

# ***Centennial's* Last Patrol**

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RCMP Patrol Vessel *Centennial*, built by A.F. Theriault and Sons Ltd., of Meteghan River, Nova Scotia, was commissioned for service in 1973, to patrol the coasts of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. P/V *Centennial's* main duties included enforcing the Customs Act, along the south coast of Newfoundland and the French islands of St-Pierre and Miquelon, in addition to enforcing other federal and provincial statutes like the Wildlife, Migratory Birds and Canada Shipping Acts. The patrol vessel was also a welcomed sight to residents of isolated

communities along the coast during search and rescue operations.

P/V *Centennial* was also seconded for escort duties during royal family visits like Prince Charles and Lady Diana's visit on the Royal Yacht to St. John's and Harbour Grace, and for security duties at the blessing of the fleet at Flatrock, Newfoundland, part of the papal visit during the summer of 1984. *Centennial* also provided numerous escorts for the lieutenant-governor of Newfoundland