

Delegates Information

World-Wide Navigational Warning Service Sub-Committee

Halifax, Nova Scotia (Canada)

26 August – 30 August 2019

The Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) Marine Communications and Traffic Services (MCTS) programme is pleased to welcome you to the 11th Annual meeting of the WWNWS Sub-Committee.

The meeting will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, located on the east coast of Canada. Halifax, the provincial capital of the province of Nova Scotia, is a major business community with a long maritime history.

The Halifax Stanfield International Airport (YHZ) is located just 30 minutes from the downtown core with daily flights from the Canadian cities of Toronto, Montreal, and Ottawa.



Connections can also be made via the following United States airports: Boston, New York, Newark, Philadelphia and Orlando.

The taxi or limousine flat rate one way fare of \$63 CAD is available at the airport for the 30 minute drive to downtown Halifax. It is recommended you reserve a taxi as the various airlines tend to arrive simultaneously and the availability of taxi cabs is thus greatly reduced.

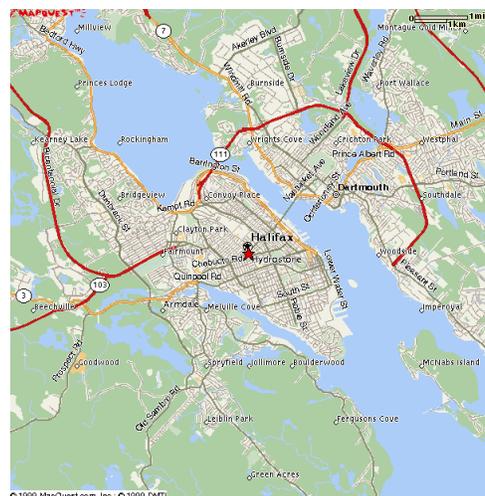
For more information about the Halifax Airport and a list of registered taxi drivers and their contact information, please visit this website:

<https://halifaxstanfield.ca/transportation/taxi-limos/>

Dartmouth is a community in the Halifax Regional Municipality located along the eastern shore of the Halifax Harbour.

If you choose to find a hotel in the Dartmouth area and are renting a vehicle, there is a \$2 CAD toll charge to cross the bridge into Halifax. If using a taxi, the toll charge is included in the taxi fare.

If you just want to visit the Dartmouth area on your time off, you can also hop on a Harbour Water Taxi for \$5 CAD each way.



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Historical Tidbits

- The area around Halifax was first inhabited by the Mi'kmaq indigenous peoples before the French established the first European colony in Acadia in the early 1600s. When the British established a settlement in Halifax in 1749, it sparked the six year Father Le Loutre's War.
- The **Citadel Hill fortification**, a national historic site overlooking Halifax, was one of several maritime coastal fortifications built during these hectic times that were crucial to the defence of the city and the strategically located port of Halifax.
- The **Halifax Town Clock**, a gift from the Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, has been announcing time for Halifax residents since 1803. The Town Clock is located mid-way up the (very) steep hill to the Citadel Hill fortification and provides spectacular views of the both the downtown and harbour.
- The **sinking of the Titanic** in 1912 spurred the cities inhabitants into action, with many local vessels assisting in the recovery of survivors and victims, and many of the deceased were laid to rest in the cities three cemeteries.
- **Halifax Explosion** on December 6th, 1917 was the greatest maritime disaster in Canadian history. The city of Halifax was bustling with war-time activity when the collision of two vessels resulted in a huge explosion which killed an estimated 2,000 people and left over 9,000 injured.
- The **Maritime Museum of the Atlantic** houses displays on the Titanic, as well as the Halifax Explosion, and a group tour is being arranged for everyone's enjoyment.

Basic Questions Answered

Climate:

During the month of August the Halifax the average daily temperature ranges between a high of 23° [73°F] and 16°C [61°F]. For a quick dip in the Atlantic Ocean, expect a sea water temperature hovering around 17°C. Typically, the average monthly rainfall for August is 70 mm, so it would be wise to pack a small umbrella or light rain jacket.

Currency:

Our currency is the Canadian dollar which traditionally sits lower than the American dollar in the world markets. For coins, we have a one dollar coin, called the "Loonie" in reference to the Loon (bird) on the coin face, a two dollar coin we affectionately call the Toonie (as in "two loonies"), the nickel (5 cents), the dime (10 cents) and the quarter (25 cents). The remaining currency is in bill format with denominations of 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 dollars.

Taxation:

Canada has a national Goods and Services Tax of 5% while Nova Scotia's provincial tax is 10%, with a combined Harmonized Sales Tax rate of 15%. This tax is added to the advertised cost of any item or service. Visitors to Canada can claim a refund of incurred taxes provided they've spent 200\$ or more.

