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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

February 2007

I welcome this opportunity to wish members a belated Happy New Year. Next year it will be possible to do this much more promptly through the medium of our new website.

At the beginning of 2006, Council approved the development of the website. David Page has diligently maintained our existing site for a number of years and the Society owes him a great debt by maintaining our presence in this vitally-important communication space. The new site was due to go live at the end of January and I hope members will visit it and give us their opinions. The site will be developed over 2007, so that we are in a position to provide members with more services in due course. The importance of understanding our membership better has been fully recognised by Council and to support new developments, Council has approved a new Marketing and Membership Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs Helen Doe.

I would like to thank all members of Council for their diligence and support

during 2006, a year in which we made some important steps towards our centenary.

The year ended with some other important landmarks for the Society. Dr Eric Grove delivered the Annual Lecture at the Society of Antiquaries of London on the subject of HMS Dreadnought to an audience of about sixty. It is a fascinating subject that was delivered in a manner that exactly reflected the values of the Society – first class research presented in an accessible form for the interested public. The importance of this annual event for the Society will be recognised as, from this year, the Society will revert to printing its annual lecture in the pages of the Mariner's Mirror.

The meeting was also the opportunity to present Professor Roger Knight with the Anderson Medal for 2005 for his biography of Lord Nelson, Pursuit of Victory. Professor Knight has agreed to deliver the annual lecture for 2007 on his latest research project; the victualling of the navy.

During 2007, we are looking forward to supporting further research and promoting public awareness of the maritime dimension of life. The letter from Mr Leek in the November issue of the Mariner's

Mirror concerning the plans for the Cutty Sark reminds us that public understanding of maritime affairs not only has vital international economic and social implications, but significant cultural and aesthetic elements as well. Historic ships are important and constantly at risk. Those charged with the maintenance of these important historic artefacts have a difficult task in balancing financial viability with the presentation of the vessel to the public. The Society does what it can to advise.

This year, as last year, members and their guests are invited to dine on the lower gun deck of HMS Victory, on Saturday 16th June. Further notification of this event appears within the Mariner's Mirror. Please book early as places are limited for what is always an excellent event.

RICHARD HARDING

SNR EVENTS

Annual General Meeting, 2007

The Annual General Meeting of the Society for Nautical Research will take place in the Princess Royal Gallery of the Royal Naval Museum, Portsmouth, on Saturday afternoon, June 16, 2007. All Members of the Society are invited to attend the meeting and to tour HMS Victory afterwards. The agenda and papers for

the Annual General Meeting will be included in the May, 2007, edition of the Mariner's Mirror.

In the current edition of the Mariner's Mirror, members will find information about the booking arrangements for this year's SNR dinner on HMS Victory.

LETTER FROM OVERSEAS

From our correspondent in the USA

On the American naval museum scene, a very important major change occurred in October, 2006, with the realignment of all twelve of the US Navy's museums coming under the central co-ordination and management of the Director of Naval History, currently Rear Admiral Paul Tobin, U.S. Navy (retired). As a positive step forward, this has helped to solidify the budget and manning of the country's naval museums and begun to foster collaborative efforts between them.

One very important measure of activity and indicator of quality in the field of maritime history is the range of national prizes and awards that are being made.

Among the most important of these, the \$5,000 Theodore and Franklin Delano Roosevelt Prize in Naval History was awarded to Craig L Symonds for his *Decision at Sea: Five Naval Battles that Shaped American History*.

At its annual meeting held at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, June 1 to 4, last year, the North American Society for Oceanic History (NASOH) announced the recipients of its prizes. The K. Jack Bauer Award for lifetime achievement in maritime history and

