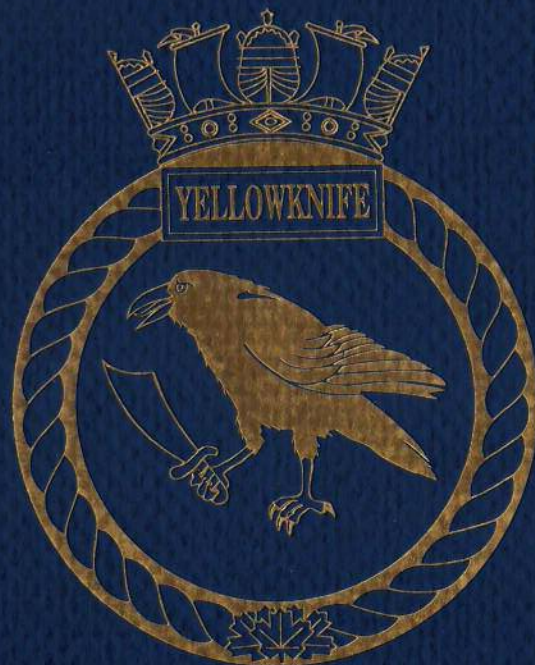




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- Description: Agent a raven Sable grasping in the dexter talon a miner's powder knife Or.
- Significance: Ravens are familiar ornithological residents of Yellowknife, while the miner's powder knife in the raven's right talon symbolizes gold mining, one of the major industries in the area, as well as the ship's defensive capabilities.
- Colours: Yellow and black.
- Motto: I endeavour in difficulties.



The commissioning of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship YELLOWKNIFE is a further demonstration of the significance with which the Federal government views the role of the navy in shaping Canada's future. This important occasion for Canada's Pacific Fleet and the Naval Reserve, verifies and strengthens the commitment our country has made to preserving peace and protecting the Canadian way of life. In addition to the contribution HMCS YELLOWKNIFE will make to national security, Canada will benefit significantly from her presence throughout the Pacific Rim.

HMCS YELLOWKNIFE, the proud result of Canadian ingenuity, technology and industry, will meet Canada's needs as we enter the twenty-first century and enable us to respond to the increasing demands and expectations of our community. The addition of HMCS YELLOWKNIFE and her sister ships greatly enhances the government's ability to deal with the challenges of the future while providing a state-of-the-art vessel for our Navy.

I am confident that HMCS YELLOWKNIFE will bring pride to her namesake city while providing Canada with a period of distinguished naval service. To the Commanding Officer and Ship's Company, I extend best wishes for a successful commission and continued dedicated service to our great country.



The Honourable Arthur C. Eggleton, P.C., M.P.
Minister of National Defence

Le ministre de la Défense nationale
L'honorable Arthur C. Eggleton, C.P., député

La mise en service du Navire Canadien de Sa Majesté YELLOWKNIFE se veut une autre manifestation de l'importance accordée par le gouvernement au rôle de la marine dans l'évolution de notre pays. Cette occasion mémorable pour la flotte canadienne du Pacifique et la Réserve navale vient confirmer et raffermir l'engagement que le Canada a pris envers le maintien de la paix et la protection de notre mode de vie canadien. Outre qu'elle contribuera à la sécurité nationale, la présence du NCSM YELLOWKNIFE dans le Pacifique profitera énormément au Canada.

Le NCSM YELLOWKNIFE, fruit remarquable du travail, de la technologie et de l'ingéniosité des Canadiens, répondra aux besoins du Canada au moment où nous apprêtons à entrer dans le prochain millénaire, et il nous permettra de satisfaire aux exigences et aux attentes croissantes de notre collectivité. Grâce au NCSM YELLOWKNIFE et à ses navires frères, le gouvernement sera beaucoup mieux en mesure de relever les défis à venir tout en offrant à notre marine un bâtiment à la fine pointe de la technologie.

Je suis persuadé que le NCSM YELLOWKNIFE servira avec honneur le Canada pendant de nombreuses années tout en faisant l'orgueil de la ville dont il porte le nom. Au commandant et aux membres d'équipage du YELLOWKNIFE, je présente mes meilleurs de succès alors que vous vous préparez à servir notre grand pays avec honneur et dévouement.

The commissioning of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship YELLOWKNIFE marks another important occasion for the Canadian Forces. Canada's Navy is essential in maintaining our national sovereignty. The Maritime Coastal Defence Vessels ensure that the Navy can meet our domestic commitments while freeing up other vessels of the fleet for our commitments abroad. This class of vessel, a superb example of Canadian naval design and construction expertise, greatly enhances the navy's ability to meet government objectives.

HMCS YELLOWKNIFE's Ship's Company has the honour and responsibility of ensuring that the high expectations placed upon this class of warship are fulfilled. Although this important undertaking will demand much of your time, dedication and energy, you will undoubtedly remember it as one of the most rewarding periods in your career.

I welcome HMCS YELLOWKNIFE into Canada's military family and offer my congratulations to all those people who have worked to make her commissioning a reality. To HMCS YELLOWKNIFE, as she embarks on her service to Canada, I bid "Fair winds and following seas".



