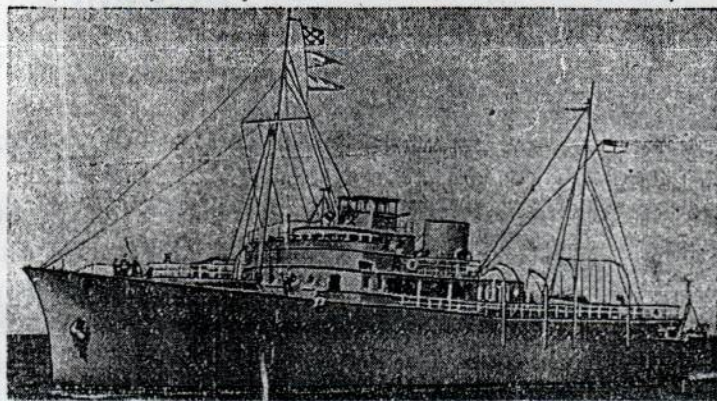
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## FOR SALE

(CROWN ASSETS)

Ex H.M.C.S. "SANS PEUR"  
(Formerly Luxury Yacht of the Duke of Sutherland)



Location: Halifax, N.S.

Appraised Value, \$160,000

Subject to prior sale or withdrawal, War Assets Corporation has available for sale the above illustrated vessel.

### DESCRIPTION

19th overall 210'; Beam 30'3"; Depth to Main Deck 15'; Draft forward 10'11"; Draft aft 13'6"; displacement tonnage 865 tons.

Hull is strongly constructed. Frames are Bulb Angles with Webb Frames every 6th frame, shell plate flush with Butt Straps 3/8" of an inch thick.

Accommodations are very luxurious and consist of large rooms with adjoining baths. A very large and well appointed lounge with fireplace and inlay deck is provided on the Main Deck level. She is fitted with the most up to date Navigation aids. Decks are Teak and the Owner's and Guest's Accommodations throughout are paneled in various fancy hardwoods.

She is a well appointed Yacht in apparently good condition. An extensive refit was completed September 30, 1946. This vessel could be easily adapted for Passenger Service.

### PROPULSION MACHINERY

Twin 2 cycle solid injection direct drive Atlas Polar Diesels developing 870 B.H.P., each at 250 revolutions per minute, maximum speed 15 1/4 knots, fuel consumption at this speed reported to be 70 gals. per hour. Total fuel capacity 28,000 gallons.

### AUXILIARY MACHINERY

2 — 75 Kilowatt Generators driven by 2 Allan Diesel Engines. All other Auxiliaries Electrical driven except the Standby Air Compressor which is Diesel Driven.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Offers to purchase ship are invited subject to the following conditions:

- The Corporation shall have the right to accept or to reject any or all offers in whole or in part.
- If any offer is accepted, sale will be on an "as is where is" basis, without warranty of any kind (except as to the Crown's title), and will be subject to the other usual Sales Conditions of the Corporation.
- On acceptance of offer, purchase price will be payable in full.
- Purchaser will be required to take delivery of ship sold at his own expense within a time limit set by the Corporation.

For additional information and arrangements to inspect, apply to the Ships Sales Division of the Corporation at the address given below or to the Ships Sales representatives at Halifax, N.S.

**WAR ASSETS CORPORATION**

4095 St. Catherine Street West, Montreal 6, Quebec

P.O. Box 6099

Phone: BELair 3771

*This is how the "SANS PEUR" was advertised by Crown Assets in 1947. It was eventually sold for \$90,000.00. Probably less than some of us paid for our family homes. We could have bought it between the crew and moored it at Victoria or Halifax. We could have taken turns cruising with friends and family. At that time we didn't realize we were "SPECIAL" guests on "one of the most luxurious yachts in the world," joining such other notables as The Duke and Duchess of Windsor and Henry Ford.*

*What a class we were in !!!*

It has been over 50 years since the "SANS PEUR" was requisitioned by the Canadian Government for war services and now she is moored by her present Japanese owners in the Hatsukaichi Harbor at Hiroshima Japan. We have been in touch with these owners and will have some exciting pictures of the ship on display at the re-union.

