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Hi folks,

Well, She's high and dry and finally showing us her bottom...

After many full moons, strong winds and high tides, trials and tribulations (*intended*), the spirited Lady, a little rusty but otherwise unscathed, let Herself be hauled ashore if somewhat reluctantly.

Thanks to our boys from MOG5 and other submariners (some of them local), neighborhood maritime establishments and experts, plus everybody that had a little knowhow on the matter, she was hauled 80 meters ashore with the help of the 28-29-30th of Nov high tides. Still 10 meters short of her intended final resting place... During the last minutes of towing, one of her 3 rolling cradles gave up the ghost again and the powers to be decided that close was close enough and the few meters not worth the effort.

Over the next few weeks, a stone protection sea wall will be erected around and shoring put in place to support the Lady at her permanent resting place. She will subsequently become the only submarine open to the public in Canada.

Scraping, cleanup, onboard layout and fitting will be carried out over the winter months. All delays notwithstanding, opening to visitor is scheduled for mid May 2009.

Photo credits: Roland Thériault





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