

## UNTDA 2023 – Conference 2023 Report

1. This was a conference, with some major differences in registrants, that demonstrates the potential and the ability of the former UNTDA to foster change. Planning began well before the creation of NRAC, but set the stage for transition to a new all-ranks association of Citizen Sailors.
2. 202 registrants plus 12 cancellations due to medical issues.
  - a. 50% registered for all events spread over 4 days
  - b. 50% registered a la carte, typically for 4 or more events
  - c. Of the 138 former NR officers - 40% were post-UNTD
  - d. 20% were female including:
    - i. first female flag officer in Commonwealth
    - ii. first female Admiral rank in Canadian Navy
    - iii. first female CO of a Canadian warship
3. This picture and the above stats tell us we're on the right track



May 12, 2023 Mess Dinner Reception – Very Instructive Photo  
Who Entered Through an Officer Training Program?

- Only Dave Craig initially joined through OT Program – ROUDP (DIS 74)
- David Gagliardi as OS Diesel Mechanic (DON 78)
- RADM Jennifer Bennett (STA 75) as OS Comms
- RADM Ray Zuliani (GRI 65) as OS – LS in 69

- CMDRE Orthlieb (NON 59) as DEO
  - Marta Mulkins (DON 85) SYEP then AB Diesel Mech
4. This picture was made possible by the efforts of many UNTDs over a decade and others who helped them, including four of those in the photo who played critical roles.
  5. 2012 UNTD and Post-UNTD
    - 2011 UNTD Mess Dinner for 75 on QM2
    - Visited the University Royal Navy Units (URNU) in UK – revive the UNTD?
    - Not Feasible – Not Needed
    - Bill Clearihue (DON 64) had created the nominal list of almost 8,000 UNTD
    - Turned his efforts to post-UNTD in 2012
    - Exhaustive work – Canadian Navy List cut in 1965
    - ROUTH, NROC and other incomplete Yearbooks
    - Tracking down current coordinates and adding to email lists
    - A decade of hard work
  6. Prelude to Centennial
    - 2018 was 75th Anniversary of UNTD in St. John's
    - RADM Jennifer Bennett charged UNTDA with task of getting involved in Centennial
    - Planning began in November 2018
    - UNTDA Liaison to each NRD to stimulate and support local Centennial planning
    - Awards
    - Legacy Projects
    - Citizen Sailors Virtual Cenotaph (CSVIC)
    - National Convention and Celebration
  7. A separate detailed report on planning an event or conference is being compiled to assist members of NRAC/ARNC to plan and execute successful local, regional and national events. This report will take into account lessons learned over the years in organizing events across Canada.
  8. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for Conference 2023 began meeting monthly by Zoom in the depths of the pandemic and continued its efforts for 3 years, with weekly Zoom meetings the final 3 months. The first time the LOC met in person was 8 May 2023 to stuff the Joining Bags for registration and the conference opening the next day.
  9. The core LOC consisted of:
    - Michael Clark (DIS 61) – Arranged On-Line Registration
    - Dave Craig (DIS 74) – Liaison with Malahat and Reception at Malahat
    - Paul de Champlain (TEC 70) - Registrar
    - Roger Elmes (STA 60) – Chair, Contracts with Hotel, Buses, Charter Catamaran, Catering
    - David Winkler (DIS 62) – Liaison and Events Organized by MARPAC
  10. Ross Connell (STA 60) acted, from the GTA, as Treasurer, collecting registration fees through on-line program, paying invoices and offering helpful comments.
  11. Russ Cape (CHI 62) came on board in the final 4 months and organized the Mess Dinner and Reception.
  12. Budgeting received a great deal of attention in planning, execution, and monitoring since the UNTDA had no specific conference fund. In the final analysis, with cost-savings realized through use of DBD buses within the MARPAC events, and realistic pricing, the LOC, after refunding all

cancellations received at least 2 days before a specific event and giving grants totalling \$3000 to naval entities that provided services, a targeted and planned 10% surplus was realized.

13. The LOC has determined to make grants to:

- a. Malahat Ship's Fund \$1500 for their outstanding performance at the Thursday evening reception
- b. Venture Gunroom Fund \$1000 for the outstanding performance of Junior Officers awaiting training, for organizing and guiding 105 registrants on tours and to lectures aboard a CPF, Dockyard, Venture, DCTF *Galiano* and the FDU.
- c. Appropriate non-public fund at 443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron \$500 for their excellence in detailed explanations of the CH-148 Cyclone and its roles and operations aboard the CPF.

14. This will leave a significant sum to support the organization of future local, regional and national events through the association's seed money policy. Seed money is used in various associations to stimulate activities. In effect it is a forgivable loan fund to support conference or event organization provided the organizers budget realistically to return the seed money and create a surplus equal to or greater than 10% of their budget.

15. Maritime and Naval events were well attended while the non-naval events attracted fewer registrants.

EVENT	REGISTERED	CAPACITY
Meet and Greet	172	200
Naval Option 1	63	67
Naval Option 2	42	45
Butchart Gardens	22	50
NBCD	79	100
Ross Bay Cemetery	27	50
Buffet Lunch at Hotel	130	200
Panels Naval Reserve at 100 Canada and the Pacific	109	150
Government House	34	50
Malahat Reception	150	150
Haro Strait Cruise	113	150
Buffet Lunch at Hotel	116	200

EVENT	REGISTERED	CAPACITY
UNTDA/NRAC AGM	98	200
Mess Dinner and Reception	168	168

16. This event proved, as have others in the past, that naval reservists love to gather for camaraderie and life-long learning about, and exposure to, the Canadian Navy.

17. Sponsors:

- [Erbium On-Line Effective Registration](#)
- NAC – Vancouver Island
- Stephen Rybak (NON 64) - graciously commissioned and donated RCNVR lapel pins to all registrants

Submitted on behalf of the LOC by:

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