



Erik the Red

Rodent Control Officer, CSS *Acadia*,
Maritime Museum of the Atlantic
Active duty: 1999 - 2015

One late August evening in 1999, Steve Read, CSS *Acadia*'s Shipkeeper, was relentlessly followed through the streets of Halifax by a ginger striped tabby. The cat was welcomed aboard the Museum Ship, christened 'RCO (Rodent Control Officer) Erik the Red', and has been a part of the crew ever since. Erik's retirement event, September 20, 2015, as RCO, marks a long tradition of the role of ship's cat, a diligent and important role. Through 16 seasons and three mistaken cat-nappings, Erik has been a valued crew member and co-worker, a treasured companion and is well-loved by those at the museum and ANY of the countless hundreds who have crossed his path during his active years of service.



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