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## CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

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**February, 2008**

*This issue of the SNR Newsletter carries a truncated Chairman's Column. In an attempt to ensure matters of record are recorded in the Mariner's Mirror at least twice a year, some matters that I would previously have noted in the SNR Newsletter can be found this year in the Mariner's Mirror instead.*

*Although over four weeks old now, I first wish all members a Happy and Prosperous New Year in 2008.*

*The Mariner's Mirror is, of course, the main repository of the Society's contribution to maritime history, but it had become clear that there was a real danger of other matters of record slipping out of easy reach of members, so in 2007, the SNR Finance and General Purposes Committee agreed that a short report of events concerning the Society should be placed in each February edition of the Mariner's Mirror to complement the Society's records published in the August issue. This is not intended to replace the column in the SNR Newsletter, but to place the highlights on permanent record in the Society's journal. Inevitably, there will be a little overlap, particularly in the first year of operation. Also over the past year, a small project has been in hand to record the SNR archive held at the National Maritime Museum. This was partly to ensure that the Society's 'memory' was easily accessible, as we move towards our centenary in 2010 (see below).*

*The Mariner's Mirror and the SNR Newsletter are the main avenues by which the Society's objectives are provided to the membership, but over the course of 2007, the second phase of the new website was developed and will soon be in operation. It is very welcome to see that the web site is encouraging new members to join the SNR and the next phase of the development will enhance its value to our members.*

*An important point to record for 2007 is the decision of our page-setter, Linda Jones, to give up her business, in order to do some well-earned travelling. Whilst editor of the Mariner's Mirror, I was always impressed by Linda's professionalism and excellent service. I am sure that my predecessor, Michael Duffy, and successor, Hugh Murphy, experienced the same co-operative working spirit. I would like to record the thanks of the SNR for her work, and to say that we will miss her sharp eye and rapid response to all matters relating to the production of the Mariner's Mirror.*

*Elsewhere in 2007, on September 29, the first conference of the Nelson Legacy Conference Series was held at the Royal Naval Museum, Portsmouth. This series, jointly co-ordinated by the SNR, the 1805 Club, the Nelson Society and the Royal Naval Museum, was born out of the success of the collaboration for the Trafalgar Conference in 2005. The event was extremely successful, with over one hundred people attending to listen to an international array of speakers, including a contribution from the First Sea Lord, Sir Jonathon Band.*

*On November 30, Professor Roger Knight delivered the annual lecture, 'Politics and Trust in Victualling the Navy, 1793-1815' to an audience of eighty at the Society of Antiquaries in London. The victualling records provide a major source for understanding how part of the logistical infrastructure of the sailing navy worked, and the lecture provided an extremely informative progress report on a major project designed to exploit these records. In line with the desire to maintain a permanent record of SNR activities, members will be able to read Professor Knight's paper in a later edition of the Mariner's Mirror.*

*The same day provided the occasion for the formal announcement of the award of the Anderson Medal for 2006 for an outstanding contribution to maritime history to Marc Levinson, for his book, The Box: How the Container Made the World Smaller and the Economy Bigger. Unfortunately, Dr Levinson*

could not be present, so the medal will be sent to our Overseas Corresponding Member, Professor John Hattendorf, to present to him in the United States.

The past year also reminded the public of the problematic and fragile nature of the world's maritime heritage. The Spanish authorities' readiness to arrest treasure hunters exploiting wreck sites, the fire on the Cutty Sark and the news regarding future funding of Mary Rose all made national headlines. With these challenges, there are new discoveries (rather less publicised), such as the remains of the three-masted sailing ship, City of Ottawa, near Rhyll, which has mobilised a forum to recover at least the stem, stern and a section of the keel. Over the last six months, the Heritage Bill has appeared more clearly over the horizon and the SNR is keeping an eye on it to assess the impact it will have on maritime heritage sites and artifacts. It is intended that the Society will both inform the membership of the issues currently giving concern and add its own voice to best practice in the resolution of specific challenges to the world's maritime heritage.

The coming year promises to be no less busy or varied. The first of the SNR- sponsored events for the year will be the New Researchers Conference, which will take place at the University of Salford. New researchers, (though not necessarily young researchers), are vital for the future of maritime history. They come from all walks of life and their new studies demonstrate that maritime history is a never-ending source of new perspectives. A number of well-established writers have, in the past, given their ideas a first outing in this forum. The Society has been pleased to support this event, organised by the British Commission for Maritime History, for many years, and I am sure that this year is going to be as interesting as its predecessors (see p.12).

