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Standing (15)
(l to r):

SOMMERVILLE, Brian - CTO
BATTISON, Ron
KELLY, Wayne
MULVENEY, Al
Unknown
ROACH, Terry
TAYLOR, Tim
HARRISON, Richard
JONES, Jeff
DICK, Ken
FIORITO, Bob
VIGNEAULT, Yvan
MacGREGOR, Gord
De NOBILE, Bob
SORSDAHL, Neil - CTO

Kneeling (1)

GREEN, Doug

1969 – ROUTP Summer Training Narrative

1969 was the first summer of the ROUTP program that replaced the former UNTD system that had been in place for 25 years. Also returning that year were the 1967 former UNTD class and the 1966 cadets returning for third year training ashore and afloat.
The OIC Officer Cadet Training was LCDR Len Forrest.

1969 First Year
The current nominal list shows about 42 cadets but the enrolment was believed to be closer to 60.
Apparently no official divisional photos were taken that summer. One informal photo of two divisions of the second cruise has been found that features cadets and LTs Brian Sommerville and Neil Sorsdahl dockside with HMCS Columbia.
The first year cadets were organized into six divisions of 10-12 cadets each with a term lieutenant and a navigation instructor.
Sea training consisted of two cruises - Alpha and Bravo - on DDEs. ROUTP cadets were paired with ROTP cadets from the civilian universities.
Sea training consisted of two cruises on Chaudiere and Columbia with Yukon added to Bravo cruise. Alpha cruise sailed from May 30-July 11 to San Diego, Honolulu and San Francisco. Bravo cruise did the same from July 21-August 29.
The six divisions and their officers as known were:

Alex Blackwood and Grant Edwards - Chaudiere A2
Roger Elmes and Tom Hopkins - Columbia A2
Arnie Campbell and Brian Sommerville – Columbia B2
Paul Cloutier and (not known) – Chaudiere B2
Neil Sorsdahl and Basil Shaw – Yukon B2
(Not known) and (not known) – (not known) B2

"As for the cruises in 1969, I have found my Joining Instructions from Fleet School dated 31 Mar 69. I've attached it. It shows that the DDE's… COLUMBIA, CHAUDIERE, and YUKON were used for the cruises. However, another document I have (the Cadet Ball Directive) shows Division names that show only a YUKON B1 Division (and no YUKON A1). My conclusion is 2 DDE's were in the first cruise and 3 DDE's in the second cruise. ROTP III were in COWICHAN and MIRAMICHI (not ROUTP), and ROUTP II were in a DDE of the 2nd Squadron for local exercises." - Richard Harrison

"I was a 1969 1st year ROUTP along with Jim Cahill and Tom Clouston from HMCS Cabot. Jim and I did the first cruise that summer with me in Chaudiere (LCdr Phil Bissell was CO) and Jim in Columbia. We went to San Diego, Pearl Harbor and San Francisco. Tom did the second cruise not sure which ship." - Glenn Rowe

1967 Second Year

The second years were a single division from the 1967 former UNTD class. Available records and personal recollections show that six A/SLTs took training at Fleet School, Esquimalt: A/SLTs Bruce Gallagher, Greg McKenzie, John Laing, Dave Luton, Brian Rideout and Rudi Wycliffe. No official or unofficial photos are known to exist.
The course training officer is not known.
Sea training was local operations from August 11-29 in Qu'Appelle.
"Saskatchewan was doing Workups, we were sister ship Qu'Appelle. We were there for most of August. We got most of the book of SEAREQs done - way more than the Reg Force guys who had other ship board duties to fulfill and also knew they had a year to complete. None of us got a WK out of it. We stood as 3rd Officer of the Watch. Amazing experience though doing night shoot of the 3"70, firing the mortars, etc. I was offered a billet in Saskatchewan for her fall cruise to Japan but COND wouldn't approve so back to University." - Greg McKenzie

1966 Third Year

The range of third year training options is not known for 1969 Sub Lieutenants.
The Long Navigation Course was conducted in Esquimalt. LTs Peter Chipman and Ron Ritchie were the instructors. Sea training in the Gulf Islands was in YFPs 312 and 320.
"The course was taught at ND School at Naden. Also we took 2 YFP's from the small boats squadron for the coastal passage planning part. I was IC and skipper of YFP 320, Ron was skipper of YFP 312 boat." - Peter Chipman

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