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HMCS SACKVILLE
CO REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2020

Hi Everyone,

SACKVILLE returned to HMC Dockyard on 3 Sep 20. Our summer was rather short and uneventful. We did not have the tourist traffic and did not open the ship to visitors. The best part of the summer was hiring the 6 Interpreters plus having our cadre of Trustee Guides come out to assist. Better summers ahead, I am sure!

September month was spent in preparations for our docking on the 23 Sep 20. The Chief of the Ship, Art Forward, and ship's team did a tremendous job. The first order of business was stepping the mast which went off without a hitch. Many hours were spent in removing ship's stores. We had tremendous support from Fleet manning and could not have completed the work required without the five personnel provided.

Prior to docking, SACKVILLE proceeded to Point Pleasant Park for a Committal of Ashes ceremony. We had eight Ashes and appropriate NOK embarked. It was a beautiful day and the service, led by Padre Cooke, was completed in fine Naval tradition. A fitting send off to our fellow colleagues. Of particular note, we committed the ashes of S/Lt Abbigail Cowbrough and LCdr Jim Reddy. Personnel committed to the sea included:

Telegraphist Kenneth James Gilbert
Naval Cadet Stephen Alan Pederson
PO1 Gary Allen Bass
PO1 (E Tech) William John Krilow
Lt(N) Harry Stanley Suto
Capt(N) Raymond Charles Hunt
S/Lt Abbigail Cowbrough
LCdr James Patrick Reddy

Prior to docking, SACKVILLE had to contend with Post Tropical Storm Teddy. I would like to commend the Chief of the Ship, Art Forward, and his Fleet personnel for their tremendous effort in securing and preparing the ship. We were berthed astern of HMCS GLACE BAY who offered to man SACKVILLE during the night. Their request to Fleet was denied, understandably, but reflects the great respect and concern held by Fleet ships for SACKVILLE. Not to worry as GLACE BAY completed rounds of our lines throughout the night. A huge BZ to Art and the team.



Docking was delayed to the 25 Sept because of the Post Tropical Storm. But what a beautiful day it was! FMF Cape Scott did a tremendous job. The process was flawless. The FMF team were all very professional and courteous. It was such an inspiring day to see SACKVILLE rise from the water. I think everyone present had an AWE moment. Thank you FMF Cape Scott and all those involved. The Chair and I could not wait to walk the deck and see the hull first hand. There were many comments that the hull looked in good shape.

Week one in the Syncrolift was extremely busy. The Chief of the Ship has been designated our Project Manager (PM) and is working closely FMF PM to move the process along. Work has progressed on:


- Hull cleaning,
- Tank cleaning, and
- Blasting of hull coating (where hull is to be cladded).

The coming week will see a continuation of blasting the hull to remove the hull coating and we can then start the important work of cladding.

If you have not, I ask that you check out our Facebook page – HMCS SACKVILLE. We post pics weekly on the ship to give everyone an idea on what we are up to.

For those Trustees in the local area, we do hope to organize a few Friday lunches so we can gather to tell Salty Dips!

On behalf of SACKVILLE crew, Stay safe and Be well!


Garrett Reddy
Commander (ret'd)