M. Baril, General
Chief of the Defence Staff

Le Chef d'état-major de la défense
Général M. Baril

La mise en service du Navire Canadien de Sa Majesté YELLOWKNIFE représente un autre événement marquant pour les Forces canadiennes. Le Canada ne peut se passer de la contribution de la marine s'il veut maintenir sa souveraineté. Les navires de défense côtière permettent à la marine de respecter ses engagements au pays et à d'autres navires de la flotte d'être disponibles pour les missions à l'étranger. Ce magnifique bâtiment, qui est le fruit de l'ingéniosité et du savoir-faire de l'industrie navale canadienne, accroîtra grandement la capacité de la marine à s'acquitter du mandat que le gouvernement lui a confié.

C'est sur l'équipage du NCSM YELLOWKNIFE que reposent l'honneur et la responsabilité de voir à ce que le navire réponde aux grands espoirs qu'on a mis dans cette classe de bâtiments. Une tâche colossale vous attend. Elle exigera beaucoup de temps, d'énergie et de dévouement, mais vous vous en souviendrez assurément comme l'une des périodes les plus enrichissantes de votre carrière.

Je suis heureux d'accueillir le NCSM YELLOWKNIFE au sein de la grande famille des Forces canadiennes et je désire féliciter tous ceux qui, par leur travail, ont permis cette mise en service. Au moment où le NCSM YELLOWKNIFE entame sa carrière au service du Canada, je lui souhaite "bon vent et une mer clémentine".

As the Chief of the Maritime Staff, it is a pleasure to welcome Her Majesty's Canadian Ship YELLOWKNIFE to the Navy.

The Kingston class coastal defence vessels have started a new chapter in the history of the Canadian Navy. With these state-of-the-art ships we have the means to respond to national security taskings. As Canadians, we can be proud of these truly capable vessels, magnificently designed and produced by Canadian industry.

The commissioning of HMCS YELLOWKNIFE also brings a proud and distinguished name to our Fleet. The North is strongly identified with Canada and Yellowknife is likewise strongly identified with the North. Now for the first time we have a ship named after this Arctic city. I am sure that the links now established between HMCS YELLOWKNIFE and her city of name will strengthen this identification. We are proud to have the name YELLOWKNIFE in the Fleet.

To the Commanding Officer and Ship's Company of HMCS YELLOWKNIFE - Godspeed, fair passage and best wishes for a most successful commission.



G.R. Maddison, Vice Admiral
Chief of the Maritime Staff

Le vice-amiral G.R. Maddison
Chef d'état-major de la Marine

Comme Chef d'état-major de la Marine, il me fait grand plaisir d'accueillir le Navire Canadien de Sa Majesté YELLOWKNIFE dans nos forces navales.

Les navires de défense côtière de la classe Kingston marquent un nouveau chapitre dans l'histoire de la marine canadienne. Ces navires à la fine pointe de la technologie nous permettront de remplir nos missions de sécurité nationale et comme Canadiens, nous pouvons tirer fierté de ces magnifiques bâtiments conçus et produits par l'industrie canadienne.

La mise en service du NCSM YELLOWKNIFE marque également pour notre flotte le début d'une association avec une ville remarquable. Le nord est étroitement identifié au Canada et, parallèlement, Yellowknife est le symbole du nord canadien. Nous avons maintenant notre premier bâtiment nommé en hommage à cette ville de l'Arctique. Je suis persuadé que les liens établis entre le NCSM YELLOWKNIFE et la ville dont elle porte le nom ne feront qu'accentuer cette identification. Nous sommes fiers de perpétuer le nom de Yellowknife dans la flotte.

Au commandant et à l'équipage du NCSM YELLOWKNIFE, je vous souhaite bonne chance, bonne mer et tous mes vœux de succès.

The commissioning of HMCS YELLOWKNIFE is a proud occasion for Maritime Forces Pacific. We are looking to her joining her sisters in their important mission of exercising control over Canada's ocean approaches and extensive coastline.

This commissioning also marks the first time that a Canadian Naval ship has taken the name of the City of Yellowknife. The name YELLOWKNIFE is synonymous with our great North and, as a proud ambassador, she will continue this affiliation, as well as with her city, throughout her commission.

To the Commanding Officer and ship's company, I offer my congratulations on this occasion and best wishes in meeting the many challenges ahead.



R.D. Moore
Rear Admiral
Commander
Maritime Forces Pacific

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'R.D. Moore'.

Le contre-amiral R.D. Moore
Commandant
Forces maritimes du Pacifique

La mise en service du NCSM YELLOWKNIFE est un moment mémorable dans les Forces maritimes du Pacifique. Nous sommes fiers qu'il se joigne à nos autres bâtiments pour remplir l'importante mission de patrouiller les eaux limitrophes et le long littoral du Canada.

Cette mise en service marque également le lancement du tout premier navire de la marine canadienne à être nommé en hommage à la ville de Yellowknife, symbole de notre magnifique Nord canadien. Le NCSM YELLOWKNIFE se fera un digne ambassadeur du Nord canadien et de Yellowknife durant toute sa période de service.

Au commandant et à l'équipage du YELLOWKNIFE, je vous présente mes félicitation et mes vœux de succès alors que vous vous apprêtez à relever les nombreux défis qui vous attendent.

As the Commander of the Canadian Fleet Pacific, it gives me great pleasure to welcome Her Majesty's Canadian Ship YELLOWKNIFE to the West Coast Fleet.

The acquisition of the Maritime Coastal Defence Vessels provides the Fleet with an enhanced capability and the ability to further develop our effectiveness at sea and in coastal areas. The challenges that await HMCS YELLOWKNIFE and the functions she will fulfil will be many.

