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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

August, 2008

My last column reported the success that maritime heritage sites like Cutty Sark and Mary Rose had had in attracting funds. Unfortunately, we went to print the week before the National Maritime Museum announced the £20m donation towards the building of a new wing, so I missed being able to congratulate the museum on that major addition to funds. I am delighted to be able to put the record straight.

The Society for Nautical Research (SNR) has continued its work. The AGM was held at the Royal Navy Museum (RNM), Portsmouth, on June 21. As usual, I would like to thank the team at the RNM for making the visit a success. We decided to change the format of the meeting to focus a little more on the activities of the SNR over the year and the decisions leading to the centenary. There being only one more AGM before we commence our centenary in February, 2010, it seemed right to give a progress report at this stage. The meeting was followed by a successful dinner on board HMS Victory, attended by the Second Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Adrian Johns, and Lady Johns. It was a splendid occasion and we are grateful to Sir Adrian and Victory's commander, Lt Cmdr John Scivier, for the use of the ship. The success of the whole day depended, as ever, on hard work of our Hon. Secretary, Peter Winterbottom.

In looking forward to 2008/9, I will be able to report in the next SNR Newsletter more details of the Society's preparations for the centenary. I also look forward to meeting as many members as possible at the Annual Lecture in November.

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](#), and the quarterly, [SNR Newsletter](#), which provides information on events in the maritime history world, including current research projects, international conferences and exhibitions, maritime history society meetings, and books by SNR members.
- 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.

SNR Website - www.snr.org.uk

New SNR Members' Area now available on the website

Individual members of SNR can now visit our website at www.snr.org.uk and use the new Members' Area.

In this password-protected area you will find:

A Discussion Forum

- where you can post research queries and engage in debate with other members. We have had a random group of volunteers testing this and they have been enthusiastic. Take a look, see what they have been discussing and make your own contribution.

Publications

- the latest newsletter, bibliography and the forthcoming list of members.

Events and News

- information such as booking details for the annual dinner on board HMS *Victory* and AGM papers.

The Mariner's Mirror Database

- a fully-searchable list of the titles of all *Articles* and *Notes* from 1911. This is not available elsewhere and provides the capability to searching for over 9,660 articles, written by more than 3,000 authors. This is an invaluable key to opening up the wealth of information held in past volumes of the journal. We have also added the full text of one volume of *The Mariner's Mirror* from 1961.

Registration is simple, just visit the website and provide your email address and membership number, (you will find this on the back of your SNR card).

DR HELEN DOE
CHAIRMAN, SNR MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

Rededication of the Tomb of Captain John Richards Lapenotiere, RN

Lieutenant John Richards Lapenotiere was in command of HM Schooner *Pickle* when, in 1805, he was ordered by Vice Admiral Collingwood to carry to the Admiralty the news of the victory at the Battle of Trafalgar and the death of Lord Nelson. Landing at Falmouth, he hired a post chaise to take him to London where he arrived some 36 hours later.

As part of the Trafalgar Bicentenary celebrations in 2005, Lapenotiere's journey was re-enacted in what was called *The New Trafalgar Dispatch* and, in addition, the 1805 Club identified the graves of all the British commanding officers at Trafalgar, particularly those graves at risk. One such tomb was that of Lapenotiere in the churchyard in Menheniot, Cornwall, where the then-retired captain had served as a churchwarden. £6,000 was raised for the conservation and restoration of his tomb and, although the work was completed in 2006, the formal rededication was not arranged until Sunday, May 25, 2008.

The ceremony was preceded by evensong in the parish church of St Lalluw, Menheniot, after which the congregation and a small contingent from HMS *Raleigh* gathered round the tomb. At the request of

the parish priest, Fr Philip Conway, the Chairman of the 1805 Club, Mr Peter Warwick, invited the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, Lady Mary Holborow, to unveil the restored tomb and its new memorial plaque. A wreath was then laid and Surgeon Vice Admiral, Sir Godfrey Milton-Thompson, read the prayer which Nelson had written on the eve of the Battle of Trafalgar.

