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## Chairman's Column

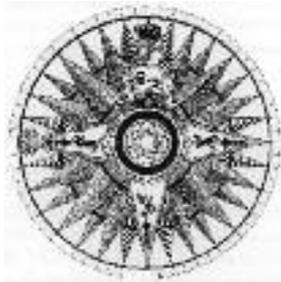
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On 18 September the new National Museum of the Royal Navy was officially launched with a ceremony in Portsmouth. The event took place with the presence of the Under Secretary of State and Minister for Defence, Baroness Taylor, and the First Sea Lord, Sir Mark Stanhope. It is an important milestone both in the Royal Navy's own heritage strategy and in the wider preservation and presentation of Britain's maritime history. The Society can be proud that it has played an important part in making this museum possible. The preservation of HMS *Victory* in the early twentieth century, mainly through the Society's efforts, provided Portsmouth with its iconic symbol of maritime power. The work of the Society in developing the *Victory* gallery, assisted the growth and the eventual evolution of the dockyard museum into the splendid Royal Naval Museum, which is now to become the headquarters of the new National Museum of the Royal Navy.

The new museum will provide the Royal Navy with the organizational structure to co-ordinate its heritage strategy across the four sites at Portsmouth, Gosport, Yeovilton and Eastney. The Society's close association with the museum and *Victory* at Portsmouth is not rendered obsolete by the emergence of the new museum. A museum with important ambitions to educate and inspire the nation in all matters naval and maritime needs to be in touch with the latest, the broadest and most authoritative historical research. The Society's own objective of education is consistent with that of the museum and it has always provided this link to the Royal Naval Museum. The Society is ready and eager to continue that association.

That the museum and the Society will benefit from working together was highlighted to me last week. I was unable to attend the official launch, but reports I heard from those that did attend suggested it was a splendid event. However, when I tried to locate reports of the launch on national websites I could not find any. My efforts may not have been sophisticated or lengthy, but it suggests that the news agencies still do not rate maritime stories highly. In a world of globalized trade, unpredictable climate change and changing geo-political balances this is a little depressing. A powerful new museum will help change this, but we have to work together to continue the process of education.

**RICHARD HARDING**  
**CHAIRMAN**  
**August, 2009**



# Editorial

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May I thank members for all the kind emails welcoming me to the Newsletter Editor's chair and for the articles sent by contributors. I hope that I will be excused for any errors and omissions in this first edition. I am very pleased and privileged to have this opportunity to contribute to the well being and success of the Society for Nautical Research and I look forward to being of service to members.

**BARRY COOMBS**  
**EDITOR**

## SNR (South) Programme

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### 14 November

Annual General Meeting, followed by:  
Vicki Gibbins  
*Naval Commemoration of the First  
World War*

### 12 December

Members' Research

2010

### 9 January

Dr N. Black MA PhD, Head of History,  
Dulwich College  
*The Great War British Naval Staff – just  
cabbage heads and chicken farmers?*

### 13 February

Mrs Wendy Smith BA  
*'Not the full story!' The hidden  
background to some naval memorials*

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.

## News and Events

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### Caird Library Opening Hours

There will be reduced access to the Caird Library at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich until the opening of the new Library in the Sammy Ofer Wing 2012

Opening hours for the Caird Library from 2 June 2009 until the opening of the new Library in 2012 will be:

### Caird Library E-Library

Monday	Closed	10.00–16.45
Tuesday	10.00–16.45	10.00–16.45
Wednesday	10.00–16.45	10.00–16.45
Thursday	10.00–16.45	10.00–
Friday	Closed	10.00–16.45
Saturday*	10.00–16.45	Closed
Sunday	Closed	Closed

\* *first Saturday in every month only*

Readers are required to make an appointment and order material in advance. Details on how to do this are published on the museum's website, see <http://www.nmm.ac.uk/researchers/library/visiting/access-to-archive-and-library-collections-until-2012>

No appointment is necessary to look at library material in the Caird Library, only for manuscripts and other off-site material.

Retrievals for manuscripts and off-site material are made twice a week. Please order three working days in advance. Readers may order up to fifteen manuscript items per reader per retrieval, and

fifteen library items per reader per retrieval. Please order one week in advance for LTE retrievals (identified on online catalogue).