distinguished service to NASOH was awarded to Dr. Charles Schultz, William P. Clements, Jr, Professor of Library Science at Texas A & M University. The Society awards the John Lyman Book Awards to recognize outstanding books that contribute to the understanding of the maritime and naval history of North America. The following books published during 2005 received prizes. In the category of Canadian Naval and Maritime History: Stuart E Jenness, *The Making of an Explorer: George Hubert Wilkins and the Canadian Arctic Expedition, 1913-1916*, McGill-Queen's University, with an Honourable Mention to Jonathan R. Dull, *The French Navy and the Seven Years' War*, University of Nebraska Press. In the category of US Naval History, Jonathan Parshall and Anthony Tully, *Shattered Sword: The Untold Story of the Battle of Midway, Potomac*, with honourable mention awarded to Craig L Symonds, *Decision at Sea; Five Naval Battles that Shaped American History*, Oxford University Press. In the category of US Maritime History, the winner was Peter L Bernstein, *Wedding of the Waters: The Erie Canal and the Making of a Great Nation*, W W Norton & Co, with an Honourable Mention to Edwin L Dunbaugh, *New England Steamship Company: Long Island Sound Night Boats in the Twentieth Century*, University Press of Florida. In the category of Biography and Autobiography, the award was made posthumously to the late Clark G Reynolds for his *On the Warpath in the Pacific: Admiral Jocko Clark and the Fast Carriers*, Naval Institute Press. In the field of Science and Technology: Helen M Rozwadowski, *Fathoming the Ocean: The Discovery and Exploration of the Deep Sea*, Belknap / Harvard University Press.

For a number of years since *American Neptune* ceased publication, the United States

has lacked an academic journal in the field of maritime history. In order to fill this gap, The North American Society for Oceanic History has just agreed to publish *The Northern Mariner*, in association with the Canadian Society for Nautical Research. This arrangement has been ratified by both societies and will be put into effect immediately, providing both CSNR-SCRN and NASOH members with a subscription to *The Northern Mariner* as part of their membership in those societies. For individuals who are members of both societies, arrangements have been made for a reduced rate to avoid duplication of the subscription.

In March, Oxford University Press expects to publish a new scholarly reference work, *The Oxford Encyclopaedia of Maritime History*. The encyclopaedia has a total of 942 articles by some 850 contributors from 49 different countries, who joined in the project to write broad articles that summarize the current state of historical understanding on this global topic. The encyclopaedia includes more than 425 illustrations and more than 60 maps and nautical charts. It will be bound in four volumes of some 625pp each.

Among the key meetings to be held in 2007, the annual conference of the North American Society for Oceanic History, (NASOH), will be held this year at the US Merchant Maritime Academy, King's Point, Long Island, New York, May 17 to 20. The conference theme is 'The Merchant Marine in Peace and War.' The Eighth Maritime Heritage Conference will take place in San Diego, California, October 9 to 12, (see below).

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EJ KING PROFESSOR OF MARITIME HISTORY, US
NAVAL WAR COLLEGE.**

CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

British Maritime History Seminars 2007

Health and Medicine at Sea

Organised jointly by the National Maritime Museum and the Institute of Historical Research

'The Intention is Certain Noble': scurvy, medical trials, and the Sick and Hurt Board during the Seven Years' War

TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY, 2007

Erica Charters, University of Oxford

Naval surgeons in the Napoleonic period: a collective biography

TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY, 2007

Professor Laurence Brockliss,
University of Oxford

The Royal Navy and malaria, 1750-1850

TUESDAY 6 MARCH, 2007

Dr John Cardwell, National Maritime Museum

The Sick and Hurt Board c.1715-1805: fit for purpose?

TUESDAY 20 MARCH, 2007

Pat Crimmin, Royal Holloway,
University of London

Thomas Trotter: physician to the fleet, physician to society

TUESDAY 24 APRIL, 2007

Professor Mark Harrison,
Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine,
Oxford and University of Oxford

Doctors at sea: life, disease and death on board migrant ships bound for Australia in the age of sail

TUESDAY 8 MAY, 2007

Dr Robin Haines, Flinders University

Some aspects of trawlermen's health and work, 1880 - 1970

TUESDAY 22 MAY, 2007

Dr Robb Robinson, University of Hull

Medical practice on the Kala Pani: a study of the passages of indentured immigrants across the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, 1834-1890

TUESDAY 5 JUNE, 2007

Dr Laurence Brown, University of Manchester

All seminars begin at 17.15 in the Wolfson

Room at:

The Institute of Historical Research

Senate House

University of London

WC1E 7HU

There is no charge for these seminars.