Congratulations to the 1805 Club on a most successful ceremony. Should members of the SNR wish to visit the tomb, Menheniot will be found a couple of miles north of the A38 between Saltash and Liskeard.

www.1805club.org/lapenotiere_02

DAVID M PULVERTAFT
CHAIRMAN, SNR PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

LETTER FROM OVERSEAS

From our correspondent in Australia

The major event of maritime historical interest in Australia in 2008 has been the discovery and examination in March and April of the 1941 wrecks of the cruiser, HMAS *Sydney*, and the German merchant raider, HSK *Kormoran*, off the coast of Western Australia. This achievement owes much to a number of key researchers, particularly Peter Hore and David Mearns, and to the Finding *Sydney* Foundation (FSF) which, with government support, got the expedition under way.

The results of the search and a wealth of underwater photography can be seen at the FSF website, www.findingsydney.com. The most striking thing for the observer is the extent to which both the locations of the wrecks and the damage visible confirm both the German story and that which had been accepted by the Royal Australian Navy. Nevertheless, to allay the continuing concern about why the *Sydney* should have been lost with all hands, the Federal Government has initiated an enquiry under a senior retired judge to make a comprehensive and, one hopes, final judgement of all the evidence. It is, however, unlikely that the inquiry will provide anything really new. That the hazards of action could result in devastating loss was equally demonstrated by the sinking of *Sydney's* half-sister, the *Neptune*, in a minefield in the Mediterranean. She went down with only one survivor.

The confirmation, so far, that the initial assessments were correct, and the fact that the successful search was based upon very high quality research and coherent method, should be important lessons for those concerned with assessing controversial historical events. There is no substitute for systematic analysis and careful weighing of the quality and accuracy of evidence.

The Great Circle, the peer-reviewed Journal of the Australian Association for Maritime History, will pass to a new editorial team later in 2008, led by Associate Professor Michael Sturma of Murdoch University in Western Australia. He will be assisted as Book Reviews Editor by Professor Michael Durey, also of Murdoch University. Their address for submissions or books for review will be: History Program, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Murdoch University, 90 South Street, Murdoch, WA 6150, Australia.

The Australian National Maritime Museum has its own USA Gallery as the result of a gift from the US Government to mark the 1988 Australian Bicentenary. The concept of this gallery is the maritime links between Australia and the USA and the ANNM has developed a tradition of special events to align with this intent. In concert with the Sea Power Centre Australia, the ANNM will stage a symposium, *The Great White Fleet 1908-2008*, on August 23, to mark the centenary of the visit of the sixteen battleships of the USN's Great White Fleet to Australia. It will be accompanied by an exhibition at the gallery entitled 'Great White Fleet – US Sea Power on Parade 2008'.

www.anmm.gov.au

REAR ADMIRAL JAMES GOLDRICK
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

SNR EVENTS

SNR (South) Programme

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 in the Royal Naval Club, 17 Pembroke Road, Old Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO1 2NT, UK, at 14.00. Contact R E G Harris, Senior VP. Tel: +44 02392 386032

The Fenland Lighter Project Lord Orford

The Fenland Lighter Project has long-standing links with the local regional library service, (see *SNR Newsletter*, No. 70, pp.6-7), and a fresh development is now being ushered in this year. The Central Theatre Company involves professionally-trained players operating under the aegis of Peterborough Central Library, which includes the John Clare Theatre as part of its complex. This autumn they will be offering a highly

innovative production centred on Lord Orford's pleasure-cruise of 1774, when he used a 'gang' of Fenland lighters as a form of articulated yacht.

The surviving journals kept during that remarkable jaunt on the Ouse-Nene system of waterways are of particular interest because of the involvement of Lord Sandwich (First Lord of the Admiralty at the time) and various naval officers (see the *Mariner's Mirror* vol. 78, pp.485-6). By way of general background, the Central Theatre Company's treatment will include reference to the mounting Anglo-American confrontation of 1774. However, particular attention will be given to Lord Orford's sometimes startling interaction with a whole range of Fenland figures: fishermen, boat-builders, and even a bishop.

The fostering of public awareness is an important part of any regional undertaking, and new methods are always to be welcomed. The Fenland Lighter Project is very glad to co-operate with the Central Theatre Company, and particular thanks are due to Lynne Livingstone, Events Co-ordinator, and Tina Doyle, Director, for their linking of Lord Orford's cruise with the opening of the new Local Studies Centre.

www.peterborough.gov.uk/libraries

More on the Fenland Lighter Project can be found at www.gla.ac.uk/~aj12x/dlp.html

H J K JENKINS

MARITIME BOOKSELLERS

We are often asked if we know of booksellers who are able to supply a good range of maritime books. We would be very pleased to include details of suppliers both in the United Kingdom and around the world. SNR Members are invited to forward details of their local maritime booksellers and related events to the Editor for inclusion in future issues.

