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Chairman's Column

As we enter the last months of the Society's centenary year, we have had more events across the country. We have tried hard during this year to ensure that the Society linked up with other organizations. The Society is an important element within the maritime history community, but in a world crowded with bodies competing for the attention of the public, it is easy to be overlooked. Providing events jointly with like-minded organizations is good for the partners.

In September we had an evening event at the Queen's House, Greenwich, in which the National Maritime Museum was able to display some of the artefacts purchased with the help of the MacPherson Fund administered by the Society. Professor Roger Knight provided an entertaining and thought-provoking short address. In the same month the Society supported the first Alan Villiers Memorial Lecture, at St Edmunds Hall, Oxford, in conjunction with the Britannia Naval Research Association and *The Naval Review*. Professor Jeremy Black of Exeter University gave the inaugural lecture. In October SNR (South) hosted a conference commemorating the return of Mathew Flinders and the circumnavigation of Terra Australis as a centenary celebration event for the SNR. This year the Anderson Medal was presented at the Maritime Foundation's annual Maritime Media Awards in London. In November the SNR will be joining up with the South West Maritime History Society to hold a meeting to celebrate the opening of the Brunel Institute in Bristol and commemorate the contribution of David R. MacGregor (see page 10 below). In Glasgow, thanks to Glasgow Museums, the SNR was able to hold a joint event to commemorate the centenary and maritime Scotland, and to help promote the development of the new Riverside Museum of Transport History.

The Society owes a great debt to these organizations, and others, such as the National Museum of the Royal Navy, the Royal United Services Institution and the North Atlantic Society for Oceanic History, which provided locations and support for centenary events. Without them, despite the best efforts of councillors, vice-presidents and officers, the impact of the Society would have been much reduced. As the Society moves forward to consider its future it is important to ensure that these connections and others like them are not neglected. The preservation and promotion of maritime history will face many challenges. The Society has a huge amount to offer and a huge amount to gain from effective collaborations.

I hope that members have a happy Christmas and my best wishes for 2011.

Richard Harding

Editorial

There is an important SNR Centenary Event taking place on 13 November at the Mitchell Library, Glasgow entitled 'Maritime Scotland' which I would commend to members. The opening lecture by our Chairman, Richard Harding, is '100 Years of the Society for Nautical Research' and begins at 2 p.m. It is a free event but booking is essential as places are limited. Contact Martin Bellamy on +44 (0)141 276 9333. Full details of this and all SNR events can be found on the website www.snr.org.uk

In the next issue there will be an article on the work of The Heritage and Craft Committee which has developed out of The Small Craft Committee: it is involved in promoting research into matters relating to seafaring and shipbuilding in all ages and among all nations, including the language and customs of the sea and other items of nautical research, and it aims to publish the results of such research and otherwise advance public education in these areas. Although most often associated with their work with the cutter of HMS *Victory*, this is only part of the enormous amount of research and activity that they undertake with a very active committee and David Clement's chairmanship.

Members should note a change to the website link for the Canadian Nautical Research Society: <http://www.cnrs-scrn.org>

Another correction is to the email address for events at the National Museum of the Royal Navy at Portsmouth. Please note that the address is library@nmrn.org.uk.

Some very good news from the Cambridge University Press has come across my desk. In association with the National Maritime Museum, they are to reissue the entire 40-volume set of the *Naval Chronicles* first published between 1799 and 1818 and never previously reprinted in its entirety. For more information contact Gretchen Caroll at CUP on +44 (0)1223 326274, email gcaroll@cambridge.org or Sheryl Twigg on +44 (0)20 8312 6790 at the NMM stwigg@nmm.ac.org.

It is timely in our November issue to mention the beautiful Christmas cards that the National Museum of the Royal Navy and the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard have produced this year. They depict HMS *Victory* in the snow and are well worth the £4.95 per pack of 10 but are even better value with the 10% SNR discount deducted. Mail orders carry a postage charge of £1.95 per order. Cheques should be made payable to The Royal Navy Museum shop. To order ring +44(0)2392 826682 or visit www.rnmuseumshop.co.uk. Mail to The Royal Naval Museum Shop, No. 10 Store, Main Road, HM Naval Base, Portsmouth PO1 3NH.