The commissioning of HMCS YELLOWKNIFE serves as a formal commitment between the Fleet and the citizens of Yellowknife and the Northwest Territories. Your ship will represent you proudly as she serves the Fleet.

As the Senior Naval Representative who presided at your ship's keel laying and launching I bid you the Commanding Officer and crew of HMCS YELLOWKNIFE - Welcome to the Pacific Fleet and may you serve with distinction throughout your commission.



R.D. Buck
Commodore
Commander, Canadian Fleet Pacific

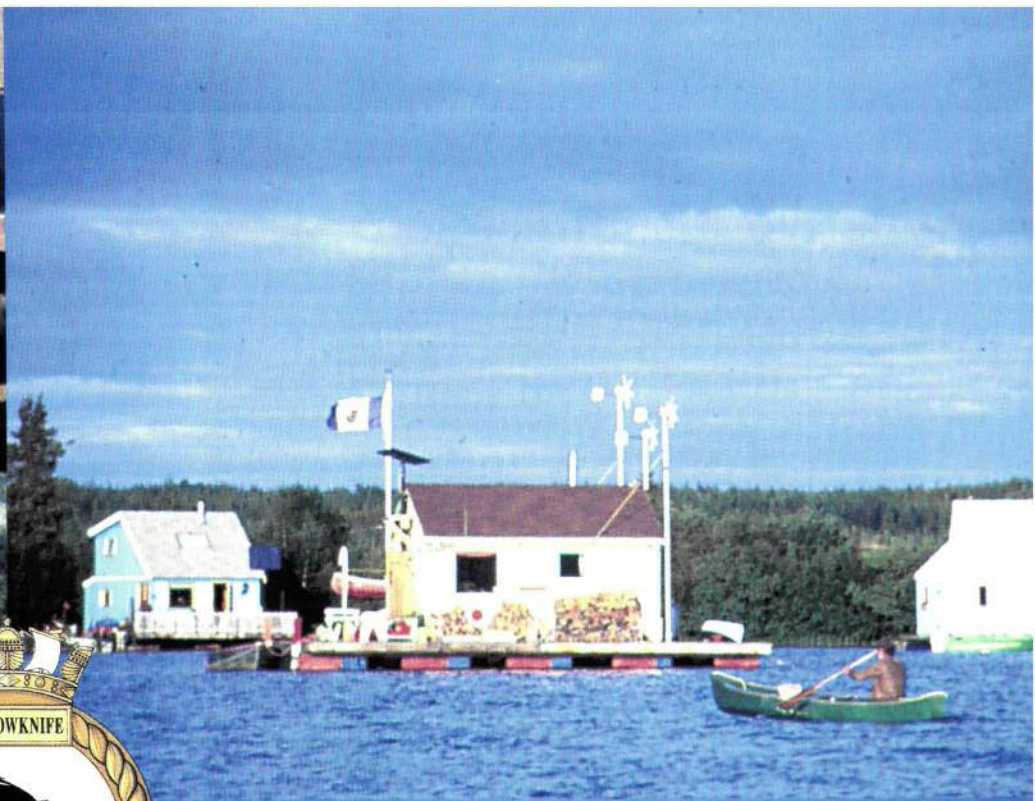
R.D. Buck
Commodore
Commandant, Flotte Canadienne du Pacifique

En tant que commandant de la Flotte Canadienne du Pacifique, j'ai le grand honneur d'accueillir le Navire Canadien de Sa Majesté YELLOWKNIFE au sein de la Flotte de la côte Ouest

L'acquisition de ce navire de défense côtière permet à la Flotte d'accroître sa capacité opérationnelle ainsi que son efficacité en mer et dans les zones côtières. Les défis qui attendent le NCSM YELLOWKNIFE et les missions qu'il sera appelé à remplir sont nombreux.

La mise en service du NCSM YELLOWKNIFE fait office d'engagement officiel entre la Flotte et les citoyens de Yellowknife comme de tous les Territoires du Nord-Ouest. Soyez assurés que votre navire vous représentera fièrement pendant son service au sein de la Flotte.

En tant que représentant supérieur de la Marine et président de la cérémonie de mise sur cale et de lancement, je souhaite au commandant et à l'équipage du NCSM YELLOWKNIFE la plus cordiale des bienvenues au sein de la Flotte canadienne du Pacifique. Puisse votre navire vous faire honneur pendant toutes vos années de service.



The commissioning of HMCS YELLOWKNIFE is an important and emotional event that provides tangible and public evidence of the rebirth and revitalization of Canada's Naval Reserve.

Tasked to provide trained crews for the twelve MCDVs, Canada's 4,000 strong Naval Reserve also provides trained personnel for Harbour Defence duties, Naval Control of Shipping activities and Diving Inspection teams. While these latter three tasks may not enjoy quite the same high profile as the manning of the MCDVs, they are receiving, and in many instances have already received, the modern equipment they need to fulfill these particular tasks.

It is appropriate that the MCDVs are named after Canadian communities for it is from these communities that the young men and women come to serve in our Maritime Forces. If all Canadians had the opportunity as I have had to meet the men and women from across Canada who comprise Canada's Naval Reserve, I know they would share my tremendous pride in these individuals whom I have the privilege to command.

