

The Egeria bench mark at Green Wharf, *Gabriola* SOUNDER, p.5, April 28, 2000

Dear Editor

I'm not sure why in your articles on the old bench mark at Green Wharf you continue to refer to HMS *Egeria* as MS *Egeria*. When the Canadian Hydrographic Service was constituted in 1883, the British Admiralty retained responsibility for some west coast surveys. HMS *Egeria* was based at Esquimalt from 1898 to 1910 under the command of Captain Parry. The ship surveyed cable routes to Australia, the east coast of Vancouver Island, including of course Gabriola Island, and the north coast of BC. A photograph of *Egeria*'s captain and officers taken in Esquimalt includes two dogs, so it must have been a good ship to work on.

Sincerely

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There is a full length article about the *Egeria*'s visit to Gabriola in *SHALE* 22, January 2010. The article includes an explanation of the F.O.E .11.1621 inscription.