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Deadline for August issue: 4 June 2010
The Society’s centenary is now well and truly under way. On 21 January, the Second Sea Lord, Sir Alan Massey, opened our centenary year at a reception in the Princess Royal Gallery of the Royal Naval Museum, Portsmouth. About 80 people attended and the venue could hardly have been better considering the very close association of the Society with the museum and HMS Victory. It was also an opportunity to view some remarkably well-preserved artefacts recovered from HMS Invincible, which sank off Spithead in 1758. The excavation of the wreck had been under way since 1982, under the direction of one of our Vice-Presidents, Commander John Bingeman.

The day was also the occasion for the formal recognition of David Page’s long service to the Society. David has been Chairman of the Small Craft Committee. He has kept an eye on the annual programme of HMS Victory’s cutter since the 1990s. His enthusiasm for the cutter has been a vital element in ensuring that it was properly manned, supported and in service. David was also instrumental in establishing the Society’s first website. On the replacement of the Small Craft Committee with the Heritage and Historic Craft Committee, David stepped down as Chairman, but will still be working on the committee with oversight of the cutter. Dame Mary Fagan, Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, made the presentation of a small plaque to mark the Society’s gratitude for David’s commitment and service.

The centenary history of the Society, The Mirror of the Seas, appeared on schedule in February. At last the Society has in a single volume an authoritative record of its achievements and tribulations. Splendidly presented, it is a permanent record for members and the public of the Society’s contribution to maritime history.

Over the next few months more events will be held to commemorate the centenary in the UK and elsewhere. I hope that as many members as possible will be able to take advantage of these activities.
Editorial

My thanks to Dr Helen Doe for alerting me to the wonders of the Members’ Forum which can be accessed through the SNR website members area – once registered go to Discussion Forum. It is very user-friendly. At present there are 23 current topics and 44 earlier topics displayed with a wide range of maritime subjects under discussion from ‘The Crotchet Yard’ to the ‘Players Navy Cut Sailors Cap Tally’ and everything in between. You can ask questions or contribute answers to a variety of subjects. I strongly recommend all members to visit the site for hours of interesting reading. In future newsletters I will be highlighting some of the current topics.

My congratulations to Derek L. Elliott who is finishing an MA in Global Studies at the LSE and the University of Leipzig. He has been awarded the 2009 Julian Corbett Prize for Modern Naval History available as an LSE working paper at www.lse.ac.uk/collections/economicHistory/pdf/wp136.pdf.

Barry Coombs

SNR Annual General Meeting

The Princess Royal Gallery of the Royal Naval Museum, Portsmouth

Saturday 10 July 2010 at 3.15 p.m.

Please note that the SNR AGM is being held in July rather than June this year.

The meeting will begin at 3.15 p.m. and finish in time for members and their guests to visit HMS Victory at 5.30 p.m. All members are invited to attend the AGM and to tour HMS Victory.

The formal notice and papers for the AGM are to be found in the February 2010 issue of The Mariner’s Mirror. The Society’s dinner on board HMS Victory is fully booked and a waiting list is in operation.

News and Events

The Collingwood Bicentenary

The celebrations in Newcastle were very well attended and a sunny weekend enhanced the success of the 1805 Club members visit. In the last issue, I referred to this as the last great bicentenary of that era. That statement proved to be somewhat premature and I am indebted to Tim Voelcker who kindly reminded me that, among others, still to come were Sir James Saumarez 1812, Captain Philip Broke’s victorious battle with
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USS *Chesapeake* and the victory of the Shannon in 1813. It is hoped to rebuild the obelisk in honour of Admiral Saumarez at St Peter Port, Guernsey. The 1805 Club are also planning an event in Guernsey to commemorate his outstanding naval contribution.

**The Naval Dockyards Society**

The Naval Dockyards Society is organizing a tour of naval dockyards and museums in Brittany from 11–17 June based in L’Orient. Further details from David Baynes, tel. +44 (0)2392 831461 or email baynes.david@btinternet.com.