**RICHARD HARDING**  
**CHAIRMAN**

## THE SOCIETY FOR NAUTICAL RESEARCH

The Society for Nautical Research promotes and publishes research on all matters relating to seafaring, ships and shipbuilding in all periods and in all nations; on the language and customs of the sea; in fact, on any topic of nautical interest.

The SNR:

- publishes the world's pre-eminent English-language nautical journal, [The Mariner's Mirror](#)
- sponsors [conferences, lectures and seminars](#) on maritime historical subjects
- buys [paintings](#) and other works of art for the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich
- funds [projects](#) such as the preservation of Nelson's flagship, *HMS Victory*

The Society was founded in 1910 and is currently preparing for its centenary in 2010.

The Honorary Secretary of the Society, Peter Winterbottom, would like to hear members' ideas on how the centenary might be celebrated, how the structure of the SNR might be improved, and how it might communicate better with its members.

Ideas and comments should be sent to Peter Winterbottom, 6 Ashmeadow Road, Arnside, Carnforth, LA5 0AE, England, or by email to [honsecretary.snr@btinternet.com](mailto:honsecretary.snr@btinternet.com). All responses will be very welcome.

### **Rejection Of Housing Development at Sheerness Dockyard**

Many local heritage groups had long expressed concerns over the state of Sheerness Dockyard, but the tour by the Naval Dockyards Society in June, 2000, stimulated then-SNR Chairman, Alan Aberg, to write to Swale Borough Council and English Heritage, urging more active protection.

Progress was made with Swale Borough Council's Action Area Plan, Policy AAP5 (July 2005), which aimed to secure the preservation and conservation of the listed buildings and their settings, including the dockyard wall and gardens, 'based on a thorough understanding of the historic landscape, including the formal green and avenue of trees in front of Naval Terrace, the avenue on the western axis of the church, and the gardens, forecourts and spaces more closely related to the respective buildings.' Most importantly, it stipulated that any proposal must 'respect the legibility of Rennie's model concept and layout.'

All the heritage groups opposed the intensive development application by George Demitriou, which would have overwhelmed the last substantially unaltered elements of John Rennie's dockyard. The work of this great civil engineer-architect and his son makes Sheerness Dockyard one of the most important groups of historic buildings, not just in Kent, but internationally. The proposed new housing units would have largely destroyed the pattern of gardens, which was such an important element of pre-1850 dockyards, and they would have added nothing of design value. There would also have been no justification for cutting a new entrance through the dockyard wall - the security walls of the dockyards are comparable with the defensive walls of castles.

On January 3, 2008, some twenty members of SeaSheppey, the Society for Nautical Research, the Naval Dockyards Society, the Chatham Dockyard Historical Society and the Georgian Group attended a planning meeting during which a Sheppey council officer noted a balance needed to be maintained between conservation and new build, and that the proposal would cause significant harm to the site. The two proposers cited a number of uncritical remarks salvaged from the overwhelmingly-unfavourable reports, arguing that their design would reclaim a derelict area damaged by industrial blight and that no-one else would invest in the site.

Peter Bell, Swale Conservation Officer, spoke on John Rennie's original design, where the spaces were as important as the buildings, and noted his belief that the financial criteria justifying the enabling proposal were inadequate and inaccurate.. He particularly objected to the quantity of new development which would damage the original design. He opposed the application.

One councillor said 'We cannot be party to knocking down the wall. Although these buildings desperately need conservation, this is not the way to do it.' No councillor spoke for the application, which was rejected nem. con



## **Colin White appointed Visiting Professor at the University of Portsmouth**

Dr Colin White, Director of the Royal Naval Museum in Portsmouth, has been appointed a Visiting Professor at the University of Portsmouth and gave his inaugural lecture as Visiting Professor in January.

Colin White is particularly well known as a best-selling author and lecturer on Admiral Lord Nelson, and students from the Centre for European and International Studies at the university will benefit from both his wide knowledge of maritime history, and the museum's extensive archive and comprehensive artifact and art collections.

Appointed Director of the museum in 2006, Dr White's achievements include his secondment to the National Maritime Museum as director of the celebrations for the Trafalgar Bicentenary in 2005, one of the highlights of which was a Fleet Review and sea battle re-enactment in Portsmouth. In 2004, he had been awarded an honorary Doctorate of Letters by the University of Portsmouth for his contribution to naval history.

