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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

May, 2009

The affairs of the Society have proceeded steadily over the last quarter. However, this does not mean that it has been entirely without incident. The recession took its toll of our printers and paper suppliers. I am very grateful for the rapid response of the Hon. Editor of the Mariner's Mirror, who secured new suppliers at short notice and ensured that the February issue came out very close to schedule.

Approximately 10 per cent of our membership is now signed up on the members' area of the SNR website, and I would encourage anyone who has not yet done so, to go online and see what we have there. I would like to thank Gareth Cole, our webmaster, and Justin Reay, the moderator, for their excellent contributions. About two thirds of our new members also seem to be coming to us via the website. It is pleasing to note that during 2008, the annual decline in membership, which had, since about 2000, averaged about 1.8 per cent, is now less than 0.8 per cent. Although this is welcome news, it is important that we start to grow the membership. The work of the SNR depends very heavily on membership and the recession is not going to make life easier. If all members can encourage those with similar interests to join (or renew their memberships in a timely fashion), I would be grateful.

A side effect of our website is an increasing number of queries are being directed to our Hon. Secretary, Peter Winterbottom, who has answered queries on subjects from ship models to yacht designs and more. While allowing him to demonstrate a wide knowledge, it is probably not sustainable in the long term and we will be searching for a more efficient way of fielding this traffic. As long as the website continues to do its job, it is unlikely that the traffic will decline.

Public interest in, or at least media reporting of, maritime affairs, continues to be strong. Whether it is the rediscovery of both HMS Victory, lost off the Channel Islands in 1744, and the French semi-Dreadnought, Danton, torpedoed in the Mediterranean in 1917, the recovery of artefacts and the preservation of sites commands serious attention. This is all part of the Society for Nautical Research's remit and it is in the Society's best interests to encourage public interest.

Scholarly research into maritime affairs is also subject to the pressures of current events. Shortly after this goes to print, the next phase of the National Maritime Museum's plan for access to archives and books, during the building of the Sammy Ofer Wing, comes into force. With good planning, researchers should still have access to the materials they need in the Caird Library. This regime will be in place until the completion of the works in 2012, but all members are advised to keep an eye on the museum website when making plans for researching at Greenwich, (see item below).

The Society has also had a long relationship with the Royal Naval Museum (RNM) at Portsmouth. The new National Museum of the Royal Navy, which will incorporate the RNM together with the Fleet Air Arm Museum, the Submarine Museum and the Royal Marines Museum, has taken a step closer, with the appointment of the Director-designate, Dr Dominic Tweddle. I have written to Dr Tweddle to pass on the Society's congratulations and I hope that we will soon have the opportunity to explain the Society's contribution to the RNM and HMS Victory.

Finally, in the last SNR Newsletter, the award of an MBE to George Lawrence for his work as shipwright on board HMS Victory was reported. George's contribution to maintaining and restoring the ship since 1970 has been tremendous. The Society awarded George its Victory Medal in 2005 and I would like to express our congratulations to George on his new honour.

RICHARD HARDING
CHAIRMAN

SNR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



June 13 and Dinner on board HMS Victory

The Annual General Meeting of the Society for Nautical Research (SNR) will take place on Saturday afternoon, June 13, 2009, in the Princess Royal Gallery of the Royal Naval Museum, Portsmouth. The meeting will start at 15.15 and finish in time for members and their guests to visit HMS *Victory* at 17.30. All members are invited to the AGM and the tour of HMS *Victory*.

The formal notice for the AGM and the Agenda and papers, including the financial report, will be found in the May issue of *The Mariner's Mirror*.

The SNR will also be organising a dinner on board HMS *Victory* on the same evening. Space is limited, so please book early by contacting Peter Winterbottom, Honorary Secretary of the SNR. Email: honsecretary.snr@btinternet.com

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 Edward S. Miller Research Fellowship in Naval History

The Edward S. Miller Research Fellowship in Naval History is to be awarded by the US Naval War College Foundation in the form of one grant of \$1,000. The recipient will be the researcher with the greatest need and who can make optimum use of the research materials for naval history located in the Naval War College's Archives, Naval Historical Collection, Naval War College Museum, and Henry E. Eccles Library. The winner will be a Research Fellow in the Naval War College's Maritime History Department, which will provide administrative support during the research visit.

