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## Old Oars say Farewell

With the recent passing of Senat'Oar Bill Rompkey on March 21, 2017, the remaining 4 Old Oars decided to hold their Grand Finale event on the 3rd floor Crowsnest in BYTOWN on May 31st at High Noon. The purpose was to pay tribute to Bill Rompkey's inspired 12 years worth of leadership and events, to thank and say farewell to all of the Old Oars supporters over those years and to donate their residual funds to the Navy League of Canada.



Pete'Oar Milsom was the MC and he proceeded to do exactly that. With such short notice, a very wide net was cast to inform the Old Oars constituency of the event, with the mailing lists of the Oars, the UNTDA and the NAC being used. Not just to maximize attendance, but to inform the naval community at large of this landmark event. As a result, messages of regret and support to the Oars were received from across the country and the globe.

Peter started out by relating how the Old Oars were formed, how they were named, why they launched their 6 years worth of Parliament Hill events, with a summary of each of those sterling Rendez-Vous. This summary was intertwined with a tribute to Bill Rompkey himself and then a further elaboration of their final 6 years at BYTOWN. (see below)



## Old Oars say Farewell - cont'd

Doct'Oar Grant Thompson then ran on the big screen, a video that he created, which was a collage of pictures and video of UNTD days, and various of the Old Oars events. (see below)



Then followed the cheque presentation from the Oars to the Navy League in the person of CDR (Ret'd) John Bell who is the Vice Chairman of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Education Foundation. (see below)



Jim Maxwell, Bob Duncombe, Grant Thompson, John Bell, Peter Milsom

An excellent assortment of sandwiches, cakes and coffee was then laid on, with the famous Crowsnest bar having remained opened throughout the proceedings.



Conviviality and reminiscing continued until 1400.

For the record, registered attendees were:

Ed Arvisais, John Bell, Tony Bernard, Jean-Marie Bordeleau, John Clarke, Bill Clearihue, Ross Cleary, Tom Conway and wife Reine, Tom Curran, David Dodge, Bob Flewelling, Barry Frewer, Shawn Gill, John Graham, Kelly Hart, Peter Hyde, Bill Jennings, Stephen Knowles, Joe Konst, Ivo Krupka, Michel Légère, Jim Lovett, Doug Lynd, Brian McCullough, Bruce McKean, Michael Mace, Terry McEwan, Peter McLaine, Jacques Roy, Bob Nicholson, Robert Nixon, Spruce Riordon, John Richard, Gord Sellery, Roger Stone, Dave Tildesley, Robert Temple, Ed Wicks. Bobby'Oar Bob Duncombe, Geograph'Oar Jim Maxwell, Pete'Oar and Purs'Oar Carol Milsom, Doct'Oar Grant Thompson, and in spirit: Poet'Oar Bob Wootton, Senat'Oar Bill Rompkey.



John Graham and John Richard  
Perhaps reminiscing about the 1953 Spithead Review ?



Peter Milsom, Ivo Krupka, David Dodge, Michael Mace

Peter, Ivo, David and Michael are good examples of those whose substantial careers eventually landed them in Ottawa. David has the distinction of having had his name appear more often to more Canadians than any other member. As Governor of the Bank of Canada, his signature appeared on every piece of currency printed from 2001 to 2008.



Bob Temple, Bob Flewelling, Kelly Hart, Dave Tildesley



Barry Frewer, Spruce Riordon, Bill Clearihue



Bob Nixon and Bob Duncombe

Bob Duncombe travelled the furthest to be at this event. That being a scenic bus trip from Fredericton, NB, through Quebec City and Montreal. Bob was the Mess President for the Old Oars Dinners held on the Hill in 2006 and 2010.

All of the pictures in this article as well as on the cover page, were taken by LCDR (Ret'd) Brian McCullough [ROUTP DONNACONA 1972].

## West Coast UNTDAs - Dine the Partners

Following on the heels of the successful April 28, 2016 UNTDA Mess Dinner, Russ Cape set about to organize another one close to July 1st to celebrate Canada 150.