Readers of this *Newsletter* will be pleased to know that when the Caird Library opens in the Sammy Ofer Wing in 2012, the Library will be open 40 hours per week, including every weekday and every Saturday, and one late night per week.

We will continue to provide news regularly on future opening hours and services on our website as these become available.

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## King's Seminar Series

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### **International Commission for Maritime History King's Seminar Series 2009–10**

**Thursday, 12 November 2009**

Tim Clayton

*The effect of intelligence on British submarine operations, 1939–1945*

**Thursday, 26 November 2009**

Virginia Preston, I.H.R. London

*'To go to sea was everything for a poor boy': joining the Royal Navy before continuous service*

**Thursday, 10 December 2009**

Prof. Lars U. Scholl, Deutsches Schifffahrtsmuseum

*\*Proctor Memorial Lecture:  
German shipping companies during the 'great depression', 1929–1933/4*

**Thursday, 14 January 2010**

Dr Laura Rowe, University of Exeter

*Homosexuality and the Royal Navy in the era of World War One*

**Thursday, 28 January 2010**

Dr John McAleer, National Maritime Museum

*Commerce and conflict at the Cape: British maritime strategy in eighteenth-century South Africa*

**Thursday, 11 February 2010**

Dr Brian Arthur, Greenwich Maritime Institute

*The Royal Navy and North America, 1800–1815. Was the US defeated in the war of 1812 by the British maritime blockade?*

**Thursday, 25 February 2010**

Vice-Admiral Sir Jeremy Blackham, RUSI

*New public management in defence*

**Thursday, 11 March 2010**

Prof. L.R. Fischer, Memorial University  
Nfld

*The first battle of the Atlantic:  
Merchant shipping and the  
competition for the US bulk export  
trades, 1850–1913*

**Thursday, 6 May 2010**

Agustin Guimera

*Amphibious Warfare and reluctant  
allies: Cadiz 1810*

**Thursday, 20 May 2010**

Dr Marcus Faulkner, King's College  
London

*The Kriegsmarine and sea power in  
the Baltic, 1932–39*

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

Meetings take place on Thursdays at 5.15 p.m. and are open to the general public and are held in the meeting room of the Department of War Studies, 6th Floor Old Main Building, Strand entrance except for the annual \*Proctor Memorial Lecture which takes place at Lloyd's Register, 71 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 4BS. Admission to this lecture only is solely by ticket, available from the Proctor Lecture, GMI, University of Greenwich, Old Royal Naval College, London SE10 9LS.

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## Maritime Websites and Forums

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### **Maritime Information Association and 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 can be obtained from: L. Verity, Membership Secretary, MIA, West Wing, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, SE10 9NF, UK.

[www.maritime-information.net](http://www.maritime-information.net)



# The SNR Members' Area

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Individual members of SNR can visit our website at [www.snr.org.uk](http://www.snr.org.uk) and use the 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. This is proving popular and gives access to the wide range of knowledge within the Society.

## Publications

The latest newsletter, bibliography and the list of members.

## *The Mariner's Mirror* Database

A fully searchable list of the titles of all Articles and Notes from 1911: this is not available elsewhere online and

provides you with the ability to search 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, follow the link from the **Home Page** and then click on **Register Now**. You will then be asked for your email address and membership number (you will find this on the back of your SNR card). An automatic email will confirm your successful registration with details of your password.

If you have any difficulties in registering please consult [webmaster@snr.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@snr.org.uk)

## SNR SUBSIDIARY PUBLICATIONS ON THE 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.

# Conferences, Meetings and Exhibitions

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**National Maritime Museum  
British Maritime History Seminars  
Series, 2009–2010:  
'War and Peace in the Eighteenth  
Century'**

**Dates include:** 10 & 24 November, 8 December 2009; 12 & 26 January, 9 & 23 February, 9 & 23 March 2010  
**Time** 17.15–18.15

This annual series of seminars is convened by the National Maritime Museum and held at the Institute of Historical research, The aim of the seminars is to disseminate new research in British maritime history taking a different theme each year.