Dr White said: 'I am most honoured to have been invited to become a Visiting Professor of this splendid university. Maritime history is an absolutely vital part of general historical studies. I also look forward to playing a part in bringing this marvelous story alive to those who come to study here in Portsmouth and to sharing with them the riches of the Royal Naval Museum's collections.'

Vice Chancellor, Professor John Craven, said: 'We are delighted that Dr White has agreed to join our team. The University is fortunate to have a museum of the calibre of the Royal Naval Museum right on our doorstep and we look forward to developing closer ties with its staff.'

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## **SNR EVENTS**

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### **Society for Nautical Research Annual Meeting, 2008, and dinner on board HMS Victory**

The Annual General Meeting of the Society for Nautical Research will take place on the afternoon of Saturday, June 21, 2008, in the Princess Royal Gallery of the Royal Naval Museum, Portsmouth.

At this stage, members may wish to note that Council has taken note of some members' concerns about the business conducted in the AGM. The agenda will, as a result, be restructured for the first time for a number of years, so that members have a greater opportunity to learn about the work done within the SNR. The formal notice of the AGM and agenda will be found as usual as a supplement to the May issue of the *Mariner's Mirror*, but it is anticipated that an earlier start for the AGM at about 3.15pm will allow for the additional business.

All members are invited to attend the AGM and to tour HMS *Victory* afterwards, from 5.30pm.

Further formation on the booking arrangements for the dinner can be found in the accompanying issue of the *Mariner's Mirror*. Please book early.

## **SNR (South) Programme**

FEBRUARY 9

### ***Toulon, 1942***

Ben Newton

MARCH 1

### **Captain Pack Memorial Lecture**

#### ***Harrison Lines of Liverpool after 1945***

C D Johnson

APRIL 12

### ***Zeebrugge Raid, April 1918 - Advent of Amphibious Planning***

S M Holloway

MAY 10

### ***Displaying the Navy's Industrial Revolution***

Ms Katerina Mauranen

OCTOBER 11

### ***George III's Dockyard Models***

Dr Ann Coats

NOVEMBER 8

### ***Chatham Dockyard after 1945***

Ms Emma Haxhaj and AGM

DECEMBER 13

### ***Members' Research***

Meetings take place at 14.00 at the Royal Naval Club, 17 Pembroke Rd, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2NT. For further information, please contact Miss C Frost, tel: +0044 0239 266 0389.

## **MEMBER'S BOOK REVIEW**

### ***Cochrane in the Pacific: Fortune and Freedom in Spanish America***

Brian Vale

The role of Thomas Cochrane as Vice Admiral of the Chilean Navy in the liberation of

South America has long been surrounded by the myths and legends circulated by Cochrane and his friends and supporters. Brian Vale has returned to the full range of original naval documents, diaries and newspapers to create this comprehensive and factual account of Cochrane's role and achievements, seen with the benefit of modern research and understanding of psychiatry.

When Bernado O'Higgins, ruler of the revolutionary government in Chile in 1818, needed to create a national navy to attack Peru, the last Spanish bastion in South America, he approached Britain and the USA for sailors and a commander. The appointment of Thomas Cochrane as Commander in Chief gave Cochrane the opportunity to apply his flair and leadership in a war which provided scenarios suitable for the widest of wide screen films: ships were seized in hand to hand battles, entire South American coasts were blockaded and fortresses stormed by veterans of earlier Royal Naval battles.

Cochrane's role further enhanced his professional reputation and gave him a fortune in prize money, but brought out paranoid tendencies which led him to believe that he was the victim of treachery and resulted in the circulation of stories of disloyalty and plots against him.

Brian Vale served as a British Council Officer in Spain, Brazil and the Middle East, and as Assistant Director General of the Council from 1987-1991, and is a contributor to the official history of the Brazilian Navy. In his new book, he has shed valuable new light on both the South American fight for liberty and on the character of Thomas, Lord Cochrane.

*Cochrane in The Pacific – Fortune and Freedom in Spanish America*, by Brian Vale. Hardback, 238pp. Illustrations and maps in black and white. Price £25.

Published by IB Taurus & Co Ltd, 6 Salem Rd, London, W2 4BU, United Kingdom.