It was held on June 29th, 2017 at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club in Oak Bay.

LCDR (Ret'd) David Collins, [ROUTP CATARAQUI 1973] submits the following Report of Proceedings:

"Following on last year's successful mess dinner where two honorary members were inducted into the UNTDA, the West Coast gang did it again! Thanks to the outstanding organizational skills of Russ Cape, twenty seven old and new reprobates dined magnificently with twenty one of their partners in the fitting nautical environment of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club. The new reprobates were four ROUTP officers: Paul de Champlain (TH 70), David Collins (CI 73), David Craig (MT 74) and Michael Ervin (BR 73). We all hope that we can encourage more officers from the UNTD successor programmes to join the larger family which remains full of camaraderie.

The senior member dining was Merritt Chisholm (NH49) with the youngest, who proposed the toast of the day, being Commodore David Craig. We were delighted to have again with us this year Vice Admiral Bob George (Hon UNTD, DY 61) and his wife Lois.

Mess President Stew Churlish kept us in order from pre-dinner drinks to post-prandial port. His vices, Brian Cook, Peter Chipman and Gord Mains all kept reasonable order of their table legs although one lamented the lack of buns to throw at one after dinner speaker! Several guests came from further away, notably Glen Power (TH 64) from Edmonton.

Toasts were properly offered: to Her Majesty and to our partners. David Craig spoke well about what the toasts of the day mean to the Navy today.

The dinner heard from several guests. Bob George spoke briefly but reflected on the changes in our society and the Navy especially with regard to gender. Our principal speaker, Michael Hadley (DY 54) spoke eloquently, and memorably, about the sea in the context of Canada 150. He used quotations and poetry to evoke the sense of the sea for us: what does it mean? how do we experience it? the joy of going to sea. He concluded by noting how we relate to the sea, what the call of the sea means to individuals and how we are all touched by the sea. An impressive exposé by any standard.

Roger Elmes spoke about the Association and an outstanding evening was brought to a conclusion by Peter Chipman and his guitar leading us in song, including the UNTD song.

All mess members recall their navy time in different ways: some stayed only a year or two in the programme, others transferred to the RCN, still others had longer careers in the Reserve. But what binds us all is the sense of camaraderie and shared experience of a programme that was extremely well run, whether in 1949 or in the darker days of 1969. We were and remain brothers and sisters in arms, drawn together by the Navy, her traditions and the sense of family."

## West Coast UNTDAs - Dine the Partners - cont'd



Russ and Genny Cape pictured above, do have a lot to smile about after another successful UNTDA Mess Dinner. Russ has been the UNTDA Vancouver Island Regional Director for some time now and has contributed mightily to strengthening the size and connectivity of that Group.



Pictured above, Anita and Michael Hadley (Guest Speaker), Elizabeth and Dave Craig (Senior Ranking Reservist and youngest Member), seem to be amused at remarks made by Stew Churlish (Dinner President). All 3 are former MALAHAT COs: Hadley 1974 - 78, Churlish 1985 - 89, Craig 1992 - 95.

For the record, registered attendees were:

Rolf and Norma Ahrens, Barry and Nancy Bittner, Alan Broome, Russ and Genny Cape, Paul and Dianne de Champlain, Peter Chipman, Merritt and Benni Chisholm, Stew Churlish, David and Jacquie Collins, Brian Cook, Dave and Elizabeth Craig, Roger Elmes and Marie-Claire Rucquoy, Michael Ervin and Karen Irvine, Dave and Marion Freeman, Dave and Evelyn Frisby, Bob and Lois George, Michael and Anita Hadley, Bob and Anne Irwin, Tom Loney, Gord Mains, Irene Grosvenor, Bill McCreery and Gloria Charnell, Bob and Mary McIlwaine, Glen Power, Doug and Margaret Plumsteel, Graham and Anne Walker, Simon and June Whitlow, David Winkler and Pamela Dean.