**SNR (South) Programme**

The Society for Naval Research (South) was founded in 1962 to promote the historical study of ships, seafaring and other maritime subjects with particular reference to the south of England. There are meetings on the second Saturday of each month from October to May starting at 2 p.m. at the Royal Naval Club in Old Portsmouth (lunch is available). New members are very welcome: contact David Baynes, tel. +44 (0)2392 831463, or email baynes.david@btinternet.com.

**Saturday, 8 May**
Eric Birbeck
*RH Haslar – This is your life*

**Saturday, 9 October**
One-day conference in the Princess Royal Gallery of the Royal Naval Museum
*The Opening-up of Terra Australis (TOTA) 1774–1814*
Separate programme to be promulgated.

**Saturday, 13 November**
AGM
James H. Thomas, BA, PhD, FRHistS, University of Portsmouth
*The Sea Captain. the Nawab and the Pilgrimage: An Eighteenth-century Maritime Tale Examined.*

**Saturday, 11 December**
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 2.00 p.m. Persons wishing to lunch with the Society in the Club beforehand should contact Roy Inkersole, tel. +44 (0)2392 831387 at least 72 hours in advance. For further information, contact Peter Ashley, tel. +44 (0)2392 571346, or email peter.ashley4@btinternet.com.
King’s Seminar Series

International Commission for Maritime History
King’s Seminar Series 2009–10

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.

Conferences, Meetings and Exhibitions

‘That Mighty and Vast Sea’
Britain and the Indian Ocean World

An international conference at the National Maritime Museum Greenwich 8–9 July 2010.

This conference will explore the factors that shaped Britain’s involvement with the Indian Ocean. The East India Company played a major role in initiating and defining this relationship. Themes to be explored include patterns of commerce, subaltern experience, the dynamics of Empire, the scope and limitations of imperial power, the movement and circulation of goods, people and ideas and the representation of the Indian Ocean and its peoples. The conference will provide new insights on the British relationship with ‘that mighty and vast sea’ as it was described in the ‘Voyage of Thomas Cavendish round the Whole Earth’.

For the full programme and booking details see www.nmm.ac.uk/conferences or contact the Research Administrator, tel. +44 (0)20 8312 6716, or email research@nmm.ac.uk.

Hidden Histories of Exploration: website and exhibition

An interesting resource to those who historians who are researching exploration and travel is the new website: http://hiddenhistories.rgs.org. This is a nicely designed website which is very
user-friendly and has some wonderful images as well as links to guides, lists and catalogues.

**Adult Learning at the National Maritime Museum**

**Thursdays, 17 June to 22 July**
*The Boats that Built Britain*
11.00 a.m – 1.00 p.m. £8/£6
This lecture series offers a unique opportunity to look at Britain’s relationship with the sea.

**Tuesday, 13 July**
*1,001 Inventions – Discover the Muslim Heritage in Our World*
Lecture 7.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. £8/£6
Following the success of the 1,000 Inventions exhibition, Professor Salim T. S. Al-Hassani, chairman of the board for science, technology and civilization will chart the advance of Muslim civilization.

**Tuesday, 10 August**
*Brunel: the Great Engineer*
Lecture 7.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. £8/£6
Tim Bryan, head of collections and interpretation at the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust will talk about Brunel and his legacy.

**Tuesday, 7 September**
*Marconi and Modernity*
Lecture 7.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. £8/£6
David Barlow from the Lizard Marconi Wireless Station will talk on the importance of Marconi not only in the maritime world but also its relevance today. David’s research on Marconi includes his work in Cornwall and experiments from the South Atlantic to Poldhu.

**Tuesday, 19 October**
*Leonardo: Working with Water and Wind*
Lecture 7.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. £8/£6
Martin Kemp, emeritus professor of art at Oxford University, has written extensively on imagery in art and science from the Renaissance to the present day. He has curated a series of exhibitions on Leonardo and art and science including ‘Spectacular Bodies’ at the Hayward Gallery. This is a unique opportunity to hear Martin talk about Leonardo Da Vinci’s connection with the sea.