I extend my appreciation to all those who have made today possible and to the crew of HMCS YELLOWKNIFE, both present and future, I extend the age-old Navy wish of, "Fair Winds and Following Seas".



R.A. Zuliani,
Commodore
Commander, Naval Reserve

R.A. Zuliani
Commodore
Commandant de la Réserve navale

Événement à la fois important et émouvant, la mise en service du NCSM YELLOWKNIFE constitue un signe public et concret de la renaissance et de la revitalisation de la Réserve navale du Canada.

Chargée de fournir des équipages entraînés pour les douze NDC, la Réserve navale du Canada, forte de 4000 membres, affecte également des militaires entraînés aux tâches de défense côtière, aux activités de contrôle naval de la navigation maritime et aux équipes d'inspection sous-marine. Ces trois domaines d'activité ne reçoivent peut-être pas la même publicité que la dotation en personnel des NDC, mais dans bien des cas, nous avons déjà reçu l'équipement moderne indispensable à l'accomplissement de ces tâches particulières et les arrivages de matériel se poursuivent.

Il est tout à fait approprié que les noms des NDC s'inspirent des communautés canadiennes puisque c'est de ces communautés que viennent les jeunes hommes et jeunes femmes qui servent dans nos Forces maritimes. Si tous les Canadiens avaient, comme moi, la chance de rencontrer les hommes et les femmes venant de tous les coins du pays qui forment la Réserve navale du Canada, ils partageraient l'immense fierté que j'éprouve à l'égard de ces personnes que j'ai le privilège de commander.

Je tiens à remercier tous ceux qui ont contribué à faire de nous ce que nous sommes aujourd'hui. Aux membres de l'équipage du NCSM YELLOWKNIFE, tant présents qu'à venir, je souhaite «des vents favorables et une mer calme».

SNC- Lavalin Group Inc.



Anthony Rustin
Chairman
Fenco McLaren Inc.



Jacques Lamarre
President and CEO
SNC-Lavalin Group Inc.

The commissioning of HMCS YELLOWKNIFE, the fourth ship of the KINGSTON class on the Pacific Coast, marks yet another milestone in the history of the Maritime Coastal Defence Vessel Project (MCDV).

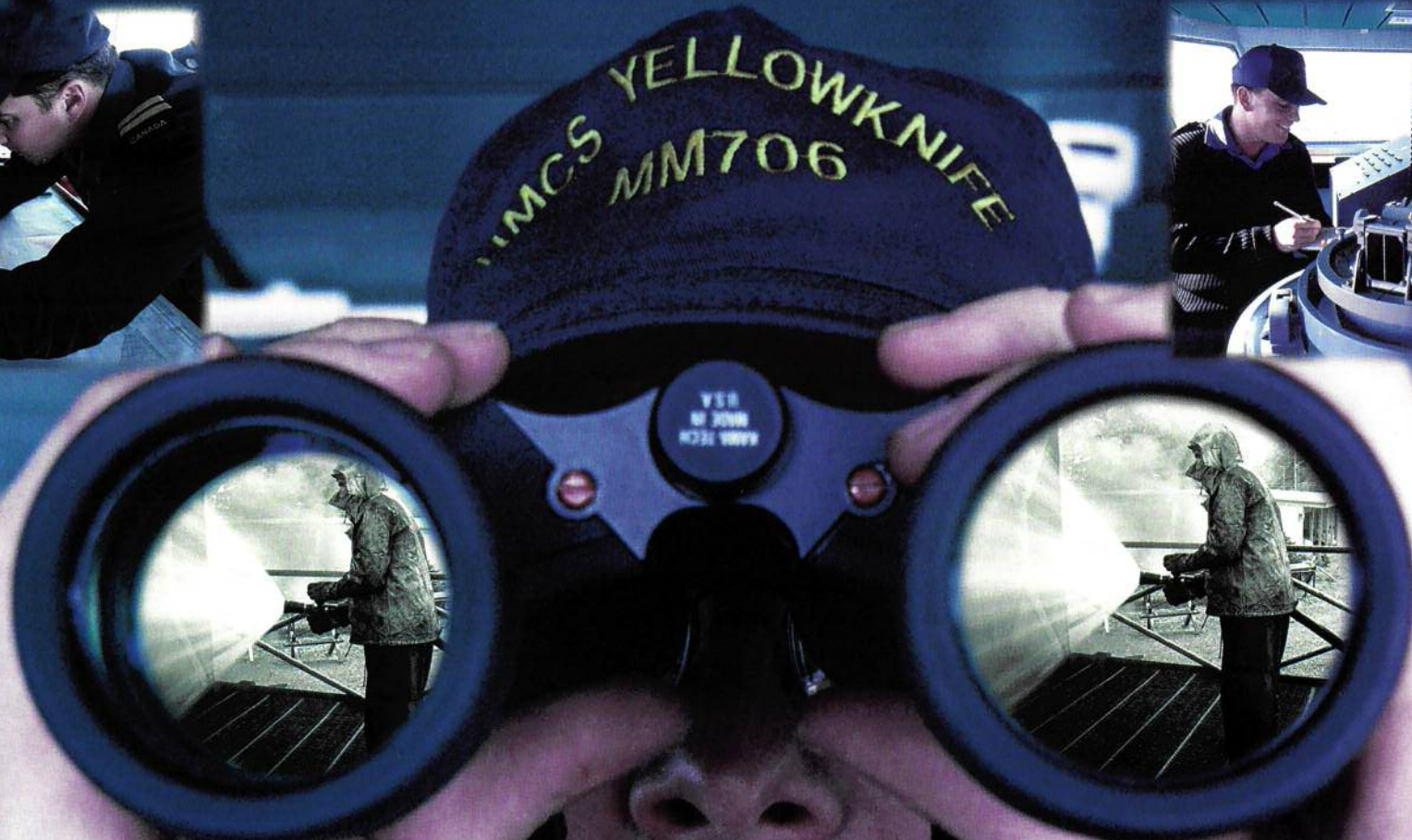
We at SNC-Lavalin are proud that the MCDV Project has achieved success because of our ability to provide, through our subsidiary Fenco MacLaren Inc., the resources and extensive experience in project management needed to execute such a large and complex project in the marine sector. Fenco MacLaren, as the prime contractor, has total system responsibility and, by leading a strong team of companies from across Canada, is meeting the design, construction and contractual requirements of the project with a high level of competence and professionalism.