Applicants should submit a detailed research proposal which includes a full statement of financial need and a comprehensive research plan for optimal use of Naval War College materials, together with a curriculum vitae, at least two letters of recommendation, and relevant background information to the Miller Naval History Fellowship Committee, Naval War College Foundation, 686 Cushing Road, Newport, RI 02841-1207, by August 1, 2009.

Further information on the manuscript and archival collections and copies of the registers for specific collections are available on request from Evelyn Cherpak, Head, Naval Historical Collection. Email: evelyn.cherpak@usnwc.edu

For further information on the Fellowship, contact the chairman of the selection committee, John Hattendorf. Email: john.hattendorf@usnwc.edu Employees of the US Naval War College or any agency of the US Department of Defense are not eligible for consideration; EEO/AA regulations apply.

Caird Library Closures

SNR Members are reminded that the Caird Library will be closed for several periods over the next four years during construction of the new archive centre. From April until the planned finish date in 2012, there will be a much-reduced service for the retrieval of manuscripts from the stores.

Researchers are requested to check before travelling to the library by contacting Eleanor Gawne, Head of Archive and Library. Email: Egawne@nmm.ac.uk or tel: +0044 208 312 6507.

The opening hours announced so far comprise the following:

2009 April to June

April–June. Closed on Mondays. The Library will be open for three days a week, one of these days is expected to be Saturday. All visits will need to be booked, which can be done online, or by phone, as above. No manuscripts will be available as the collections will be moving offsite to Kidbrooke.

2009 June to 2012

This period will see only two retrievals a week, on three working days, with a maximum of ten volumes per retrieval.

www.nmm.ac.uk

University of Hull Online in Maritime History

The University of Hull's Maritime Historical Studies Centre is launching two new online programmes in Maritime History.

Commencing in September, 2009, the Certificate in British Maritime History comprises modules on the Royal Navy in the age of sail, British merchant shipping history, the rise and fall of the trawl fisheries and the Steam Navy.

Building on the certificate, the Diploma in Maritime History will focus on such subjects as the transatlantic slave trade, film and the sea, and the sea in European culture. Both programmes are delivered over two years, and students can then choose to progress from the Diploma to the BA in History with Maritime History.

For further details on the Certificate and the Diploma, contact Michaela Barnard. Email: m.g.barnard@hull.ac.uk

The BA History with Maritime History is designed for students wishing to specialise in maritime history, with a wide range of modules, including medieval maritime history, the Age of Discovery, piracy and privateering, seafaring in war and peace, Britain's 20th-century maritime interests. For further details, contact Richard Gorski. Email: r.c.gorski@hull.ac.uk
www.hull.ac.uk/mhsc

SNR EVENTS

SNR (South) Programme

MAY 16

LST 425 – Tales from No.1

Martin Wilson

OCTOBER 10

The Royal Navy in the First World War

Professor Eric Grove, University of Salford

NOVEMBER 14

Annual General Meeting. Followed by:

Naval Commemoration of the First World War

Vicki Gibbins

DECEMBER 12

Members' Research

Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings are held in the Royal Naval Club & Royal Albert Yacht Club, 17 Pembroke Road, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2NT, and commence at 14.00. Persons wishing to lunch with the Society in the Club beforehand should contact Roy Inkersole, tel: +0044 2392 831387 at least 72 hours in advance. For further information, contact R E G Harris, Senior VP. Tel: +0044 2392 386032.

BOOKS BY MEMBERS

Paul Brown has published a new book, *Britain's Historic Ships* and a revised and updated edition of *Maritime Portsmouth, A History and Guide*, originally published in 2005.

Britain's Historic Ships provides a detailed description of all the important preserved

ships in the UK, including their design and build, service history, restoration and visitor information. Included are *Victory, Cutty Sark, Great Britain, Glenlee, Discovery, Mary Rose, Warrior, Gannet, Trincomalee, Unicorn, Belfast, Caroline, Cavalier, Alliance, Wellington, and Britannia*. Illustrated in full colour with both historic and recent photographs, the 208pp book is published by Conway Maritime Press in hard cover, price £20.