More candid shots and comments on the next page. All of the photos for this article are courtesy of Dave Freeman.



Barry Bittner, Marion Freeman, Nancy Bittner, Dave & Elizabeth Frisby

The picture above gives a sense of the "Dressed Overall" nature of the room.



As "Senior UNTD Member Dining" Merritt Chisholm received a copy of Dave Freeman's "Designs of Distinction" from UNTDA President Roger Elmes. The book itself has been previously commented on and reviewed in this Newsletter and in NAC's Starshell and elsewhere. It is a Tour de Force and a major addition to Canada's naval heritage.

As "Senior ROU TP Member Dining" Paul de Champlain received a copy of Bob Williamson's "UNTiDy Tales". Unfortunately no photo.

Merritt had also received "UNTiDy Tales" at the UNTDA event in Calgary in 2015. Note to Roger: What are you going to present Merritt with next time ?



Gord Mains, Doug and Margaret Plumsteel



Bob McIlwaine, Brian Cook, Michael Ervin, Karen Irvine

Bob and Brian are former DISCOVERY COs; Bob from 1985 - 88, Brian from 1988 - 91. Michael was TECUMSEH CO from 2000 - 03. Brian has additionally commanded 2 Minesweepers and 2 MCDVs. Michael has most recently contributed the 1974 ROU TP Yearbook to the UNTDA Archives.



Elizabeth and Dave Craig, above, are also smiling. Deservedly so after a longer than usual Command of the Naval Reserve (2011 - 15).



Norma and Rolf Ahrens, June and Simon Whitlow



Roger Elmes



Michael Hadley

Roger is in his 3rd year as UNTDA President and so its nice to see that he's still smiling as this hopefully means that he'll stay on for some time to come.

Michael Hadley was the keynote speaker and there'll be more to say about that on the next page.



Anne and Bob Irwin



Peter Chipman

After the Smoked Salmon ensemble, Prime Rib with Yorkshire Pudding, a dessert of fine cheeses and decanters of vintage Taylor Fladgate Port for the Toasts, and as David Collins previously mentioned, Peter did sing everybody out with the UNTD song amongst others, to conclude the evening.

Peter has been doing this for over half a century. So I guess that qualifies as a tradition.



VADM (Ret'd) Bob George

As David Collins mentioned it was an honour to have Bob and Lois George back again this year. Bob was ComMarPac from 1987 - 89, ComMarCom from 1989 - 91, Deputy CDS to 1992 and then Canadian Military Representative to the NATO Military Committee in Brussels.

"Canada 150 and the sea" was the theme of Michael Hadley's dinner speech. He challenged himself to cover the topic in 15 minutes. As David Collins reported and as attendees will attest, Michael did accomplish that eloquently, memorably and impressively.

In the last Newsletter, when announcing this event, Michael's bona fides were laid out as well as notice given of the impending release of his and Anita's book on this subject.

That book, "Spindrift - A Canadian Book of the Sea" is released effective August 5th. In the words of the publisher, Douglas & McIntyre (Vancouver), it is within its 360 pages "a salt-soaked anthology featuring some of Canada's most significant literary voices".

In their opening introductions to the book, Anita describes their initial motivations in what turned out to be a 5 year labour of love and a desire to complete it as a Canada 150 gift.

Michael then goes on to explain how they decided what and what not to include in it, so as to make it a unique offering. The result is an eclectic selection of Canadian prose and poetry that spans distance and time.

Michael closed his talk with the remarks below, which are also the best words to use to describe their book itself.

"Friends, I have offered you nothing but Spindrift - wisps of spray streaking across the tops of rolling waves. Nothing more than a hint of the wealth of experience and lore-captured in written records and songs, in the memories of those Canadians who have experienced and imagined the grandeur and wonder of the seas. Beneath these wisps of spray lies a profound dimension of our relationship to the sea, which I invite you to discover. You will find, I suggest, that the "wholesome sea" is not merely at our gates. It is - and has always been-an intrinsic part of our national identity. I wish you "fair winds and following seas" on your voyage."

