

RAMSGATE SEA CADETS

Ramsgate Sea Cadets were first officially accepted by the Navy in October 1946. Eighteen months later, in a ceremony held above their headquarters overlooking Ramsgate Harbour, Lady Carson officially launched the unit as T.S. Fervent, perpetuating the town's link with H.M.S. Fervent. H.M.S. Fervent was the name given to the Ramsgate based shore command during World War II.

The Launching of T.S. Fervent



From the East Kent Times:

As hundreds of residents and holidaymakers looked on in brilliant sunshine, Lady Carson cracked a champagne bottle on the handrail outside the Sea Cadet, headquarters on Sunday afternoon and officially launched the Ramsgate Sea Cadet Unit as T.S. "Fervent."

It was what is described in service language as " a naval occasion." For the officer who came to inspect the parade of some 350 Cadets was none other than Admiral Sir Wilfred Patterson. K.C.B. C.B.E,

Officially recognised in 1946, the Ramsgate unit has made great progress under expert, and keen supervision, and the result was clearly to be seen from the excellent turnout on Sunday.

The company was assembled in Royal-parade, facing the head quarters, with the Ramsgate unit in front, and detachments from Dover, Canterbury, Elham, Herne Bay and Margate behind. Squads of Sea Rangers from Ramsgate and Sandwich were also there as were the Ramsgate and Margate Sea Cadet Bands.

The Commanding Officer, Lt. H.E. Goodbourn. R.N.V.R. called the parade to attention as the chief guests arrived, and these included the Deputy-Mayor and Mayoress (Councilor and Mrs. W. E. Martin), Lady Carson, Capt. J. V. Wotton, C.F.E. R.N. (ret.), unit president, and the Rev. R. R. Borland, unit chaplain.

Bouquets were presented to Lady Carson and the Deputy Mayoress by Linda Smith and Pamela Goodbourn. and then the Admiral's Salute was given, with the band playing " Rule Britannia," as Admiral Sir Wilfred Patterson inspected the guard. The inspection over, Lady Carson launched the ship and unveiled the new nameplate, wishing all who served there the very best of luck in the future. The singing of the National Anthem and the hoisting of the Sea Cadet flag followed, and a short service conducted by the chaplain then took place. After inspecting the new ship and expressing satisfaction with all he saw, the Admiral took the salute in a march past, and then addressed the assembled cadets, congratulating them on the hard work they had put in to form the unit. He urged them to work hard and win all efficiency medal and wished them luck and success. Thanks to the Admiral and to Lady Carson for performing the ceremony were tendered by the Deputy Mayor who made special mention of the Sea Cadets' appearance in the civic parade on Mayors Sunday. The address concluded, the visitors and guests were entertained to tea.



In the early 1970's T.S. Fervent was renamed, this time as T.S. Bulldog. The photo below was taken on the day T.S. Fervent became T.S. Bulldog.



The association with Fervent and Bulldog continues through the T.S. Bulldog/Fervent Association for past members of both training ships.