Fenco MacLaren is managing this ambitious project by focusing on the requirements and meeting the delivery schedule and cost constraints. These management characteristics have been crucial to the success of the MCDV Project to date and the objective is to continue the trend with each follow-up ship.

The Commissioning of HMCS YELLOWKNIFE, is another step for the Canadian Naval Reserve in establishing an effective Canadian coastal defence capability. The MCDVs will be used primarily by the Naval Reserve to train and conduct coastal patrol, surveillance and mine countermeasure missions.

It is an honour, on behalf of SNC-Lavalin, Fenco MacLaren Inc., and team members, Halifax Shipyard Ltd., MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Ltd, Thomson-CSF Systems Canada and Eduplus Management Group Inc., to have the privilege of marking this milestone in the history of the Naval reserve and the Maritime Coastal Defence Vessel Project. We wish the Captain of HMCS YELLOWKNIFE, and the officers and crew who will sail in this ship, success as they take up the challenges of upholding the honour of the city for which the vessel is named.





It is a great honour, as the proud sponsor of the HMCS YELLOWKNIFE, to have the opportunity at the commissioning ceremony, to express my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for the future, to the Captain and crew.

The commissioning of the HMCS YELLOWKNIFE represents to Canadians and the world at large, the friendship and northern frontier spirit of the people of Yellowknife, as well as the expertise and adaptability of the Canadian Navy and the shipbuilding industry in Canada.

For those of you who serve on the HMCS YELLOWKNIFE, be proud of your ship and she will serve you well, now and in the future, as you perform your duties and serve your country. I look forward to hearing about your interesting voyages and accomplishments.

“God bless Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship YELLOWKNIFE and all who sail in her.”



Pat McMahon
Sponsor, HMCS YELLOWKNIFE

La marraine du NCSM YELLOWKNIFE
Pat McMahon

A titre de parrain du NCSM YELLOWKNIFE, je suis enchanté de l’occasion qui m’est donnée de participer à cette cérémonie de mise en service et de pouvoir ainsi présenter mes plus sincères félicitations et mes meilleurs vœux de succès au capitaine et à son équipage.

La mise en service du NCSM YELLOWKNIFE symbolise, pour les Canadiens et le monde entier, l’esprit chaleureux des gens de Yellowknife, de même que le savoir-faire et la capacité d’adaptation de la Marine canadienne et de l’industrie de la construction navale du Canada.

Membres de l’équipage du NCSM YELLOWKNIFE, soyez fiers de votre navire. Il saura bien vous servir dans l’exécution de vos missions au service de votre pays. Je suis impatient d’entendre parler de vos voyages et de vos réalisations, qui seront, certes, des plus intéressants.

«Vive le Navire canadien de Sa Majesté YELLOWKNIFE et tous ceux qui naviguent à son bord!»

I am most honoured to be appointed the Commanding Officer of HMCS YELLOWKNIFE; the first naval ship to be named after the city of Yellowknife. Already, the strong interest, support and enthusiasm generated by the city, has become a source of pride, and a profound morale boost for my ships company. My sincere wish is that this close liaison between the city and ship, catalysed by the commissioning, will continue unabated.

Over the next several decades, HMCS YELLOWKNIFE will carry out numerous routine missions. These will include sovereignty patrols, assistance to civil authorities, training and search and rescue. If tasked, she must also be prepared to undertake assignments ranging from mine counter-measures to humanitarian relief.

HMCS YELLOWKNIFE is the end result of the skill, knowledge and dedication of thousands of workers from across Canada. The unique payload modularity of this class of ship ensures the flexibility necessary to meet her many diverse challenges.

We have been given the right tool. Now it is up to us, the present and future ships companies to wield it proficiently. We have a proud heritage. Like those professional and citizen sailors before us, we are a diverse group, drawn from Naval Reserve Divisions and home ports across Canada. Over the last year, we have forged a dynamic, dedicated, and proficient team; fully capable of making the best use of this magnificent ship, HMCS YELLOWKNIFE.

Yes, we are up to the challenge.



D. W. Bancroft, OMM CD
Lieutenant-Commander
Commanding Officer

Captaine de corvette
Commandant
D.W. Bancroft, OMM CD

Je suis très honoré d'être nommé au poste de commandant du NCSM YELLOWKNIFE, le premier navire de guerre éponyme de la ville de Yellowknife. Déjà, le vif intérêt, l'appui et l'enthousiasme suscités par la ville sont devenus une source de fierté et un véritable stimulant pour le moral des membres de mon équipage. Je souhaite sincèrement que les liens étroits qui unissent la ville et le navire, catalysés par sa mise en service, demeurent inchangés.

