

## Plan for 2025/26 SAOC(W) Meetings

### September: Beer & Burgers

- Date: Wednesday, 24 September 2025 (Last Wednesday)
- Time: 4pm
- Location: Langford Legion, 761 Station Ave, Victoria BC V9B 4V2
- Theme: Social gathering with food and drinks
- Coordinating Instructions: Read the upcoming newsletter for all the details!

### October: Subs & Suds

- Date: Wednesday, 29 October 2025 (Last Wednesday)
- Time: 2:30pm to 4pm
- Location: C&POs Mess
- Theme: Subs & Suds (Social gathering with food and drinks)
- Coordinating Instructions: Snacks provided. Cash bar will be open.

### November: rescheduled to January 28, 2026

### December: Xmas Luncheon

- Date: Sunday, 30 November 2025
- Time: 1pm Cocktails, 2pm Luncheon
- Location: 4 Mile Pub, 199 Island Highway

### January: Victoria-class Speaker

- Date: Wednesday, 28 January 2026 (Last Wednesday)
- Time: 7pm to 8pm
- Location: TBD, likely Collier Theatre, Work Point, 1094 Victoria View Road
- Theme: Capt Kooiman will discuss *Corner Brook* operations between 2009 and 2011 with a brief glimpse at 2025.

### February: Subs & Suds

- Date: Wednesday, 25 February 2026 (Last Wednesday)
- Time: 2:30pm to 4pm
- Location: C&POs Mess
- Theme: Subs & Suds (Social gathering with food and drinks)

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### **March: Tour of HMCS *Max Bernays***

- Date: Wednesday, 25 March 2026 (Last Wednesday)
- Time: 2:30pm to 4pm
- Location: Dockyard (likely B jetty)
- Theme: Tour of HMCS *Max Bernays*
- Coordinating Instructions: Wear comfortable shoes and working clothes. Access requirements for the dockyard will be promulgated in mid-February.

### **April: Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

- Date: Wednesday, 29 April 2026 (Last Wednesday)
- Time: 6:30pm gather, 7pm to 8pm meeting (Hybrid Meeting on Zoom)
- Location: C&POs Mess
- Theme: AGM (business meeting)

### **May: Qualicum Beach**

- Date: Saturday, 16 May 2026 (Victoria Day Weekend)
- Time: 1pm to 3pm
- Location: Qualicum Beach Legion, 180 Veterans Way
- Theme: Annual Qualicum Beach meeting

### **June: Panel Discussion**

- Date: Wednesday, 24 June 2026
- Time: 7pm to 8pm
- Location: C&POs Mess
- Theme: Panel Discussion - Is the submarine community special, and if so why? Lead by Wilf Lund and Harvey Waddell. Panel members to be determined.

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### Upcoming notable dates:

#### 2025 Milestone Events:

January 1995 is the rebranding of the Submariners Old Comrades Association Canadian Pacific Branch to Submariners Association of Canada (West) – 30 years in 2025

3 September 2015 is the anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS *Chicoutimi* – 10 years in 2025

23 September 1965 is the anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS *Ojibwa* – 60 years in 2025

#### 2026 Milestone Events:

16 January 1986 is the birth date of Submariners Old Comrades Association Canadian Pacific Branch – 40 years in 2026

22 April 1966 is the anniversary of the founding of the First Canadian Submarine Squadron – 60 years in 2026

11 May 1961 is the anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS *Grilse* – 65 years in 2026

5 July 2001 is the anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS *Windsor* – 25 years in 2026

#### 2027 Milestone Events:

22 June 1967 is the anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS *Onondaga* – 60 years in 2027

#### 2028 Milestone Events:

2 Dec 1968 is the anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS *Rainbow* – 60 years in 2028

22 June 1968 is the anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS *Okanagan* – 60 years in 2028

29 June 2003 is the anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS *Corner Brook* – 25 years in 2028

#### 2029 Milestone Events:

Nothing yet – historians amongst us: any ideas?

#### 2030 Milestone Events:

2 December 2000 is the anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS *Victoria* – 30 years in 2030