

# Organization of Brigantine Incorporated

Since Sea Cadet Corps cannot own property, it was necessary to form a corporation to own the vessel — “Brigantine Incorporated” was set up in 1953, as a Non-Profit company by Ontario charter, and has been officially designated as a “charitable organization”. This means that donations made to the corporation may be deducted from the donors income tax — a most important argument when soliciting funds.

The business of the Corporation, consisting largely of raising funds and managing the finances of the ship, is undertaken by a Board of Directors of nine, plus the C.O. of the Corps, ex officio. Each year, the vessel is turned over to the Corps’ C.O. to put her in commission and to see her manned and operated during the sailing season. He must appoint an officer to command her. All expenses are met by the Corporation.

The work of refitting every spring and laying up in the fall is done almost entirely by the cadets themselves. This of itself is a very valuable part of their training. It is of course, necessary to have some of the more specialized work done by professional craftsmen. Every few years she must be hauled for repair and maintenance to the underwater part of her hull.

“ST. LAWRENCE II” has not been built with the primary idea of training boys for the sea. Rather, the discipline that the sea imposes on those who would master it, is being used to develop character and a sense of responsibility. There is little opportunity in this age of machines and electronic gadgets for boys to pit their own strength and will against the forces of nature and to discover their latent ability to endure. To provide such an opportunity is the reason for the existence of “ST. LAWRENCE II”.