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Editorial

by Isabel Campbell / Colleen McKee



We hope readers who were unable to attend the CRNS conference in Ottawa will enjoy reading the biographies and summaries of papers which appear in this issue of *Argonauta*. There will be more in-depth versions of this research in the pages of *The Northern Mariner* and *Argonauta* in the coming year. While we were both unable to attend the conference this year, we have heard very positive feedback from members who did; on behalf of all members, we thank Richard Gimblett for undertaking the task of organizing the conference and also for guiding the Society behind the scenes in so many helpful ways.

This summer marks the end of a long and fruitful editorial relationship between Roger Sarty and Paul Adamthwaite who are stepping down as editors of *The Northern Mariner*. Under their leadership, *TNM* has published outstanding new academic research and contributed broadly to our understanding of Canadian maritime history. We would like thank them both for their many, many hours of volunteer work and for their commitment to excellence.

We extend a hearty welcome to Bill Glover, who is returning to his editorial role, and also to Walter Lewis, who is stepping into the position of Executive editor. This is an opportunity for all members of our Society to offer the fruits of their academic research for consideration and to encourage others to do so as well. Faye Kert continues to serve as the book review editor, and many members point out they particularly look forward to reading this section of the journal. The 2015 issues should be arriving on members' doorsteps shortly.

In this issue of *Argonauta*, members will find the minutes of the Executive meeting for 11 June 2015 and the minutes for the Annual General Meeting for 13 June 2015. We take this opportunity to welcome Michael Moir as Secretary, and Winston (Kip) Scoville, David Moore, and Sam McLean as new Councillors. Chris Madsen continues as President, Roger Sarty as 1st Vice President, Richard Mayne as 2nd Vice President, Faye Kert as Membership Secretary, and Errolyn Humphries as Treasurer, while Walter Lewis continues in his role as a Councillor. The minutes also detail plans for the long term survival of the Society. We hope you will take the time to consider the issues we face and to comment on any of the suggestions put forth.

We also thank Chris Madsen who submitted a wonderful President's Corner, and also contributed photos with captions for the CNRS Conference and the NASOH Conference, and photos with captions for a local maritime history exhibit entitled "Our work-

ing waterfront” at New Westminster Museum and Archives. This short photo essay is well worth savouring and I hope many of our members will have the chance to visit the exhibit and to read the book coming out on the longshore workers in the autumn. We hope to have further information on these cutting-edge developments from the West Coast in our next issue.

We also congratulate John Girder, Barry Gough, Gordon Smith, and Whitney Lackenbauer for their outstanding achievements and the recognition they have received from the awards committee. Please read the announcements for further details on these accomplishments. We are pleased to provide some information about Faye Kert’s forthcoming book on privateering.

Outstanding published historical research in Canada is in no danger of disappearing, and CNRS exists to broadcast this research to interested parties. Our Society requires new members, and especially younger members to carry on this important work. Please help recruit members and encourage others to send along their research to us.

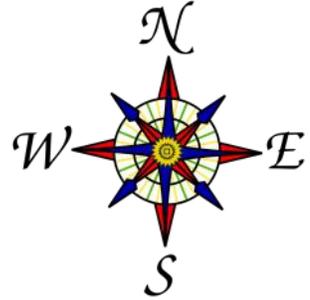
Argonauta welcomes stories that document art, photos, local museum exhibits, documentary films, and oral history among other topics. This newsletter is a vehicle to highlight your interests and research and to promote discussion about the Society and its future. We look forward to hearing from all our members.

Fair winds, Isabel and Colleen.



President's Corner

by Chris Madsen



The summer months are a usual time for Canadians to be on and in the water. After a long winter, particularly in Central Canada, the opportunity to get in a sailboat, power boat, kayak, canoe, or paddle boat is eagerly embraced, and much swimming takes place at cottages, beaches, and pools. In Vancouver harbour, the regular cruise ships going to or coming from Alaska are here again with thousands of tourists eager for a maritime experience. Last weekend, my family and I took a harbour cruise up Indian Arm in Burrard Inlet to celebrate a similar event twenty years ago when we got married. The weather was beautiful and the water shimmering with only the early evidence of smoke from nearby forest fires that blanketed Vancouver and the North Shore the next day. It made me reflect on how people love to live along, engage, and use the sea and the water. The Canadian Nautical Research Society focuses that affection for maritime activities into academically rigorous study and publication.

