

UNTDA Archives Report - March 31, 2020

UNTDA_Master_List_1.xlsx continues to be at the heart of the matter. It is from that file that our Nominal and In Memoriam, VIP and Contact online lists are directly created. It is also used for the Membership Survey. It is backed up regularly to 2 remote locations as well as being sent to Ross Connell, for his use and additional backup. There are any number of fields of information that are not exposed online, so any Director interested or curious to see it, can request it, keeping in mind that it is updated in one form or another, almost daily.

There has been more than the usual amount of activity on that List of late. Russ Cape continues to pursue information from his current and home turf (Van Isle and Winnipeg), as well as the immediate post-Unification years for which no Yearbooks exist. Ken McCaw has been pursuing similar information and contacts from Saskatchewan and from his own Cadet years. Glenn Carroll has had 6 astonishingly successful forays into LAC, photographing 259 pages of relevant UNTD documents from PREVOST, CARLETON, GRIFFON, QUEEN and UNICORN, from the pre-Cadet era (1943-48), which is/was a blind spot for us, producing just under 200 brand new entries and straightening out information on a similar number of existing names.

Ross Connell's 3rd annual, well conceived and executed Membership survey, importantly contributes to the coffers, as well as providing meaningful contact and archival information.

Other major data contributions in the recent past have been Hugues Letourneau, for post-1990 folks, Pat Barnhouse, NAC Obit Editor and continuing, John MacFarlane's Nauticapedia.

In a nutshell;

10,200 name entries.

7,581 - UNTD (1943 - 1968)
2,392 - ROU+ (1969 - present)
227 - other (Founders, Hon, Staff, Assoc, etc)

In Memoriam:

1,346 - UNTD (17.8%)
33 - ROU+ (1.4%)
119 - other (52.4%)

Contacts:

1,120 of which 904 (80.7%) are active, non-bouncing emails.

Of those 904, 653 (72%) are UNTD, 199 (22%) are ROU+

46 are unresolved bounced emails which may or may not have valid phone/address information.

112 are Location only, that is, we know roughly where they are but no contact information exists.

For various reasons, over time, 20 have requested no contact, which although we retain the information, we respect.

As we contemplate finding new people and contacts, we have no good mechanism for resolving current "bad" info.

Biographies:

Embedded as links in our online lists, are currently **2,249** Biographies of varying depths. In the initial lists, they were all Nauticapedia links, of which we helped create, but now 1,427 (63%) are of our own format and creation and will increasingly be so. Nauticapedia remains an important collaborator.

Members:

There are currently **270** "Active" (dues-paying) Members (2019 and beyond). This figure has been surprisingly consistent in the 5 years since we instituted the current "Member" system, given that in that same period, we've had 345 known deceased, a number of whom were dues-paying.

Other Archival Material:

By that I mean other than what currently appears on the website, and upon which we rely for substantial information.

The almost complete collection of Cdn Navy Lists, in OCR .pdf format, from 1910 - 1965, issued quarterly or semi-annually over that period. Included are some RN Lists, when Commonwealth Navies were included as "part of empire" which extended well into the UNTD era.

The complete collection of Crowsnest which ran monthly from Nov 1948 to June 1965, in OCR .pdf format, some 6,000 pages.

A collection of University Yearbooks, in OCR .pdf format, 414 of them, 68,000 pages, 13GB, but more than half of Univ don't make them public in a meaningful way, if at all. Notably absent are Univ in Quebec; Montreal and Q.C., as well as Queen's and McMaster. Alberta and Sask are absent, as is NL. MB and BC are covered. The shorter list would be Univ that we do have. There are however, Student Newspapers, Alumni mags etc from some of the missing ones.

ROU+ Collections:

Proposed by Russ Cape for the 1969, 1970, 1971 years, for which there were no Yearbooks, we have mocked-up, mimicked, material from those years that would typically reside in a Yearbook. Those are available on the Yearbooks page. If it works well, that format could be used as a template for other missing Yearbook years; pre-1950, 1955, 1958, 1959, and anything beyond 1987.

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