Military, Aviation and Naval Book Fair

NOVEMBER 16

10.00 to 15.00

The Spa Hotel,
Mount Ephraim
Tunbridge Wells
Kent.

For further information, contact Tim Harper.

Email: wwarbooks@btinternet.com

or tel +44 (0)1892 538465.

www.worldwarbooks.net

CONFERENCES, MEETINGS AND EXHIBITIONS

National Maritime Museum , Greenwich,
London

The Empire Lectures

The Victorian Empire and Britain's
Maritime World:

OCTOBER 7

***Three weeks' post apart: British children
travel the empire***

Dr Elizabeth Buettner, University of York

OCTOBER 9

***'We never make mistakes': the empire of
the Pacific Steam Navigation Company***

Professor Crosbie Smith, University of Kent

OCTOBER 14

Insularity and empire

Dr Jan Rüger,

Birkbeck College, University of London

OCTOBER 16

***'Now is come a darker day': Britain, Venice
and the meaning of sea power***

Professor Andrew Lambert,

King's College, London

OCTOBER 21

***Cultural, intellectual and religious
networks: Britain's maritime exchanges in
the nineteenth and twentieth centuries***

Professor John MacKenzie,

University of Edinburgh

OCTOBER 23

***Crossing the seas: problems and
possibilities for Queen Victoria's Indian
subjects***

Professor Judith Brown, University of Oxford

OCTOBER 28

***After emancipation: slavery, freedom and
the Victorian empire***

Dr John Oldfield, University of Southampton

OCTOBER 30

The Victorian empire in its global context

Dr John Darwin, University of Oxford

All lectures will run from 18.15 to 19.30 and will be followed by a reception, in the Wolfson Room, Institute of Historical Research, Senate House, University of London, London WC1E 7HU, UK.

Admission is by ticket only and advance booking is necessary.

Registration fee: Single lecture - £7.50 Full Series - £40.00

For further details, please contact Janet Norton, Research Administrator, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London, SE10 9NF, UK.
Tel: +44 0208 312 6716.
Email: research@nmm.ac.uk

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
www.nmm.ac.uk

Canadian Nautical Research Society

AUGUST 6 TO 9

Four Centuries of North Atlantic Crossings

To celebrate the quatercentenary of Samuel de Champlain's founding of Quebec, the Canadian Nautical Research Society will host its 2008 annual conference in that city, supported by the Society for Nautical Research.

Topics will include exploration, trade, war, ships, individuals and marine activity in and around Quebec and the North Atlantic over the past four centuries.

The conference venue is the Auberge Saint-Antoine, near the site of Champlain's original *Habitation*. Located on an important archaeological site in C17th buildings, the Auberge Saint-Antoine offers a unique introduction to New France. Artifacts throughout the hotel provide a fascinating glimpse into the life of Quebec's first inhabitants.

For further details and to book a place at the conference, contact Dr Richard Gimblett, CNRS 2008 Conference Coordinator, 49 South

Park Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1B 3B8.
Email: richard.gimblett@rogers.com
or tel: +1 613 590 9508.

University of Exeter

SEPTEMBER 13-14

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

The 42nd Exeter Maritime History conference will examine the weather at sea, perceptions of climate change, the sources for its study, and the means by which it may be measured.

The programme comprises speakers drawn from the UK Meteorological Office (UKMO), the Royal Meteorological Society (RMS), the Scott-Polar Research Institute (SPRI), the British Arctic Whaling Research Unit (BAW), the Marine Biological Association of the UK (MBA), the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (USNOAA), and from a range of universities around Britain.

The conference will provide an authoritative examination of the history of climate at sea, climate change, its measurement, indices of climate change, their sources and the role of institutions throughout the United Kingdom and the United States in documenting the rate and process of change.