For further information, contact the Research Administrator, Centre for Imperial and Maritime Studies, National Maritime Museum, London, SE10 9NF, Tel: 0208 312 6716 or e-mail research@nmm.ac.uk

National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London

The Open Museum

For further information on the Open Museum lecture and seminar programme, or to request a prospectus, Tel: 020 8312 6556 or visit the website: www.nmm.ac.uk/openmuseum

International Commission for Maritime History KING'S SEMINARS, 2007

HMS Vanguard 1870-1875: a most inconvenient wreck

THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY, 2007

Chris Thomas

TBC

THURSDAY 1 MARCH, 2007

French Technical Intelligence during the Second Empire: Captain Pigeard, British and American shipbuilding 1856-1869

THURSDAY 1 MARCH, 2007

Alexandre Duplaix, Service Historique de la Defense, Department Marine

TBC

THURSDAY 3 MAY, 2007

TBC

THURSDAY 17 MAY, 2007

Meetings take place fortnightly on Thursday evenings at:

King's College

London

WC2R 2LS

Main Campus, Strand

Please arrive at 5 to 5.10 pm and follow signs for a 5.15 pm start.

The seminar programme is organised by the British Commission ICMH, with the generous assistance of the Society for Nautical Research, the Maritime Information Association and the Department of War Studies, King's College, London. For further information, contact:

Professor John Armstrong

Thames Valley University

St Mary's Road

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London

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The Royal Naval Museum, Portsmouth Exhibitions, lectures and conferences in 2007

A Digital Resource for the Twentieth Century Royal Navy Goes Live

Sea Your History: the digital resource for the Twentieth Century Navy

A new website created by the Royal Naval Museum, Portsmouth, can now be accessed at www.seayourhistory.org.uk. The initial packages - The Navy's People, Portsmouth Dockyard and the Women at Sea oral history project - went live at the end of 2006. They are the first products of a three-year, HLF-funded project that runs until the middle of 2008. In addition, images and supporting information on 3,000 items from throughout the Museum's collections can also currently be accessed through the site; by the end of the project, the total will reach 15,000.

The online catalogue of the Museum's Archive can now be accessed by clicking on 'Research Online' at www.royalnavalmuseum.org/research.htm. Online catalogues of other collections in the Museum will be added shortly.

Exhibitions

Chasing Freedom: The Royal Navy and the Suppression of the Transatlantic Slave Trade, 1807 – 2007

FRIDAY 26 JANUARY – END OF 2007

It is often overlooked that the Navy was at the forefront of the suppression of the Slave Trade following its abolition in 1807. The West Africa Squadron was established in 1808 and, by 1865, nearly 150,000 people had been freed as a result of its anti-slavery operations.

This exhibition, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Veterans Challenge Fund, draws on unique diary accounts, official Naval documents, images and artefacts from the Royal Naval Museum collections, to tell the human stories behind the trade and its suppression,

including those of the slaves, slavers and the West Africa Squadron's personnel.

A programme of school and community activities will accompany the exhibition and there will be a one-day seminar in October (see below).

For more information, go to www.royalnavalmuseum.org or tel: +44 023 9272 7562

Task Force South: The Navy and the Falklands War

SATURDAY 31 MARCH 2007 –
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 29 2008

Although the public image of the Falklands War might be of fighting ashore, it was actually the largest Naval operation since the Second World War. The exhibition will reflect the scale of Naval involvement, focusing on the personal experiences of those who took part. The exhibition will draw on the Royal Naval Museum's collections and focus on the surface fleet, but will also include contributions from other Naval museums. The exhibition will be supported by a conference (see below) and wider programme of activities to run throughout the year. For more information, go to www.royalnavalmuseum.org or tel: +44 023 9272 7562.

Lectures

John Paul Jones, the well-known and little understood American naval hero

SATURDAY 3 MARCH 2007

Joseph F Callo, US naval historian and author of the award-winning biography, *John Paul Jones: America's First Sea Warrior*.

