

Welcome Aboard!

HMCS Preserver is the Canadian Navy's only supply ship stationed on the Atlantic Coast. Her role is to provide Canadian and Allied warships with fuel, food and supplies. Mobility and time on station are essential factors in the conduct of effective operations at sea.

Supply ships substantially increase the warfare capability of Canada's Maritime Forces by enabling warships to remain at sea for longer periods without returning to port for fuel, supplies, and maintenance. HMCS Preserver is a large vessel displacing nearly five times the tonnage of one Frigate. This allows her to carry enough provisions to supply a task force of six destroyers for six weeks without having to return to port for re-supply.

HMCS Preserver is a very distinctive ship, with a role unique to the rest of the Canadian Fleet. We invite you to explore the heritage, events and various careers in this ship.

First of Name
Base Supply Ship.
Commissioned 11 July 1942
Paid off 6 November 1945

Second of Name
Operational support ship, Protec-
teur Class.
Commissioned 7 August 1970

Operational History
The Second World War
Preserver served as a Fairmile mo-
tor launch base
supply ship off of the East Coast
with 'Newfoundland
Force'



HMCS PRESERVER



AOR 510

Ship's Crest



Description

Azure a life preserver Argent cabled Or charged on the centre chief point with a maple leaf slipped Gules and within the ring a starburst also Argent.

Significance

The life preserver is a rebus on the ship's name and with the red maple leaf gains Canadian identification.

The starburst in the centre symbolizes the flare that is automatically ignited when the life preserver touches the water.

Motto

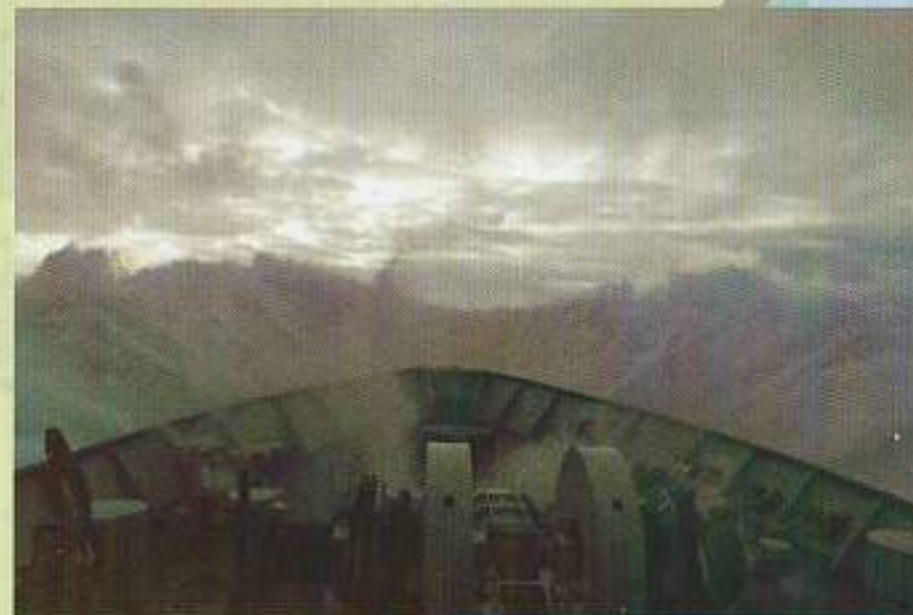
The heart of the fleet

Colours

Blue and White

Affiliation

HMCS Preserver has been granted an affiliation with the 1st Canadian Division. This affiliation cannot be transferred to new construction.



Ship's Characteristics

HMCS Preserver is the second of the two Protector Class Auxiliary Oilier Replenishment (AOR) ships currently serving in the Canadian Navy. Largely Canadian in design, she was built by Saint John Shipbuilding & Drydock Ltd and commissioned on August 7th 1970.

HMCS Preserver is capable of providing everything a frigate or destroyer needs at sea, thus increasing their range and endurance. She provides ammunition, fuel, stores, provisions and helicopter support for three destroyers at sea for approximately 2 months. As well HMCS Preserver has a flight deck and hanger space for 3 CH124 Sea King Helicopters.

Displacement: 24,550 tonnes

Max speed: 20 knots

Dimensions:

Length Overall; 172 metres (563 feet)

Beam; 23 metres (76 feet)

Hull draught; 10 meters

Propulsion:

Two Babcock and Wilcox Boilers

One General Electric Steam Turbine Engine

Sensors;

X Band Navigational Radar

S Band Navigational Radar

G Band Surface/Air Search Radar

EDO Link Command and Control System

SHINNADS Shipboard Integrated

Navigational and Display System

Crew complements;

290 officers and crew (men and women) including air detachment when embarked