This year the annual British Maritime History Seminars celebrates its tenth anniversary, alongside the 350th anniversary of the famous 'year of victories', 1759. This year the seminars will span 'war and peace in the eighteenth century' – including that famous year – with papers ranging from new research on the Royal Navy in the War of Spanish Succession, to the intriguing and little-known plans for a naval expedition by the South Seas Company in 1712; to Olaudah Equiano's experience with the navy in the Seven Years War, the famous battle of Quiberon Bay in 1759 itself and the manning of the Royal Navy in the French Revolutionary Wars.



**Autumn Term 2009**

**10 November**

Britt Zerbe, University of Exeter  
*The Marine Corps: the creation of an eighteenth-century rapid reaction force*

**24 November**

Dr Michael Duffy, University of Exeter  
*'Tis to glory we steer' – the arduous track to the victory of Quiberon Bay in 1759*

**8 December**

Dr Shaun Regan, University of Belfast  
*Slavery, service and the sea: Olaudah Equiano and the Seven Years War.*

**Spring Term 2010**

**12 January**

Adam Lyons, University of Birmingham  
*Launch of a global power: the Royal Navy during the war of Spanish succession.*

**26 January**

Jeremiah R. Dancy, University of Oxford  
*Redefining naval manning: dispelling the myths of Royal Navy manpower 1793–1801.*

**9 February**

Jeremy Mitchell, National Maritime Museum  
*'Vexing your neighbour for a little muck': British prize-taking and the Year of Victories.*

**23 February**

James Davey, Greenwich Maritime  
Institute

*War, peace and naval stores: Britain and  
the Baltic 1780–1812.*

**9 March**

Dr Nuala Zahedieh, University of  
Edinburgh

*Commerce, competition and the War of  
Spanish Succession in Jamaica.*

Full abstracts are available at

[www.nmm.ac.uk/researchers/conferences-  
and-seminars](http://www.nmm.ac.uk/researchers/conferences-and-seminars)

**Convenors:** Sally Archer, Dr Margarette  
Lincoln, Dr Nigel Rigby, Professor  
N.A.M. Rodger

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Research Planner, National Maritime  
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**University of Exeter  
British Commission for  
Maritime History,**

***New Researchers in Maritime History  
Conference 2010***

**12–13 March 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.

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 6  
November 2009 to:

[c.e.keyte@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:c.e.keyte@exeter.ac.uk)

**News from Australia  
from Tim Smith, Deputy Director  
Heritage Branch NSW Department  
of Planning  
Launch of new M24 web exhibition**

An innovative web exhibition featuring  
the M24 Japanese midget submarine  
(Sydney) web exhibition was launched in  
July 2009. The interactive website  
provides a valuable opportunity for the  
community to learn more about this  
fascinating part of Australia's World War  
II history. The site showcases the history  
and mystery of the 1942 submarine  
attack on Sydney harbour with feature  
interviews, underwater footage and  
unique 3D animation of the  
submarine. This can be accessed via the  
website [www.heritage.nsw.gov.au](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au)

## **Naval Dockyards Society**

### **Building Victory:**

### **Mid-18th-Century Naval Warfare – Roles of Dockyards and Shipbuilding 2009 Conference**

#### **Royal Naval Museum Portsmouth**

**Saturday, 7 November 2009**

2009 is the 250th anniversary of the British ‘Year of Victories’ – the decisive year of the Seven Years War. It was also the year of the laying of the keel of HMS *Victory* in No. 2 Dock, Chatham on 23 July. *Victory* was designed by Surveyor of the Navy, Thomas Slade, the leading naval architect of his day, appointed by George Anson, First Lord of the Admiralty for most of the war. The programme will include the following:

Ann Coats

*Building Victory: historical and cultural contexts.*

Richard Harding

*Large-scale ship movement and its operational impact 1739 to 1748 in relation to ship building and maintenance.*

Peter Goodwin

*The building of HMS Victory and her 1765 features – Slade’s design concepts.*

Roger Morriss

*Promise of power. The English maritime economy at the time of the Seven Years War.*

Katarina Mauranen

*Presenting academic research in a museum: the case of Portsmouth Block Mills.*

**Cost:** £30 including buffet lunch

**Concessions:** £25 NDS, Friends of RNM, students and senior citizens.

Details from Dr Ann Coats, Secretary, Naval Dockyards Society, 44, Lindley Avenue, Southsea, PO4 9NU, England.  
Tel: +0044 23 9286 3799

Email: [ann.coats@port.ac.uk](mailto:ann.coats@port.ac.uk)

[www.navaldockyards.moonfruit.com](http://www.navaldockyards.moonfruit.com)

### **National Museums Liverpool Merseyside Maritime Museum Queered Seas**

**12–14 November**

The first international conference on homosexuality and the sea will take place at the Merseyside Maritime Museum, organized 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 multidisciplinary 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.

