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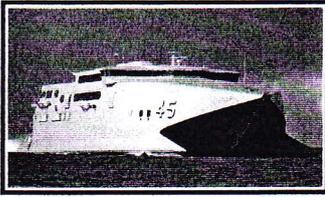
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THE FORMER HMAS JARVIS BAY



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Cover Story

The former HMAS Jarvis Bay is now part of Australian naval history. The Australian designed wave piercing catamaran is on lease to the US Navy as HSV 2 'Swift' and has been assigned to Commander Mine Warfare Command (COMINEWARCOM) Texas. This craft is operated by two rotating crews of forty-two. The first crew is trained and skilled in expeditionary missions, while the second crew is skilled on mine warfare.

Swift is 98m in length, drawing 3.3m and a top speed of 50 knots.

Now this is the way a Navy should run.

AFTER reading this I ask what has changed, our Navy still runs this way

Can I see some sort of priority in the behavior of OLD sailors ??????

Now this is the way a Navy should Run!

This what I call stores management!

The U.S.S. Constitution (Old Ironsides) as a combat vessel carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last six months of sustained operations at sea. She carried no evaporators (i.e. fresh water distillers!).

However, let it be noted that according to her log, "On July 27, 1798, the U.S.S. Constitution sailed from Boston with a full complement of 475 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannon shot, 11,600 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of rum."



Then she headed for the Azores, arriving there 12 November. She provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine.

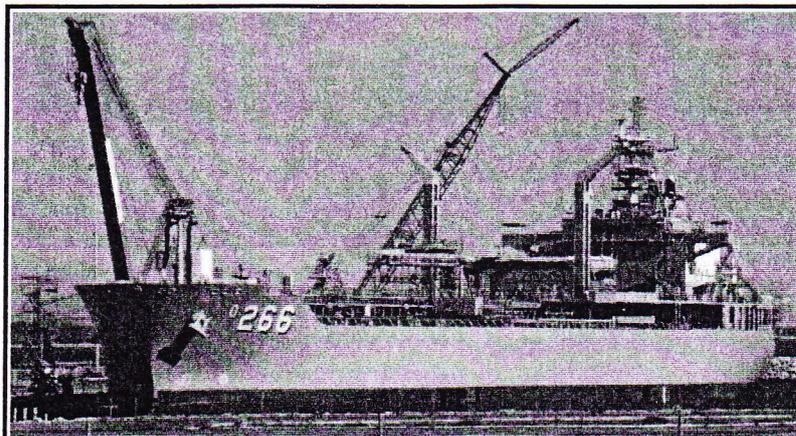
On 18 November, she set sail for England. In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war and captured and scuttled 12 English merchantmen, salvaging only the rum aboard each.

By 26 January, her powder and shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, although unarmed she

Her mission: "To destroy and harass English shipping." Making Jamaica on 6 October, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum.

made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Her landing party captured a whisky distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of single malt Scotch aboard by dawn. Then she headed home.

The U.S.S. Constitution arrived in Boston on 20 February, 1799, with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, no rum, no wine, no whisky and 38,600 gallons of stagnant water.



HMAS SIRIUS

ANNUAL CRUISE & LUNCHEON - MAY 2006



Once again we were blessed with a perfect day for the Annual Cruise & Luncheon. Two hundred and twenty Members and Guests attended. The harbour sparkled, friendships were re-newed and a few cold ones put away as we moved down the harbour to Watson Bay. Once again our thanks to Captain Trevor Haworth AM for supplying the cruiser and also his hard working staff who make the day so enjoyable.

On moving into the Jr Sailors' cafeteria we were rewarded with a splendid set table for the afternoon programme. Our thanks to the new civilian catering staff under the direction of Leonne Clarke. Sadly Leonne has now left, to run the civilian catering at the RAAF Centre, Orchard Hills, NSW.



At first our Members were disappointed that Gen. Peter Cosgrove could not attend as guest speaker due to his involvement with the North Queensland community after Cyclone Katrina. The Committee was able to secure Captain Botterill as a replacement speaker for the afternoon at short notice. What a great dinner key note speaker. He kept everyone's attention as he talked of his adventures at sea during his life time and what he is endeavoring to achieve for the maritime industry.

We also had our first look at our new Padre Ian Porter. Ian made himself known to most of us and fitted into the day's programme with ease. Thank you Ian, we hope you will be available for our future cruises and luncheons.

Most of us were also able to chat with the new XO of HMAS Watson, Cmdr Goedeke RAN. Our thanks to him for making a staff car available to transport Captain Ron Hart and his carer Ms Thorpe to and from the hall at HMAS Watson and supplying a mini bus as extra transport to our own 2 x Mini coaches.

Again we were serenaded by Captain Mike Downes, ably assisted by Mr Siata on his piano accordion.

This year we were accident free with no major incidents. We appreciate that every one was mindful of their Duty to Care on the day.



The raffle fell below expectations and it was won by Captain Francis, who was left to struggle home with his prize. Congratulations Captain. Please remember, as the those who work around the tables to sell ticket do so voluntarily and are forgoing their enjoyment to help fund this special day, so please dig deep ensuring that the Committee does not have to shave corners to meet the budget for the day.

The President and Committee look forward to your return attendance next year.