The Spring conference season is now over. I had the privilege of having a small part on the committee organizing the papers and panels for the North American Society for Oceanic History annual conference held in Monterey, California, where I attended and presented on entrepreneurship and business transition at Pacific Coast Terminals in New Westminster. Although few Canadians made the trek West and South, it was an excellent opportunity to meet many Americans working in the naval and maritime field from all sorts of backgrounds and institutional affiliations and also allowed a week of personal research afterwards in San Francisco at the International Longshore and Warehouse Union's library and the University of Oregon special collections and archives on the drive back home. Discussions were started with NASOH about another memorandum of understanding governing the cooperative publication of *The Northern Mariner/Le marin du nord*, a relationship which has been in existence since 2006.

A strategic planning session and executive meeting held in Ottawa prior to our own annual conference and general meeting raised the same topic. Richard Gimblett, the local organizer for the June CNRS event, put together a full schedule of interesting papers and a truly unique chance to learn more about the former Canadian Coast Guard launch *Pogo*. We visited *Pogo* under a bridge (out of the rain) on the Rideau Canal with Harold Fernberg, the original designer, in attendance. The Outaouais Branch (Quebec) of the Navy League of Canada has put the launch back into running order and is now restoring it. A lucky few braved the wet rain to get a chance to steer the his-

toric launch along the Rideau Canal before dinner with the larger group. Turn-out for the Ottawa conference was very respectable and Richard reports that we at least broke even and might have even done a little better with the registrations. Our conference, modest by comparison with that of NASOH, had its own intimate charm provided by old and new friends. This Ottawa conference might even represent a new way of organizing and delivering our own small annual conferences, the next two of which will be held in New Westminster on the West Coast in August 2016 and Halifax on the East Coast in June 2017. Perhaps the most singular important achievement of the annual general meeting in Ottawa was approval of new bylaws which will be sent into Corporations Canada and soon made available in finalized form with a small amendment from the meeting. A draft version of these bylaws has appeared in the immediate three previous issues of *Argonauta*, so members should be well familiar with the general details of the bylaws.

For those eagerly waiting by your mailboxes, there were a few delays in getting the first two issues of *The Northern Mariner/Le marin du nord* out this year. The Society sincerely apologizes for the inconvenience and thanks all paid individual, student, and institutional members as well as our NASOH partners for continued patience. It would be too easy to place blame on the change-over of editors from an old to a new team producing issues of the journal, though in truth the real factors are more complicated. Roger Sarty and Paul Adamthwaite promise a double issue no. 1 and no. 2 in short order. In the meantime, Bill Glover and Walter Lewis are almost ready to deliver no. 3 and are busily working away on no. 4, as the journal again returns to its regular quarterly issues. Future issues require a steady stream of submissions, both articles and book reviews, so members interested in writing and seeing their name in print are invited to contribute. The CNRS has made a commitment to keep *The Northern Mariner/Le marin du nord* a print, quarterly journal for the foreseeable future as long as membership and finances hold up and volunteers remain willing.

May every member have a productive and relaxing summer. See you again in October.

Chris Madsen
North Vancouver

Images from the CNRS 2015 AGM and Conference



I-r - Karl Gagnon, Walter Lewis, Richard Mayne, waiter, Alan Ruffman, Roger Sarty, John Armstrong, Chris Madsen
(Photograph: Maurice Smith)



I-r - Donald MacNeil, Chris Madsen, Owen Cooke and Harold Fernberg (designer of the Pogo)
(Photograph: Maurice Smith)



I-r - SamMcLean, Walter Lewis
(Photograph: Maurice Smith)



I-r - Faye Kert, Alec Douglas
(Photograph: Maurice Smith)



The former Canadian Coast Guard launch *Pogo*, a celebrity at the CNRS 2015 annual conference and general meeting in Ottawa. (Photograph: Chris Madsen)



Owen Cooke and Roger Sarty read the *Pogo* information boards. (Photograph: Chris Madsen)