Maritime Portsmouth, A History and Guide, includes a history of Portsmouth Dockyard, Royal Clarence Yard, Priddy's Hard, Fort Blockhouse, HMS *Dolphin*, Haslar Hospital, the Commercial Port, and the harbour fortifications, together with other aspects of Portsmouth's maritime associations and ships, both naval and commercial. Illustrated in colour and black and white, the 176pp book includes a plan of Portsmouth Dockyard and is available from the History Press, price £14.99.

For further details, contact Paul Brown. Email: paulbrown9@tiscali.co.uk

The Fenland Lighter Project

In the February issue of the *SNR Newsletter*, there was mention on p. 8 of the late 'Vic' Jackson and his involvement with Fenland lighters and other aspects of river traffic during the earlier decades of the last century. There was also reference to the gathering of information for a biographical sketch of this remarkable Fenlander. Varied oral evidence has been collected, especially regarding co-operation between lighters and seagoing vessels at the port of Wisbech, on the River Nene. It appears that Jackson once brought upriver the largest gang of Fenland lighters ever to

reach Peterborough from Wisbech. It is possible that this episode, involving more than a dozen hulls, gave rise to Jackson's regional sobriquet of 'The Admiral'.

On a separate matter, members of the Fenland Lighter Project were among those invited to a recent dinner in honour of Dr Graham Winton, Head of Adult Education within the Peterborough Unitary Authority. His retirement ends long and valuable service in that role, and particular thanks are due to him for good offices regarding field-trips and day schools connected with the history of water transport in the Fenlands. His many friends and colleagues wish him happiness in his well-deserved retirement.

More on the Fenland Lighter Project can be found at www.gla.ac.uk/~ajl2x/flp.html

H J K JENKINS

Membership at the National Maritime Museum

Membership of the National Maritime Museum, which is believed to be the largest and most comprehensive maritime collection and archive in the world, offers a range of benefits, including privileged free entry to all major special exhibitions, free entry to the Planetarium, invitations to exclusive private views of major NMM exhibitions, free tickets to a programme of supporter events and printed and online magazines, together with discounts in the NMM shop and cafes, free entry to a number of maritime museums in the UK and worldwide, associate membership of the Naval Club in London and a discount on boat trips on the Thames.

New members may join in person at the

Museum; by phone by calling the Membership Office on tel: +0044 208 312 6678; by post, using the form on the NMM website and sending it to the Membership Office, National Maritime Museum, Park Row, Greenwich, London, SE10 9NF, UK. Email: membership@nmm.ac.uk
www.nmm.ac.uk/support-us/nmm-membership/how-to-join

MARITIME BOOK, PRINT AND EPHEMERA SELLERS

Following the introduction of this new item last year at the request of SNR members, we have had a splendid response, both in the form of thank you's and with suggestions for our readers' favourite maritime book sources, providers of maritime prints and ephemera, and maritime websites.

We are very pleased to include details of suppliers both in the United Kingdom and around the world. Details of maritime sources should be forwarded to the Editor, Suzanne Davis, at:

suzannedavis@yahoo.co.uk

Online book sources

SNR member, Dr Michael Metcalfe, based in Catania in Italy, has drawn our attention to www.addall.com, a book search and price comparison metasite. He writes:

'Addall searches all the main book search sites, such as abebooks.com in one go, meaning that it is not necessary to repeat the same search on nine or ten different sites, one after another. If you go to the main page, click on the 'Used & Out of

Print Books' tab which is second from the left on the top line, and then enter a search string in the boxes provided. It is incredibly efficient, and saves an awful lot of time.

One book-search site that isn't covered by addall.com is www.marelibri.com which specialises in out-of-print books held by booksellers in Spain, France, Italy and Germany. I highly recommend both sites to SNR members looking for out-of-print or rare volumes!

Marine and Cannon Books

SNR Member, Michael Nash, runs Marine and Cannon Books who have been naval booksellers since 1983. Michael is a founder member of the Nelson Society and the 1805 Club and believes he can offer the largest stock of books on Lord Nelson available anywhere.