Barry Coombs

Admiral Sir James Saumarez

Encouraged by HMS *Northumberland's* salute in honour of Admiral Collingwood off Newcastle in March, a further 19-gun salute was fired in Gothenburg Harbour on 15 June by HMS *Kent* to celebrate the achievements in the Baltic of another admiral; Admiral Sir James Saumarez has received more public recognition in Sweden than in Britain. As C-in-C Baltic 1808–12 flying his flag in HMS *Victory* for her last seagoing commission, he combined firmness with restraint and by *not* using his massive firepower when Sweden was forced by France to declare war, he broke Napoleon's Continental System and saved Sweden as an independent nation.

Two years ago a bronze plaque in his honour, unveiled by the present King of Sweden, Carl XVI Gustav, was stolen from its place on the outside wall of Gothenburg City Hall, probably by metal thieves. Discussion between The 1805 Club and Gothenburg officials led to the discovery there of the original mould. A replica in bronzed resin was made and with the help of the British Defence Attache an unveiling ceremony by the present Lord de Saumarez and the Chairman of Gothenburg City Council was arranged to coincide with a 'Think Britain' event in Gothenburg and the visit of HMS *Kent* on her way to

Stockholm for the royal wedding. Admiral Sir Trevor Soar, C-in-C of Fleet, and Vice Admiral Sir Fabian Malbon, Lieutenant-Governor of Guernsey, (home for many centuries of the Saumarez family) attended a day full of different events, ending with a reception in honour of the Queen's Birthday on board HMS *Kent* and a lecture at the Royal Bachelors Club by Dr Tim Voelcker, author of *Admiral Saumarez versus Napoleon: the Baltic 1807–1812*.

The City of Adelaide

Alan Platt in Dunfermline writes: There has at last been good news of the 1864 composite clipper, *City of Adelaide*, which has been under the threat of demolition. The situation was forced on her owners, the Scottish Maritime Museum, largely because in saving her from destruction in 1993 she had to be slipped on leased land. This eventually left them with ever-increasing arrears of rent. Fortunately she had been A-listed under Scottish planning laws, and an application in 2000 to resolve this by demolition was overturned by a cascade of objections. No solution to the crisis was found, and over three years ago a similar application was accepted. Due process was for this to pass to the rele-

vant Minister in the Scottish Executive for a decision. The debt crisis, however, had led to the landowner forbidding access to the ship, leading to a stalemate.

Two groups emerged which were working to move the ship to Sunderland or to South Australia. During 2010 time was running out, so firm proposals had to be produced. Both groups submitted bids and the South Australian offer was preferred. They had engaged the support of the State's Governor, HE Rear-Admiral Kevin Scarce, and of industry there, as well as the people. Agreement was reached with the Scottish Government to jointly fund the project and on 28 August 2010 the decision was announced by Fiona Hyslop, Scotland's Minister for Culture and External Affairs.

Survival of the ship is splendid news. The partnership will forge strong cultural and educational links, and in Scotland the dangerous precedent of the demolition of an A-listed structure has been avoided. As an international Society we must feel satisfaction that a vessel of international stature has new hope. The UK's maritime heritage, however, will suffer the loss of the oldest of the four Core Collection merchant ships designed for sail, and the only one to have carried emigrants. It is a sad reflection that Scotland, hard pressed in the present economic situation, and with

only about a tenth of UK resources, and South Australia, whose population is only about 1.6 million, have found a solution where the broader British community has failed. The social history case has proved more powerful than that of maritime heritage or of Sunderland's shipbuilding past.

The City of Adelaide would have vanished long ago had she not been A-listed, as there have been at least five occasions when there was no other protection. It is paradoxical that a structure on land or a wreck beneath the sea may be protected by legislation but a vessel afloat may not. Interestingly the ship was afloat when she was listed but had an umbilical of pipes and cables connecting her to the shore which was judged as bringing her under the law.

The Australians are ready to start as soon as the embargo on entering the site has been lifted, which is likely to be before this reaches print.