Details from Eleanor Moffat, Curator of Maritime Collections, Merseyside Maritime Museum. Email: [Ellie.Moffat@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk](mailto:Ellie.Moffat@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk)

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## Books by Members

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**David Pulvertaft**, *The warship figureheads of Portsmouth*. 120 pages, hardback. Stroud, The History Press, 2009

The figureheads in and around the Royal Naval Museum, Portsmouth comprise the largest collection of British warship figureheads on display in the world. The author has spent many years researching the subject and for this book he has collaborated with the Southsea-based artist, Kevin Dean, allowing the history of each of the 36 figureheads to be complemented with a dramatic watercolour painting. Where original carvers' designs are available, these are included in the text as are numerous ship portraits. Appendices describe figureheads originally included in the collection, other figureheads in the area etc.

The cover price is £25 but The History Press will sell copies to SNR members for the discounted price of £18.99 (including p & p). Copies can be ordered on 01235 465577 or on the publisher's website [www.thehistorypress.co.uk](http://www.thehistorypress.co.uk) quoting the code THPWFP. Copies will be posted around 20 November and the offer is valid until the end of November.

**Malcolm Murfett**, *Naval Warfare 1919–1945: an operational history of the volatile war at sea*. 638 pages, hardback, £100. Abingdon, Routledge, 2009

This account is a comprehensive history of the war at sea from the end of the Great War to the end of World War II. Showing the bewildering nature and complexity of the war facing those charged with fighting it around the world, this book ranges far and wide: sweeping across all naval theatres and those powers performing major as well as minor roles with them.

Armed with the latest material from an extensive set of sources, Dr Murfett has written an absorbing as well as comprehensive reference work that is not afraid to re-examine the naval past in a stimulating way, or to take issue with those aspects of it that deserve closer attention. He demonstrates that superior equipment and the best intelligence, ominous power and systematic planning, vast finance and suitable training are often not enough in themselves to guarantee the successful outcome of an encounter at sea. Sometimes the narrow difference between victory and defeat hinges on those infinite variables: the individual's per-

formance under acute pressure and sheer luck.

*Naval Warfare 1919–1945* is an analytical and interpretive study that examines why things happened when they did. This vividly written volume is as accessible as well as fascinating read both for students and interested members of the general public.

**Ron Young**, *The Ultimate Shipwreck Guide*. 384 pages, paperback, liberally illustrated, £19.99. Whittles Publishing, [www.whittlespublishing.com](http://www.whittlespublishing.com) and tel. 01593 731333

From almost 300 wrecks featured in this book, 22 are located in an area known ominously as ‘The Graveyard’, about 30 miles off the River Tyne. Among them is the intact wreck of HMS *Cupar*, a 71-ton minesweeper sunk in 1919 and the British steamer *Runo* destroyed in 1914 while carrying over 200 reservist troops to Canada. Many wrecks are located there because of the huge minefield laid by German warships SMS *Albatross* and SMS *Stuttgart* on 25 August 1914 which resulted in many losses.

**Gordon Medicott**, *An Illuminating Experience*, £14.99 paperback, 160 pages. Whittles Publishing, [www.whittlespublishing.com](http://www.whittlespublishing.com) and tel. 01593 731333

A rare insight into the thirty-two-year working life of a lighthouse keeper. This book covers the period of change from oil to satellites, clockwork to computers and semaphore to mobile phones. The



story begins in 1966 and follows the author’s extensive travels around the British Isles with 22 postings including the famous Isle of Wight Needles and Lundy Island. *An Illuminating Experience* tells a fascinating story of a way of life that has become part of our maritime heritage – a must for everyone with an interest in lighthouses and maritime history.