Marine and Cannon issue 4 free catalogues a year, covering naval, maritime, military and aviation books, together with ephemera (both paper and 3D items), naval and military manuscripts, and naval portraits and engravings.
www.marinecannon.com

Age of Nelson.com

Also offering a range of books and CDs on Nelson and related subjects, Patrick Marione can be found at:
www.ageofnelson.org

Booksellers

Michael Prior
34 Fen End Lane
Spalding
Lincolnshire
PE12 6AD

Vickers

67a Church Road
St Leonard's on Sea
East Sussex
TN37 6EE
Tel: +0044 1424 443820

Tradewind Books

1 Western Road
Margate
Kent
CT9 3QP
Tel: +0044 1843 224547

St Mary's Books

9 St Mary's Hill
Stamford
PE9 2DP
Tel: +0044 1780 763033

Steve Tilston

7 Dartmouth House
Dartmouth Row
Greenwich
London
SE10 8BF
Tel: +44 020 8691 3108
Email: tilston@attglobal.net

MARITIME WEBSITES AND FORUMS

Naval Family History Online

Those researching their naval and military family history should find much of interest on www.naval-history.net, created by Gordon Smith, whose grandfather and father served in the Navy respectively in WWI and WWII. Mr Smith has used his experience of researching their ships and fellow sailors to create his website, which

includes Royal Navy casualty lists for both wars and the inter-war period; detailed histories of over 1,000 WWII warships; submariner casualties prior to 1914 and a battle atlas of the Falklands War. Histories of WWI warships will be placed on the website shortly.

Maritime Information Association Online Forum

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.

www.maritime-information.net

Royal Naval Museum Exhibitions Online

The Royal Naval Museum is now offering online summaries of previous exhibitions held in the museum at: www.royalnavalmuseum.org/visit_tempexhibitionspast.htm

National Maritime Museum Online

The National Maritime Museum in London is now offering free downloads of a selection of recordings from its Gallery Favourites programme of talks, which take

place daily around the museum. Gallery assistants tell stories relating to some of the curious or intriguing objects in the galleries, including John Harrison and the clocks he built to solve the longitude problem; Britain and the Suez Canal crisis; the undress coat Nelson wore at Trafalgar; and Britain and the opium trade in the 18th century.

www.nmm.ac.uk/visit/events/gallery-favourites-online

HMS Victory Virtual Tour For Physically Less Able

People who find it difficult or impossible to tour HMS *Victory* due to physical disabilities can now enjoy a virtual tour via DVD. Visitors to the ship at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard who are physically less able can take the 35-minute tour without going beyond the ship's more easily-accessible lower gun deck, where the DVD will be shown and where a tour is available on the gun deck and crew's quarters.

The DVD includes moving images from all the places on the tour taken by more physically-able visitors and incorporates subtitles for the hard of hearing, together with a signed version. For visitors with a visual impairment, HMS *Victory* can offer a braille script to complement the guided tour, or as a deck plan during free-flow touring. Unlike most museums, HMS *Victory*'s artefacts are freely available for handling by those with visual impairment.

www.hms-victory.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=84&Itemid=117

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

CONFERENCES, MEETINGS AND EXHIBITIONS

Greenwich Maritime Institute University of Greenwich

MAY 6

100 Years of Naval Aviation

Professor Geoffrey Till will speak on *100 Years of Naval Aviation* as part of the Fly Navy 100 celebration of one hundred years of naval aviation. The lecture will take place at 18.00 in the Greenwich Maritime Institute in the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, London. For further details, contact Suzanne Bowles, GMI Administrator. Email:

S.Bowles@greenwich.ac.uk
www.gre.ac.uk/schools/gmi/events/fly-navy-100---gmi-lecture

National Maritime Museum

JULY 16 TO 17

The Long View – 400 Years of the Telescope

Speakers will include:

Professor Eileen Reeves, Princeton

University – *Real fakes: pre-telescopic devices on the English stage*

Dr Marvin Bolt, Adler Planetarium, Chicago – *Towards a more diplomatic understanding: the techniques, materials, and politics of early 17th-century telescopes*