[www.ibtauris.com](http://www.ibtauris.com)

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EDITOR, SNR NEWSLETTER**

## CONFERENCES, MEETINGS AND EXHIBITIONS

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### University of Portsmouth

FEBRUARY 27

#### ***Maritime heritage and museum solutions for European port cities***

Dr Hance Smith, University of Cardiff.

Dr Hance Smith will give a global-local overview of the scope, meaning and interpretation of maritime heritage, linked to maritime museum contexts by examples. The lecture is sponsored by the University of Portsmouth's Vice-Chancellor, Professor John Craven, in association with the Royal Geographical Society and the Naval Dockyards Society.

The lecture will take place at the University of Portsmouth at 6pm.

### Royal Naval Museum, Portsmouth

#### **Exhibitions for 2008**

*Chasing Freedom: The Royal Navy and The Suppression of the Transatlantic Slave Trade* has been extended until April 17. The exhibition was nominated by the Black History Foundation for its award for 'exceptional contribution to black heritage' in the South East of England.

'Task Force South: The Royal Navy and the Falklands War' closes on February 29.

It will be replaced by a new special exhibition, opening on April 26, entitled '*Sea Your History – The Twentieth Century Royal Navy*'. The exhibition has the unusual objective of showcasing a website. It will provide an overview of the key themes developed in the *Sea Your History – The Twentieth Century Royal Navy* website and draw the visitor's attention to the website itself.

The aim of the project is to give access to many more items relating to the twentieth century history of the Navy from these collections than can be achieved solely through exhibitions. When the project is completed this summer, images and interpretation for some 15,000 items – photographs, documents, medals and insignia, ships, aircraft, submarines, tools and equipment, and the private mementoes and souvenirs of service people, together with recordings of individual personal stories – will all be available online.

The third major theme on the site – 'Conflict and Change' – is now live and the fourth – 'The Navy Home and Abroad' – will appear in the spring.

Visitors to the exhibition will have the opportunity to explore the website on dedicated computer workstations and to see alongside them a selection of the real artifacts chosen for online presentation.

#### **Talks**

APRIL 8 -10

#### **Photo Story talks**

Each day a Museum expert will share a

story from the hundreds of personal collections in store.

### **Museums and Galleries Month**

Every Wednesday in May at 2.00 pm in the Twentieth Century Gallery, veterans will talk on 'Innovation and Change'

For further details, tel: 0044 023 9272 7562 or go to [www.royalnavalmuseum.org](http://www.royalnavalmuseum.org)

### **Captain Cook Memorial Museum, Whitby**

MARCH 1 – OCTOBER 31

#### **Smoking coasts and ice-bound seas: Cook's voyage to the Arctic**

In 2007, the Museum acquired six original drawings of natives of Kamchatka by John Webber, official artist on Cook's third voyage. These form the centrepiece of this exhibition, which seeks to provide a fresh perspective on an overlooked part of Cook's third voyage, and bring to wider notice the extraordinary history of this area.

The aim to find the North-West Passage from the Pacific side was the often-forgotten purpose of Cook's third voyage. Cook's attempt to probe beyond the Bering Straits revealed once again his determination to push his ships and his men to their limits.

Using original drawings, watercolours, and anthropological and natural history specimens, the exhibition tells the narrative of the two visits to Kamchatka after Cook's death, and the responses of artist, officers and crew to the place and its peoples. Webber's drawings, in contrast to some of the views expressed by other members of the expedition, show a humanity and interest in Kamchatkans as individuals, rather than simply

depicting them as specimens of previously unknown peoples.

It also seeks to provide a broader context for the area at that time, both in terms of contemporary Anglo-Russian relations and in understanding the Siberian and Alaskan region as the 'crossroads of continents'. The Russians were extremely nervous about visiting foreigners and the British became aware of the spread of Russian trading activity. It was in Kamchatka that Captain Clerke was buried and that the news of Cook's death passed across Siberia to St. Petersburg and thence to London.

There will be a fully-illustrated catalogue, containing essays by Glyndwr Williams, Geoff Quilley and others. The exhibition is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

[www.cookmuseumwhitby.co.uk](http://www.cookmuseumwhitby.co.uk)

### **International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility**

SEPTEMBER 18-21, 2008

#### **Sixth International Conference on the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility - Mobility and the Environment.**

#### **Call for Papers**

The International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility invites proposals for papers to be presented at its Sixth International Conference to be held in Ottawa, Canada, from September 18-21, 2008.