Interestingly, Michael also contributed to our "Old Oars say Farewell" cover story.

Of the many messages received in response to that event's announcement, Michael's was particularly profound and reflected many of the sentiments expressed. That message is below:

"I often lament that our country is so large; too large, one might argue. For one cannot easily 'drop in' to see one's friends. Certainly not as often as one would like. I found the photo of the last Oarsmen that was circulated with the event notice very poignant indeed. Looking at each one of them evoked the experiences we had once shared both ashore and afloat all those years ago: everything from boat-work with those heavy 27-foot whalers, to cruises in a variety of ships, training in various establishments across the country, and of course mess dinners. Had we realized it at the time - and perhaps some of the boys did - we were engaged in a process of personal formation, in the French sense of the word. The photo brought home to me just how much the UNTD had shaped us, and given us lasting values. I daresay the UNTD experience continues to do so. And further, we were engaged in a process of national unity."

"A relation which had begun with our connections to the sea, ended with nationwide bonds. No other Canadian programme has done so much for the young; or for the country."

I do wish I could join the Old Oars at the end of the month, and am grateful for the invitation. I will nonetheless raise a glass to them all, God bless 'em.

I might add that two of the Old Oars, Jim Maxwell and Bob Wootton, had been guests at our wedding 58 years ago."

## Mike Cooper receives unique Award

CMDRE (Ret'd) Mike Cooper [UNTD DISCOVERY '54 U-16715] is used to presenting awards. Particularly at the annual Naval Technical Officer awards held at STADACONA, where Mike has perennially presented the NOAC/NAC Shield for "Highest standing, professional achievement and officer-like qualities during Naval Engineering Indoctrination." Mike was the NOAC National President from 2003 - 2005.

The picture below and its caption, tell the story:



"The team from the Maritime Engineering Journal, represented by Brian McCullough (left), had a little surprise for Cmdre Mike Cooper, RCN (Ret.), after the publication of our Looking Back feature on him in our last issue. Following the NTO Awards presentations in Halifax on April 27, the Chief Engineer of the RCN, Cmdre Simon Page (right), expressed his appreciation to Mike for his long-standing support to the Navy, and presented him with a framed copy of the article."

Brian McCullough has given us permission to attach that 2-page article as an addendum to this Newsletter, which will effectively become pages 9 & 10. Brian is the production editor of the MEJ and was also the author of the Journal's story about Mike and his UNTD Journal.

The literal "nuts and bolts" of the Canadian Navy have been well documented over the 35 year, 84 Issue history of the Maritime Engineering Journal and Brian has been involved with it from Day 1. It is highly recommended and current and back issues, in English and French, are available online at: <http://www.cntha.ca/publications/m-e-j>

## A unique Scholarship is available

Richard Birchall, President, NAC Toronto Branch Scholarship Fund, wishes to make known that the newly created "Ted Smith Memorial Scholarship", in the amount of \$2,500, is available to "Any Canadian planning to pursue a career in the RCN". There is a substantial amount of detail available that space in this Issue does not permit showing. I will gladly provide that detail to anyone requesting it at: [wclearihue@cogeco.ca](mailto:wclearihue@cogeco.ca)

## Promoting UNTD Accomplishments

For the more than 25 years that I have served on the UNTD Association Executive, my goal has been to preserve and promote the valuable contribution made to our country by those who served in the UNTD program. I believe I helped accomplish that by writing the 425 page anecdotal history of the UNTD and editing the UNTD Newsletter for 21 years.

In 2015, after retiring as newsletter editor, another opportunity to achieve that goal was presented to me. It came in the form of a letter from the Governor General, announcing that the Caring Canadian Award that I had received in the year 2000 was being elevated into the Canadian Honours System as the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. To help in promoting this new medal I was invited to submit a nomination for any Canadian who has made a exemplary, sustained and unpaid contribution to their community and to Canada.