The history of climate at sea will be addressed by Clive Wilkinson (USNOAA), who will look back to the way in which climate change affected the navigational patterns of sailing ships; by Malcolm Walker (RMS), who looks back to the nineteenth century for those who began the process of measuring climate at sea; and by Eric Grove (University of Salford), who will examine the importance of the weather to operations in the Atlantic during the Second World War. The perception of change, as evident

in the whaling and fishing industries, will be noticed by Caroline Gunn (BAW) and by Martin Geller (MBA). The sources, including naval logbooks for both the sailing navy and World War II, whaling logs and the records of the Chinese Maritime Customs will be the subject of Dennis Wheeler (University of Sunderland), Philip Brohan (UKMO), Bernard Stonehouse (University of Hull, BAW), Robert Bickers and Catherine Ladds (University of Bristol). The processes involved in the measurement of climate change will be discussed by Dinah Molloy-Thompson (SPRI & BAW), Rob Allan (UKMO) and other colleagues from the UK Meteorological Office.

The conference, is open to all and may be attended for either or both days. Accommodation is available on the Exeter campus, which is an easy walk from Exeter Temple Meads station. Information from Claire Keyte, who will organise registration and any personal requirements.

Email: c.e.keyte@exeter.ac.uk ;

tel: +44 01392 263289. Amory Building, Rennes Drive, Exeter, EX4 4RJ, UK.

International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility

SEPTEMBER 18-21

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

The International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic will be presenting its Sixth International Conference in Ottawa, Canada, from September 18-21.

Papers will address aspects of the social, cultural, economic, technological, ecological and political history of transport, traffic and mobility.

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. The conference theme will embrace philosophical, technical and cultural perspectives on the history of overcoming, or adapting to, the challenges of geography and climate.

The full papers will be copied onto a CD-ROM for distribution in advance to all conference participants. For further information, see www.t2m.org

National Maritime Museum, Falmouth

SEPTEMBER 27

Cornish Maritime History Conference, 2008

The Cornish Maritime History conference returns this year to be held as previously at the National Maritime Museum, Cornwall in Falmouth. The speakers range in theme and period from medieval Newlyn to the modern demands of a Cornish business operating in the global economy. This year's programme includes:

Dr Joanna Mattingley – *Medieval Newlyn*

Edward Yescombe – *Une contrebande scandaleuse: The Case of the Walsingham Packet*

Dr. Brian French – *Padstow's Doom Bar*

Pennie Denton – *The master and crew of the Elizabeth Mary Ann of Fowey*

Dr Helen Doe – *Cornish Women Shipping Investors in the Nineteenth Century*

Martin Hazell – *Poles apart – Polish Naval Memories of World War 2*

Dr Terry Chapman – *The National Dock Labour Scheme in the 20th Century*

Louis Turner – *Pendennis Shipyard: A Cornish Company in a Global Industry*

Conference fees will be: Adults £27, Students £20, Museum Member £23, to include all refreshments, lunch and admission to the Museum and Library.

To book, contact Dr Helen Doe, email: h.r.doe@ex.ac.uk or Tony Pawlyn, email: tonypawlyn@btinternet.com

The conference is organised by Cornwall Maritime History Link and sponsored by the National Maritime Museum Cornwall, South West Maritime History Society and Truran Books.

University of Hull

Wilberforce Institute for the Study of Slavery and Emancipation

SEPTEMBER 26-28

Empire, Slave Trade and Slavery: Rebuilding Civil Society in Sierra Leone, Past and Present

The conference will mark the bicentenary of the establishment of Sierra Leone as a British Crown Colony in 1808. The Sierra Leone Company had been incorporated in 1791 with the aim of destroying the slave trade and the regeneration of Africa. The development of Freetown within a slave trading region, and the creation of legitimate forms of trade as alternatives to the transatlantic slave trade by members of the abolitionist movement, sadly failed and the settlement thus had to be transferred to the British Crown.

The conference will bring together academics and policy makers from a variety of disciplines to discuss both the history of Sierra Leone and its modern challenges.

Further details may be obtained from Jane Ellison, Conference Manager, Wilberforce Institute for the Study of Slavery and Emancipation, University of Hull, 27 High St, Hull, HU1 1NE. Email: j.ellison@hull.ac.uk or tel: +44 01482 305182.

Naval Dockyards Society

Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London

OCTOBER 18

This year marks seven hundred years of organised surgery in Britain and is to be recognized by a tripartite conference celebrating the relationship between surgeons and the Royal Navy.

