



## Annual Report 2016 VID



### 1. Name: Regional Cadet Support Unit (Pacific)

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### 2. Sea Cadets on Strength:

September 2016 - Official Population	791 BCMD + 407 VID = 1198 Total
September 2016 - Registered	859 BCMD + 405 VID = 1264 Total
Registered total population - gender breakdown	66% male & 34% female
12 yoa 10%, 13 yoa 19%, 14 yoa 22%, 15 yoa 17%, 16 yoa 14%, 17 yoa 11%, 18 yoa 7%	

### 3. Local Training (LT), mandatory supported activities for all Sea Cadet Corps:

- a. Successes: (1) All Corps are provided various resources (rations, transport, facilities, equipment, entrance fees etc.) for 10 mandatory and complementary (citizenship, sports, marksmanship, sail, seamanship, and nautical) training days for every cadet. There are six Cadet Nautical Sites (CNS) that provided dingy sailing to every Sea Cadet from either Sep-Nov or Mar-Jun; (2) Sail Racing at the BC Summer Games in Harrison (Aug 16); Commodores Cup at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (Aug 16); Fall Dinghy Championship at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club (Sep 16); Provincial Qualifying Regatta (PQR) at Victoria Cadet Nautical Site in (Oct 16); and (3) planned CANSail Instructor Clinic at the Victoria Cadet Nautical Site (Mar 17); and a Small Craft Operator Program (SCOP) training clinic conducted at the Comox Cadet Nautical Site (May 16).
- b. Challenges: (1) Many Corps struggle to convert RCSU (Pac) financial support into locally available training aids; and (2) RCSU (Pac) and Corps need to develop a sufficient pool of training staff and subject matter expertise for mandatory and complementary subjects.

### 4. Regionally Directed Activity (RDA) opportunities for selected cadets:

- a. Successes: (1) Canadian Coast Guard familiarization week at the Victoria Cdn Coast Guard facility (Aug 16); planned National Qualifying Regatta (NQR) at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club (Apr 17); and (2) many Corps aim to participate in the six tri-service competitions (Orienteering, First Aid, Band, Drill, Biathlon, and Marksmanship) which assist in energizing esprit-de-corps and promoting retention.



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- b. Challenges: (1) Potential Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) familiarization day/weekend sails onboard Halifax, Kingston and/or Orca class vessels are frequently offered with less than 30-days' notice, for a small number of Sea Cadets and are out of Victoria; and (2) many Corps struggle to fund, provide resources and/or develop subject matter expertise to support the six tri-service competitions.
5. Nationally Directed Activity (NDA) opportunities for selected Sea Cadets:
- a. Successes: (1) Sea Cadet participation at Cadet Training Centers (CTC), HMCS QUADRA, Vernon, and Ontario (Jul-Aug 16); International Exchanges (Apr-Aug); Royal Canadian Navy Deployments onboard HMCS CALGARY during RIMPAC (Aug 16); National Regatta in Kingston (Aug 16); International Tall Ship Royalist Deployment in England (Sep-Oct 16); International Regatta in India (Oct 16); Sea Cadet Seamanship Deployment (SCSD) Orca class deployment in Victoria (Oct 16); and various tri-service Nationally Directed Activities; and (2) planned Tall Ship Deployment in Victoria (Mar 17) and Sea Cadet Seamanship Deployment (Orca class) in Victoria (Mar 17).
- b. Challenges: The number of billets available on all of the Sea Cadet specific activities is based on a percentage of the overall population of Sea Cadets within Pacific Region.
6. Local Supported Allocation (LSA): All Sea Cadet Corps are allotted funds, see attached sheet.
7. The RCSU (Pac) most significant achievement for Sea Cadet Corps: Commencement of the national re-organization while remaining focused on the effective and efficient delivery of the Sea Cadet program.
8. Primary goal(s) for the current year: For all Sea Cadet Corps to deliver all mandatory and various complementary supported training, expend all Local Supported Allocation funds, and maximize the participation in various Regionally and Nationally Directed Activities while fully implementing the organizational restructuring.

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