The Gunsreen House Trust

A 'Splendid Palace' built by a smuggler

Gunsreen House, Eyemouth, Berwickshire, was designed in the early 1750s by John Adam for local smuggler John Nisbet. It is a monument to the sheer nerve of a man who, in the words of his creditors' lawyer 'dealt in no other than

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this traffic which he carried on to a very great extent'. The house, restored by Gunsgreen House Trust, is open from April to October, Thursday to Monday, 11.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Group visits or a speaker can be arranged. Visit www.gunsgreenhouse.org. Derek Janes, SNR member, is the administrator.

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. 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. New members are very welcome: contact David Baynes, tel. +44 (0)2392 831463, or email baynes.david@btinternet.com.

Sheerness Docks History

There was an interesting piece on Sheerness and its history in the summer. Hopefully it can be still accessed via the website of the local newspaper. http://www.kentonline.co.uk/times_guardian/sheerness_dockyard.aspx

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

Saturday, 8 January 2011

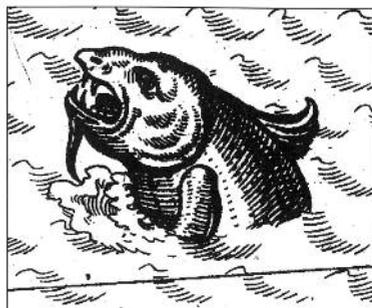
Marina Carter

The Battle of the Grand Port

Saturday, 12 February 2011

Alessio Patalano

The Japanese Navy



Kings Seminar Series

**British Commission for
Maritime History**
www.maritimehistory.org.uk

King's Seminar Series 2010–11

Thursday, 11 November 2010

Mike Farquharson-Roberts, University
of Exeter

*Admiral Field: a forgotten and derided
reformer*

Thursday, 25 November 2010

Richard Scott, Greenwich Maritime
Inst.

*A remarkable transition: from tramp to
bulk shipping, 1950–73*

Thursday, 9 December 2010

**Proctor Memorial Lecture:*

Dr Michael Duffy, University of Exeter
*The naval arms race and the great naval
Armageddon, 1750–1815*

Thursday, 13 January 2011

Dr James Davey, National Maritime
Museum

*British sea-power in the Baltic,
1715–1815*

Thursday, 27 January 2011

Tim Carter, Greenwich Maritime Inst.

*Sea fevers: the management of infectious
disease at sea in the British merchant
fleet 1867–1967*

Thursday, 10 February 2011

Alan Scarth, National Museums
Liverpool

Titanic and Liverpool

Thursday, 24 February 2011

Justin Reay, University of Oxford
*Admirals, arias and a few small rooms: a
social history of the Admiralty in
London.*

Thursday, 10 March 2011

William Battersby
*The Chesney Expedition: an early
experiment in steam shipping, 1834–7*

Thursday, 5 May 2011

Jonathan Parkinson, Johannesburg
*The first steam powered ascent through
the Yangtze Gorges, 1898 and 1900*

Thursday, 19 May 2011

Dr Quintin Colville, National Maritime
Museum
*Manufacturing tradition: material
culture and the Royal Navy, 1905–60*

Meetings take place at 5.15 p.m. at
King's College, WC2R 2LS, The
Meeting Room, War Studies Dept, 6th
Floor, Old Main Building, except for
the Proctor Lecture on 9 December
which will take place at Lloyds Register,
71 Fenchurch Street, London EC3M
4BS. Admission to this lecture only is
solely by ticket, available from Proctor
Lecture, GMI, University of
Greenwich, Old Royal Naval College,
London SE10 9LS or email
gmi@gre.ac.uk

The Seminar Programme is organized
by the British Commission for

Kings Seminar Series

Maritime History, with the generous assistance of the Society for Nautical Research, the Maritime Information Association and the Department of War Studies, King's College, London. For

further information contact Professor John Armstrong, 42 Inglis Road, Ealing, London W5 3RL or email john@johnarmstrong.eu.

Conferences, Meetings and Exhibitions

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>.

National Museum of the Royal Navy

Visit www.royalnavalmuseum.org/new_forthcoming.htm to download the current programme. See also www.seayourhistory.org.uk

National Maritime Museum Seminar

The Semiotics of a Shipwreck

A Symposium on the Representation and Resonance of Maritime Disaster.