As we all know, this is the first re-union of crew members of this ship and it is hoped it will not be our last. So far we have compiled a list of over 300 names of ex-crew. We do not have addresses for all of them, but we have been able to contact over sixty ex-crew members who have indicated they may be interested in attending. We are continuing to trace names on the list.

The central location of the re-union will be at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, which is a five star hotel in downtown Saskatoon. We have been able to negotiate a room rate of \$65.00 per night for our re-union members, if they wish to take advantage of this central location. All activities with the exception of the tour will take place at this hotel. Tax is extra on this rate. It is not necessary for you to stay at this hotel, as there are many other good accommodations throughout the city. We will be asking everyone to make their own reservations and our next news letter will outline locations and prices of a number of hotels and motels in the Saskatoon area. There are a number of excellent mobile parks in the area.

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**Air Canada**

## NEWS FLASH

### Official Airlines Appointed

Air Canada has been appointed the "*Official Airline*" for the HMCS "SANS PEUR" RE-UNION 1994' in Saskatoon . They have offered the re-union committee " a convention package ", which will include substantial *DISCOUNTS* to us. We have been assigned a convention number which can be used by those who wish to fly AIR CANADA . This number will indicate the *DISCOUNT* to be applied at the time of ticket purchase. In addition, for every forty tickets purchased under this convention number, we will receive one complimentary AIR CANADA TICKET to anywhere in North America. Our plan is to have a draw, supervised by an Air Canada representative for these *FREE TICKETS* for the crew members/family members/guests that had purchased their airfare tickets to attend the re-union.

To take advantage of this guaranteed savings, please call your travel agency or AIR CANADA at 1-800-361-7585 to book your ticket. When purchasing your ticket, ask that your "*EVENT NUMBER*" CV940083 is entered in the "*TOUR CODE*" box and "*REFERENCE CODE*" HMCS in the "*ENDORSEMENT*" box for the airfare purchased.

### Don't Forget

Family and guests are welcome to attend, and we also extend an invitation to any "*W.R.E.N*" members who may have been associated with the "SANS PEUR"

Inorder to finalize the re-union plans it it necessary for **you** to make a commitment to the re-union committee. We therefore ask you to fill out the form enclosed with the news letter and return it to us in the self addressed envelope. ( Sorry, you'll have to supply the stamp). By doing this we will be able to determine the number that will be attending the re-union. The registration fee that we have established is to cover the costs of all of the activities we plan, as outlined on page one of this news letter. This fee **does not** include your hotel accommodations or your travel costs to come to this re-union. Inorder to obtain the best rates from the hotel for our functions, the hotel requires payment in advance. Please fill out the form according to your requirements and send a cheque payable to " HMCS "SANS PEUR" 1994 RE-UNION", that reflects your full or partial registration fee payment.

The committee "*Thanks you*" inadvance for your commitment to making this re-union a success.