For bookings email Louise Simkiss, Adult Learning Manager at the NMM, L.Simkiss@nmm.ac.uk

**2010 Short Course Programme**
**Boat Building Academy, Lyme Regis**

The academy offers a tremendous range of practical courses from ‘Building a Boat – Initial Set-up’ or ‘Marine Electronics’, ‘Bespoke Lofting Courses’, ‘Rigs and Rigging’ to Greenland ‘Kayak Building’ and many more. For full
details and information on their programme see their website at [www.boatbuildingacademy.com](http://www.boatbuildingacademy.com) or call Gemma Stunt on +44 (0)1297 445545.

**World Ship Society Annual Naval Meeting**

5 June 2010, 10.30 a.m. — 5.00 p.m

The Society’s 32nd Annual Naval Meeting will be held on Saturday, 5 June 2010, at the Hawthorns Hotel, Bristol. The fourth D. K. Brown lecture will be given by Professor Eric Grove who has been researching into the development of armoured warships and in particular, the advent of true ‘battleships’ in name and capability about 1890. His lecture is entitled ‘The Battleship Revolution of the Late Nineteenth Century – a Paradigm Shift in Naval Warfare?’

Other speakers include Mark Brady who will be giving a talk entitled ‘Royal Navy destroyers and Anti-Aircraft Gunnery 1930–70’, while in a talk entitled ‘HMS Manchester Revisited’ Chris Simons will be looking at the history and the wreck of this Liverpool class cruiser. Dr Malcolm Cooper will be evaluating ‘Japanese Submarines of World War Two’.

The programme will be completed with the usual illustrated quiz. Full details are available from Dr Richard Osborne, 11 Beechwood Road, Nailsea, Bristol BS48 2AF or email drosborne@blueyonder.co.uk

**Britannia Naval Research Association Annual Symposium, St Anne’s College, Oxford**

Friday 14 and Saturday 15 May 2010

‘The Fighting Cochranes’

This year the BRNA symposium will examine the influence of the Cochrane naval family on maritime history and culture. This is the 8th naval history conference at St Anne’s college, Oxford and is set over two days in May with a field trip on the Friday and a conference at St Anne’s on the Saturday. Delegates will visit HMS Warrior to examine Arthur Cochrane’s connection with this great ship. The conference programme will consist of nine papers on the Cochrane family:

*Arthur Cochrane and the Warrior* — Andrew Baines, archivist HMS Warrior
*A Naval Dynasty* — Justin Reay
*Alexander Cochrane in America* — Dr Alan Flanders
*Fact into Fiction: Cochrane — a life in literature* — Zena Whitefield
*The Anatomy of the Naval Ballad ‘Jack tar’* — Michael Wright
*Cochranes Commemorated in the Twentieth Century* — Dr Vaughan Mitchell
*The Great Innovator* — Thomas Cochrane in Chile

On the Saturday evening there will be a
dinner at the Cotswold Lodge Hotel, Oxford, 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m., dress informal. For an information pack and booking form email
johnwain@reddriver.fsnet.co.uk

The EGR Taylor Lectures

A diary note: the date has now been set for Thursday, 14 October at the Royal Geographical Society. Further details will be published in the next issue of the SNR Newsletter in August.

Dr Sarah Tyacke, CB, has taken over the official shepherding of these lectures in succession to Dr Ann (Savours) Shirley who has been their guardian for some fifteen years. As many members know, the SNR is one of the four societies which in turn organize the annual lectures. Since the series has now been going now for fifty years, it is hoped to publish a tribute to Professor Taylor, on whose 80th birthday they were inaugurated, together with a list of them compiled by Mr Francis Herbert, formerly keeper of the map collection at the Royal Geographical Society/IBG where the lectures are delivered.

Mapping Land and Sea up to 1850

Summer course at London Rare Books School, 5–9 July 2010.
This introductory series of seminars will be of particular interest to newcomers to this field. There is a day of charting seminars from the medieval period to 1800 and a visit to the British Library, as well as a seminar by Sylvia Sumira on the construction of globes. The other seminars at the National Archives and at Senate House deal with land mapping but are equally useful for general background. Further information about this course and other London Rare Books School activities are available from the administrator at zoe.holman@sas.ac.uk or from the website http://iies.sas.ac.uk.