Friday and Saturday, 19/20 November

Details at www.nmm.ac.uk/conferences or email research@nmm.ac.uk or call Janet Norton, Research Administrator on 0208 312 6716

British Maritime History Seminars

All seminars begin at 17.15 in the Wolfson Room at the Institute of Historical Research, University of London, Senate House, London WC1E 7HU. Each paper lasts approximately 45 minutes with 15 to 30 minutes of questions. There is no charge for these seminars and no need to book. Further information research@nmm.ac.uk.

16 November

Con Convertito-Farrar, University of Exeter

Mending the sick and wounded: the development of naval hospitals in the West Indies 1740–1800.

30 November

Sarah Kinkel, University of Yale
From protection to policing: the changing of the Royal Navy in the 1760s.

14 December

Professor Andrew Lambert, Kings College London
Fighting on the periphery: The Crimean war in the arctic 1854–6.

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14 January 2011

Derek Elliott, University of Cambridge
*Guerillas at Sea : Maratha challenges to
Bombay's regional supremacy c.
1690–1756*

25 January

Dr Kirsty Reid, University of Bristol
*Medical authority afloat: Royal Naval
surgeons on convict ships 1815–68.*

8 February

Dr Jonathan Rayner, University of
Sheffield
*Histories of victory and defeat in
Japanese naval films.*

22 February

Dr Roland Pietsch, Queen Mary
University London
*Masculinity and mental health in the
Georgian navy*

8 March

Dr Guy Chet, University of Texas.
*The Atlantic maritime frontier: piracy
and the pursuit of government
legitimacy in the modern state
1688–1856*

22 March

Dr Elaine Murphy, Trinity College,
Dublin
*The Navy and the Cromwellian
conquest of Ireland 1649–53.*

Full abstracts are at
nmm.ac.uk/researchers/conferences and
seminars. Convenors are Sally Archer,
Dr Margaret Lincoln, Dr Nigel Rigby
and Prof N.A.M Rodger.

**Finnish Association for Maritime
History**

in collaboration with the Nordic
Modern Shipping History Network

17 to 19 March 2011

*Shipping Revolutions after the Second
World War*

Uusikaupunki, Finland

Papers are invited for this conference,
which will discuss various aspects of the
rapid developments in tanker, dry-bulk
and container shipping since the 1950s,
as well as the corresponding technical
transformations in ports. While there
will be some emphasis on Nordic
shipping, the organizers have welcomed
papers with wider approaches from
maritime historians from abroad.

Uusikaupunki is a medium-sized
town situated 80 km north-west of
Turku on Finland's west coast with
strong seafaring traditions from the age
of sail. Turku is served by international
flights as well as frequent passenger
ferries from Stockholm; bus transport
from Turku to Uusikaupunki will be
arranged for participants.

For further information, please
contact: Yrjö Kaukiainen, email
yrjo.kaukiainen@helsinki.fi, Dept. of
History, PL 59 (Unioninkatu 38 A),
00014 University of Helsinki, Finland

SNR Centenary Event

Maritime Scotland

Saturday, 13 November 2010 at 2 p.m.

100 Years of the Society for Nautical Research

Professor Richard Harding, Chairman of the Society for Nautical Research
Mitchell Library Glasgow

Sir James Caird and the Society for Nautical Research

Dr Hugh Murphy, co-author of *The Mirror of the Seas: A Centenary History of the Society for Nautical Research*

Glasgow's New Riverside Museum

Dr Martin Bellamy, Glasgow Museums

Scotland's Maritime Survey

R.C.J. Mowatt, Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland

A Hard Fought Ship: The story of a Clydebuilt Destroyer

Captain John Rodgaard, US Navy, author of *A Hard Fought Ship: The Story of HMS Venomous*

This is a free event, but places are limited so booking is essential.