Papers may address any aspect of the social, cultural, economic, technological, ecological and political history of transport, traffic and mobility. However, special consideration will be given to proposals related to the conference theme,

*Mobility and the Environment*. The language of the conference is English.

Hosted by the Canada Science and Technology Museum, the conference coincides with a period of growing concern about the problematic relationship between the human desire and need for greater mobility, and the environmental consequences. Historical perspectives on this relationship offer the promise of greater clarity and understanding. To this end, the conference organisers encourage proposals that explore all aspects of the issue across the full spectrum of modalities, systems, political contexts and environments. In addition, the conference theme is also intended to embrace philosophical, technical and cultural perspectives on the history of overcoming, or adapting to, the challenges of geography and climate.

Interdisciplinary approaches are greatly encouraged and the participation of young scholars and doctoral students is especially desirable. Participants are encouraged, though not required, to organize and propose panels on specific issues or ideas. As a rule, a panel should consist of a chair, a commentator and normally up to three speakers. Session proposals will also be considered.

The deadline for abstracts and a one-page CV (English only) is March 1, 2008. Session proposals should also include a one-page overview of the session. Please email proposals to [submissions@t2m.org](mailto:submissions@t2m.org).

Submitters will be notified by the programme committee during the first week of April, 2008, on the success or status of their submission. The full paper of all accepted submissions must be delivered on or before August 1, 2008. These will be copied onto a conference CD-ROM for distribution in advance

to all conference participants. Individual presentations at the conference are therefore to be limited to a fifteen-minute summary to allow for debate and discussion within the session. Registration information and deadlines will be provided during March. For further information, see [www.t2m.org](http://www.t2m.org)

### **University of New Brunswick Faculty of Arts and the College of Extended Learning London Intersession, 2008**

MAY 1 - 20, 2008

Participants in the 2008 Intersession will spend three weeks in historic London with the city itself as the classroom. The program cost is C \$3,600. The program fee includes tuition for two UNB courses, 'Early Modern Literacy in London', taught by Dr. Miriam Jones and 'Master and Commander: Royal Navy History Through its Ships, Museums and Archives', taught by Dr. Nicholas Tracy.

For further information and online registration, see [www.unb.ca/travelstudy](http://www.unb.ca/travelstudy)

### **University of Exeter**

SEPTEMBER 13 TO 14, 2008

#### ***Weather at Sea: Climate Change and Its Effects on the Maritime World***

#### **Call for Papers**

The 42nd Exeter Maritime History Conference will address climate change in the maritime world in the past and its effects on history up to the present and into the future, and will be run in collaboration with the UK Meteorological Office to provide a venue for historians to meet with climatologists. The conference will be held on the campus of the University of Exeter where accommodation will be available.

Offers of papers are invited. Subjects may address the main course of climate change or its diverse and unexpected effects.

Proposals will be welcomed by Roger Morriss, Department of History, Amory Building, Rennes Drive, Exeter, EX4 4RJ, UK.

Email: [morriss@newtoshlt.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:morriss@newtoshlt.wanadoo.co.uk) or tel +44 01242 224270.

Information on accommodation from Claire Keyte.

Email: [c.e.keyte@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:c.e.keyte@exeter.ac.uk)  
tel: +44 01392 263289.

**National Maritime Museum ,  
Greenwich, London  
NMM Conferences, Courses and Talks**

**British Maritime History Seminars, 2008  
The Sea as a Stage  
Spring, 2008**

FEBRUARY 5

***Naval narratives of re-enactment: In Which We Serve to Sea of Fire***

Dr Jonathan Rayner, University of Sheffield

FEBRUARY 19

***Enacted, inhabited and deployed: the persona of the Jack Tar, 1920-1960***

Dr Quintin Colville, University of Kent

MARCH 4

***'Real Water': re-enactment in the Aquatic Theatre of War, 1780-1815***

Dr Gillian Russell, Australian National University

MARCH 18

***Imperial objectives and settler identities: re-enacting empire through the colonial museum***

Professor John M. MacKenzie, University of Edinburgh

The lectures will take place in the Institute of Historical Research, University of London, Senate House, London, WC1E 7HU.

All seminars begin at 17.15 in the Wolfson Room and there is no charge.