The lecture takes place at 2pm in the Princess Royal Gallery, Royal Naval Museum, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. Places must be booked in advance. Contact:

Julian Thomas

Tel: +44 023 9272 7567

e-mail: julian.thomas@royalnavalmuseum.org

Falklands 25: The Naval Experience

SATURDAY 19 MAY 2007

A one-day conference in Portsmouth organised by the Royal Naval Museum and the Naval Historical Branch.

Following Nelson:

His Legacy in Warfare and Society

The First Nelson Legacy Conference

SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2007

Two hundred years ago, the pivotal nature of the Battle of Trafalgar was understood when it took place but a further ten years of warfare and sacrifice remained before Britain emerged triumphant from the wars with France and established Britain as the world superpower for the next century. Trafalgar secured the Royal Navy's pre-eminence which, in many respects, it still holds today, and Nelson's life and death entered the British psyche. The Nelson Legacy Conference Series seeks to commemorate the legacy by exploring and illuminating the effects of Trafalgar and Nelson on Britain and the world, not only from a military viewpoint, but also covering social, art, political and economic historical perspectives.

The Royal Navy and the Suppression of the Slave Trade, 1807 – 2007

SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER 2007

A one-day seminar in Black History Month to commemorate the Bicentenary of the Abolition of Transatlantic Slavery in 1807.

For full details of all these events, go to www.royalnavalmuseum.org or tel: +44 023 9272 7567

New Researchers in Maritime History Conference

National Maritime Museum Cornwall, Falmouth, Cornwall

MARCH 9 TO 10, 2007

The fifteenth 'New Researchers in Maritime History' conference, sponsored by the Society for Nautical Research, the South West Maritime Historical Society and the British Commission for Maritime History, will be hosted by the award winning National Maritime Museum Cornwall.

On March 9, there will be an optional 'behind the scenes' tour of the museum collection or a guided visit to the Bartlett Library, which holds 13,000 volumes on mercantile history and a growing archive collection. In the evening, Professor Nicholas Rodger will deliver the keynote speech, followed by a buffet supper. On March 10, there will be presentations from the new researchers on a wide range of topics.

Cost: Adults, £25, Students, £23, Museum Members, £20 (includes all refreshments, buffet on Friday, lunch on Saturday and admission to the Museum and Library).

Bookings to:

Dayna Pope
National Maritime Museum Cornwall
Discovery Quay, Falmouth
Cornwall
TR11 3QY
Tel. +44 01326 214557
e-mail: daynapope@nmmc.co.uk

Exploring and Being Explored: Africa in the Nineteenth Century

National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London

FRIDAY 30 – SATURDAY 31 MARCH 2007

Organized jointly by the National Maritime Museum and the Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL, to mark the 200th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in Britain, *Exploring and Being Explored: Africa in the Nineteenth Century* takes representations of Africa, abolition and geographical exploration as a theme. It focuses on medicine, mapping and exploration in Africa in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and highlights the common ground between fields that were once thought to be independent of one another. The conference explores the complexities in the creation of European knowledge and understanding of Africa and Africans by considering the local and particular within the broader contexts of European expansion into the continent.

Fees: Full fee, £90, student concession, £45.

For further information, contact:

Janet Norton
Research Administrator
National Maritime Museum
Greenwich
London
SE10 9NF
Tel: 020 8312 6716
e-mail: research@nmm.ac.uk
Website: www.nmm.ac.uk/conferences

The Merchant Marine in Peace and War – The Annual Meeting of the North American Society for Oceanic History and the National Maritime Historical Society

United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York

THURSDAY 17 – SUNDAY 20 MAY 2007

The Program Committee has solicited papers and panels that deal with the variety of roles the merchant marine has played in exploration, trade, nation building, labour relations, diplomacy, and warfare. In addition, papers describing interdisciplinary methods to examine the merchant marine's history such as

literature, art, public history, and underwater archaeology were requested, together with papers and panels on other perspectives of maritime and naval history.

The Program Committee encourages NASOH and NMHS members who are interested to volunteer for service as panel chairs by sending a brief CV and letter of interest to:

Captain Channing M. Zucker

4640 Hoylake Drive

Virginia Beach

Virginia

23462-4547

USA

Tel: + 1 757 499 6919

e-mail: chanz@cox.net

Further information about the conference can be found online at www.nasoh.org or by contacting:

Dr. Joshua M. Smith

Assistant Professor of History at the U.S.