Au cours des prochaines décennies, le NCSM YELLOWKNIFE effectuera de nombreuses missions courantes, dont des patrouilles d'affirmation de la souveraineté, des opérations d'aide à l'autorité civile, de l'entraînement et des opérations de recherche et de sauvetage. Sur demande, il devra également être prêt à exécuter des tâches aussi diverses que la lutte contre les mines, les secours humanitaires, etc.

Le NCSM YELLOWKNIFE est l'aboutissement des compétences, des connaissances et du dévouement de milliers de travailleurs de partout au Canada. L'assemblage unique de la charge utile de cette classe de navires leur procure la souplesse dont ils ont besoin pour relever les multiples défis qui s'offrent à eux.

Nous avons reçu le bon instrument. C'est maintenant à nous, membres d'équipage actuels et futurs de ce navire de le manoeuvrer avec compétence. Nous tenons un fier héritage. Comme tous les matelots qui nous ont précédés, qu'ils soient professionnels ou amateurs, nous formons un groupe diversifié, dont les membres viennent des divisions de la Réserve navale et de différents ports d'attache canadiens. Au cours de la dernière année, nous avons mis sur pied une équipe dynamique, dévouée et compétente, parfaitement capable de tirer le meilleur parti de ce magnifique navire qu'est le NCSM YELLOWKNIFE.

Oui, nous allons relever le défi.



HMCS Yellowknife Commissioning Crew

Commanding Officer Lieutenant Commander D.W. Bancroft, OMM,CD

Executive Officer Lieutenant Commander G.L. Bannister, CD

Coxswain Petty Officer 1st Class P.T. MacLaughlin, CD

SHIP'S OFFICERS

Navigating Officer Lieutenant (N) J.K. Wilson

Operations Officer Lieutenant (N) R.K MacLeod, CD

Deck Officer Lieutenant (N) C.M.A. Hough

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

Senior NCIOF Petty Officer 2nd Class C.D. Walkinshaw
Leading Seaman K.L. Kenny
Leading Seaman C.B. Moncrief

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Chief Engineer Petty Officer 1st Class M.L. Hockey
Electrician Petty Officer 2nd Class R.P. Warren, CD
Petty Officer 2nd Class S.C. Perry
Master Seaman R.A. Benning
Master Seaman P.N. Kenny
Master Seaman J.L.P. Samson
Leading Seaman J.J. Price
Leading Seaman S.A.W. Saeed
Leading Seaman D.K. Van Egmond

Chief Boatswains Mate **DECK DEPARTMENT**
Master Seaman D.J.T. Warren
Master Seaman R.C. Semenzow
Leading Seaman J.A.L. Beaudet
Leading Seaman C.L. Carrier
Leading Seaman D. Earle
Leading Seaman A.J. Hennigar
Leading Seaman J.B. Reed
Leading Seaman M.C. Wolff

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Yeoman Master Seaman M.V. Dufour
Leading Seaman C.M. Thomas

Chief Cook **LOGISTICS DEPARTMENT**
Petty Officer 2nd Class P.A. Duttie
Leading Seaman D.J. Brewin
Leading Seaman A.K. Mellis

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Lieutenant (N) J.A.A. Gilbert
Petty Officer 1st Class A. R. Toombs
Petty Officer 1st Class C. D. Price
Petty Officer 1st Class R.A. Polvi
Leading Seaman M.J. Hebert
Leading Seaman F.J. Szabo
Leading Seaman G.E. Fernandes
Leading Seaman S.L. Nash
Able Seaman M.G.N. Coursol
Able Seaman B.E. Dorward

The Maritime Coastal Defence Vessel

H MCS YELLOWKNIFE, seventh of the Kingston Class Maritime Coastal Defence Vessels (MCDV), is designed to provide Canada's Naval Reserve with new more capable vessels to fulfill its expanding role within Maritime Command. The ship incorporates a sophisticated engineering system with a versatile ability to conduct wide ranging types of operations and a superior standard habitability.

The ship is powered by four diesel alternators each providing 600V, 715 kW power to two electric

motors driving Z-drive 360 degree azimuth thrusters. This system allows for economical fuel efficiency while allowing the ship an exceptional standard of maneuverability at low and high speeds. For damage



control, YELLOWKNIFE is fitted with an Integrated Fire and Damage Control Monitoring System. Heat, smoke, water level and temperature sensors are fitted throughout the ship and connected to the system in the Machinery Control Room (MCR) and to a repeater on the bridge. The system provides an automatic instantaneous detection capability for an

accurate assessment of location and type of emergency as well as automatically shutting fire doors and stopping ventilation to control the progression of smoke throughout the ship. Combined with the fitted fire suppression systems, this allows for the





rapid assessment and containment of any emergency giving the ship's company time to react and combat the problem.

Built to commercial standards, the ship is extremely livable.

YELLOWKNIFE provides facilities for a mixed gender crew of up to thirty seven individuals quartered in cabins of no more than three people.

A large modern well equipped galley and large messing facilities provide for the culinary needs of all onboard. Refrigerated storerooms provide adequate storage to allow the ship to spend a maximum of eighteen days at sea before replenishment becomes necessary.