The speakers will include:

Surgeon Commander Rick Jolly – *John Hunter at Bellisle (1761): a Falklands Rehearsal*

Pat Crimmin – *The Shortage of Surgeons and Surgeons' Mates, c1740-1806*

Kathleen Harland – *Disparate Naval Hospital Conditions in the C18th*

John Kirkup – *Maritime Surgical Practice in the C17th*

Brian Vale – *The Conquest of Scurvy in the Royal Navy, 1793-1800*

The conference fee, which includes coffee and a sandwich lunch, is £35 full price or £25 for students and seniors. For further details, please contact Dr Ann Coats, Secretary, Naval Dockyard Society, 44, Lindley Avenue, Southsea, PO4 9NU, UK. Email: ann@dockyards.org or tel. +44 (0)2392 863799.

As part of its Navy Board Project, the NDS is also compiling and will publish a volume containing a large range of documents from The National Archives, ADM106, relating to naval surgeons.

Rye College, Rye

October 18 to 19

Medieval Seas

SNR members are warmly invited to attend this event to be held over two days in historic Rye. Papers will deal with war at sea in the middle ages, seaborne trade, ships and shipping, and navigation, and will range from *Anglo-Hanseatic Relations, c1380 – c1420* to *Priests in Port: Clergymen in Genoa's Overseas Trade Settlements, 1270-1310*.

Speakers are expected to include Ian Friel, Susan Rose, Gillian Hutchinson, Mark Horton, Peter Marsden, Chris Ferguson, Tim Bowly, Craig Lambert, Susuan Rose, Marcus Pitcaithly, David Simpkin, Tony Moore, J. Benjamin Yousey-Hindes, and Ruthy Gertwagen.

For further information about the conference, and to reserve your place, please contact Dr Richard Gorski at the Department of History, University of Hull, Hull, HU6 7R, UK
Email: r.c.gorski@hull.ac.uk or tel: 01482 465183

Museu Marítim de Barcelona

NOVEMBER 19 TO 21

4th Congress on the Maritime History of Catalonia

The biennial maritime history conference organized by the Museu Marítim de Barcelona is designed to deepen maritime knowledge of Catalonia and Barcelona, and in particular to recover their historical past. The fourth conference pays particular attention to science and technological progresses, from the point of view of their impact on men and women

involved in maritime activities, without chronological boundaries. Discussions will centre on a variety of perspectives, including technological evolution and work, inventors' and engineers' documents, industry and workers, work and learning, the way of living and social relationships, etc.

The fees are €120, students €90. For further information, contact the IV Congrés d'Història Marítima de Catalunya, Museu Marítim de Barcelona, Av. de les Drassanes, s/n 08001 Barcelona, Spain.

Email: cursos.mmaritim@diba.cat

or tel. + 34 933 429 924

www.museumaritimbarcelona.cat

4th Symposium on Shipbuilding and Shipping on the Thames

FEBRUARY 28, 2009

Museum in Docklands, West India Quay, London

The 4th Symposium on *Shipbuilding and Shipping on the Thames* will take place on February 28, 2009, in the Lecture Theatre of the Museum in Dockland at West India Quay in London.

The symposium, which will be co-chaired by Professors Andrew Lambert, King's College, London, and Professor Sarah Palmer, Greenwich Maritime Institute, London, and will consist of ten papers on maritime aspects of the Thames, both naval and mercantile.

The organizers would appreciate receiving advance bookings (without the booking fee), as places are limited. The fee of £20 includes tea and coffee but not lunch.

Organisers are Edward Sargent, Chris Ellmers, Roger Owen and Rif Winfield and further information can be obtained from Rif Winfield, Tanparcau, Llanrhystud, Ceredigion,

SY23 5AL, Wales.

Email: sailing.navy@btinternet.com.

Canadian Nautical Research Society

Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

AUGUST 12 TO 15 2009

Pacific Navigation

Call for Papers

The Canadian Nautical Research Society will host its annual conference for 2009 on the theme of *Pacific Navigation* in Victoria, British Columbia, from August 12 to 15.

Topics may include exploration, trade, war, ships, individuals, indigenous peoples, shipwrecks, marine disasters and any other topic related to maritime activity in the Pacific. Papers on such topics in other geographic areas will be considered on their merits. Proposals should be directed to Dr Michael Hadley, 802-630 Montreal Street, Victoria, BC, Canada.

Email: mlhadley@telus.net

or tel: +1 250 598 4886

or Robin Inglis, 4165 Doncaster Way, Vancouver, BC, Canada. Email: robininglis@hotmail.com

or tel: +1 604 816 4852

A bursary will be available for students presenting a paper in English or French.