**Susan Flavin and Evan T. Jones (eds)**, *Bristol’s Trade with Ireland and the Continent 1503–1601: the evidence of the exchequer customs accounts*. 1,094 pages, hardback, €65. Dublin, Four Courts Press, 2009

The English Exchequer customs accounts are the most comprehensive and long-running records of foreign trade. The Bristol accounts are without doubt the best quantitative economic record that exists for studying any aspect of the Irish economic development during the sixteenth century. Part 1 contains the ‘Particular Accounts’ recording the ship names,

port of origin, master's name and destination of the ship with details of cargo and duty paid. Part 2 contains 'The Port Books' offering a great deal more detail about the merchants, ports of arrival, numbers of chests, bundles, fardels, etc.

This book is over 1,000 pages long and contains a glossary of commodities, weights and measures, place names, first names and indices of people, places and ships. For further details see [www.fourcourtspress.ie](http://www.fourcourtspress.ie)

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## The Fenland Lighter Project

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In its printed report covering various activities of 1957, the Nene River Board included this comment: 'A midget submarine HMS *Sprat* arrived at Peterborough on November 9th, the upstream and downstream voyage being made without incident.'

The Fenland Lighter Project is currently enquiring into this curious episode, whereby this diminutive submarine commanded by Lieutenant T.J. Andrews RN, was sent far inland, apparently with naval recruitment as the underlying purpose. Indeed the *Sprat*'s cruise took in a number of eastern towns, with the same object in view. Her visit to Peterborough lasted just a few days, but it is plain from oral evidence and local press material of those times that it aroused enthusiastic interest.

At a civic reception accorded to the *Sprat*'s personnel, it was pointed out that her arrival at Peterborough reflected a remarkable engineering achievement in the preceding years, notably a great improvement in the Nene's channel upriver from the Wash. It has been found that recalling episodes such as that of the *Sprat* visit half a century ago can serve as a sort of magnet for public interest. This can subsequently be directed to more general aspects of water transport history which have affected this region.

More on the Fenland Lighter Project can be found at [www.gla.ac.uk/~aj12x/flp.html](http://www.gla.ac.uk/~aj12x/flp.html)

**H.J.K. Jenkins**

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## University Courses, Grants and Resources

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### **John Carter Brown Library Research Fellowships 2010-11**

The John Carter Brown Library will award approximately thirty short and long-term Research Fellowships for the period June 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

Short-term Fellowships are available for two to four months with a monthly

stipend of \$2,000 and are open to foreign nationals as well as to US citizens who are engaged in pre- and post-doctoral, or independent research. It is mandatory that graduate students pass their preliminary or general examinations before the application deadline and be at dissertation writing stage.

Long-term Fellowships are underwritten by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH); Inter-Americas; Donald R. Saunders; and R. David parsons. (NEH recipients should either be US citizens or resident in the US for three years immediately preceding the application deadline). Long-term awards are five to ten months with a monthly stipend of \$4000. Applicants for long-term fellowships are required to have their PhD before January 2010.

Research proposals must be suited to the holdings of the Library. The Library's collection is focused on the history of the Western Hemisphere during the colonial period (1492 to about 1825), emphasizing the European discovery, exploration, settlement and development of the Americas, the indigenous response to the European conquest, the African contribution to the development of the hemisphere, and all aspects of European relations with the New World, including the impact of the New World on the Old. All fellows must relocate to Providence and be in continuous residence at the Library for the entire term of the fellowship. The JCB retains a comfortable residence nearby for its research fellows.

Several fellowships are restricted to particular areas of research: history of cartography; maritime history; the West Indies and the Caribbean basin as a whole; comparative history of the colonial Americas; family and women's history; the history of printing and bibliography; the Jewish experience in the Americas; early exploration and discovery; Luso-Brazilian studies;

Spanish-American history; and other special categories. A few fellowships are available only to scholars who are citizens and permanent residents of countries in Spanish America.

The application deadline for 2010–11 is 10 January 2010. For application forms or more information, contact: The John Carter Brown Library, Box 1894, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island 02912.

Tel: 401-863-2725

Fax: 401-863-3477

Email: [JCBL\\_Fellowships@brown.edu](mailto:JCBL_Fellowships@brown.edu)

Website:

[http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/John\\_Carter\\_Brown\\_Library/pages/fr\\_resfellow.html](http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/John_Carter_Brown_Library/pages/fr_resfellow.html)

### **Greenwich Maritime Institute, University of Greenwich MA Maritime History**

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 eighteenth century; Twentieth-century International Maritime History; Sources, Methods and Archives for Maritime Historians; Twentieth-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.  
Tel.: +0044 208 331 7688.  
Email: [gmi@gre.ac.uk](mailto:gmi@gre.ac.uk)  
Website [www.gre.ac.uk/gmi](http://www.gre.ac.uk/gmi)

### **University of Hull**

#### **BA History with Maritime History**

This BA course is designed for students wishing to specialize 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 twentieth-century maritime interests. For further information contact Richard Gorski, details below.

