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Editor's Corner

Roger Chiasson struck a chord with **LT Taylor** in his article "Excitement on the Bridge" and LT has recorded a couple of his own memories of those early days following graduation as we all sought to make our mark in our respective services.

We also applaud the achievements of three of our classmates in this issue.

But first, we received the following note from **Terry Hogan** who apparently, unlike most of us, was not rendered envious by **Fras Holman's** report on his gathering in the warmer climes of Florida. Terry's note read, "*After viewing*



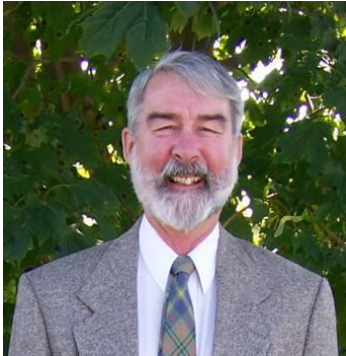
Fraser's Florida photo I thought I'd send you one showing that some of us actually don't mind Canadian winters. This photo shows Stu Smart and I enjoying a few days skiing at the Big White Ski Resort outside of Kelowna.

Stu and I have been skiing together for several years and we wonder if there are other class

mates who also enjoy skiing and might be interested in getting together next season. If there are any skiers out there, I'd invite them to contact either Stu or me at sesmart@sympatico.ca or terry.hogan@gmail.com . If there is enough interest, we'll contact them next season and see if we can't set up a ski trip.

On the Bridge

By 6575 LT Taylor



Now that Roger has caused the memory of that near miss in *HMCS Columbia* to resurface, I must admit that he reacted much quicker than I. I don't think that that incident led to my decision to be a Marine Engineer, a decision more driven by the pleasure I got from working with machinery. None the less, I'm sure that **Lynn Mason** appreciated that I was his Engineering Officer and not an OOW when I served under him in *HMCS Iroquois*.

Another less than stellar moment for me as an unqualified OOW standing a bridge watch occurred on that same trip south. *HMCS Columbia* was one of the multi-national ships screening a force representing a landing assault force. We were south of Puerto Rico steaming north toward the island. I was unable to find any identifiable points of land or navigation marks to accurately determine the ship's position and we were too close to land for my comfort in those conditions. I called the Navigator who calmly took a brief look around and glanced at the chart and advised me not to worry because a landing assault ship abeam of us drew a lot more water than we did and would go aground well before we would. He then took the time to fix the ship showing me the navigation marks to use.

Honours and Awards



At the Chief Investment Officer's Summit meeting at the Harvard Club in New York in April, **Keith Ambachtsheer** was named one of the ten most influential academics in institutional investing. Those honoured were deemed to have significantly aided pensions, endowments, foundations, and sovereign wealth funds, as well as being institutional investors who are fulfilling their obligations to stakeholders.

BZ Keith on this well deserved prestigious recognition.

This is a picture of **Roger Chiasson** receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal from Rear Admiral Dave Gardam, Commander Maritime Forces Atlantic. The presentation was made aboard HMCS *Sackville*.



Most of you will have probably noted the following presentation to a classmate in a recent e-veritas, but it is reprinted here for those who may have missed it.



6644 Al Kennedy is shown receiving the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal earlier this year. It was presented to him by RAdm William Truelove, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific at MARPAC HQ in Esquimalt on 21 Jan 2013, and was presented for service to Canada, notably on the Boards of Directors of both the Royal Canadian ,

Naval Benevolent Fund and the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Educational Foundation. Al's wife Barb was present for the occasion.

Get Well Note

We learned from **Gord Diamond** that **Jim Humphrey** had undergone open heart surgery at the Heart Institute in Ottawa in February. Our best wishes go out to Jim and to Mary for a full and speedy recovery.

Closing Notes

I'm afraid the bank is empty. Until I receive enough inputs to justify another edition there won't be one so once more I'm putting out a plea to all of you to put pen to paper. I'm not looking for long tomes, a couple of paragraphs will suffice. Until next time.