Please contact Martin Bellamy at martin.bellamy@glasgowlife.org.uk,
Telephone +44 (0)141 276 9333
www.snr.org.uk

The Society For Nautical Research South West Maritime History Society

*Joint Meeting and Lunch on
SS Great Britain*

Saturday 6 November 2010

Great Western Dockyard, Bristol

A joint meeting to celebrate the opening of the Brunel Institute which was partially funded by the bequest of the late David R. MacGregor, whose library collection also now forms part of the Institute is being held. Our meeting has been arranged to provide members with a memorable visit to the SS *Great Britain* which, as many will know, has undergone a huge transformation and is now 'afloat' using glass and water in a fashion that has won many prestigious awards and plaudits. The new Brunel Institute has been founded to bring together a resource to study this great engineer and maritime developments generally. The SS *Great Britain* Trust have recreated the original Brunel Steamship Engine Factory, which incorporates the Brunel Institute with the David R. MacGregor Library in fitting memory of a vice president of the SNR and a founder member of SWMH Society.

The programme will be as follows:

10.00 a.m./10.30 a.m.

Arrive – coffee/tea will be available in the foyer of the Viridor Theatre..

10.30 a.m.

The City of Adelaide – a clipper ship to Australia

Dr Robert Prescott of National Historic Ships and St. Andrews University, Scottish Oceans Institute.

11.15

'A Hard Fought Ship' – the Story of HMS Venomous a WWII 'V&W' class destroyer

Captain John A. Rodgaard.USN Rtd.

12.15 p.m.

The Post-Mediaeval Swash Channel Wreck at Poole

David Parham BA, MSc, MIFA, Senior Lecturer in Marine Archaeology, Bournemouth University.

1.00 p.m. **Buffet luncheon**

2.00 p.m.

Introduction to The Brunel Institute

Matthew Tanner CBE, Director and Chief Executive of the s.s. Great Britain Trust, on the maritime interests of I. K. Brunel and the founding of the new Brunel Institute.

From around 3.00 p.m.

The vessel will be open to all members to explore as they would wish with a chance to visit the gift shop, etc. The ship closes for admissions at 4.30 p.m. The cost will be £25.00 per person attending. Entrance to this magnificent memorial to our past, and a light buffet luncheon is included. Send a cheque payable to South West Maritime History with the names of all those attending, stating that you are an SNR member to David Clement, The Holt, Exton Lane, Exton, Exeter EX3 0PN

Books by Members

James Stanier Clarke and John Macarthur (eds) *The Naval Chronicle*, CUP, 40 vols £1,000 or £26.99 each, pbk, 22,930 pages, ISBN 978-1-108-01880-7.

The *Naval Chronicle* is a key source for British maritime and military history between 1799 and 1818, when these volumes were originally published. Order from CUP via their website [www.cambridge.org/ navalchronicle](http://www.cambridge.org/navalchronicle) or call +44 (0)1223 326050.

Bill Yule *Doctor in the Navy*, Whittles Publishing £14.99, pbk, 144 pages, 240 x 170 mm, ISBN 978-184995-001-5. As a young medical student Bill Yule was posted in small ships abroad.His account describes visiting far-flung eastern countries including Borneo, Japan, Korea and Hong Kong. Details from Whittle Publishing Caithness, Scotland, KW6 6EY, Tel. +44 (0)1592 731 333 or email info@whittlespublishing.

The Fenland Lighter Project

Organizational Changes

In various numbers of this newsletter and elsewhere, the Project's long-standing and fruitful association with Peterborough Central Library has received considerable attention. For reasons of that sort, it should be mentioned that the Central Library has recently come under the aegis of a new entity, the Vivacity Trust. This promises a fresh new approach to a range of cultural matters within its bailiwick. In that regard, it is noteworthy that

Vivacity has taken overall responsibility for Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery, the repository for the important Norman Cross Collection of prisoner-of-war artefacts from the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars. The Fenland Lighter Project takes this opportunity to wish Vivacity every success in its various activities.