Pogo nestled in under a bridge on the Rideau Canal thankfully out of the heavy rain. CNRS members and conference attendees had the opportunity to go aboard and hear many interesting stories about its service career and the trials and tribulations of restoration into its present condition by the Outaouais Branch (Quebec) of the Navy League of Canada. (Photograph: Chris Madsen)



The steady hand of CNRS member Karl Gagnon guides *POGO* on the Rideau Canal.
(Photograph: Chris Madsen)



Alan Ruffman



Canadian Nautical Research Society

Annual Conference & General Meeting
11-13 June 2015

Ships, people, ports and trade

(biographical sketches and paper abstracts)

Paul Adamthwaite is chair of the Naval Marine Archive, president of the Canadian Society of Marine Artists, and past president of the Canadian Nautical Research Society. A sailor of Scottish origins, he has devoted the last forty years to the conservation and preservation of maritime heritage and tradition; his involvement varies from junior sailing programs to harbour reconstruction, geographically from Scotland through Brittany to the Caribbean and South America, from ocean racing and yacht restoration to the establishment of the largest, charitably-held nautical library in North America.

“Wrecks: random reflections on reporting and research” – UNESCO estimates that there are more than three million shipwrecks “spread across ocean floors around the planet.” Archeological finds (*Dokos*) may date back nearly five thousand years; Julius Caesar was advised by ‘a horse’ that he had lost ‘almost all his ships’ while invading Britain; Lloyds regularly reported ships as ‘overdue’; the Daily Mail reported (11 February 2015) that “Costa Concordia’s ‘Captain Coward’ sentenced to 16 years in jail on manslaughter charges over 2012 cruise ship disaster which killed 32.” Two avocational historians (Mauthe, Tumilty) devoted years to documenting facts, reports and the bibliography of many thousands of specifically Great Lakes wrecks. This paper examines some differences between fact and fiction.

Francesc Albardaner Llorens is former president of the Columbus Study Centre in Barcelona, Spain. He has done extensive research over several decades in historical archives in Barcelona and abroad, including the *Archivio Segreto Vaticano*. He is the author of a book entitled (trans.) *The Catalan origins of Columbus: historical science or patriotic fanaticism* (Barcelona, 2012). His articles on Columbus have been published in Spanish and international historical journals such as *The Northern Mariner* (Canada) and *Imago Mundi* (Journal for the History of Cartography; USA), and he also collaborated in the script and production of the documentary *Columbus: secrets from the grave* for Discovery Channel Latin America (2004).

“A Silk Trail to Columbus” – the author challenges the accepted theory that identifies a wool weaver family named Colombo of Genova as the true family of the discoverer of America. This paper presents two new documents found in the last ten years in Spain pertaining to Columbus and his brothers: *The Inquiry of Bovadilla* and the “*Richart*” documents. The author considers that a special cultural *totum revolutum* of the Valencian silk guild afforded a perfect background to justify the psychology and character of Christopher Columbus. Now we may understand why Columbus spoke Castilian and Catalan before entering the kingdom of Castile in his flight from Portugal.

Hugues Canuel is a serving officer in the Royal Canadian Navy in the rank of Captain, currently assigned to the Canadian Forces College in Toronto, ON. He is also a PhD candidate in War Studies at the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, ON. He has written extensively on naval history and maritime strategy as well as modern counterinsurgency practices and national security issues, in addition to his current interest in the history of the French Fourth Republic. He is in the midst of writing his doctoral dissertation, titled “From the *Richelieu* to *Le Redoutable*: France’s Quest for an Independent Naval Policy within a Maritime Alliance, 1943-1963.”

“Laying the Course for a Stormy Peacetime Friendship: Reluctant Anglo-American Support to French Wartime Naval Rearmament, 1943-45” – Following the invasion of French North Africa, the Allies provided active support for rearming France’s reunited Navy. French leaders sought to rebuild a battle fleet to support their country’s postwar resurgence, while the US and Great Britain wished to meet wartime priorities for convoy escorts and coastal defence. The result was a “compromise fleet”. French admirals managed to extirpate support for a few capital ships that provided them an influential voice while building up the humble means of a junior alliance partner. Thus was laid the course for a stormy friendship that would continue shaping the rebuilding of France’s sea power well into the Cold War.