Merchant Marine Academy

e-mail: smithj@usmma.edu

Transport and Communication Museums in a Changing Environment

National Railway Museum, York

SATURDAY 9 – SUNDAY 17 JUNE 2007

The International Association of Transport and Communications Museums Conference will cover the ever-increasing challenges faced by transport museums as they try both to meet visitors' rising expectations, while maintaining the integrity and vitality of their collections in an environment of declining funding from traditional sources. Among the sessions will be one on the new Riverside Museum in Glasgow, which will incorporate the city's transport museum collections and the *Glenlee* tall ship. Further details from:

Martyn Halman

IATM Conference Facilitator

National Railway Museum

Leeman Road

York, YO26 4XJ

e-mail: martyn.halman@nmsi.ac.uk

Gender, Emotion, Work and Travel: Women Transport Workers and Passengers Past and Present

Greenwich Maritime Institute, University of Greenwich, London

FRIDAY 22 – SATURDAY 23 JUNE 2007

Information on the conference, which will be held in the Old Royal Naval College at Greenwich in London, may be obtained from:

Minghua Zhao

Greenwich Maritime Institute

University of Greenwich

Old Royal Naval College

Greenwich

London

SE10 9LS

e-mail: M.Zhao@gre.ac.uk

or Maggie Walsh

School of American & Canadian Studies

University of Nottingham

Nottingham

NG7 2RD

e-mail: Margaret.Walsh@Nottingham.ac.uk

The cost of registration will remain modest and the Conference Organisers hope that some funding will be available to support postgraduate attendance.

The purpose of this conference is to examine research on the theme, *Gender, Emotion, Work and Travel: Women Transport Workers and Passengers, Past and Present*, from different modal, disciplinary and national perspectives and to stimulate dialogue on comparative themes that will illuminate gendered patterns in the lives of women. By initiating a

gendered and emotional dimension to the discussion of travel and work, new ideas and approaches have the capacity to alter the face of both history and contemporary aspects of transport studies. In other words, the marriage of transport, work and gender analysis can bear scholarly fruit by making profitable connections.

Fifth International Congress of Maritime History

Greenwich Maritime Institute, University of Greenwich, London

SATURDAY 23 – WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE 2007

The Fifth International Congress of Maritime History, sponsored by the International Maritime Economic History Association (IMEHA), will be hosted by Greenwich Maritime Institute in the Old Royal Naval College at Greenwich, London.

Papers will reflect a wide range of research areas covering the role of the surface of the sea, the undersea domain, the coastal zone and the sea as a cultural resource.

Northern Navigation

Canadian Nautical Research Society, Churchill, Manitoba

WEDNESDAY 1 – TUESDAY 7 AUGUST 2007

Call for papers

The Canadian Nautical Research Society will host its annual conference from August 1 to 7, 2007, in Churchill, Manitoba, on the theme of *Northern Navigation*. Topics may include exploration, trade, war, ships, individuals, indigenous peoples, and any other topic related to the practice of navigation in high latitudes. To provide comparisons, papers examining similar subjects in the high latitudes of the Antarctic are also invited.

Travel arrangements are being made by The Great Canadian Travel Company of Winnipeg, at <http://www.greatcanadiantravel.com>, who are northern travel experts of more than twenty-fives years' experience. Packages including return air travel from Winnipeg, hotel in Churchill, select conference activities, tours to the eighteenth century Hudson's Bay Company stone trading post, Prince of Wales Fort, and a 'tundra buggy tour' will start at approximately C\$1,600, plus taxes. Options will include a rail/air travel package, and an air charter (limited space) to visit York Factory.

For more information, or to submit a proposal for a paper or a session, contact either: Dr William Glover
e-mail: williamglover@sympatico.ca or
Professor Barry Gough
e-mail: bgough@wlu.ca

41st Exeter Maritime History Conference

University of Devon

TUESDAY 9 – FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 2007

The 41st Exeter Maritime History Conference will be entitled, *The Lure of the East: European Seafaring Beyond Suez*, and will be held in the very beautiful venue of the main campus of the University of Exeter, with accommodation in Birks Grange on the same site.