Dr Frédérique Ait-Touati, University of Oxford – *Kepler's technologies: optical fiction and telescopic observation*

Dr Jennifer Downes, University of Aberdeen – *Hevelius's Selenographia: using telescopes to explore and map the Moon in the seventeenth century*

Alexi Baker, University of Oxford – *The telescope's tale: popular ownership of the instrument and its symbolism in early eighteenth century London*

Professor Timon Screech, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London – *Telescopes and metaphors of seeing in early-modern Japan*

Professor Patrick Parrinder, University of Reading – *Beyond the telescope: the hypertelescopic imagination from Kepler to the twentieth century*

Nicky Reeves, University of Cambridge – *Disciplining materials and bodies: Nevil Maskelyne and the construction of the zenith sector*

Dr John McAleer, National Maritime Museum – *Observatories, their telescopes and scientific 'views' of empire at the Cape of Good Hope, 1820–40*

Dr Jon Agar, University College London – *The place of the Jodrell Bank Radio Telescope reassessed*

Dr Richard Dunn, National Maritime

Museum – *Politics, progress and the pastoral: telescopes in modern film*

Dr Isobel Hook, University of Oxford – *The world's biggest optical telescopes, present and future*

Further details from Janet Norton, Research Administrator. Email: : jnorton@nmm.ac.uk or tel: +44 020 8312 6716
www.nmm.ac.uk/conferences

National Maritime Museum Adult Learning and Family Activities

The National Maritime Museum offers a full programme throughout the year of activities and lectures for both adults and children.

For further details, tel: +44 0208 312 8560 or email: bookings@nmm.ac.uk
www.nmm.ac.uk

Captain Cook Memorial Museum

MARCH 1 TO OCTOBER 31

Cook and Canada: A Reputation In The Making

The Captain Cook Memorial Museum in Whitby is staging an exhibition on the importance of Canada in the career of Captain James Cook. The exhibition explores what Cook learnt, his charting of the tortuous coastlines of Newfoundland, and why he was chosen to lead the *Endeavour* voyage of exploration. The final section provides a postscript on his last west coast visit, eleven years later, to repair the ships in a world of native mythologies and such artefacts as totem poles.

The story of Cook's growing reputation within the Royal Navy and in scientific circles in London, is illustrated with items

from the UK Hydrographic Office, the Science Museum, the National Maritime Museum, the Dickens Museum, London, and Leeds City Museum. Historical advisor to the exhibition is Dr Ian Jackson, editor of the *Scoresby Journals*.

www.cookmuseumwhitby.co.uk

North American Society for Oceanic History, Steamship Historical Society of America and National Maritime Historical Society California Maritime Academy, Vallejo, California

MAY 14 TO 17

Ports, Forts and Sports: Maritime Economy, Defense and Recreation through Time and across Space

The *Ports, Forts and Sports: Maritime Economy, Defense and Recreation through Time and across Space* conference will take place from May 14 to 17 at the California Maritime Academy and will be co-hosted by the National Maritime Historical Society and the Steamship Historical Society of America.

The themes of the conference will cover archaeology and anthropology, arts and sciences, history and museum exhibitions and the unique characteristics and influence of maritime economy, defense and recreation in the Pacific and other ocean regions.

Further information from the Program Committee Co-chairs, Bill Thiesen, email: thiesen@earthlink.net, Victor Mastone, victor.mastone@state.ma.us or James Allan, jallan@stmarys-ca.edu
www.nasoh

**Canadian Nautical Research Society
Victoria, British Columbia, Canada**

AUGUST 12 TO 15

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: +001 250 598 4886 or Robin Inglis, 4165 Doncaster Way, Vancouver, BC, Canada. Email:

robininglis@hotmail.com

or tel: +001 604 816 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: +001 250 598 1661.

University of Exeter

43rd Maritime History Conference

SEPTEMBER 18 TO 20

Officers and Seamen: Management in Naval and Maritime History

The 43rd annual maritime conference at the University of Exeter will be held this year to

mark the retirement of Dr Michael Duffy. Mike Duffy will be very well known to many SNR members from his time as Editor of the *Mariner's Mirror* and as a member of the SNR Council. Speakers will include Nicholas Rodger, Andrew Lambert, Richard Harding, David Starkey and Roger Morriss.