Jim Carruthers received his undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering from RMC in 1965 and his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering in 1974 from Dalhousie (Tech). He served as a general list officer and was the “prototype” for the Combat Systems Engineer (CSE), serving in HMC Ships *New Glasgow*, *Margaree*, *Gatineau* and *Terra Nova*, and last served as commanding officer of the Naval Engineering Unit (Atlantic). After leaving the Navy in 1982, Jim was CEO of Norpak Corporation until he retired in 2006. He is the originator of the SHINPADS concept of combat system integration and the author of numerous papers on combat system design, interactive television and data broadcast.

“Combat Control Systems in the Canadian Navy, 1950-90” – We know the names: DATAR, FHE400, UCS259, CCS280, ADLIPS and SHINPADS. All were conceived by Canadian naval officers, all built in Canada and all world leaders. Was development due to an engineering environment we no longer have? Were the systems the result of staff requirements that pushed our engineers or our engineers pushing staff requirements? Was the less than stellar RCN performance during 1942 during the Battle of the Atlantic due to a lack of RCN engineering leadership? Was Canadian leadership in the Gulf enabled by the leadership of naval engineers?

Norman Jolin served in ships and submarines and had headquarters staff experience focused on naval personnel issues. His seagoing experience also included service during the first Gulf War, and command of a squadron of minor warships and the frigate HMCS *Montréal*. His post-seagoing appointments included Directing Staff at the Canadian Forces College, Branch Head Exercises at NATO’s Allied Command Transformation, Naval Adviser (Attaché) to the UK, and NATO Headquarters on the International Military Staff. He retired from the Navy after 35 years of service and now consults on defence related issues.

“Observations on the RCN Flag Officer List, 1910-2015: Who is educating your officer corps?” – An extensive review of all of Canada’s Flag officers, spanning over a century of Canadian history, has yielded a significant observation: the impact of education on a Navy. As Flag rank represents the tip of a pyramid that encompasses the recruiting and professional development of all naval officers, it becomes an ideal demographic from which to view overall trends. In researching these officers, the differences between those serving prior to unification in 1968 and those serving post-unification illustrate how their upbringing as naval officers influences the way they view and address the specific requirements of a navy.

Walter Lewis is a graduate of Queen's University and the University of Toronto. He has served on the editorial boards of both *FreshWater* and *The Northern Mariner*. In 1990 he took up scuba diving as part of the research for *The River Palace*, co-authored with Rick Neilson of Kingston and published by Dundurn in 2008. His website, MaritimeHistoryOfTheGreatLakes.ca is recognized as one of the richest resources for those doing research in the history of the Lakes. He has presented at meetings on CNRS a number of times since 1984, and is currently a member of the executive council of both CNRS and the Association for Great Lakes Maritime History.

“Down to the Sea in Boats: Great Lakes Vessels that went to Sea in the First World War” – As the destruction of allied shipping accelerated over the course of the First World War, the demand for seagoing tonnage grew. A wide range of pre-War

vessels made their way seawards for both allied and neutral owners. There they were deployed in a variety of trades on both sides of the Atlantic and beyond. When the Americans entered the war in April 1917, the United States Shipping Board was engaged in both new construction and the splitting of vessels too large for the limits of the third Welland canal. The presentation explores the supply of vessels built prior to the war, and the nature of demand for their services.

Roger Litwiller is a Canadian author, naval historian and lecturer. His interest in the Royal Canadian Navy began as a Sea Cadet, and continued as a naval officer in the Canadian Armed Forces Reserve. Later he volunteered with the Navy League of Canada, becoming the Area Officer for Eastern Ontario. He has written the books *White Ensign Flying* and *Warships of the Bay of Quinte*, as well as articles for magazines and newspapers, and has lectured across Canada, imparting our incredible naval history. Roger has been a Paramedic for over 33 years and was decorated by the Governor General of Canada for Exemplary Service.

“Herb Ditchman Goes to War: Shipbuilding in Trenton, Ontario during the Second World War” – With the heavy volume of shipbuilding during the Second World War, every company that could join steel was pressed into construction. Renowned Muskoka shipbuilder Herb Ditchburn moved from Gravenhurst to start Aero-Marine Craft Ltd on the banks of the Trent River, building six Hospital Motor Launches for the RAF. Later, when Central Bridge was contracted to build lighters and TANAC tugs, Ditchburn moved across the river and was instrumental in constructing 170 “little” ships for the RCN and British Ministry of War, successfully completing the third largest shipbuilding contract awarded in Ontario during the war.