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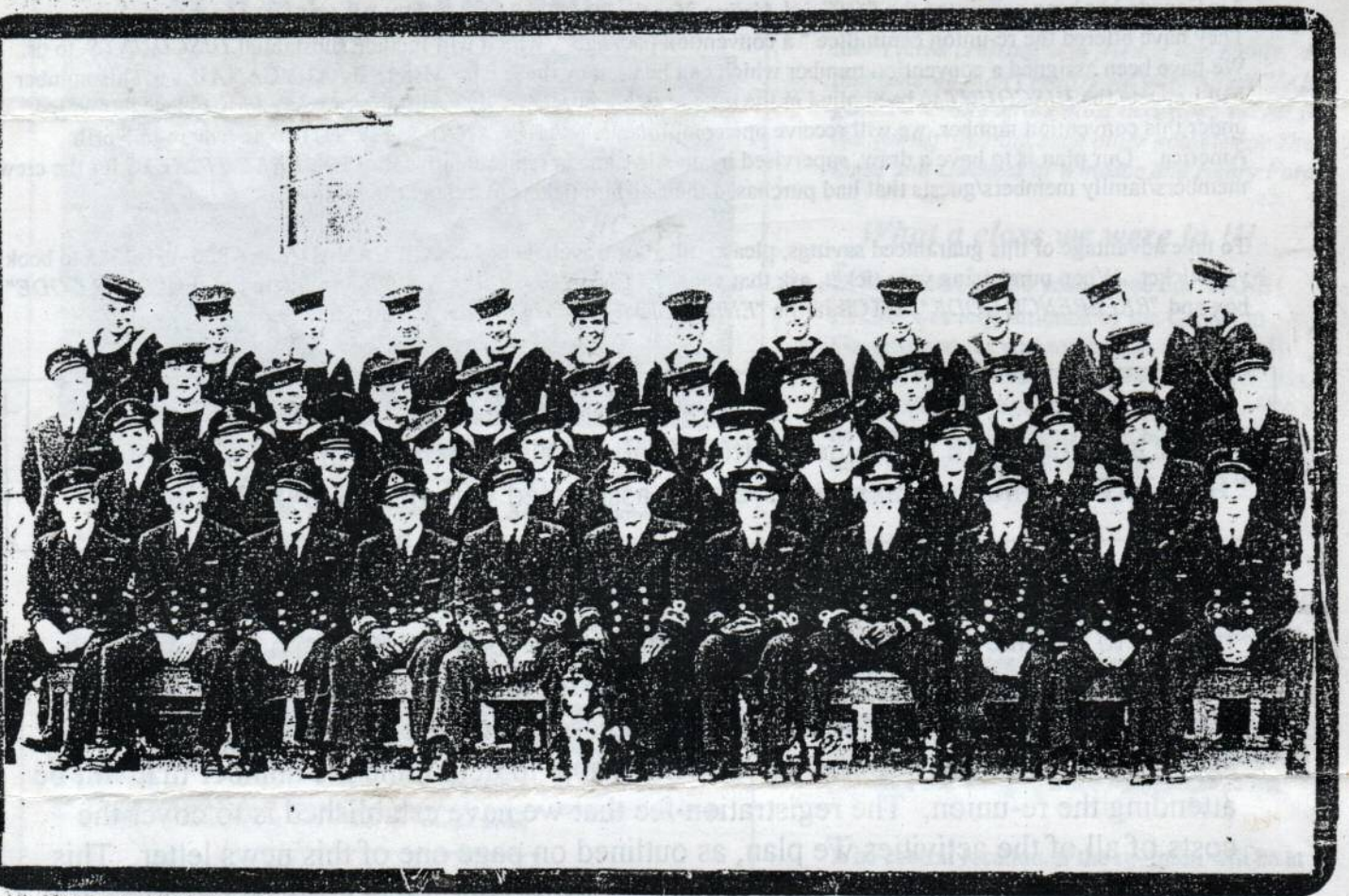
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## H.M.C.S. "SANS PEUR" Crew Picture 1945



FRONT ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT

S. ALLAN, V. COOPER, J. L. LAVOIE, G. H. IRVINE, E. S. MOORE, H. S. MACFARLANE, C.O., J. V. STRICKLAND, W. R. PARKINSON, E. T. KEATLEY, F. WATERS, T. STOC

K. ODEGARD, C. JOLLIFFE, P. WRAY, J. YOUNG, V. BOROSKI, L. CHAPMAN, J. BELL, L. JOHNSON, S. MACDONALD, R. ROSSER, J. BELTON

THIRD ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT

H. BROWN, J. KELLY, J. WEBSTER, N. JACKSON, J. SPRAGUE, T. BATTERS, L. DURHAM, A. DUGDALE, R. WILSON, R. BOYCE, H. BUKER, H. A. ALEXANDER

FOURTH ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT

L. COX, B. NEWMAN, S. HICKS, W. HITCH, D. THOMAS, R. DRINNAN, J. CADDICK, H. CRAIG, S. FEUZ, G. PICCHIONI, B. CAMERON, G. ROONEY

Do you know where they are now?

If you know anyone in this picture, please contact them and remind them about the re-union. We don't want to disappoint anyone by leaving them out.