

likely conditions of wind and weather. Add to this the ability to read charts, do dead reckoning, judge distance, lights, etc. at night, have good weather sense, and know how to perform the more difficult evolutions and you have the qualifications of a "Watch Keeper". The young gentlemen who perform the duties of ship's officers must come up to this standard if possible. It usually takes two full summers sailing and conscientious effort to do so. Only a few boys attain to the title "Watch Keeper".

Sail training as a means of developing character and toughening the mind and body of the young is used in many parts of the world.

On Lake Ontario there is now a small fleet of sail training vessels at this task. In 1961, the Sea Cadets of St. Catharines acquired a 48' Newfoundland schooner which they have re-christened "RENOWN III" and in May, 1963, there was launched at Kingston Shipyards, the brigantine "PATHFINDER", which will operate out of Toronto. The latter is a sister ship to "ST. LAWRENCE II" and is to be used in a similar manner. Perhaps other towns and cities will follow.



Splicing Class at Sea