The MCDV is the hallmark of versatility. Equipped with Electronic Chart and Precision Integrated Navigation System, including the differential global positioning system(DGPS) for precise



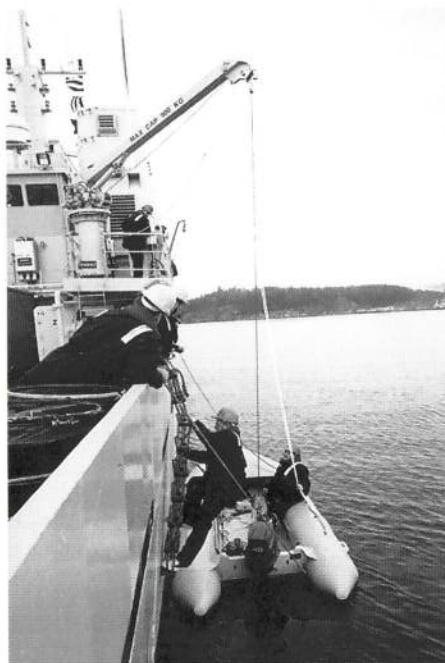
positioning, YELLOWKNIFE has the ability to operate in four configurations, utilizing three payload packages. The four configurations are Mine countermeasures, Bottom Object Inspection, Route survey and Coastal surveillance. All MCDV's will be able to operate in the coastal surveillance configuration at any given time.

The remaining three configurations involve embarking one of the three payload packages to perform a specific mission. Each payload, fitted in

a standard twenty foot cargo container, can be loaded in under twenty- four hours and is designed to give Canada a previously lost capability to engage in mine countermeasure operations.



Each MCDV will be fitted with the ability to embark all of these payloads while they will not necessarily be equipped with a particular payload at any given time.



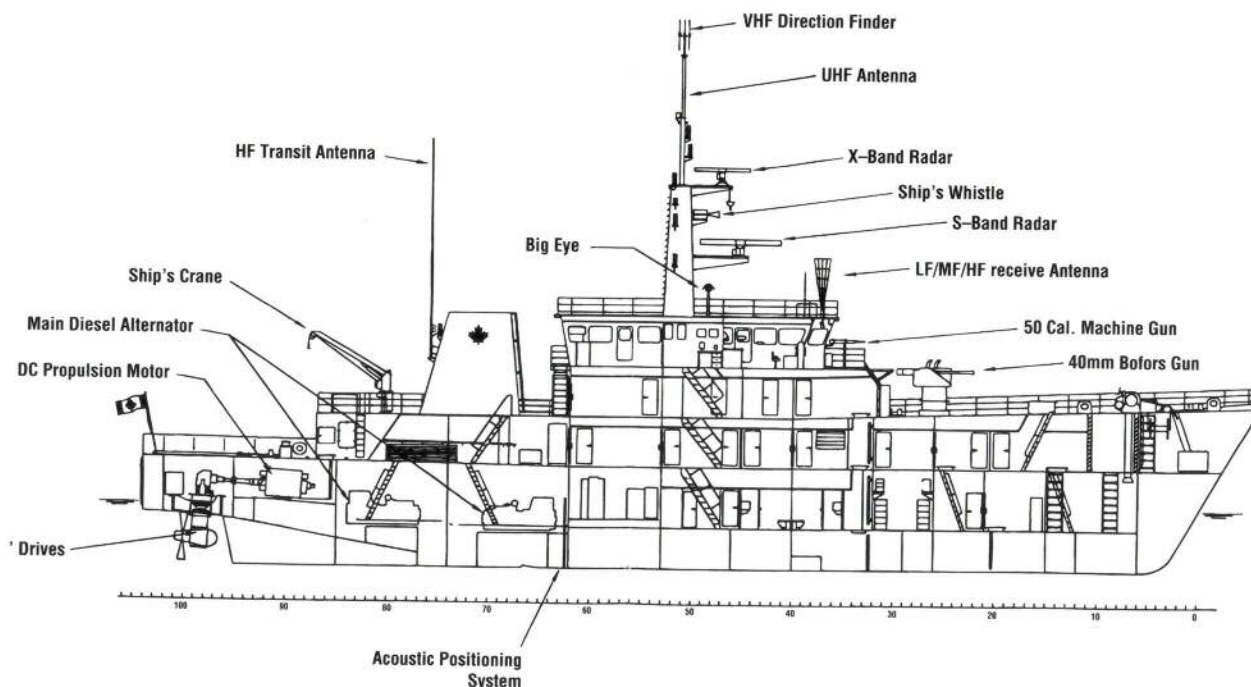
FEATURES OF HMCS YELLOWKNIFE AND THE MARITIME COASTAL DEFENCE VESSELS

HMCS YELLOWKNIFE – Built in Halifax by Halifax Shipyards Ltd

Keel Laid 7 November 1996;

Named 5 June 1997;

Commissioned 18 April 1998



Length, over all	55.31 m	Speed	15 knots (coastal surveillance)
Length, bp	49.00 m		10 knots (mechanical minesweeping)
Breadth, moulded (focsle)	11.30 m	Range	5000 nautical miles (20%fuel reserve)
Depth to main deck (centre)	5.00m	Propulsion	2 x 1150kW DC propulsion motors
Depth to lower deck	2.00 m	Propellers	2 Z-drive, 5 bladed fixed pitch propellers
Draught	3.05 m	Complement	35 officers and ratings
Displacement	934 t	Armament	1 x 40 mm rapid fire gun
			2 x 50 calibre HMGs

The naming of the HMCS YELLOWKNIFE is a great honour for our city.

