

# THE SEASPAN SHIPYARDS REPORT

## President's Message

This edition of the Seaspan Shipyards Report focuses on our efforts to build a competitive supply chain within the Canadian marine industrial base thanks to our work under the National Shipbuilding Strategy (NSS). At last count, there is at least one Seaspan supplier in over 80 federal ridings across the country. The NSS related work being accomplished by these firms is directly contributing towards job creation, economic growth, and the long-term strength of Canada's marine industry, while delivering Canadian-built ships to the Coast Guard and Navy.

We expect much of our supply chain. At the same time, we have learned a great deal about our own engineering, procurement and production practices as we make progress on NSS work. We are now applying within Seaspan and across our supply chain what we can do better and more consistently into the future. The success of the NSS will be measured over time by the vessels we deliver, the jobs, innovation and economic activity we generate, and the industry we build. We are

committed to the success of NSS and are proud to be Canada's west coast partner in this endeavour. Please click [here](#) to read more about our progress to-date and the positive early impact the NSS is having in Canada.

Sincerely,



**Brian Carter**  
President, Seaspan Shipyards

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 directly at: [tpage@seaspan.com](mailto:tpage@seaspan.com).

## Seaspan Welcomes Minister Bains at the 2017 CANSEC Trade Show

Seaspan Shipyards participated again this year as a sponsor and an exhibitor at CANSEC. Our team was kept busy over the course of the two day trade show with current and potential supplier meetings related to our work under the NSS.

As our book of work grows so too will our requirements for marine equipment, products and services. CANSEC is a great forum to explore and expand our business relationships, which we hope to use to build our base of domestic suppliers.

We were honoured to have received a visit from the Honourable **Navdeep Bains**, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, during CANSEC with whom we met in the company of VARD, Bronswerk and Genoa. This gathering was just a small representation of over 180 Seaspan Canadian suppliers that are contributing to the construction of the Offshore Fisheries Science Vessel.



Left to right: **Nick Boragina**, ISAAC; **Adam Smith**, Bronswerk Marine; Minister **Navdeep Bains**; **Robb Wight**, CCG; **Gina Pecore**, Genoa; **Tim Page**, Seaspan Shipyards.

## Seaspan Industry Day in Ottawa

As it did last year around CANSEC, Seaspan hosted a meeting in Ottawa on May 30 with its supplier community from across Canada. Representatives from over 50 current and prospective suppliers received an update on Seaspan's progress under the NSS and associated supply chain opportunities.

In his remarks, **Ian Brennan**, Vice President, Supply Chain Management & Contracts – Vancouver Shipyards, emphasized the importance to Seaspan of supplier excellence in terms of innovative products and services, timely and reliable delivery of contracted materials and price competitiveness. Each of these elements is critical to the long term success of NSS and to Seaspan's leadership role in it.

Please view a copy of the May 30 News Release summarizing Seaspan Shipyards' Industry Day in Ottawa by clicking [here](#).



## Joint Support Ship

Under the NSS, Seaspan is working collaboratively with the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) to produce Canada's new Joint Support Ships (JSS) with capability that fully meets the operational needs defined by our customer. This capability includes: the ability to be deployed to any theatre and threat environment with self-defence, survivability and ice capabilities; a NATO compliant, robust and encrypted communications suite; NATO standard medical and dental facilities with requisite on-board surgical teams; dual engine, dual shaft, dual rudder and bow thruster for enhanced manoeuvrability. The JSS has a 30-year operational life expectancy and will be owned and operated by the RCN.

Most recently, Seaspan was pleased to sign the Design & Production Engineering contract with the Government of Canada. This contract represents another step towards the construction phase of these purpose-built, state-of-the-art Canadian vessels.

## Seaspan Wins ORCA Class Repair Work on Wolf (PCT 59)

Seaspan's Vancouver Shipyards was recently selected to provide refit and repair services to the RCN's Wolf (PCT 59). The Wolf is one of eight Orca-class steel-hulled Royal Canadian Navy Training Tenders constructed by Seaspan's Victoria Shipyards between November 2004 and November 2008. All are in service at CFB Esquimalt in British Columbia and operate as training platforms and surveillance craft.

The work to be performed on the Wolf and potentially other auxiliary Canadian naval vessels into the future will help to train and sustain Seaspan's trades force with value-added work for our customer and long-term benefits for the NSS.



## Seaspan calls for Federal Alignment between the Global Skills Strategy and the NSS

The imminent launch of the federal government's Global Skills Strategy represents an opportunity for Seaspan to partner with the Government of Canada to attract global talent in a highly competitive market. The introduction of an \$89 billion (AUD) shipbuilding program in Australia and the likely recapitalization of the US Navy under President Trump will put added pressure on Canadian shipyards to recruit and retain global shipbuilding management expertise. Seaspan encourages the federal government to align its Global Skills Strategy with the NSS. This alignment would bolster Seaspan's access to top international talent that can help to develop Canada's domestic shipbuilding industry and ensure its success for years to come.