While there are many organizations that I belong to whose members might qualify, my life-long involvement with the navy and the productivity of the UNTD Association as a Canada-wide group of volunteers, provided me with the best chance of submitting a successful nomination. The latter is a key consideration as there is a tremendous amount of work involved in preparing a successful nomination to the Director of Canadian Honours.

As announced on page 6 of the June 2016 UNTDA Newsletter, the 2016 nomination for Bill Thomas was successful and I am pleased to announce that the 2017 nomination for Bill Clearihue has also been successful. Bill received his medal on Canada Day at an awards ceremony in Bronte Heritage Park in Oakville.

Congratulations to Bill Clearihue, who in preserving the traditions of UNTD service has made a valuable contribution to our naval heritage and the self-esteem of UNTDA membership.

Robert Williamson,  
UNTDA Executive

## UNTDA 75th Anniv. Reunion in St John's, NL September 9 - 12, 2018

In the March 2017 Newsletter we provided a list of potential itinerary items. It will be into the Fall months before Bob Jenkins and his team will be able to start solidifying them.

So mark your calendars and Bob will welcome comments and questions at: [rjjenkins@nl.rogers.com](mailto:rjjenkins@nl.rogers.com)

## UNTDA Regalia available:

After a long absence, UNTDA Ties and bullion Blazer Badges are now available.

Ties: \$35 + \$5 shipping. Blazer Badges: \$25 + \$5 shipping.  
Lapel Pins: \$5 - includes shipping.  
Contact Bill Thomas at: [wctpts@cogeco.ca](mailto:wctpts@cogeco.ca)

Ball Caps: \$15 + variable shipping.  
Contact Andy Shaw at [andy@cancompete.com](mailto:andy@cancompete.com)

## UNTDA Archives Update:

The UNTDA Master List database is continually receiving information from a wide variety of sources.

As of July 31, 2017 we are accumulating data on 8,355 individuals. Of those, 7,129 are UNTDs from the 1942-1968 period, 989 are ROUTH+ from 1969 to the present and 10 are Honorary UNTDA Members..

237 are closely associated with the Programs such as Founders, Staff, Trainers etc.

From the UNTD/ROUTH group, 933 are known to have crossed the bar and 627 are on the UNTDA VIP List.

Lists are updated frequently and are available on the UNTDA website, on the Members Page:

<http://www.angelfire.com/on2/UNTDA/members2.html>

and on the In Memoriam page:

<http://www.angelfire.com/on2/UNTDA/IM.html>

The UNTDA Webmaster maintains a growing collection of Obituaries, also available on the In Memoriam page.

Our collection of 26 UNTD and ROUTH+ Yearbooks has been converted to .pdf files and can be viewed and downloaded from:

<http://www.angelfire.com/on2/UNTDA/WT.html>

## UNTiDy TALES OF NAVAL OFFICER CADETS

The Story of Canada's University Naval Training Divisions  
By: CDR Robert J. Williamson CD RCNR (Retired)

The 2013 70th Anniversary edition of this 424-page classic is recently back in print. The digital version is also available on a CD. The price for either format is \$20 including tax. Shipping is free for the CD but not for the book.

To order a CD, send a cheque payable to Robert Williamson at: 1 Clonmore Ave. Hamilton, ON. L9A 4R2

For ease of shipping, stocks of the book format are maintained in Vancouver and Toronto.

From Vancouver contact Roger Elmes at [mcroger@shaw.ca](mailto:mcroger@shaw.ca)

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## LOOKING BACK

# The UNTD Cadet Journal of Commodore H.A. "Mike" Cooper

By Brian McCullough

A familiar face at the annual MARLANT Naval Technical Officers mess dinner in Halifax is that of 80-year-old, retired Commodore Henry Anthony "Mike" Cooper. For years this quiet, dignified gentleman with the perfect manners and the quick smile has been presenting the Naval Association of Canada Award to the officer who achieves the highest standing in professional achievement during Naval Engineering Indoctrination. It is a double honour for the recipient, considering that Commodore Cooper is believed to be the last officer in the Royal Canadian Navy to wear the purple stripe of the Engineering Branch.