BRITISH RECOGNITION FOR ARCTIC CONVOYS VETERANS

The British Prime Minister, Tony Blair has announced that service given and the conditions undergone by Arctic Veterans warrant recognition. This award follows a long awaited decision to recognize the thousands of sailors, soldiers and airmen who took part in the Arctic Convoys during WW2.

It appears that 10,000 emblems will be struck but sadly only about 3,000 are still alive.

Eligibility for the emblem is to have served at least one day North of the Arctic Circle and West of the Urals.

Current information is that the emblem is to be of white enamel with a red dot to represent Russia and is to be affixed to the veteran's existing campaign medals - The Atlantic Star or the 1939-45 Star.

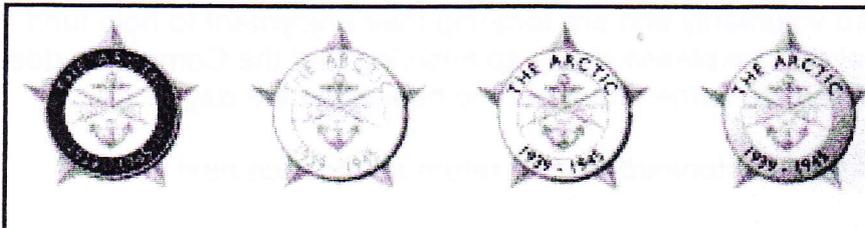
Applications may be obtained from:

Secretary - LOAM
PO Box 2544
Carlingford NSW 2118; or

J R E Sinfield
Head of Defence Service Sec - Honours and Ceremonial
Ministry of Defence
8th Floor, Zone J, Main Building
Horse Guards Avenue
Whitehall
LONDON SW1A 2HB
UK

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Arctic Sea Convoy



Some of the designs submitted



Arctic Convoys Club
Commemorative Medal

HM Armed Forces Veterans Badge



Currently the HM Armed Forces Veterans Badge can be issued to:

Men and Women who served in HM Armed Forces up to and including **31 December 1959**.

It may also be issued to Polish Forces under UK command, Cyprus Regiment and Home Guard.

The badge may be issued posthumously to either War Widows or Widowers receiving a War Widows or Widowers pension from Veterans Agency. The deceased must have served prior to **31 December 1959**.

Applications are available from:

**Secretary - LOAM
PO Box 2544
Carlingford NSW 2118, or**

**Veterans Agency
Norcross, Thornton Cleveleys
Lanc, FY 3WP**

Further information is available at www.veteransagency.mod.uk or telephone overseas (00) 44 1 253 866043.

CONGRATULATIONS

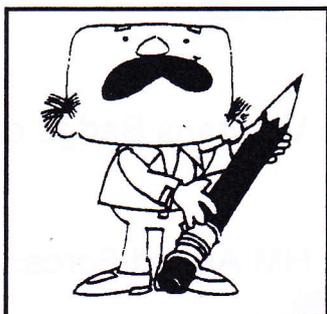
Our congratulations go to:

Capt. Pieter C Cordia OAM, and

Lt Cmdr Hugh G Gethin-Jones OAM RAN Rtd.

Both of these Members have been awarded The Order of Australia Medal (OAM)





Notes From The Secretary

The proposed Constitution and Rules was successfully passed at the Annual General Meeting March 2006 and they now replace the old set of Rules which governed our League for 106 years. The Council feels that this new Constitution and Rules will service the League well into the 21st century. Members may acquire a copy if they so wish by forwarding an extra \$5.00 when you pay your annual subscription at the beginning of 2007, to defray the cost of production, postage and handling.

Members may note the new format of a LOAM Contact Report to advise the payment of dues, donations, personal particulars, the issue of tickets for the Annual Cruise and Luncheon and advise when your dues are late. This programme was purchased after the AGM 2006 to keep track of membership details and offer a receipt for any payments made. If you find there is a mistake in any of the details I would be pleased if you could amend your report and return it to me. It is important that we have all your current details, some of which has been lost or incorrectly recorded, for audit and taxation reasons.

Those Members who wish to attend the Annual Cruise and Luncheon are reminded that you should notify the Secretary by April 25. This cut off date is required by the Civilian Contractor at HMAS Watson so that hired items, which is most items these days and food may be ordered in time and a list of attendees are passed to the Base to cover the security arrangements.

The venue at HMAS Watson can only hold 220 comfortably and it is a case of first come, first served. Refunds after April 25 will only be made by approval of the Council.

One of our Members has produced a book called "Windjammers-The Final Story". It is story about the last of the wind driven ships from the final generation of sailing ship sailors. Information on this book may be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

REMEMBER

**BOOK and pay early for your ticket for the Cruise & Luncheon - 2007
Member Tkts \$70.00 - Guest Tkts \$100.00**

New Members Please Note:

It would please the President and Secretary, if you attend the 2007 Harbour Cruise & Luncheon, to introduce yourself to them during the course of the day. This helps to put a name to a face.

RESIGNATIONS



Mr. S LEES
Mr. P BEARMAN
Capt. SH DAMP

CROSS THE BAR

Capt. JR ARTHURSON
Maj Gen. A MURCHISON AO
Capt. M O'SULLIVAN
Mr. HB FRENCH AM

