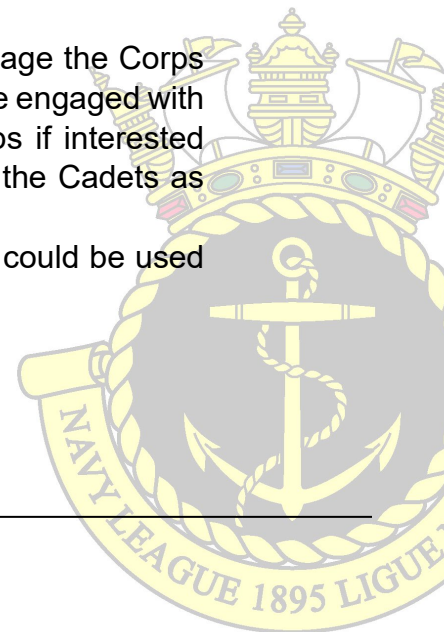




Local Headquarters Training (LHQ) 2022/23 has proven to be a growth year for our Division. Our Corps have returned to a full training cycle with the challenges of CIC staffing and Senior Cadet leadership. Staffing issues have forced one Corps to co-parade with their Army colleagues and two Sea Cadet Corps to amalgamate. Our focus continues to be maintain what we have and continue to rebuild/grow.

Status of our Cadets.

- a. NL Cadet Corps. We have five NLCCs. Four are parading on a regular basis with the fifth being held in abeyance till fall'23. The Cadet numbers are strong with 125 Cadets. Division continues to support the NLCC Staff. Cdr (NL) Ted Smith is the Division Commander. He is developing his staff and growing their confidence to build the programme at the Corps level. We are moving fwd in a positive position and hope to have good movement on re-establishing the 5th NLCC in the fall. Additionally, VP NL Cadets and Division Staff have done excellent work in support of NLCC Hyndman in PEI Division who are parading 16 Cadets. NSMD will continue to provide support if required.
- b. Sea Cadet Corps. We have 17 Sea Cadet Corps parading this training year with 384 Cadets. This is a build year for the Cadet programme. Our Cadets are getting back into the community and some having great success. In particular, RCSCC 41 Royal William has been singled out for its growth in 2022/23.
- c. NSMD Branches.
 - i. Our Branches continue to work hard to support their respective Corps and Cadets. We continue to struggle with Branch members but that said, two Branches, that were struggling, now have a full slate of members. So never give up!
 - ii. My message to Branches continues to be engage the Corps CO, set an annual budget, seek LSA monies, be engaged with Honours and Awards, volunteer with the Corps if interested (must be screened by RCSU(A)) and support the Cadets as best you can.
 - iii. I provided the Branches a sample budget that could be used as a template.





- d. Fundraising. Our Branches have continued with their fundraising initiative. They are aware that RCSU(A) approval is required in order for Cadets to participate.
- e. Cadet Summer Training. The programme for summer training is out. Our Cadets should be applying for summer training. RCSU(A) continues to struggle with staff but is intent on running the CTC sites (CFB Greenwood, CTC Argonaut (CFB Gagetown) and Shearwater Sail Centre) and CAP sites in NSMD. Of interest, the sail programme will be contracted out to a local sail centre for sail instructors.
- f. Cadet Re-Scope. Not much information has been passed to the Branches regarding Cadet rescope. Branches are aware that the training programme will change in 2023/24 but uncertain as to how they (the Branch) can impact this change.
- g. Amalgamation. NSMD continues to support Corps/Sqn amalgamation. Although not the ideal, it is keeping Sea Cadets in Sea Cadet uniforms.
 - i. RCSCC 92 Chebogue, Yarmouth, is parading with their Army Corps. Their Sea Cadet numbers are stable.
 - ii. RCSCC 356 Wolfe, Mount Uniacke, is parading with RCSCC 305 Sackville, Lower Sackville.

RCSU(A) has been challenged with staff requirements that has impacted Corps/Sqn staffing across NS.

NSMD continues to be blessed with a wonderful group of volunteers. Their commitment and dedication to the youth in NS is awesome! I thank everyone at Division and Branch levels for their engagement and work on behalf of the Cadets in our wonderful programme.

