

Our good pal Fred Cox crossed over the bar in Halifax, Nova Scotia on 9 Nov 95 at the age of 66. He was born 22 Jan 29 in the South of England, spending his early years in orphanages, the last of which was a Boy Seaman Training Facility for the Royal Navy. This was Fred's first association with the Navy. When he reached enlistment age he enlisted in the RN as a Physical Training Instructo(PTI). He left the RN in the early 1950's as a Petty Officer and worked for a while in the Mail Office. During this time he applied to join the Royal Canadian Navy, immigrating to Canada in the early 50's, signing on as a Petty Officer 2nd Class PTI. Almost all of his time with the RCN was served primarily on the East Coast in a number of Bases and Ships. Freddy held a lifelong interest in long distance swimming becoming very active in this venture during this period of his life. He was also selected to participate in the Canada Games in Halifax as a member of the Nova Scotia Water Polo Team. In the late 50's he was selected as an Officers Candidate and was promoted to Officer in the early 60's. It was at this time he developed an interest in the Diving Branch, successfully completing the Clearance Diving Officer's Course with John Cole and Don Deane. Fred was an extremely active Diver, serving as OIC

of the Diving Attack Team at HMCS GRANBY and carrying out ship repair jobs and many other diving tasks. He then was appointed to the Defence and Civil Institute of Environmental Medicine(DCIEM) in Toronto, Ontario where he was the prime mover for the planning and construction of the DEEP DIVING FACILITY. He retired from the Canadian Armed Forces in the mid 1970's and found employment in the civilian diving world for a short period. The Navy diving world again beckoned to Fred in the late 70's, going back to DCIEM as the XO, and later moving to Ottawa in the National Defence Headquarters working on the staff of Director, Maritime Requirements in a diving related capacity. In the early 80's he left the Military and became a prime mover in the establishment of the Association of Canadian Underwater Contractors, serving as the Secretary/Treasurer throughout his tenure. Fred diversified his interests thereafter in the stock market and marketing his meat-filled pastries to a vast number of Pubs in the Toronto area. He also purchased two houses that he completely renovated and sold at a goodly profit. He also established a Diving Consultant business during this period, all of which kept him extremely active and on the move. Fred moved to Newfoundland in 1990 as a consultant to the Memorial University Hospital in St. John's to help them develop policy for both the Hospital's Hyperbaric Facility and the forthcoming Hibernia Oil Exploration Project on the Grand Banks off the coast of Newfoundland. In 1992 Fred bade farewell to Newfie to establish himself back in Halifax where he kept himself busy with his meat pastry business and could frequently be seen at the Halifax Market hawking his wares and telling old sea stories, of which he had a vast repertoire to draw from. Freddy passed away suddenly the night of 9 Nov 95 and will be dearly missed in the diving world and the many friends he made while he was with us. Fred is survived by his wife Teri in Halifax and his two sons David & Brian in Toronto. We were all honoured to have you as a friend and diving partner Fred, as well as a most convivial buddy in all our good times - rest in peace. Our sympathy to you Teri and family as we share your sorrow.

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