Administrative enquiries should be directed to Jan Drent, 1720 Rockland Avenue, Victoria, BC, Canada. Email: jdrent@pacificcoast.net
or tel: +1 250 598 1661.

Royal Naval Museum, Portsmouth

Exhibitions

Currently showing in the Royal Naval Museum is 'Sea Your History – The Twentieth Century Royal Navy'. The exhibition has the unusual objective of

showcasing a website. It provides an overview of the key themes developed in the *Sea Your History – The Twentieth Century Royal Navy* website and draws 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 shortly.

Visitors to the exhibition 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.

Nelson's 250th Birthday

The Museum will be marking this auspicious occasion with an afternoon of lectures followed by a buffet supper and concert on Saturday, September 27, 2008. To register for full details, please contact Sue Goodger, Royal Naval Museum.

Email: sue.goodger@royalnavalmuseum.org or tel: +44 0239 272 7583.

Captain Cook Memorial Museum, Whitby

Now to 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 is 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

UNIVERSITY COURSES, GRANTS AND RESOURCES

MA in Maritime and Imperial History, University of Swansea

The Department of History at the University of Swansea is establishing an exciting and innovative new MA in Maritime and Imperial History for the academic year 2008-2009 and thereafter. Said to be a unique programme with no UK equivalent, the degree combines elements of Welsh maritime history with modules covering global themes in maritime and imperial history, either as training for future PhD research or as a self-contained course of study. Full-time students will complete the scheme in one-year, part-time student in two years.

The normal entry requirement is a 2:1 or higher in a candidate's first degree. Overseas students are expected to possess an IELTS score of 6.0 or higher, if English is not their first language, and a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Compulsory modules comprise Oceans of History: Themes and Concepts in Maritime and Imperial History, Making Maritime and Imperial Maritime History, Research Folder, and Dissertation. Optional modules include The Maritime Worlds of the East India Company, The British Conquest of India 1757-1858, Venice and the Sea, Swansea and the Sea, Creating Utopia: The Rise and Fall of South American Revolutions 1610-1768, Culture and Society in the

Netherlands in the 17th Century: A Maritime Republic and its Empire, People on the Move: the Forging of the Portuguese World Empire 1415-1808, Empire, Slavery and Liberty in the British Atlantic World 1584-1808, Empire and Enlightenment, Globalizing the Victorians.

For further information, please contact Professor Huw Bowen, Room 110, Department of History, James Callaghan Building, University of Swansea, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP, Wales, UK. Email: h.v.bowen@swansea.ac.uk or tel +44 (0) 1792 602350.

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
or tel: +44 0208 331 7688.
www.gre.ac.uk/gmi

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

The Centre was the first of its kind in a British university. It can call on a wide range of expertise in maritime historical studies within the university and seeks to promote research into economic, social, political, naval and environmental aspects of the British maritime past from the earliest times to the present day.

The MA in Maritime History includes modules on technology, trade, ports, exploration, mariners and fishing. The medieval and early modern module explores European maritime expansion and the creation of commercial empires.

The MA in Naval History has modules on British naval power in the era of sail, 1650 to 1815, and in the era of steam and motor, 1816 to 1945. It examines the contribution of sea power as an instrument of defence and conquest, and the Navy as a part of society.

In each MA, students research and write a dissertation on their chosen topic. These courses can be taken part time over 2 years or fulltime in 1 year.

For more information on MA, Mphil or PhD programmes, contact Dr Maria Fusaro, University of Exeter, Amory Building, Rennes Drive, Exeter, EX4 4RJ. Email: m.fusaro@exeter.ac.uk
www.centres.ex.ac.uk/cmhs/

PhD in Maritime History, University of Hull

For further information about the PhD programme and maritime history in general, contact Dr Richard Gorski, Department of History, University of Hull, Hull, HU6 7RX, UK.

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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 Durlinger, CNRS Awards Committee Chairman, History Department, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6N5, Canada.

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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

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.

<http://www.maritime-information.net/>

THE SNR WEBSITE

The SNR has been looking at new ways of communicating with its members and making the website more interactive (please see previous item under 'News and Events').

The SNR Newsletter now appears on the Society website, 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 or by letter to The Lodge, The Drive, Hellingly, Hailsham, East Sussex, BN27 4EP.

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Mr R W Mahoney – Penzance

Mr I McCool – Belfast

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Mr N Wellum – Basingstoke

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Mr D K Brown (date unknown) – Bath

Mr E W B Roustoby – Hull