For further information, contact:
Claire Keyte
Tel: +44 01392 263289
e-mail: c.e.keyte@exeter.ac.uk

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e-mail: morriss@newtosht.wanadoo.co.uk

Reaching Out - Understanding Maritime Museum Audiences

International Congress of Maritime Museums Congress, Malta

MONDAY 8 – FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 2007

For 100 years or more, museum audiences have stayed reasonably stable. While exhibitions, programs and services have changed over the years with more engaging and dynamic events - another revolution is descending upon us fast. We are entering the virtual age where information flows continually across the globe. The congress will look at what is ahead for maritime museums. Will their focus and their programs be communicating with the same or with different audiences and how will they do it? How do they see themselves in twenty years time? Are they prepared and able to change with the developing world around us? Does globalism affect what they are and what they do? Further details from:

Mary-Louise Williams

Australian National Maritime Museum

GPO Box 5131

Sydney

New South Wales

2000

Australia

e-mail: mlwilliams@anmm.gov.au

Eighth Maritime Heritage Conference

Maritime Museum of San Diego, California

TUESDAY 9 – FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 2007

Call for papers

The Maritime Museum of San Diego will be hosting the Eighth Maritime Heritage Conference in San Diego from October 9 to 12, 2007.

Participating organizations will include: The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum, The American Lighthouse Coordinating Committee, the Council of American Maritime Museums, the Historic Naval Ships Association, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Maritime Historical Society, the Museum Small Craft Association, the National Park Service, the Naval Historical Foundation, the North American Society for Oceanic History, the Nautical Research Guild, the US Life-Saving Service Heritage Association, and the US Lighthouse Society.

Chaired by Dr Raymond E Ashley, Executive Director of the Maritime Museum of San Diego, all sessions of the conference will be held afloat for the first time.

The Museum vessels forming the venue for the Maritime Heritage Conference have profound significance not only for the maritime history of California and the United States, but also for global social and cultural history. The *Star of India*, flagship of the Museum's collection, once plied between ports in Britain, India, New Zealand, and Australia in the last decades of the nineteenth century. Said to be the world's oldest active ship, she circumnavigated the globe twenty-one times. The *Berkeley*, a steam ferry built in 1898, now holds the Museum's exhibits relating to maritime history in the Pacific Ocean. In the aftermath of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, she assisted in the rescue and evacuation of survivors. Those attending the conference will also be welcome to view the Museum's other historic vessels, including the *Surprise*, a replica of an 18th century Royal Navy frigate famous for its use in the film *Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World*. Participants may also visit the *Californian*, a replica of an 1847 Revenue Cutter; the *Medea*, a 1904 steam yacht, and the B-39 – a Russian Soviet-era 'Foxtrot' submarine. Within a few minutes' walk of the

Maritime Museum, the San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum's USS *Midway* will also be the venue for a number of conference sessions.

Papers are invited on maritime and naval history, the history of hydrographic surveys, oceanic trade and communications, national marine sanctuaries, marine art, shipbuilding, ship preservation, small craft, lighthouses and lifesaving stations, historic ships, underwater archaeology, maritime libraries and museums, and maritime heritage education. Further information is available from the Conference Program Chair, Kevin Sheehan, at:

Maritime Museum of San Diego
1492 North Harbor Drive
San Diego
California
92101
Tel. +1 619 234 9153, ext. 118
e-mail: librarian@sdmaritime.org

Participating organizations will have the option of conducting their annual general meetings on Saturday, October 13. Arrangements for these meetings can be made through the Conference Co-ordinator, Robyn Wilner, who may be contacted at:

Maritime Museum of San Diego
1492 North Harbor Drive
San Diego
California
92101
Tel: +1 619 234 9153, ext. 106
e-mail: rwilner@sdmaritime.org

Further information on the conference may be accessed at www.sdmaritime.org. Click on 'Public Events' and scroll down to the Maritime Heritage Conference. This information will be updated on a regular basis.