Yellowknife has a tradition of support for our country's armed services. In 1939 and 1940 our community almost closed down as the young men who constituted the majority of the population enlisted to serve our country. In 1945 the Yellowknife district came to life again as returning servicemen came North. The men and women who arrived after the war laid the foundation for our present city. To this day Yellowknife cadets mount a vigil at the Cenotaph throughout the night of November 10th/11th, to honour those who served in our armed forces.

The citizens of Yellowknife take this opportunity to express our pride in our namesake ship and the men and women who serve on her.

God speed.



David Lovell
Mayor
City of Yellowknife

David Lovell
Maire
Ville de Yellowknife

Le baptême du NCSM YELLOWKNIFE est un grand honneur pour notre ville.

Yellowknife a depuis toujours accorder son soutien aux forces armées de notre pays. En 1939 et 1940, notre communauté a presque cessé ses activités lorsque tous les jeunes hommes qui constituaient la majorité de la population se sont enrôlés pour servir notre pays. En 1945, le district de Yellowknife a repris vie avec le retour des militaires vers le Nord. Les hommes et les femmes qui sont venus après la guerre ont jeté les bases de notre ville actuelle. Jusqu'à ce jour, des cadets de Yellowknife montent la garde devant le cénotaphe tout au long de la nuit du 10 au 11 novembre afin d'honorer ceux qui ont servi dans nos forces armées.

Les citoyens de Yellowknife profitent de cette occasion pour exprimer leur fierté envers ce navire qui porte le nom de notre ville et envers ceux et celles qui servent à son bord.

Que Dieu vous garde.



Yellowknife

Often considered the last frontier, Yellowknife is indeed Canada's only capital city with its roots so firmly planted in its small town heritage. Considered a small town by southern standards, Yellowknife is in fact, a modern, bustling city of 18,000 with an economy and a cultural mosaic as diverse as any in Canada. Yet Yellowknife sits at the edge of a Northern wilderness, much of which is untouched by civilization. For many, this is its principal attraction.

The Dene, including the Dogrib, Chipewyan and Slavey, have lived here for centuries. In fact, archaeological evidence shows that the area has been occupied for over 2,000 years. Yet the Dene made no formal attempt at settlement, content to roam the area following their traditional hunting and trapping lifestyles. It was the white explorer who first attempted formal settlement, when at the end of the 18th Century the Hudson's Bay Company established Fort Providence, a trading post near the mouth of the Yellowknife Bay. Samuel Hearne, an HBC employee, inadvertently named the city when he referred to the Dene of the area as "Yellowknives", after the copper knives they carried.

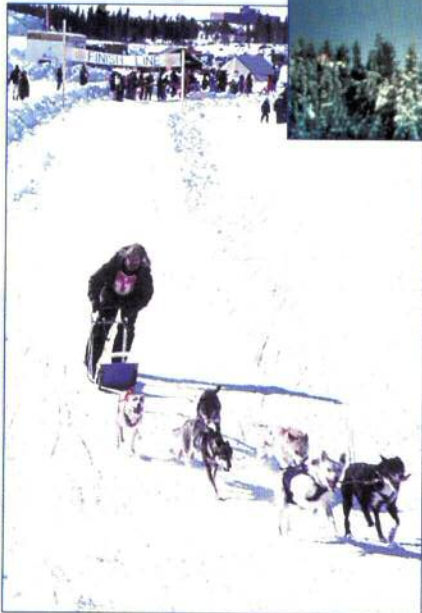
Fort Providence was abandoned soon after, and attempts to a permanent settlement were not made again until the 1930's when the first gold rush hit Yellowknife. By 1936 the town was booming with a lively collection of shacks, tents and log cabins and an even livelier bunch of prospectors, who had headed North on dreams of gold.

Soon Yellowknife Bay, or Old Town as it is called today, was overrun and a new town site was surveyed up the hill. Yellowknife continued to grow, and in 1967 it became the capital of the Northwest Territories, and in 1970, it was incorporated as a city.

Yellowknife, true to form, never stopped growing. One of the fastest growing cities in Canada, Yellowknife has been recognized twice as one of the top ten places to live in Canada by national surveys. No longer just a gold town, Yellowknife is the transportation, political, media and business centre of the Northwest Territories. Tourism, arts and crafts, construction and retail play important roles in the Yellowknife economy, as does the harvesting of renewable resources such as fish, timber, fur and country foods.

However, it is the land and its immense stores of natural resources that continues to be Yellowknife's strength. Two gold mines have been in production for over 60 years, and continue to contribute to Yellowknife's economy. The recent discovery of diamonds in Yellowknife's back yard prompted the biggest mineral staking rush in North American history. Now, the first diamond mine in North America is set to begin operation, a second mine is poised to begin construction. Yellowknife has quickly evolved into the diamond capital of Canada and is set for a second mining boom not unlike the first one that put it on the map.

With its roots firmly established in the past, and its outlook focused on its bright future, Yellowknife is the perfect blend of old and new, of tradition and innovation. HMCS YELLOWKNIFE is proud to carry the name of such a colourful and vibrant city.





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