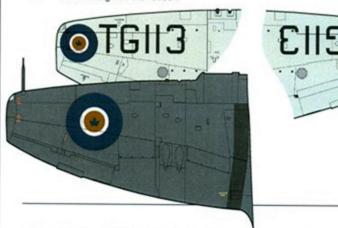




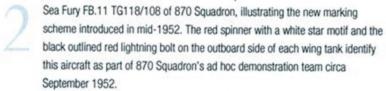
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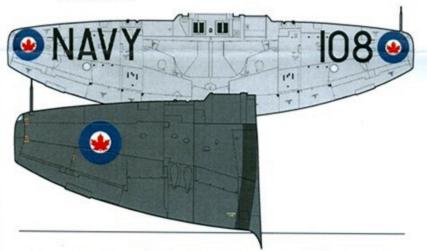
Sea Fury FB.11 TG113 from 803 Squadron September 1948. This aircraft is somewhat unusual in that it carries crew names below the windscreen and a naval ensign on the rudder.



Sea Fury FB.11 TG122 of 870 Squadron. Markings were standard for the Pattern 3 scheme and the 1951 timeframe in which it was photographed. Front of spinner is dark blue.

Sea Fury FB.11 TG117. Destined from the outset for service with the Winter Experimental Establishment (a non-combat unit), the aircraft was allocated the unit identifier "ZZ", and carried the individual aircraft code "A". The early RCN style roundel, letter codes and fin flash (of incorrect proportions) were applied in the UK, with the "ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY" identifier in a single line on the aft fuselage providing evidence of this. For its service in the far north, the outer wing panels (less the ailerons) and horizontal stabilizers (less the elevators) were painted red above and below. The profile shows the aircraft as it appeared when first delivered to the WEE in 1948.

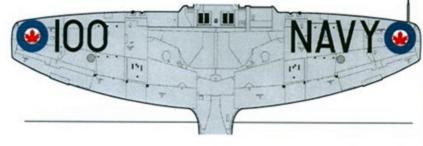




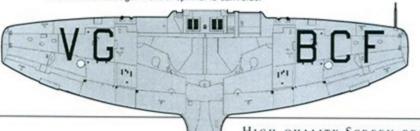
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Sea Fury FB.11 VW563 of 871 Squadron. On one occasion, a simple matter of not paying attention to which side of the airplane he was on likely led a painter at Fairey Aviation of Canada, Ltd. to apply the lower wing "NAVY" and aircraft code to the wrong wings on VW563. An additional error on this scheme is the maple leaves in the roundels touching the edges of the white disk, contrary to the RCN standard. Seen aboard the Maggie during Exercise Mariner in September 1953. White spinner.

Sea Fury FB.11 VX695 with 883 Squadron in 1950-51 wearing factory-applied standard RCN markings of the period, but with the incorrect RN colors. On the original print of the photo on which the profile is based, there is evidence of overpainting of another aircraft code and of the single-line service identifier, the latter providing evidence of its having had RCN markings applied at the factory with the RN colors. (Refer to Scheme 4 for underwing code placement)



Sea Fury FB.11 TG114 of 870 Squadron was uniquely marked. For reasons unknown, although perhaps for an airshow display, this aircraft featured a large black-soutlined "NAVY" in a light color (yellow is believed to be correct) on the side of the fuselage. Front of spinner is dark blue.



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