Don MacNeil served in the Royal Canadian Navy from 1963 to 1966 on board HMC Ships *Columbia*, *Yukon* and *Ottawa*. Returning to civilian life, he pursued a university degree while working for Pratt & Whitney Canada. In 1972 he joined Bell Canada and was involved with the creation of new high speed data, email and internet services. In 2004 he joined Cognos as a Senior Product Marketing manager responsible for performance management software products until finally retiring in 2007. He has had a lifelong interest in aviation and is currently a volunteer with the Canada Aviation & Space Museum where he researches and writes the histories of specific aircraft in their collection.

“Auxiliary Support Vessels of the Arctic Patrol Vessel HMCS *Labrador*” – HMCS *Labrador*, the only Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) Arctic patrol icebreaker to date, was the first major vessel to transit the Northwest Passage when commissioned in 1954 and the first warship to circumnavigate North America. Like any major military vessel,

Labrador required a number of auxiliary support vessels, but for her specialized mission she required two types of support vessels not generally seen on an icebreaker. The focus of this paper is on the design considerations and unique construction of a specialized hydrographic launch carried by HMCS Labrador, as well as her two landing craft, with mention and photos of her other smaller auxiliary support vessels.

Chris Madsen is a Professor in the Department of Defence Studies at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto, where he teaches mid-rank and senior officers in the area of military planning and operations. He is president of the Canadian Nautical Research Society.

“The Shipping Federation of British Columbia, the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, and Employment on the Fraser River Waterfront 1947-1958” – In November 1947, the Shipping Federation of British Columbia negotiated a collective agreement with the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) Local 502 covering its shipping and stevedoring companies operating at New Westminster and nearby Fraser Mills. Over the next decade, trade passing through the port created conditions for prosperity, steady employment, and in turn relatively good labour relations. The Shipping Federation repeatedly conceded on numerous points until slackening business and growing union demands led to a major strike amongst ILWU deep-sea longshoremen in August 1958. The outcome was a pyrrhic victory for the maritime union, and in truth, the Shipping Federation gained the most.

Sam McLean is a PhD student in the Department of War Studies at King's College London. He also studied at Wilfrid Laurier University (under the supervision of Prof Roger Sarty) and the University of Guelph. Sam is Social Media Editor for www.BritishNavalHistory.com, and has recently joined the CNRS council. His primary research interest is the development of military forces as institutions.

A Westminster Model Navy: The Royal Navy as a Constitutional Space 1660-1749” –This paper uses a conceptual consideration of the Royal Navy as a State-like entity. The analysis of the relationship between the nascent Royal Navy entity and the English state, unimpeded by assumption about modern military institutions, shows that at the Restoration, the Royal Navy's structure and existence was consistent with that of a medieval or early-modern client state. Further, the incorporation of the 'Articles of War' into legislation in 1661 provided the Royal Navy with a *de facto* constitution. This in turn allowed for the Royal Navy's institutional development to mirror the English state's 'Westminster Model' of constitutional development.

Michael Moir is University Archivist and the Head of the Clara Thomas Archives and Special Collections of York University Libraries. He was the Archivist for the Toronto Harbour Commissioners from 1984 to 1994, where he first developed his interest in Canadian maritime history. He was appointed Director of Corporate Records Systems and City Archivist for the newly-amalgamated City of Toronto in 1998, and joined York University in 2004. He recently was elected to the Council of the Canadian Nautical Research Society.

“Global war, local conflict: the requisition of Canadian shipping during the Great War” – Frederic Nicholls rose in the Senate on 24 June 1919 to bring the Dominion government’s attention to charges that the British Ministry of Shipping seriously discriminated against Canada in managing its requisitioned merchant vessels, which wildly inflated domestic prices and drove trade into the hands of the Americans. British officials responded with an equally aggressive broadside, accusing Nicholls and like-minded Canadians of focussing on parochial interests while ignoring more pressing wartime concerns that required an international approach to shipping control. This presentation will examine the impact of requisitioning upon Dominion/Imperial relations, and its impact upon Canada’s marine industry.