‘Flinders Return’: The Opening Up of Terra Australis, 1770–1814

Saturday, 9 October 2010, 10.00 a.m. — 5.00 p.m.
Princess Royal Gallery, Royal Naval Museum, Portsmouth. This is an SNR Centenary Celebration Event for the bicentenary of the return of Matthew Flinders to England after he circumnavigated ‘Terra Australis’.

The programme will include the following papers:

Experiments and Observations: the Admiralty, the Royal Society and the discovery of new worlds — Justin Reay

Captain James Cook: from Botany Bay to the Great Barrier Reef — Dr David Cordingly

Close Encounters of a Different Kind: Arthur Philip and the early opening
of Australia — Dr James Thomas
Governor John Hunter, Australia and Flinders — Mr Viv May psm
The whole of the surveying dept. rested on me: Matthew Flinders,
Hydrography and the Navy — Dr Nigel Rigby (tbc)
Matthew Flinders and the practice of hydrography in the Royal Navy
during the French revolutionary and the Napoleonic Wars — Capt. Mike
Barritt RN

Lectures at the National Museum of the Royal Navy, Portsmouth. (formerly RN M)

Saturday, 22 May, 2 p.m.
Killing the Bismark — Ian Ballantyne
with Capt. Peter Hore.
Using unpublished photographs and eye-witness accounts, the author of the forthcoming book of the same title will present new evidence about this significant event of the Second World War.

This is a free talk but booking is essential: email education.bookings@royalnavalmuseum or tel. +44 (0)2392 727582. An events brochure is at www.royalnavalmuseum.org/new_forthcoming.htm

Monday, 21 June 7.30 p. m.
The silent landscape: HMS Challenger 1872’ — Prof. Richard Corfield
The voyage of HMS Challenger was a scientific circumnavigation lasting four years. Richard Corfield brings the story to life with his own discovery of the world of the oceans. Booking is essential. www.portsmouthfestivities.co.uk for more details.

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. Until then opening hours will be:

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* first Saturday in every month only

Readers should make an appointment and order material in advance. Details are published on the museum’s website, http://www.nmm.ac.uk/researchers/library/visiting/access-to-archive-and-library-collections-until-2012
Books by Members

Correction: Newsletter 77
My apologies to Peter Nash for an error in the notice referring to his book when I omitted the important word ‘Naval’ in the title which should read: The Development of Mobile Logistic Support in Anglo-American Naval Policy, 1900–1953. The code for ordering this volume from The Eurospan Books Store at www.eurospanbookstore.com is SOCIETYFORNAUTICALRESEARCH. Orders can also be placed on tel. +44 (0)1767 604972.


This is a fascinating account of the events surrounding the feud between Admiral Lord Charles Beresford and Admiral Sir John Fisher. It has had very good reviews, described on Amazon by Ned Middleton as follows:
‘You will find this book hard to put down . . . Essential reading for anyone with an interest in the subject . . . a darned good read.’

The author has a website at http://www.rdfreeman.net

Members will receive a 20 per cent discount on the cover price from the publisher: order online at www.pen-and-sword.co.uk and enter the code NAVALFEUD or tel. +44 (0)1226 734222.

The Fenland Lighter Project

Lords, Lighters and Leisure, 1774

George Walpole, third Earl of Orford, was an eccentric aristocrat of the 1700s, with an inventive nature and a taste for the outdoor life. He is remembered for some curious exploits, not least his idea for using a ‘gang’ of modified Fenland lighters as a sort of articulated yacht, very suitable for progress along the web of waterways known as the Ouse-Nene Complex (see Mariner’s Mirror, vol. 71, p. 348).

In that regard, it may be mentioned that a collection of papers stemming from interdisciplinary conferences convened by the Sorbonne Nouvelle (Paris University III) has recently been published (in English) at New York as vol. 58 in the well-known series ‘AMS Studies in the Eighteenth Century’.

Edited by Professors Serge Soupel, Kevin L. Cope and Alexander Pettit, the theme in this instance is ‘Adventure: An Eighteenth-century Idiom’, and the present writer has contributed a paper entitled ‘A Looking-Glass Adventure: Lord Orford’s Fenland Cruise in 1774’.