For further information, contact the Research Administrator, Centre for Imperial and Maritime Studies, National Maritime Museum, London SE10 9NF. Tel: +44 0208 312 6716.  
Email: [research@nmm.ac.uk](mailto:research@nmm.ac.uk)

MAY 15-17, 2008

**Richard Hakluyt: Life, Times, Legacy**

A three-day international interdisciplinary conference, organised jointly by the National Maritime Museum, the Centre for Travel Writing Studies at Nottingham Trent University and the National University of Ireland, Galway, the event will address the significance of the work of Richard Hakluyt, the prolific collector and editor of first-hand discovery and adventure narratives, and author of *The Principall Navigations* (1589), expanded as *The Principal Navigations, Voyages, Traffiques and Discoveries of the English Nation*, 3 volumes (1598-1600).

It will also establish a consortium interested in preparing a new scholarly edition of Hakluyt's *Principal Navigations* for the twenty-first century. Topics for discussion will include Hakluyt's life and biography; his texts and their influence on Western and Eastern exploration, colonialism and empiricism; his legacy in terms of his immediate successors and his impact on the conduct of later English explorations and colonial activities, and the enduring commemoration of his work in the Hakluyt Society, named in his honour and founded in 1846.

Ten bursaries (fees only) will be available for postgraduate students to attend the conference. Priority will be given to postgraduates speaking at the conference. Details from Dr Daniel Carey, Department of English, National University of Ireland, Galway.

Email: [daniel.carey@nuigalway.ie](mailto:daniel.carey@nuigalway.ie) or Professor Claire Jowitt, School of Arts and Humanities, Nottingham Trent University.  
Email: [claire.jowitt@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:claire.jowitt@ntu.ac.uk)

The event is supported by Bernard Quaritch Ltd, the Hakluyt Society and the Society for Renaissance Studies.

For further details of these and other NMM conferences, please contact Janet Norton, Research Administrator, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London, SE10 9NF, UK.

Tel: +44 0208 312 6716.

Email: [research@nmm.ac.uk](mailto:research@nmm.ac.uk)  
[www.nmm.ac.uk/conferences](http://www.nmm.ac.uk/conferences)

### **NMM Adult Learning and Family Activities**

The NMM offers a regular programme of talks designed to provide useful background to the museum's exhibitions for both adults and children.

For further details, tel: +44 (0)208 312 8560 or email: [bookings@nmm.ac.uk](mailto:bookings@nmm.ac.uk)  
[www.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.nmm.ac.uk)

### **International Commission for Maritime History King's Seminars, 2008**

FEBRUARY 14

***Adaptation and decline: apprenticed labour in the British mercantile marine 1850-1914***

Dr Martin Wilcox, Greenwich Maritime Institute

FEBRUARY 28

***The religion of English seafarers in the early modern period***

Sarah Parson, University of Exeter

MARCH 14

***'Wanton and torturing punishments' in Nelson's Navy***

John Dacam, University of Hull

MAY 1

**TBA**

MAY 15

***Piracy and Anglo-Hanseatic relations, 1385-1420***

Marcus Pitcaithly, University of Exeter

The lectures are free of charge and take place at 17.15 in the Meeting Room, War Studies Dept, 6th Floor, Old Main Building, King's College, Strand, London, WC2R 2LS

### **Liverpool Nautical Research Society 2008**

FEBRUARY 21

***The Royal Yacht Mary 'The Wreck'***

P Day

MARCH 20

***Life And Times of A 19th Cent Master Mariner***

S Williams

APRIL 17

**Conservation Of Ship Models**

C Mosely

MAY 15

**Industrial History of Amlwch Port**

P Williams

Meetings take place in the Education Suite, Merseyside Maritime Museum, Albert Dock, Liverpool, L3 4AQ, UK, at 12.30pm.

[www.cronab.demon.co.uk/lhrs.htm](http://www.cronab.demon.co.uk/lhrs.htm)

**Greenwich Maritime Institute,  
University of Greenwich, London**

JUNE 23 TO 27, 2008

**IMEHA Fifth International Congress of  
Maritime History**

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 in 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.

Further information may be accessed via the congress website [www.IMEHA2008.com](http://www.IMEHA2008.com) or by contacting the IMEHA2008 Congress Academic Secretary, Greenwich Maritime Institute, Old Royal Naval College, Park Row, Greenwich, London, SE10 9LS, UK.