Alan Ruffman has been about for somewhat less than 133 years; however, he has been active in marine research for half a century. He is the only member of CNRS who has discovered and named a drowned continental fragment: in 1970 he named Orphan Knoll, some 550 km NE of the Island of Newfoundland, as a continental fragment abandoned as Europe moved away from Labrador to create the NW Atlantic some 60 million years ago. He has dealt with historic earthquakes (the 1929 tragic tsunami that struck the Burin Peninsula, and the Lisbon November 1, 1755 'Maremoto' as seen on the shores on N. and S. America), iceberg scours on the sea floor out to 400+ metres, and glacial fluting out to 800+ metres, as well as the effect of historic hurricanes in Atlantic Canada.

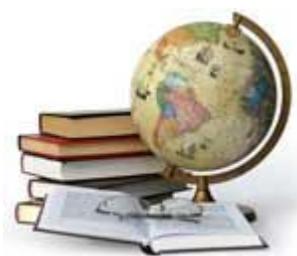
“Rescuing, Resurrecting and Restoring the December, 1882 Simon Douglas MacDonald Manuscript Map of the Known Wrecks On Sable Island Compiled from Official Reports” -- For 133 years S.D. MacDonald's iconic map of the wrecks at Sable Island has defined the means of illustrating the losses. The map orients from the West Bar end of the Island and the East Bar at the top with North off to the left. Since 1883, when the first Edition was printed by the Dept. of Marine and Fisheries in Ottawa, everyone has used MacDonald's orientation. Alan Ruffman has discovered the previously unknown 1882 manuscript map, acquired it and had it restored, in the hope that it will survive another 133 years.

Roger Sarty was Senior Historian at Canada's Department of National Defence and then Deputy Director of the Canadian War Museum before becoming a professor at Wilfrid Laurier University in 2004. He has studied coastal artillery for more than 50 years, and has authored or co-authored four books on the subject, together with six books on Canadian naval and maritime air force history. He will be retiring this year as articles editor of *The Northern Mariner / Le marin du nord* and editor-in-chief of *Canadian Military History*, positions he has held since 2006-7.

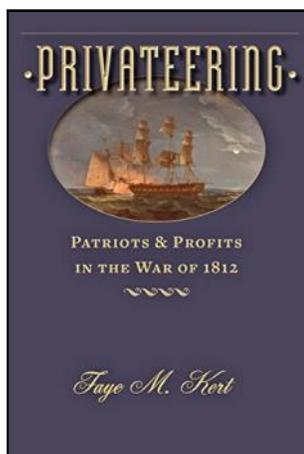
"McNabs Island and the Defence of the North Atlantic in the First World War" – When the Halifax garrison mobilized in 1914, some 800 troops took up station in the forts and barracks on McNabs Island because the British Empire's military effort depended upon Halifax as a secure haven. This presentation will show how the island became a self-contained fortress, ready for action till the last day of the war. Even in the summer of 1918, as Allied armies marched to Victory in Europe, McNabs' defences had to be reinforced as German submarines hunted in the waters off Nova Scotia.

Maurice Smith was a professional sailor in sail on the Great Lakes and at Sea. In 1977 he joined the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes to develop their site on the Kingston waterfront and 'build' the collections. Amongst other positions, he has served as President of the Ontario Museums Association and as Canadian representative on the Council of the International Congress of Maritime Museums. His *Steamboats on the Lakes: Two Centuries of Steamboat Travel Through Ontario's Waterways* was published in 2005, and a manuscript history of Canada Steamship Lines has been delivered to the CSL Group in Montreal.

"A brilliant Cook, a shipping giant, and a Certified Seamen's Union – at Last" – In the days of sail, paternalism was a method of control and working conditions were dangerous. With the development of steamships, essentially floating industrial workplaces, the work force became increasingly mobile and independent minded. In 1938, sailors on the Lakes, led by former ships' cook Pat Sullivan, obtained a signed contract for the Canadian Seamen's Union. For Sullivan, a brilliant organizer, it meant suppressing his more radical communist politics for union recognition and a stable collective bargaining arrangement. The paper makes use of confidential corporate documents and union material.



