

OPERATION OF "ST. LAWRENCE II".

"ST. LAWRENCE II" is commanded and manned during the sailing season by Officers and Cadets of R.C.S.C.C. "ST. LAWRENCE", Kingston, with some cadets from other Corps, Sea Scouts and other groups of young sailors taking part in the training.

Each season, four senior cadets are selected as "permanent crew". They are usually petty officers or chiefs in the corps and qualify for the honour by their proven ability as seamen and leaders, skilled riggers, fitters, painters, etc., and by their willingness to spend almost all their spare time in the spring and fall on the ship, as well as devoting the entire summer to her operation. These exalted beings live, with their captain, in the "wardroom". The captain is a commissioned officer in the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets.

Other senior people, officers, yachtsmen or ex-senior cadets may also join the wardroom, usually with the title of "Sailing Master".

On each cruise, three or more senior cadets are rated as Watch Petty Officers. From such lads, future members of the wardroom may be drawn. These petty officers, along with three other cadets, live forward in the Petty Officers' mess. The rest of the crew live in the large Seamen's mess amidships.

The four members of the "permanent crew" are given the rank of "acting midshipman" while serving aboard. They fill the position of Executive officer, and Officers of the Red, White and Blue Watches. In addition the X.O. may act as cook and Training Officer, while the other members take on the various duties of engineer, communications officer, and supply officer. Upon them largely falls the task of maintenance during the season.