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Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA):

Note that visa-exempt foreign nationals travelling to or through Canada by airline **now require** an Electronic Travel Authorization *before* they arrive in Canada. This is required in addition to a passport. To see if you qualify, please see the list visa-exempt countries on this website:

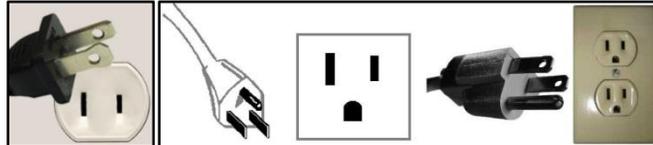
<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/entry-requirements-country.html>

An application can be made online for a fee of \$7 CAD at the following website:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/eta.html>

Electrical Supply:

Canada, like the United States, uses 120 Volts at 60 Hertz for its electrical supply. There are two types of plugs/sockets, either a 2 pin (not grounded) or 3 pin (grounded):



Meeting Venue and Accommodation:

Hotel Halifax

<https://www.hotelhalifax.ca/>

Address: 1990 Barrington Street
Halifax
Nova Scotia, Canada
B3J 1P2

Telephone: 1-902-425-6700
Fax 1-902-425-6214

We have set aside a large selection of hotel rooms for the WWNWS delegates which can only be accessed for reservation using the Hotel Halifax [on-line booking tool](#).

We are still working out the last details with the Hotel Halifax and they will provide the booking tool link shortly. Please don't panic! Sufficient rooms are reserved and will be available for booking very shortly.

We'll ensure the Hotel Halifax on-line booking tool website link is forwarded when it becomes available.



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We have secured a special daily room rate of \$186.51 CAN which includes all applicable taxes (Destination tax [2%] and Harmonized Sales Tax [15%]). This rate does not include breakfast, however there are a wide variety of alternatives either in the hotel or a short walk away.

Additionally, twice daily Health Breaks have been arranged at an additional daily rate of \$22.00 CAD.

Delegates can use the online booking tool to book rooms until **July 25th**, 2019.

You may cancel up to 48 hours prior to arrival without any cancellation fees.

Each hotel room features:

Ensuite bathroom, double/queen/king bed (as available), tea/coffee making facilities, phone (free local calls), television, free Wi-Fi, air conditioning, hair-dryer, ironing board, and personal refrigerator.

The hotel is within walking distance of shopping centres, tourist shops, historical places of interest and, various Pubs/Restaurants as shown in the map included below.

If you would like to vacation in the area and intend to arrive early or depart later, this rate can be applied to additional dates, subject to room availability.

The hotel amenities include a fitness centre and swimming pool [open from 06:00 to 23:00 daily], the award winning Harbour City Bar and Grill (restaurant).

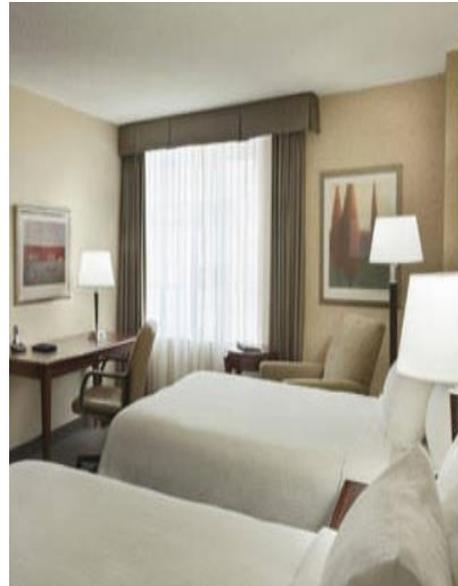
The WWNWS-11 meeting will be held in the hotel's **Bluenose** conference room.

Additional tourist information can be found at:

<https://discoverhalifaxns.com>

<https://www.novascotia.com/about-nova-scotia/regions/halifax-metro>

See next page for a local map....



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Local Map (from [Discover Halifax](#)):

HALIFAX WATERFRONT
The #1 tourist attraction in Halifax and a true beacon to our region.

SEAPORT FARMERS MARKET
Stop in for some fresh finds and local goodies!

HALIFAX CENTRAL LIBRARY
This uniquely designed library is known for more than their vast book collection!

HALIFAX CITADEL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
Visit this one-of-a-kind historic fortress in the center of Downtown Halifax!

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS & VENUES

- A. Alexander Keith's Nova Scotia Brewery
- B. Art Gallery of Nova Scotia
- C. Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21
- D. Casino Nova Scotia
- E. City Hall
- F. Cunard Centre
- G. Discovery Centre
- H. Government House
- I. Halifax Central Library
- J. Halifax Citadel National Historic Site
- K. Halifax Convention Centre
- L. Halifax Public Gardens
- M. Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market
- N. Historic Properties
- O. Maritime Museum of the Atlantic
- P. Museum of Natural History
- Q. Neptune Theatre
- R. Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame
- S. Old Town Clock
- T. Province House
- U. Scotiabank Centre
- V. Visitor Information Centre (Seasonal)

Public Washrooms Free Public WiFi

Downtown Halifax is the urban core of the region, complete with hundreds of restaurants, boutique shopping, festivals and events, world-class attractions and highly rated hotels. Downtown Halifax is the go-to tourism hub of the region. Sitting on the beautiful Harbour, an attraction in of itself, is the bustling Halifax boardwalk, one of the longest downtown boardwalks in the world. It offers stunning views, plenty of things to do and places to eat. We can't wait for you to visit and experience where things happen on the water.

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