



HMNZS CANTERBURY

2013 Christmas Newsletter



From the Commanding Officer

I would like to start by thanking my ship's company for the hard work and dedication that you have provided throughout the year. What a year 2013 has turned out to be!

With boundless energy and huge dollops of good humour, you can all be incredibly proud of the quality of the output you have achieved. Not only did we successfully complete the remediation package and a period of Work Up at the start of the year, but we were also an important contributor to the success of OPERATION PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP and EXERCISE SOUTHERN KATIPO 2013.

This year has seen our ship CANTERBURY proving that she is by far the most versatile ship in the fleet. Our contribution to CDF's vision and the overarching maritime aims of the NZDF have seen us contributing significantly to activities with numerous other nations including the United States of America, Canada, Australia and France just to mention a few.

After a very busy and productive year I hope that you all have a relaxing, safe and enjoyable holiday period with your friends and family. I hope to see you all in the New Year ready for another exciting year onboard the mighty CANTERBURY.

Yours Aye

David Turner

**Commander David Turner, RNZN
Commanding Officer
HMNZS CANTERBURY**







What's On Next Year?

The ship will begin the year with sea training and a visit to Lyttelton in order to conduct a Charter Parade in the city of Christchurch, our ship's home port.

This visit will be concluded with a Family Day out of Devonport on Waitangi day. This will be an opportunity for family members of ship's company to experience what it is you do so well at sea.

We will then participate in a New Zealand led exercise with the Littoral Warfare Support Force elements of the Operational Diving Team, the Mine Counter Measures Team and the Military Survey Team in early March involving ten other nations. This will be followed by a maintenance period and leave period concluding in May.

After that we will be tugging at the leash ready for our next big South Pacific deployment. For the remainder of May we will be preparing to sail for two large international exercises namely RIMPAC and CROIX DU SUD. RIMPAC is led by the US and based out of Pearl Harbour, Hawaii and CROIX DU SUD is led by the French and based out of Noumea, New Caledonia.

CANTERBURY will return to Auckland in September to undergo an extended period of maintenance which will see us right up to the end of the year.





Merry Christmas