

World Hydrography Day Celebrations in Canada

World Hydrography Day (WHD) was celebrated in various offices of the Canadian Hydrographic Service and Oceanographic Services (CHS&OS) across Canada. With Canada's recent discovery of the HMS Erebus, participants were proud to celebrate this year's World Hydrography Day theme of "*Our seas and waterways - yet to be fully charted and explored*".

In the Atlantic and Central and Arctic Regions, WHD was celebrated by hosting presentations for an informative look at "*Charting in the Arctic and a behind the scenes look at CHS's participation in the 2014 Franklin Expedition*". The presentations provided insights into the challenges of hydrography in the Arctic and into a discovery that was 169 years in the making. The presentations were followed by cake and beverages.

Québec Region marked the occasion by inviting staff to submit suggested names for two new channel survey vessels that are being built. In addition, a trivia quiz tested employees' historical hydrographic knowledge.

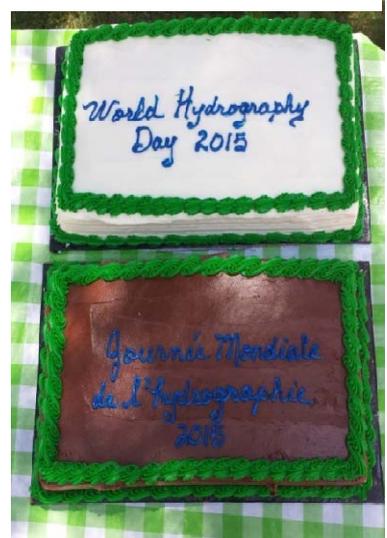
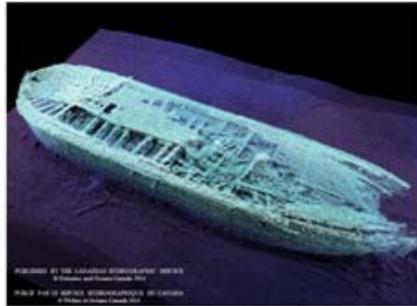
In the nation's capital another presentation, entitled "*Franklin's Lost Ships – Getting to the Bottom of the Mystery*" was delivered and streamed on-line from Library and Archives Canada by the Canadian Coast Guard captain and the CHS&OS hydrographer-in-charge involved in the mission. In addition, a 3-D model of the HMS Erebus was on display in the main lobby of the Fisheries and Oceans Canada building.

Celebrations in Ottawa also included an outdoor picnic. The Canadian Hydrographic Association and CHS prepared an afternoon to utilize everyone's hydrographic knowledge in an informal, team-building atmosphere. Attendees participated in a fun-filled scavenger hunt for all things hydrographic around nearby Dow's Lake and finished the afternoon with a hydrography trivia contest with the categories of: 'CHS History', 'Name that Chart Symbol', 'IHO facts', and 'Canada's Franklin Expedition'. It was exciting to see everyone work together and put their hydrographic knowledge to the test.

Below are some photos illustrating CHS&OS employees and Canadian Hydrographic Association members celebrating and enjoying World Hydrography Day, as well as an image and 3D model of the HMS Erebus.



Ottawa, Canada





3D Model of the HMS Erebus



Mont-Joli, Québec

