

## **Uniform Project Draws to a Close**

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The JCP Uniform Collection Project at the Maritime Museum of BC is wrapping up after 8 months on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This independently funded project focused on cataloguing uniform artifacts in the Maritime Museum of BC collection as well as identifying complete outfits, including jacket, pants and caps, for a broad range of ranks.

Administered by Team Lead Lorna Julyan and Cataloguing Assistant Tatiana Robinson, the Uniform Project documented over 350 different uniforms. The uniforms studied span from the 1860s up unto the 1990s and are derived from several forces including the Royal Navy, the Canadian Navy (RCN and Canadian Forces Maritime Command), and the Merchant Marine (BC Ferries and CP Steamships). “There is an example of every type of uniform from the mess dress of the officers to the service and work uniforms of every rank from officers to seamen,” says Julyan. “One of the most important elements of our research,” she explains, “was to become familiar with the rank insignia that identified each rank, and include this information in the catalogue record.”

This work intensive project will have lasting benefits for the Maritime Museum as well as for other stakeholders. “We have tried to make uniform collections more accessible to interested research groups of all levels, as well as to other Museum staff members,” says Robinson. Uniform information is now stored safely and is much more readily available for both internal and external parties.

Now that this project is complete, Julyan will be taking a temporary position with the Royal BC Museum while Robinson will be staying on with the Maritime Museum of BC in a permanent position as a Collections Assistant.

Located in the heart of Bastion Square, the Maritime Museum of BC has a wealth of artifacts and history and is a fantastic place to get a glimpse back into the nautical customs of the North Pacific. With exhibits ranging from pirates to heritage vessels and Victoria’s original 1889 Courtroom, the MMBC is always a fascinating visit.

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