What many people likely don't realize when they see him in his civilian formal wear and military decorations, is that "Mike" Cooper – his mother didn't like the name Henry – was one of the most well-rounded naval officers of his day, with qualifications in engineering, navigation, bridge watchkeeping, logistics supply, and personnel. He did it all, and still found time to involve himself in the Canadian Forces and international military sports scenes in a big way.

During his 44 years of exemplary naval service, this former National President of the Naval Officers Association of Canada received the Canadian Forces Decoration and two clasps, the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, Commander's Commendations from both Maritime Command and Air Command, and the Meritorious Order of CISM (Conseil International du Sport Militaire) in the grade of Commander. He was also inducted into the Canadian Forces Sports Hall of Fame, and honoured with the Gold Medallion of the Naval Association of Canada.

Pretty much what you'd expect from a University Naval Training Divisions (UNTD) cadet who, in true naval spirit, knew how to 'fly with the eagles' the morning after 'hooting with the owls' at a late mess dinner. In something reminiscent of the light-hearted, charity fundraising NTO Challenge following today's mess dinners, Cadet Cooper wrote in his journal in June 1956: "The next morning the technical cadets as well as the rest were subjected to a tabloid of sports in Stadacona gym. Considering that most of us were suffering from the effects of the previous night's indulgence, I think we did quite well to gain third place, only three points behind the winners!"

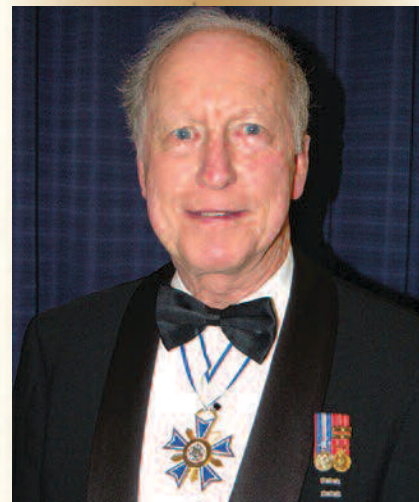
In his journal, which he maintained from 1956 to 1958, Cadet Cooper describes in detail his guided tour of the U.S. Coast Guard's three-masted training barque *Eagle* the day after a UNTD gunroom ball held in honour of *Eagle's* own 190 cadets. He

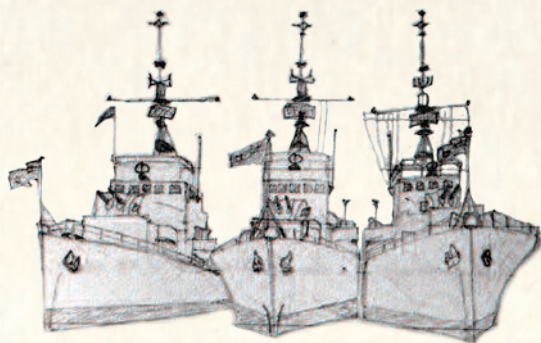
wrote that he was "particularly impressed by the spotless machinery spaces," which included a 10-cylinder diesel main engine, and a cylindrical radial-piston air-compressor dubbed "Whiffenpoof" by the crew, a clue to the vessel's German origin as the former *Horst Wessel* built in Hamburg in 1936 for Hitler's navy.

Toward the end of his 1956 summer training at the Mechanical Training Establishment, Mike Cooper and another cadet worked on a special project to draw organizational charts for the Education Officer. They found that if they worked "hard and speedily," they had time to take a short break in the coffee shop in the Administration Building.

"It is a matter worth mentioning," he wrote, "that on the occasions that we did frequent the coffee shop, the Supply cadets working in the Administration Building were invariably ensconced in a far corner devouring coffee and donuts at their leisure." Ah, the perspective of youth.