COURSES AND GRANTS

MA in Maritime History, University of Hull

The MA can be taken as a self-contained programme or as preparation for research at MPhil and PhD level. The MA includes specific training in research techniques and methodologies; a dissertation with personal supervision; modules in merchant shipping history, fisheries history, maritime and coastal environmental history, modern naval history, etc. Study options are full-time (1 year) or part-time (2 years). Enquiries about entry in 2007 are welcome. For further information about the MA programme and maritime history in general, contact:

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University of Hull
Hull
HU6 7RX
Tel. +44 (0)1482 465183
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www.history.hull.ac.uk

MA and PhD at the Centre For Maritime Historical Studies, University of Exeter

The University of Exeter runs full-time and part-time MA's and PhD's in maritime and naval history. For more information, contact:

Dr Michael Duffy
Amory Building
Rennes Drive
Exeter, EX4 4RJ
e-mail: M.Duffy@exeter.ac.uk
www.ex.ac.uk/ships/school/maritimehist.php

MA Maritime History, Greenwich Maritime Institute, University of Greenwich

Located in the historic setting of the Old Royal Naval College, the Greenwich Maritime Institute offers a unique environment for

studying maritime history. Taught courses focus on the Merchant Navy and the Royal Navy in the late 18th Century; 20th Century International Maritime History; Sources, Methods and Archives for Maritime Historians; 20th Century International Naval History and Case Studies in Maritime History. Teaching is in small groups led by leading experts in the field. The staff currently include Professor Sarah Palmer, Professor Roger Knight, Dr Roger Morriss, Chris Ware, Patricia Crimmin, and Dr David Hilling.

The programme is available full-time (1 year) or part-time (2 years) and further information can be obtained from:

Greenwich Maritime Institute
University of Greenwich
Old Royal Naval College
Park Row
Greenwich
London
SE10 9LS
Tel: 020 8331 7688
e-mail: gmi@gre.ac.uk
www.gre.ac.uk/gmi

John Carter Brown Library Research Fellowships

The John Carter Brown Library will award approximately 30 short and long-term Research Fellowships for the year June 1, 2007, to July 31, 2008.

Short-term fellowships are available for periods of two to four months and carry a stipend of \$1,800 per month. These fellowships are open to foreign nationals, as well as US citizens, who are engaged in pre and post-doctoral, or independent research. Graduate students must have passed their preliminary or general examinations at the time of their application and be at the dissertation writing stage.

Long-term fellowships, partially funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, are typically for five to nine months and carry a stipend of \$4,000 per month. Recipients of long-term fellowships may not be engaged in graduate work and in some cases must be US citizens, or have resided in the US for the three years immediately preceding the application deadline.

It should be noted that the Library's holdings are concentrated on the history of the Western Hemisphere during the colonial period (c1492-c1825), emphasising the European discovery, exploration, settlement, and development of the Americas, the indigenous response to the European conquest, the African contribution to the development of the hemisphere, and all aspects of European relations with the New World, including the impact of the New World on the Old World. Research proposed by fellowship applicants must be suited to the holdings of the Library. All fellows are expected to relocate to Providence and to be in continuous residence at the Library for the entire term of the fellowship.

Several fellowships are restricted to particular areas of research: history of cartography; maritime history; the West Indies and the Caribbean basin as a whole; comparative history of the colonial Americas; family and women's history, the history of printing and bibliography; the Jewish experience in the Americas; early exploration and discovery, Luso-Brazilian studies; and so forth. Some fellowships are available only to scholars who are citizens of countries in Spanish America.

The application deadline for fellowships for 2007-2008 is January 10, 2007.

For application forms or more information, write to:

Director
John Carter Brown Library
Box 1894
Providence
RI 02912
Tel: +1 401 863 2725
Fax: +1 401 863 3477
e-mail: JCBL_Fellowships@brown.edu
<http://www.JCBL.ORG>

CANADIAN NAUTICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY

The Keith Matthews Best Book Award

A prize of \$1000 awarded for a book by a Canadian author on any topic of maritime history, or by a scholar of any nationality on a topic of Canadian maritime history, published in a calendar year.

