TORONTO SEA CADET ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
ABOUT US

The TSCAA first got its start in late 2002 when two former petty officers (Garry Thomson and Mike Roger) from the original RCSCC HAIDA (1950's) got together to exchange photos and to share memories. They subsequently learned that several former HAIDA officers had stayed in touch over the years and had held a reunion in 2000. This prompted the idea for a large scale reunion.

Former Haida CO, Saul Glass, provided a nominal roll from Haida for 1953. Armed with this information and with the help of flagging memories, old contacts from military bands and the resources of the internet, we were able to establish contact with more than 100 former officers, sea cadets, wrenettes and sea rangers representing the following: sea cadet corps: TEMERAIRE; VANGUARD (original); VANGUARD; HAIDA (original); ARK ROYAL; ILLUSTRIOUS (original); SCARBOROUGH. NLWC ISOBEL MACNEILL. SRS PRINCESS ROYAL.

A committee was formed and on 5 October 2003, a reunion was held at the old HAIDA barracks on Lakeshore Blvd. West in Toronto. (The building now serves as a Royal Canadian Legion associated with The Queens Own Rifles of Canada.) More than 150 former cadets, spouses and friends attended. A second (smaller) but successful reunion was held at the same location on 3 October 2004. People who attended this reunion decided to form an Alumni Association and a slate of officers was elected.

Starting with Remembrance Day, 11 November 2006, the TSCAA provided a colour guard for the Naval Club of Toronto and has since continually provided colour guards for Battle of Atlantic, D-Day and Warriors Day Ceremonies. In April 2007, the TSCAA entered into a formal affiliation with the Naval Club of Toronto.

TSCAA executive and members attend the annual reviews for the sea cadet corps in the Toronto area. Since 2006, the TSCAA has presented an annual trophy, the "Esprit de Corps" award, to RCSCC VANGUARD. In 2007, an annual award was presented to RCSCC HAIDA and in 2008, an annual award was presented to RCSCC ILLUSTRIOUS.

To keep our membership informed, we publish a twice-yearly newsletter "HI SAILOR". As well, ongoing contact is maintained through e-mail notices and the verbal telegraph. We are establishing a website: www.tscaa.com.

While most of us have been out of cadets for many years, we still feel strong ties with our sea cadet past.. It can be best summed up by the following phrase which has become our motto: "IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES" We hope that it was (and still is) the same for you.