

# THE SEASPAN SHIPYARDS REPORT

## Economic Benefits: A direct and growing result of Canada's commitment to build ships at Seaspan

Seaspan now has over 380 suppliers supporting our work under the National Shipbuilding Strategy (NSS) and \$400M in committed contracts across our growing supply chain as we manage the construction of the first two Offshore Fisheries Science Vessels (OFSV) and three concurrent shipbuilding programs.

At the CANSEC trade show in Ottawa, May 25 – 26, Seaspan will meet with our key industrial partners to identify ways to manage our NSS portfolio of work to maximize efficiency. We will engage with many of our existing suppliers and hope to meet with potential new suppliers so we can explain NSS progress made to date and the program's needs into the future.

Leveraging off of CANSEC we will also be holding a bidders' conference for our procurement needs for long-lead items under the Joint Support Ship (JSS)

program with 60 attending companies. These are busy and exciting days for the National Shipbuilding Strategy and Seaspan's role in it.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments on our work or on the contents of this newsletter by e-mailing **Tim Page**, Vice President – Government Relations, Seaspan Shipyards at: [tpage@seaspan.com](mailto:tpage@seaspan.com).

Sincerely,



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## National Shipbuilding Strategy (NSS) Progress Report

The months of April and May have shown great momentum and continuing progress on Seaspan's three separate National Shipbuilding Strategy (NSS) programs concurrently underway at Vancouver Shipyards. All 37 blocks of the first of three Offshore Fisheries Science Vessels (OFSV) are under construction. In addition, as we mentioned in our April edition, Seaspan began construction on the second OFSV on March 29 and is now well underway on production of that vessel. Construction on the third OFSV is slated to begin later in 2016.

Meanwhile, our Engineering, Planning, and Procurement Teams are all fully engaged and working diligently with their customers from the Canadian Coast Guard and Royal Canadian Navy to move the Offshore Oceanographic Science Vessel (OOSV) and Joint Support Ship (JSS) programs through the necessary pre-production program phases of engineering design, design for production, and the procurement of material and equipment.



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### Admiral Norman Visits Vancouver Shipyards (VSY)

On April 8, Seaspan welcomed Vice Admiral **Mark Norman**, Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy to VSY. His visit provided a timely opportunity for us to brief him on progress related to the JSS program, as well as overall key NSS milestones upcoming and further into the future. We also enjoyed the chance to walk him through our world-class, state-of-the-art facility which again supported the age old adage that a picture is worth a thousand words as he saw, first hand, the progress made to date on the first OFSV.

### Recent Visits to VSY by Thomas, Lemay, and Forster

During the month of April, leadership at Seaspan's VSY had the pleasure of hosting **Jody Thomas**, Commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard, Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) Deputy Minister **Marie Lemay** and the Department of National Defence (DND) Deputy Minister **John Forster**. The visits were greatly appreciated by Seaspan's Executive Management and served as a great opportunity to demonstrate how modern and purpose-built VSY's facility is for the National Shipbuilding Strategy's book of work being undertaken on Canada's West Coast. These meetings also provided us with a valuable opportunity to share learned lessons available from both our shipyard and the federal government in regards to improving program schedule adherence and cost certainty.



PSPC Deputy Minister Marie Lemay and Canadian Coast Guard Commissioner Jody Thomas with Vancouver Shipyards Welder, Liz Gallagher.

### Newest Cohort of Interns Arrive at Seaspan Shipyards

For the past three years, Seaspan has conducted an internship program targeting B.C. and Canadian university students to promote shipbuilding and marine-related professions as a career of choice. Our first intake in 2013 consisted of three students. Over time, as the program has further developed and formalized, our numbers climbed to 25 by the end of 2015. In 2016, we expect that number to rise even higher, to have a total of 34 cohorts. The first intern ever hired into Seaspan was an engineering student from the University of Victoria who has since been promoted to the role of Deputy Project Engineer working on the Offshore Oceanographic Science Vessel project.

## Victoria Shipyards Celebrates the Successful Conclusion of the HCM-FELEX program

On April 29, **Jonathan Whitworth**, CEO – Seaspan, joined the Honourable **Harjit S. Sajjan**, Minister of National Defence, to celebrate the successful completion of the *Halifax*-Class Modernization/Frigate Life Extension (HCM-FELEX) Program on the West Coast, and transfer of the HMCS *Regina* from Seaspan's Victoria Shipyards (VSL) to the Department of National Defence (DND) Dockyard. The return of the HMCS *Regina*, the fifth and final frigate to undergo modernization on the West Coast for the \$4.3B HCM-FELEX Program, marked a major milestone for the Royal Canadian Navy and a proud accomplishment for VSL. VSL has served as Canada's capability partner on the West Coast under HCM-FELEX since 2008, providing mid-life maintenance activities, machinery control, and combat equipment upgrades for the HMCS *Calgary*, HMCS *Winnipeg*, HMCS *Vancouver*, HMCS *Ottawa*, and HMCS *Regina*. During that time, VSL has provided mid-life modernization activities worth an estimated \$500M, creating employment for more than 450 workers. As a direct consequence of the success of this program, along with Lockheed Martin Canada, VSL has been chosen by the New Zealand government to conduct a mid-life refit of its own frigate fleet beginning in early 2017.



Minister Harjit Sajjan with Rear Admiral Gilles Couturier and Jonathan Whitworth, Seaspan CEO.

### Latest Cruise Ship Repair Project Successfully Completed at Victoria Shipyards

On May 10, Seaspan's Victoria Shipyards (VSL) successfully handed back the *Celebrity Millennium* to Celebrity Cruises. For over 20 years, VSL has provided timely, high-quality service to cruise ship owners around the world. Our work on this latest vessel, conducted over a short and intense two-week docking period, has helped to improve its operating efficiency and environmental safety and performance. We are currently working with federal officials to ensure the continued choice of Victoria as the port of call for cruise ship refit business, in light of changes announced by the previous government to the Temporary Foreign Workers program in June 2014.