The Gerry Panting New Scholar's Award

For a scholar new to the field of maritime history, by which is meant within five years of their last degree: \$1000 to travel to a CNRS annual conference to present a paper. The recipient is expected to offer the paper to *The Northern Mariner/Le marin du nord* for publication.

The Jacques Cartier MA Prize

An award of \$500 for the best masters thesis on a topic of maritime history completed by a student at a Canadian university, or a Canadian at a foreign university.

The Keith Matthews Best Article Award

A prize of \$250 awarded for the best article published in *The Northern Mariner/Le marin du nord* in a calendar year.

All awards are normally announced at the CNRS annual conference, held between May and August. All enquiries about eligibility and application procedure should be directed to Professor Serge Durflinger
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BRIEF NOTICES

Back Copies of the Mariner's Mirror

Barbara Matthews has a complete run of the *Mariner's Mirror* from 1964 to 2004, which she would like to go to an SNR Member. Anyone interested may contact

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New Books

Charts of War - The Maps and Charts That Have Informed and Illustrated War at Sea

From the ships of small expeditionary fleets, which carried navigational charts, to the requirements of modern ships involved in combat and war, the author, Lieutenant-Commander John Blake, FRIN, has produced an illustrated account of the role charts have played in planning, preventing, conducting and recording war at sea. Included are charts taken from a range of international maritime archives, including portolan charts of Spanish acquisitions in the New World, Francis Drake's attack of Cadiz in 1587, William Bligh's chart of the Battle

of Copenhagen in 1801, charts of the Battle of Jutland and the operational chart drawn up before the D-Day landings at Omaha beach.

Price £30, hardback. Published by Anova Books, 151 Freston Road, London, W10 6TH

Institut du Monde Anglophone, Sorbonne Nouvelle (Paris III)

The Fenland Lighter Project

Among its international connections, the Project has a longstanding association with the Institut du Monde Anglophone. Mr HJK Jenkins spoke at the December, 2006, conference on the complicated social relationships that accompanied the trading activities of the Fenland lighters in the eighteenth century.

David Waszak continues his work involving railway influence on Fenland lighters and related riverine matters during the second half of the nineteenth century (see SNR Newsletter No 58, p 14). This is proving to be a more complex subject than might be supposed, and a range of further publications is envisaged.

Local government reorganisation has affected a number of Project arrangements during recent months, but very useful meetings with the authorities of Peterborough Museum have taken place. Thus, for example, there has been detailed examination of the Norman Cross Collection model, which is believed to depict a substantial French privateer of c.1800 (see SNR Newsletter No 60, p 13). This same model is one of the items which, it is hoped, will eventually go on temporary display at Paris under the aegis of a Sorbonne Nouvelle (CREA XVIII) conference. The hull length is approximately 71 cm and, curiously enough, there are various signs that the model was never fully completed. This perhaps resulted from unexpected exchange of the prisoner (or prisoners) who undertook this

impressive piece of handiwork. Further information is available at the Project website: www.gla.ac.uk/~ajl12x/flp.html

Maritime Information Association

The Maritime Information Association (MIA) is designed for everyone who deals with information about ships and other maritime matters. It exists to foster a community of those using and providing such information, from researchers, historians, enthusiasts, publishers, through to librarians, archivists and curators. The MIA offers a forum to exchange ideas through face-to-face contacts, through our newsletter, Maritime Informer, an annual conference, a website with an online forum, and by occasional visits and social events. Above all, the MIA offers a friendly way for busy people to keep in touch with each other.

Further information about the MIA and a membership form can be found on the website at www.maritime-information.net Details of membership are also available from:

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NEW MEMBERS

The Society for Nautical Research warmly welcomes the following new members:

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NEWSLETTER ON THE SNR WEBSITE

This Newsletter now appears on the Society web site www.snr.org as will future editions of *The Annual Bibliography* and *The SNR List of Members*.

Some members have already opted to view the subsidiary publications on the web site and no longer have hard copies delivered with their *Mariner's Mirror*. Any other members who would like to adopt this arrangement should inform:

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