

# Ship named for Canada's Capital at Rose Festival

Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Ottawa, named for the capital city of Canada will be a feature vessel at the 1997 Rose Festival. In HMCS Ottawa is the newest and last of twelve new multi-purpose warships built for the Canadian Navy. The Ship was delivered to its home port near Victoria, British Columbia last December 12. The Halifax Class Frigate arrived in Portland at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday and berthed south of the Steel Bridge.

Under the command of Cmdr. Gilles Goulet, Ottawa is 134 meters long and displaces 5,100 tonnes.

The vessel, commissioned in 1996, has a mixed-gender crew of 225. When required it embarks a 30 member Sea King helicopter air detachment from 443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron.

Maritime Forces Pacific, the Canadian Navy's West Coast Fleet has five of the new "state-of-the-art" frigates stationed at Esquimalt, near Victoria. Three of the ships are currently on extended deployments. HMCS Regina is in the Arabian Gulf. HMCS Winnipeg is serving with NATO's Standing Naval Force Atlantic. HMCS Vancouver is in the

midst of a deployment to six Asia-Pacific nations to build confidence in support of Canada's foreign policy objectives through training.

HMCS Ottawa is accompanied by four of the familiar 40 year old Bay Class Patrol Vessels, HMC ships Cowichan, Thunder, Chaleur, and Miramichi. These 50 meter long, 370 tonne ships will be paid off over the next two years as the Canadian navy takes delivery of 12 new Maritime Defence Coastal Vessels (MCDV). Six of the 55 meter long, 970 tonne MCDV's will be stationed in Esquimalt by 1999.

# Marchers Kick-off NNO Activities

The appearance of National Night Out marchers in the Starlight parade marks the first of a number of crime prevention activities this summer.

Always the first Tuesday in August, this year's National Night Out celebration is Aug. 5. On this night, neighborhoods in Oregon and nationwide will hold block

parties to boost neighborhood spirit and strengthen community police partnerships.

People are encouraged to lock their doors, leave their porch lights on, and spend the night outside getting to know their neighbors. As a sponsor of National Night Out, PGE will donate door prizes for the area's block parties.

A National Night Out Kick-off party in downtown Portland's Pioneer Courthouse Square will precede the main event on Monday, July 21.

For more information how to organize a block party, contact the City of Portland Office of Neighborhood Association at (503) 823-4519.

# Tri-Met unveils future fleet

Air conditioning and low floor buses coming to a bus stop near you

Tri-Met General Manager Tom Walsh, along with two customers with disabilities, today demonstrated the new fleet of the future -- low floor buses. These buses allow faster and easier boarding for all passengers. Walsh added that Tri-Met plans to include air conditioning for all new buses ordered, and that all existing MAX light rail trains will be retrofitted for air conditioning. The Tri-Met Board of Directors will vote on the matter at its June 25 meeting.

"Our goal is to provide quality service for all of our customers," Walsh said. "This includes having reliable accessible service, as well as air conditioning for our passengers. We believe that adding these features will help to keep our customers, as well as attract new ones."

Tri-Met is now operating a low floor bus for three weeks on Line 15-NW 23rd/Mt. Tabor. BC Transit in Canada loaned Tri-Met the use of the bus to familiarize customers, operators and maintenance crews about the new bus. This fall, Tri-Met

will receive its first order of low floor buses -- 22 in total. Additionally, 65 high floor buses will also be delivered this fall.

All new buses, including the 87 being delivered this fall, will include air conditioning. Walsh is also committed to retrofitting the 26 existing MAX light rail cars with air conditioning. It's estimated that retrofitting each MAX car will cost around \$140,000, and should be complete by the time Westside MAX opens in September 1998.

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