Email: [IMEHA2008@gre.ac.uk](mailto:IMEHA2008@gre.ac.uk)

[www.gre.ac.uk/schools/gmi/events/imeha2008](http://www.gre.ac.uk/schools/gmi/events/imeha2008)

**GMI Research Seminars**

FEBRUARY 20

**The repatriation of Spanish soldiers from  
Denmark, 1808: A study in government,  
logistics and the consequences of maritime  
superiority**

James Davey – Research Assistant, Sustaining the Empire Project, Greenwich Maritime Institute

MARCH 12, 2008

**Theory and reality of oil pollution over a  
30-year period in Shetland (with reference to  
the Braer oil spill in 1993 and the lifetime  
operation of the Sullom Voe Oil Terminal  
and Port)**

Professor William Ritchie, Director, Aberdeen Institute of Coastal Science & Management, University of Aberdeen

Seminars take place in the Windsor Castle Room, Room 010, Queen Anne Court, Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, London, SE10 9LS.

For further information, please contact

Suzanne Bowles, tel: 0208 331 7688 or

email: [S.Bowles@greenwich.ac.uk](mailto:S.Bowles@greenwich.ac.uk)

[www.gre.ac.uk/gmi](http://www.gre.ac.uk/gmi)

**Sixteenth New Researchers'**

**Conference**

The Sixteenth New Researchers' Conference, sponsored by the Society for Nautical Research and the British Commission for Maritime History, is to be held at the University of Salford from March 14 to 15.

The conference offers papers by maritime researchers who have entered the field recently and provides opportunities to ask questions and discuss the topics which will cover maritime history in its widest extent.

For further information, contact Graham Milne, School of History, University of Liverpool, 9 Abercromby Square, Liverpool, L69, 7WZ, email: [G.J.Milne@liv.ac.uk](mailto:G.J.Milne@liv.ac.uk).

## UNIVERSITY COURSES, GRANTS AND RESOURCES

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### **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 the study of 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 the Greenwich Maritime Institute, University of Greenwich, Old Royal Naval College, Park Row, Greenwich, London, SE10 9LS, UK.

Email: [gmi@gre.ac.uk](mailto:gmi@gre.ac.uk) or tel: +44 0208 331 7688.  
[www.gre.ac.uk/gmi](http://www.gre.ac.uk/gmi)

### **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). Inquiries about entry in 2007 are welcome. For further information about the MA programme and maritime history in general, contact Dr Richard Gorski, Department of History, University of Hull, Hull, HU6 7RX, UK. Email: [r.c.gorski@hull.ac.uk](mailto:r.c.gorski@hull.ac.uk) or tel. +44 01482 465183.

[www.history.hull.ac.uk](http://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, UK.

Email: [M.Duffy@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:M.Duffy@exeter.ac.uk)

[www.ex.ac.uk/shipss/school/maritimehist.php](http://www.ex.ac.uk/shipss/school/maritimehist.php)

### **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 inquiries about eligibility and application procedure should be directed to Professor Serge Durflinger, CNRS Awards Committee Chairman, History Department, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6N5, Canada.

Email: [sdurflin@uottawa.ca](mailto:sdurflin@uottawa.ca)

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[www2.cnrs.fr/en/39.htm](http://www2.cnrs.fr/en/39.htm)

### **Local Maritime Archives online**

The Exeter Local Maritime Archives Project (ELMAP) provides a searchable online database of maritime and naval records held in archives across England and Wales. Based in the Centre

for Maritime Historical Studies (CMHS) at the University of Exeter, the database is fully searchable and provides full details of each item and its archive location. Initially created by Leverhulme Research Fellow, Dr Todd Gray, the database is maintained by Dr Helen Doe and the postgraduate members of the CMHS.

[www.centres.ex.ac.uk/cmhs/ELMAP/index.php](http://www.centres.ex.ac.uk/cmhs/ELMAP/index.php)

### **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.

Details of membership from the Membership Secretary, MIA, 3 Harold Road, Southampton, SO15 3HN, UK.

## THE SNR WEBSITE

The SNR is looking at new ways of communicating with its members and making the website more interactive.

The *SNR Newsletter* now appears on the Society website, [www.snr.org.uk](http://www.snr.org.uk), 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*.

Other members who would like to adopt this arrangement are asked to inform the Membership Secretary, Peter Garvey, by email: [peter@garveyp.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:peter@garveyp.fsnet.co.uk) or by letter to The Lodge, The Drive, Hellingly, Hailsham, East Sussex, BN27 4EP.

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