The journals kept by Orford and his
associates have a quality that is reminiscent of the Alice books: a comic mixture of fact and fantasy that nevertheless reflects much that was real about the waterway journey, and also its background in terms of British society, literature and politics. This, of course, was the very period when Cook’s great voyaging was in progress and, moreover, when the Atlantic community stood on the brink of upheaval in the American War of Independence.

Private jokes and self-satire were all the more pungent because the Earl of Sandwich, First Lord of the Admiralty, was among those who made rendezvous with Orford’s boating-party during its three-week cruise. To judge by the reaction to date – including a favourable TLS review – the AMS publication has aroused considerable interest in Fenland lighters and their milieu, much of it in circles where such matters would not usually receive attention.

For more on the Fenland Lighter Project see www.gla.ac.uk/~aj12x/flp.html

H.J.K. Jenkins

The SNR Members’ Area

Individual members of SNR can visit our website at 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
University Courses, Grants and Resources

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. +44 (0)208 331 7688, email: gmi@gre.ac.uk, website 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, tel. +44 (0)1482 465183, website: 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, website: www.centres.ex.ac.uk/cmhs/

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.

Assistance Required

From Roger Jackson
The editor has received an email from Roger Jackson to say that he has discovered a sea chest that belonged to one of his ancestors, John Duke Jackson, who served with the East India Company and was believed to be on HMS Temeraire. If anyone can help him to find any more information on this gentleman, or to direct him to other areas of information on the ships that John Jackson may have served in, please contact roger.jackson@husqvarna.co.za.

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, 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@garvey.fsnet.co.uk or by letter to The Lodge, The Drive, Hellingly, Hailsham, East Sussex, BN27 4EP.
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**Discovery of a sunken British warship at Nevis**

My thanks to SNR member, Vincent Hubbard, who emailed from Nevis with the following short notice. Further news will no doubt follow.

Today, 26 March, the Nevis Island Government and the Nevis Historical and Conservation Society discovered in shallow water what is almost certainly the wreck of the 28-gun frigate HMS *Solebay*. While being chased by two French frigates in early 1782, she grounded on a reef. To avoid losing her to the French, the captain set her afire and evacuated his men. As she carried 60 barrels of gunpowder, the explosion was substantial and her wreckage thrown over a large area.

**Member Offer**

**The Mariner’s Mirror**

*1972 to present date*

Michael Baxton, a member living in California, is disposing of his *Mariner’s Mirrors* and has asked if anyone would like to have them. He asks only for carriage to be paid. This is likely to be cost-effective only for US members. If anyone is interested, please email newslettereditor@snr.org with your contact details.

**Maritime Forum**

**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
New Members and Reported Deaths to 9 March 2010

New members – individual
Mr A. Baines, Gosport
Mr P. Ballantyne, London
Mr R. J. Blakemore, Cambridge,
Dr N. T. Budde, Hingham, USA
Mr J. A. Buntin, Beckenham
Mr F. Coniam, Bexley Village
Cori Convertito-Farrar, London
Miss M. Heley, Kings Lynn
Mr A. B. Hibbert, Belper
Mr P. Hodgkiss, Rugeley
Mr A. Mather, London
Lt C. Maxworthy, RANR, Wahroonga, Australia
Mr A. McCallum, Wolverhampton
Dr A. Morrall, Gosport
Mr T. G. Rootes, Saint John, Canada
Mr K. Rose, Texas, USA
Mr J. Sherlock, Conway, Wales
Mr S. E. Thomas, Poole

New members – institutions
Forsvarets Bibliotek, København, Denmark

Reported deaths
Mr W. W. Burgess, Brixham
Cdr M. Cudmore OBE RN, Norton Sub Hamdon,
Mr J. Hall, Petersfield
Mr G. H. Hutton, Surbiton,
Mr P. M. Kerrigan, Elphin, Republic of Ireland
Mr G. Moorhouse, FRSL, Gayle
Dr G. T. Nurse, London,
Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir James Watt,
KBE, DCL, MD, MS, FRCP, FRCS, FRCSE,
Otterbourne

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.