New Book Available August 2015



Privateering
Patriots and Profits in the War of 1812
By: Faye M. Kert

Hardback, 232pgs

Publisher: John Hopkins University Press (August 2015)
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About/Review

During the War of 1812, most clashes on the high seas involved privately owned merchant ships, not official naval vessels. Licensed by their home governments and considered key weapons of maritime warfare, these ships were authorized to attack and seize enemy traders. Once the prizes were legally condemned by a prize court, the privateers could sell off ships and cargo and pocket the proceeds. Because only a handful of ship-to-ship engagements occurred between the Royal Navy and the United States Navy, it was really the privateers who fought—and won—the war at sea.

In *Privateering*, Faye M. Kert introduces readers to U.S. and Atlantic Canadian privateers who sailed those skirmishing ships, describing both the rare captains who made money and the more common ones who lost it. Some privateers survived numerous engagements and returned to their pre-war lives; others perished under violent circumstances. Kert demonstrates how the romantic image of pirates and privateers came to obscure the dangerous and bloody reality of private armed warfare.

Building on two decades of research, *Privateering* places the story of private armed warfare within the overall context of the War of 1812. Kert highlights the economic, strategic, social, and political impact of privateering on both sides and explains why its toll on normal shipping helped convince the British that the war had grown too costly. Fascinating, unfamiliar, and full of surprises, this book will appeal to historians and general readers alike.

Faye M. Kert is an independent historian who earned her PhD from the University of Leiden. She is the author of *Trimming Yankee Sails: Pirates and Privateers of New Brunswick* and *Prize and Prejudice: Privateering and Naval Prize in Atlantic Canada in the War of 1812*.

"*Privateering* during the War of 1812 has long needed a modern historical perspective. Canadian historian Faye Kert has done an admirable job in documenting how the United States and Britain mobilized and regulated privateering during the War of 1812. She demonstrates concisely how it worked as both a risky business venture and as a means of waging war on the high seas."

— William Sheldon Dudley, author of *Maritime Maryland: A History*

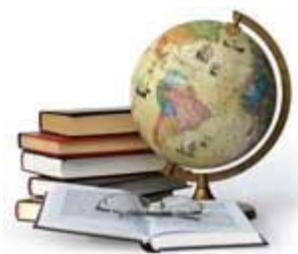
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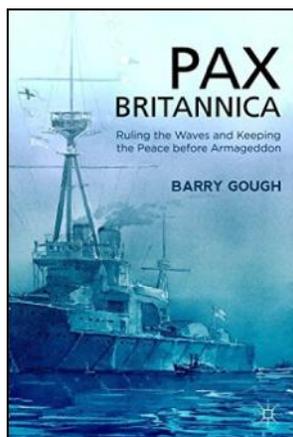
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New Book



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When at last peace descended with the end of the Napoleonic War and the War of 1812, British statesmen sought to enhance their new-won world order. They had to seek security under financial restraint. They pared back the Navy. They put their faith in bases as 'anchors of empire' on every ocean and annex. Profit and power were twin pillars of state thinking, to which were added freedom of navigation, the end of the slave trade, the crusade against piracy and above all slavery. In addition, the Navy took up surveying the waters of the world, as an inducement to safe navigation and prosperous trade. This book by world-expert Barry Gough examines the period of Pax Britannica, in the century before World War I.

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2014 Matthews Awards Announcement

Best Article

For the award for the best article published in our journal, this year the Awards Committee had a particularly rich field from which to make a decision, because the first two issues presented most of the papers given at the centenary conference of the establishment of the Royal Canadian Navy. Nonetheless, a short list was created. Amongst that list, as one committee member noted, “quality is not an issue.” Therefore, after some discussion, noting that one of the objectives of our Society is to promote research on nautical subjects, it was decided that the award should be presented for a work by a young scholar.

The Matthews Award for the best article published in our journal in 2014 therefore goes to

John T. Girder, for “ ‘Tis a shameful confession’: steam power and the Pacific maritime labor community”.

A committee member noted that it is superb research on a big subject, and represents a major piece of work. It is not telling tales out of school to note further that this article received “rave reviews” during the peer review process.

