

VANPEX 2010 Regional Stamp Show — October 15-16, 2010

West Burnaby United Church • 6050 Sussex Drive • Burnaby, BC

Prospectus

Welcome to VANPEX 2010. This year, the VANPEX committee is pleased to honour the centenary of the Naval Services of Canada.

One hundred years ago this year, Parliament created the Naval Services of Canada. In August, 1911 King George V authorized a request by Department of Naval Services (Canada) to designate the navy as the Royal Canadian Navy. On February 1, 1968, the Royal Canadian Navy was restructured as Canadian Forces Maritime Command and merged with the Royal Canadian Air Force and Canadian Army to form the unified Canadian Forces.

While exhibits on any topic will be welcome, the VANPEX committee encourages exhibits related not only to the Royal Canadian Navy but to maritime matters generally.

A. ELIGIBILITY

1. VANPEX is open to all individual collectors who conform to the rules in this prospectus and submit the entry form on or before Tuesday, August 31, 2010.
2. The whole of the exhibit must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. If purchased as a unit, it must have been owned for at least two years, extensively revised, and have been prepared by the exhibitor. The submission of an entry is deemed to be an implied declaration by the exhibitor to that effect.
3. Exhibits that have won the Grand Award at a national exhibition are not eligible to compete again unless there have been major changes or additions made to the exhibit.

B. CLASSIFICATION

All exhibits are to be submitted as either:

- Open Class exhibit, intended for exhibitors 22 years of age or older
- Youth/Junior Class, for exhibitors who have not reached their 22nd birthday by January 1, 2010.

C. ENTRY

1. Frame fees are **\$10 for one-frame exhibits**, and **\$7.50 per frame in multi-frame exhibits**. All fees are in Canadian dollars. Payment in U.S. dollars is accepted at par.
2. Exhibitors may enter up to two exhibits. Should the exhibition be oversubscribed, the Exhibition Committee will make the final selection of acceptable exhibits, and will seek balance and fairness in the selection process. Exhibitors whose exhibits are rejected will receive refunds of application fees.
3. Due to limited space, the Exhibition Committee strongly encourages exhibitors to limit their exhibits to four frames, and encourages the submission of one-frame exhibits, especially for novice exhibitors.
4. **Include full payment for the entry fee (personal cheques accepted), as well as single copies of the title page, plan and/or synopsis for each exhibit.**
5. **Applications must be received by Tuesday, August 31, 2010.** Entry does not necessarily constitute acceptance for exhibition. The Exhibits Committee may reject any exhibit without assigning any reason. If an exhibit is rejected, the fee will be refunded.
6. Exhibitors who fail to deliver an accepted exhibit must assume forfeiture of the entry fee.

D. DISPLAY INFORMATION

1. Exhibit pages must be enclosed in a transparent sheet protector, ideally closed on three sides, and numbered on the back in sequential order to facilitate the correct mounting of the exhibit. The owner's name and contact information should also be included on the back of each sheet.
2. Exhibits will be displayed in standard frames that hold 16 pages (8.5" x 11" / 21.5cm x 28cm) mounted in four rows of four sheets. The frames will also accommodate A4 (European) sheets. Entries with larger and/or odd-sized sheets or double-size sheets may be accommodated but must receive the prior approval of the Exhibits Committee before they can be accepted.

E. LOGISTICS

1. Exhibits must be hand-delivered to the Vanpex exhibition hall no later than 8:00 p.m. on the evening of Thursday, October 14, 2010, by the exhibitor or by his or her authorized agent. Exhibits will NOT be accepted by mail or courier.
2. Mounting of exhibits will begin at approximately 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2010. VANPEX closes at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010, at which time dismounting of exhibits will take place on a first-come, first-served basis, although exhibitors with pressing travel arrangements will be given priority. Exhibits must be picked up at the exhibition hall by the exhibitor or their designated agent. The BC Philatelic Society will NOT be responsible for returning exhibits to exhibitors. Exhibitors or their agents must be known to a representative of the Exhibition Committee or must present proof of identity before removing exhibits from the exhibition hall.
3. **In order to maintain strict security, entry to the exhibition hall prior to the opening of and following the closing of VANPEX is limited to dealers and their representatives, members of the Exhibits Committee, and designates appointed by the Exhibits Committee. Exhibitors or exhibitors' agents will be admitted to the hall only to mount or dismount exhibits. No exhibit or part thereof may be removed prior to the official closing of the exhibition until all visitors have cleared the exhibit hall.**

F. INSURANCE, SECURITY & LIABILITY

1. Exhibits entered in VANPEX will be exhibited at the risk of the owner. The Exhibits Committee will ensure that there is adequate security provided to protect the exhibits, but exhibitors should purchase insurance for their exhibits.
2. Although reasonable care and caution will be taken with the exhibits, no responsibility shall attach to the British Columbia Philatelic Society or the West Burnaby United Church, nor to any of their volunteers, members, committees, officers, or employees for any loss or damage to an exhibit.

G. JUDGING & AWARDS

1. The Jury will consist of a panel of accredited judges. Their decisions shall be final and without appeal. Note: Exhibitors can opt not to have their exhibits judged.
2. Exhibits will be judged on the basis of five award levels: Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze, and Bronze. Only exhibits of sufficient merit will receive awards, but all exhibitors will be provided with a Certificate of Participation.
3. The medals awarded shall be those of the British Columbia Philatelic Society, with no limitation on the number of awards that can be made at each level. There will also be a Grand Award and a Reserve Grand Award.

H. RULING AUTHORITY

Questions concerning the exhibition and not provided for by the rules and regulations in this Prospectus shall be resolved by the Exhibits Committee, following discussion with the RPSC-assigned consultant, at its sole and absolute discretion. The Committee's decisions shall be final.

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