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

H.J.K. Jenkins

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,

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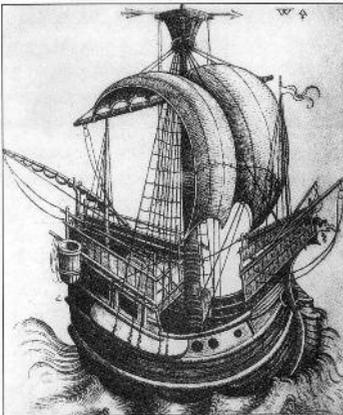
the Age of Discovery, piracy and privateering, seafaring in war and peace, Britain's twentieth-century maritime interests. For further information contact Richard Gorski, details below.

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

Diploma in Maritime History

This is an online distance-learning programme that is provided on a part time basis in three stages. The first stage comprises six maritime history modules taken over two years and culminates in an award of a Certificate in Maritime



History. Students can progress to a Diploma and then to a BA in Maritime History. The modules provided in 2010–11 are 'The Fisheries since 1850', 'Voyaging Overseas 1850–2000' and 'The Royal Navy in the Age of Steam' For further information call Michaela Barnard or email m.g.barnard@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.

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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/

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. Email: sdurflin@uottawa.ca
Tel: +001 613 562 5800, ext.1277
Website: <http://www.cnrs-scrn.org>

US Naval War College

The Edward S. Miller Research

Fellowship in Naval History.

The Naval War College Foundation intends to award one grant of \$1,000 to the researcher with the greatest need and can make the optimum use of the research materials for naval history located in the Naval War College's

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John Carter Brown Library

Archives, Naval Historical Collection, Naval War College Museum, and Henry E. Eccles Library. Further information on the manuscript and archival collections and copies of the registers for specific collections are available on request from the Head, Naval Historical Collection, email evelyn.cherpak@usnwc.edu

The recipient will be a Research Fellow in the Naval War College's Maritime History Department, which will provide administrative support during the research visit. Submit detailed research proposal that includes a full statement of financial need and comprehensive research plan for optimal use of Naval War College materials, curriculum vitae, at least two letters of recommendation, and relevant background information to Miller Naval History Fellowship Committee, Naval War College Foundation, 686 Cushing Road, Newport RI 02841-1207, by 1 September 2010. For further information, contact the chair of the selection committee at john.hattendorf@usnwc.edu

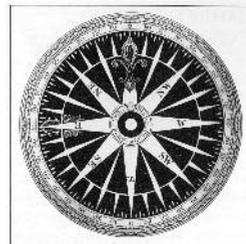
Employees of the US Naval War College or any agency of the US Department of Defense are not eligible for consideration; EEO/AA regulations apply.

Research fellowships

The John Carter Brown Library, Rhode Island USA, will award approximately 30 short- and long-term research fellowships for the period 1 June 2011 to 30 June 2012.

Short term fellowships are for two to four months with a monthly stipend of US\$2,100. These are open to foreign nationals and US citizens who are engaged in pre- and post-doctoral or independent research.

Long-term fellowships are available to US citizens or those in residence in the US for three years immediately prior to their application. Long-term awards are for five to ten months with a monthly stipend of US\$4,200. Applicants must have their PhD before January 2011. The applications deadline is 3 January 2011. For more information please see the website <http://www.jcbl.org> or tel. +001 401 863 2725, fax +001 401 863 3477 or email JCBL_Fellowships@Brown.edu and by mail at Box 1894 Brown University Providence RI 012912 USA.



Stop Press

Sammy Ofer Wing Update

Friday 12 November 2010

National Maritime Museum Talk

With the Sammy Ofer Wing fast taking shape and due to open in mid 2011, the director Kevin Fewster will give an illustrated talk outlining progress on the

building construction and describe some of the exciting exhibitions and programmes that are under development for the new wing.

The talks are at 2.30 and 6.30 pm. they are free to members of the NMM. Call 020 8312 6678 or email membership@nmm.ac.uk

New Members and Reported Deaths 2 June – 1 September 2010

New members – individual

Mr A. Balfour, MB, BSD, MA, *Exeter*

Miss V. Carolan, *London*

Mr A. Clouet, *Bordeaux, France*

Mr P.J.A. Nunes, *Almada, Portugal*

Mr G.L. Sturgess, *East Molesey*

Mr C.J. Wright, *Bridlington*

Mrs L.D. Wright, *Bridlington*

Reported deaths

Mr P.E. Page, *Banstead*

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