There was sea time in the 1956 training schedule as well, and Cadet Cooper's journal is filled with his impressions of everything going on around him in his first ship, HMCS *Lauzon* (FFE-322),





a *Prestonian*-class training frigate, during Cruise Bravo. His thoughtful observations of the type of work the cadets were employed at in the engineering spaces, the cafeteria system that still used fannies (kettles) to take food to the messes, and the port visits in the U.K. and Belgium, are often accompanied by his beautiful technical drawings and ship illustrations.

Cadet Cooper didn't shy away from offering some rather outspoken remarks, characteristic throughout his journal, such as those concerning the poor watchkeeping conditions for the engineering ratings, and for the stinginess of the conversion of the *Prestonian* class frigates. The two were not unrelated. Of the latter he said, "It seemed strange that with a two million odd dollar conversion... very little-if-any of that amount appeared to have been spent in the machinery spaces. This is peculiar, and shows a certain degree of short-sightedness, as far as I am concerned, because the efficiency of a fighting ship is directly dependent upon the efficiency of her auxiliary machinery and main propulsion."

He describes his last watch of the cruise in the engine-room on the starboard throttle as his ship entered Halifax Harbour, and then after Finished with Engines had been rung down, closing the bulkhead stops, opening the steam and water drains, and adjusting many other valves, "as probably the most informative four hours I ever spent on board ship."

Commodore Cooper's journal entries offer a delightful glimpse into Navy cadet life, both ashore and aboard ship, from a bygone era of steam propulsion, khaki summer uniforms, and the occasional high-energy 'smoker' party. Perhaps what is most striking is how similar his experiences of 50 years ago are to my own as a Naval

Reserve navigation cadet in the early 1970s, and as how they must be in some ways to the young NTOs forging their own careers in our fleet today.

"We departed with many memories," Cadet Cooper wrote at the end of his 1956 summer training, "which I'm sure will be unearthed many times in the years to come as we relive those memorable days spent in the Reserve Training Centre, in the Mechanical Training Establishment, aboard the ships of the Third Canadian Escort Squadron, and in Halifax."

Thanks for the memories, Mike.



Brian McCullough is the production editor of the Maritime Engineering Journal. (With special thanks to Captain Lou Carosielli, RCN, for first bringing Commodore Cooper's UNTD cadet journal to my attention for this long-overdue feature.)

## Career Highlights

- 1936 – Born in U.K.; 1946 emigrated to Canada
- 1954 – Joined UNTD as Probationary Cdt(E)
- 1955 – Summer UNTD: HMCS *Stadacona*; HMCS *Huron* (216)
- 1956 – UNTD: Mechanical Training Establishment *Stadacona*; HMCS *Lauzon* (FFE-322) for engineering watchkeeping
- 1957 – Summer UNTD: MTE *Stadacona*; Promoted A/Slt(E) RCNR – "Purple stripe!"
- 1958 – Transferred to Regular Force; Midshipman HMCS *Ontario* (C53)
- 1959 – Graduated UBC (BA Math.); HMCS *St. Laurent* (DDE-205) for engineering training; *Stadacona* and HMCS *Assiniboine* (DDE-234) for navigation training
- 1960 to 1962 – Sea phase training, HMC ships *St. Croix* (DDE-256) and *Chaudiere* (DDE-235); Obtained bridge and engine-room watchkeeping certificates; Promoted Lt.
- 1968 – HMCS *Bonaventure* (CVL 22) Assistant Supply Officer
- 1971 to 1986 – Various supply and finance postings; promotion to Cmdre as NDHQ Director General Personnel Services
- 1992 – Retired Reg. Force; Reservist again; member and later Vice-president Conseil International du Sport Militaire
- 1998 – Inducted into CF Sports Hall of Fame; terminated CF Reserve service
- 2003 to 2005 – National President, Naval Officers Association of Canada

