



Probus Club of Ottawa-Rideau Valley

A Meeting of Minds

January 6, 2010 (10 a.m.)

**Tomkins Hall, St. James Anglican Church
1188 Bridge Street, Manotick, Ontario, K4M 1A4**

The Canadian Coast Guard and Arctic Sovereignty

Speaker: Andrew Armstrong

Andrew Armstrong immigrated to Montreal from England in 1960. He has spent most of his career with the Canadian Coast Guard, having graduated from the Canadian Coast Guard College in 1976 as a navigation officer. He served on icebreakers and Search and Rescue (SAR) vessels, among others, mainly on the east coast, St. Lawrence River and in the Arctic. After a spell in the Planning, Programming and Co-ordination, Fleet and Search and Rescue branches, he rejoined Fleet in 1990 where he was project manager responsible for the Fleet Activity Information System. From there, he moved to Fisheries and Aquaculture Management, and then the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' Corporate Y2K office where he developed the Day Zero Plan for the year 2000 rollover and managed the Y2K National Co-ordination Centre. Andrew returned to Fleet as Manager, Policies and Standards and as Project Director for the Email-at-Sea project. He is now Manager, Readiness.

Based in Honiara, Guadalcanal and the Solomon Islands, he spent two years as fisheries surveillance adviser to the 17 members of the South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency. He also consulted with countries in the Caribbean, West Africa, Indian Ocean, and South China Sea on their fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance programs. He has published more than 25 technical papers for agencies including the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation and the Commonwealth Secretariat. He has been awarded an ADM Commendation, a DM Prix d'Excellence, and the Canadian Coast Guard Exemplary Service Medal and bar.

His talk will feature the work of the Coast Guard, and focus on Canada's claims in the Arctic.

Refreshments available from 9.30 a.m. Don't forget your name tags!

Lunch venue following the October meeting: Frank'n Stein's, River Road and Bridge Street.

Striders and Gliders

The January outing will be a cross-country ski on Wednesday, January 20, at Rideauview Golf Course, Rideau Valley Drive, opposite Manotick Marina. Meet at the Manotick Public Library parking lot at 9.30 a.m. or at the golf course roadside (not the club house) at 9.45 a.m.

Organizer Brian Sawyer will send out an email 2-3 days before January 20 to confirm arrangements.

February 3 guest speaker: Linda Brunet of Historica—Encounters with Canada.

Know a Probus member who is ill? Call Kathy Pitcher (613-822-8739). She will send a card.