

Ship's Ron Served On

Being Corvette enthusiasts we all like mechanical things and perhaps a little history? For those that do.. here are the ships that our very own Ron Rail served on .



HMCS Margaree (DDH 230) was a St. Laurent-class destroyer that served in the Royal Canadian Navy and later the Canadian Forces from 1957-1992.

She was commissioned into the RCN on 5 October 1957 and initially carried the pennant number DDE 230 as a destroyer escort. She underwent conversion to a destroyer helicopter escort (DDH) in the mid-1960s and was officially reclassified with pennant DDH 230 on 15 October 1965.

Margaree was selected by the Canadian Forces for the Destroyer Life Extension (DELEX) program and completed this refit on 28 November 1980.

She was decommissioned from active service in the CF on 2 May 1992.

She was scrapped in 1994.



HMCS Margaree





HMCS Onondaga (S73) is an Oberon-class submarine that served in the Royal Canadian Navy

She was launched from the Chatham Dockyard on 25 September 1965. She was commissioned into the RCN on 22 June 1967 with pennant number 73. She was decommissioned by Maritime Command on 28 July 2000 as the last CF Oberon class submarine in operation.

Onondaga was assigned to Maritime Forces Atlantic (MARLANT) and served her entire career in the North Atlantic.

In 2001, it was planned to cut Onondaga into pieces and reassemble her inside the Canadian War Museum. This plan was cancelled before the end of the year, because of the excessive cost.

In May 2005 the Halifax Chronicle-Herald announced that Maritime Command was looking to sell Onondaga for scrap metal, along with three other Canadian Oberons. MARCOM stated that the submarines were not in suitable condition to be used as museum ships, and predicted that each submarine would sell for between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

Instead of being scrapped, the submarine was purchased by the Site historique maritime de la Pointe-au-Père, Rimouski in 2006, for \$4 plus tax. Onondaga was towed from Halifax to Rimouski by way of the Canso Canal in July 2008. The transportation was featured in the 'Supersize Submarine episode of the Monster Moves documentary series.

Delays were encountered bringing Onondaga ashore due to the ship rolling off of the ramp which had been built for her. She was finally secured at the end of November 2008 and modifications began to convert her into a museum ship. As of June 2009 she is now open to the public for viewing, and is described as the only publicly accessible submarine in Canada.



Onondaga in September 2008, having rolled off the ramp meant to hold the submarine.



The museum submarine HMCS Onondaga on display in 2009.