To reserve a place, contact Clare Keyte on +0044 1392 263289 or email:

c.e.keyte@ex.ac.uk

Naval Dockyards Society

SEPTEMBER 26

Building Victory – Mid-18th-Century Naval Warfare – Roles of Dockyards and Shipbuilding

This year is the 250th anniversary of the British 'Year of Victories' – the series of military victories in North America and India and naval victories in Guadeloupe and Quiberon Bay. It was the decisive year of the Seven Years' War and was the year the keel was laid for HMS *Victory* in No.2 Dock, Chatham, on July 23. HMS *Victory* was designed by Surveyor of the Navy, Thomas Slade, the leading naval architect of his day, who had been appointed by George Anson, First Lord of the Admiralty.

The Naval Dockyards Society (NDS) are holding a conference on September 26 (at a venue to be decided) on the theme, *Building Victory – Mid-18th Century Naval Warfare – Roles of Dockyards and Shipbuilding*.

Details from Dr Ann Coats, Secretary, Naval Dockyards Society, 44, Lindley Avenue, Southsea, PO4 9NU, England.

Tel: +0044 23 9286 3799 or email:

ann@dockyards.org

www.navaldockyards.moonfruit.com

National Museums Liverpool Merseyside Maritime Museum

NOVEMBER 12 TO 14

Queered Seas

The first international conference on homosexuality and the sea will take place at the Merseyside Maritime Museum from November 12 to 14, organised by National Museums Liverpool, the Centre for Gender and Women's Studies and the Centre for Mobilities Research, Lancaster University.

Building on the book by Dr Jo Stanley and the National Museums Liverpool touring exhibition, *Hello Sailor!*, the conference will aim to draw together a range of multi-disciplinary work, which will include maritime history, together with cultural and gender studies, cultural geography, art, literature film studies and fashion.

Key questions will include: what was it about the culture of life at sea that permitted what was often outlawed ashore, such as homosexual activities; to what extent was this acceptance of behaviour beyond socially perceived norms different within maritime contexts; how have these maritime environments influenced alternative social behaviours historically and in the contemporary world; what codes of identity (sexual, gender, racial, class etc.) are produced in the seafaring world; what is the relationship between these codes and work practices within the maritime environment.

Further details from Eleanor Moffat, Curator of Maritime Collections, Merseyside Maritime Museum. Email: Ellie.Moffat@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk

British Commission for Maritime History, University of Exeter

MARCH 12 AND 13

New Researchers in Maritime History Conference, 2010

Call for Papers

The eighteenth *New Researchers in Maritime History Conference*, managed by the British Commission for Maritime History and sponsored by the Society for Nautical Research, will be hosted by the Centre for Maritime Historical Studies at the University of Exeter, on March 12 and 13, 2010.

The conference provides an opportunity for those who have recently become engaged in research in maritime history (broadly defined) to present a twenty-minute paper and then answer questions from a supportive audience.

Anyone interested in attending the conference without presenting a paper is also warmly invited to register an interest: further information will be sent shortly. Proposals should take the form of a 200-word abstract and a one-page CV, containing details of degrees or other qualifications; current student or employment status; and publications (if any). Proposals should be sent by November 6, 2009 to:

c.e.keyte@exeter.ac.uk

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 website is to give access to many more items relating to the twentieth century history of the Navy from the collections than can be achieved solely through exhibitions. Images and interpretation for some 15,000 items, including photographs, documents, medals and insignia, ships, aircraft, submarines, tools and equipment, and the private mementoes and souvenirs of service people, together with recordings of some fifty individual personal stories, are now available online.

The four online exhibitions cover The Navy's People, Portsmouth Dockyard, Conflict and Change, and the Royal Navy Home and Abroad

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.

www.seayourhistory.org.uk

UNIVERSITY COURSES, GRANTS AND RESOURCES

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: +0044 208 331 7688.

www.gre.ac.uk/gmi

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. Email:

r.c.gorski@hull.ac.uk

or tel. +0044 1482 465183.

www.history.hull.ac.uk

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 full time in 1 year.

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