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NAVAL FLEET SCHOOL PACIFIC SUPPORT TO CFSA

1. Since the Naval Training Transformation in 2016 the Canadian Forces Sailing Association has played a very important role in the employment of Personnel Awaiting Training (PAT) as well as the Summer Regular Officer Training Program (ROTP) On Job Experience (OJE) training.
2. Every year dozens of RCN members receive training through CFSA while they wait for their formal RCN training. The Naval Personnel and Training Group's (NPTG) Naval Warfare Officer training management cell directs Naval Fleet School Pacific to execute the annual OJE programme that generally sees two serials totalling about 24 Naval Cadets trained in small boat handling and seamanship.
3. Naval Fleet School Pacific has built on the success of the OJE programme and began using CFSA in 2018 for training non-commissioned PATs and non-ROTP Naval Cadets and Sub-Lieutenants. They have seen four to six serials of between 48 and 60 PATs trained in a fiscal year depending on scheduling and recruiting numbers.
4. As well, CFSA provides support for STVs TUNA and GOLDCREST which are used organically to employ and train PATs. This programme has enabled them to train, sail and race throughout the Pacific Northwest using the facilities of CFSA in Esquimalt harbour for refits, weekly racing opportunities, reciprocal moorage arrangements and valuable engagement with generations of sailors, retired RCN and CAF members.
5. As CFSA undergoes its transformation and move NFSP will be there to continue to support PAT and OJE training through CFSA as long as budget, operations and procurement will permit. We have found the training to be excellent and a valuable community engaging cost-effective way to get our most junior personnel experience at, and sometimes in the sea.



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