#### **PhD in Maritime History**

For further information about the MA and PhD programmes 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)  
Tel.: +0044 1482 465183.  
Website: [www.history.hull.ac.uk](http://www.history.hull.ac.uk)

### **University of Exeter**

#### **MA and PhD at the Centre for Maritime Historical Studies,**

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.

For more information on these programmes, contact Dr Maria Fusaro, University of Exeter, Amory Building, Rennes Drive, Exeter, EX4 4RJ.  
Email: [m.fusaro@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:m.fusaro@exeter.ac.uk)  
Website: [www.centres.ex.ac.uk/cmhs/](http://www.centres.ex.ac.uk/cmhs/)

### **University of Exeter**

#### **New MA in Naval History by distance learning**

The University of Exeter has just announced that its new MA in Naval History is now open for admissions. This unique course is delivered wholly on-line and was initiated by Professor Nicholas Rodger who continues to be closely involved. Exeter is the only university that offers MAs and PhDs in Naval History and can call upon a wide range of academic expertise in the subject. For more information visit <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees/history/navaldlma.html>

**Canadian Nautical Research Society  
The Keith Matthews  
Best Book Award**

A prize of \$1,000 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: \$1,000 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.

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## Assistance Required

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**From Vicki Woodman, MA**

I am about to embark on a research programme leading to a PhD at the University of Portsmouth to examine the experiences of naval wives and families at the time of the Falklands War. I am trying to make contact with wives/mothers/girlfriends of naval personnel who served in the Falklands at that time who would be willing to be interviewed or answer a questionnaire.

The research, as well as adding to the historiography of the war, will also have MoD relevance as a case study of servicemen and their families has a

bearing on skilled work force recruitment and retention. Re-evaluation of the Falkland War from a hitherto unexamined aspect will have ongoing value for the Gulf and Afghanistan operations.

If you could help me with my research or would like more information, please contact me:

Email [v.woodman@ntlworld.com](mailto:v.woodman@ntlworld.com)

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**BBC 4 *The Story of the Sea*  
*Appeal for cine-film***

The BBC is making a three-part

television series looking at people's relationships with the sea. *The Story of the Sea* will look at changes in how Britain's coastal waters have been used since the turn of the twentieth century. The series will be divided into three programmes: Work (fishing), Leisure and Trade, from the pier front to the dockyard. Each programme will use amateur film to illustrate how the advances in technology have changed

how we live and work with the sea. If you have any cine-film of lifeboat launches, shipwrecks, dredgers, air sea rescue, smuggling, work on a coastal vessel or fishing off British waters and especially film on J class yachts, the BBC would like to hear from you.

**Contact:** Christine Wheeler at [cwheeler@availablelight.tv](mailto:cwheeler@availablelight.tv) or Sue Bennett, tel. 0117 908 4433.

## New Members and Reported Death 1 July–3 September 2009

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### New members

Mr J. Barker, *Toronto, Canada*  
Ms A. Carlsson-Hyslop, *Manchester*  
Mr T. Dapling, BSc, MSc, *Goring-by-Sea*  
Mr R.J. Derrick, *Courcy, France*  
Ms J. Grace, *London*  
Mr M. Th. H. Jak, *Ooltgensplaat  
Netherlands*  
Mr J. Laing, *Newark*  
Mr M. Laing, *Virginia, USA*

Mr P. Low, *Sydney Australia*  
Capt. P. McElhinney, *Carrigaline, Eire*  
Mr E. McKenna, MRIN, *Dublin, Eire*  
Mr D. McKiernan, *Louisville, USA*  
Mr C. Miller, *London*  
Mr D. Pascoe BA, MA, *Southsea*  
Mr W. Williamson, *Badingham*

### Reported death

Mr. B.E.G. Clark, *St Leonards-on-Sea*

## 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.

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