Best Book

The number of submissions for the Matthews Award for the best book published in 2014, written by a Canadian on any subject, or by anyone on a Canadian subject, was lower than it has been in recent years. That did not make the decision any easier.

As chair of the awards committee, after I sent out the request for submissions, I received a query from one publisher. Were we interested in a memoir type of work, or

only scholarly works? In response, while I noted that indeed we have generally given our award to a scholarly work, I hoped that we would not be blind to a Dana, *Two Years Before the Mast*, or a Blanchet, *The Curve of Time*, both acknowledged as literary classics. The submissions did indeed include two memoirs which did not simplify our task. Ultimately however, we came down to a short list of two books.

Which to choose? One committee member said, "Fine judgement call -- and a tough one. I'm wavering all over the place!" Another said, "I'm frankly in a bind". Both books were recognized as "truly life works".

Ultimately, the decision was made in a manner not unlike that for the best article. Noting the eligibility criteria, we chose a work by a Canadian on a Canadian subject over a work by a Canadian on any subject.

Honourable Mention

The Awards Committee would like to present an Honourable Mention to:

Barry Gough for *Pax Britannica: Ruling the Waves and Keeping the Peace before Armageddon*, published by Palgrave Macmillan.

One committee member noted that what he had "regarded as a brilliant synthesis of a bunch of literature ... [was] considerably more than that. Gough book is something bigger -- a substantial essay of globalism in the 19th-early 20th century" In it, he really addresses all of the big historiographical issues in studies of British imperialism for the past 50 years, ... including the superb chapters on controlling the slave trade.

Along the same lines, another member noted, 'It is balanced, judicial and comprehensive. It also covers a vast topic.'

In sum, the committee agreed that Gough's book is 'life's work' in the sense that it brings together his reading and reflections over a whole career. It will rank up there with such scholars as Arthur Marder and Gerald Graham.

Mathews Award

And so, the Mathews Award for the best book published in 2014 is awarded by the committee to:

Gordon Smith, Edited by Whitney Lackenbauer - *A Historical and Legal Study of Sovereignty in the Canadian North: Terrestrial Sovereignty, 1870 - 1939*, published by the University of Calgary Press in the Northern Lights Series.

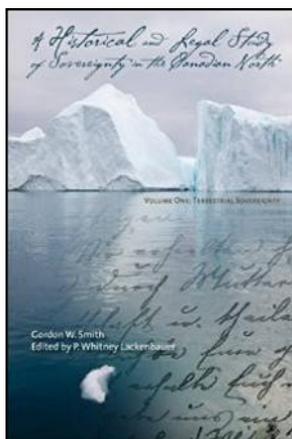
We must be grateful that the literary executors of Smith, who died in 2010, turned to Lackenbauer to prepare the manuscript for publication.

The committee noted that “this is the product of literally decades of meticulous research, and it provides truly foundational information for a big field”. Further, “Smith is tackling an exclusively Canadian issue, or at least one that is central to our national interests. He has done original work to an exhaustive level and, I suspect, it will serve as a foundation for much academic focus in the years if not decades to come.”

In conclusion, the committee would like to thank the authors for their work, and the publishers for their submissions. We also wish to acknowledge, yet again, the much appreciated advice of Faye Kert, our book reviews editor, who drew our attention to books that might otherwise have been missed.



2014 CNRS Keith Matthews Award for best Book



A Historical and Legal Study of Sovereignty in the Canadian North: Terrestrial Sover- eignty, 1870-1939

By: Gordon W. Smith, P. Whitney Lackenbauer (Editor)

University of Calgary Press (November 2014)

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Gordon W. Smith, PhD, dedicated much of his life to researching Canada's sovereignty in the Arctic. A historian by training, his 1952 dissertation from Columbia University on "*The Historical and Legal Background of Canada's Arctic Claims*" remains a foundational work on the topic, as does his 1966 chapter "Sovereignty in the North: The Canadian Aspect of an International Problem," in R. St. J. Macdonald's *The Arctic Frontier*. This work is the first in a project to edit and publish Smith's unpublished opus a manuscript on "*A Historical and Legal Study of Sovereignty in the Canadian North and Related Law of the Sea Problems.*" Written over three decades (yet incomplete at the time of his death in 2000), this work may well be the most comprehensive study on the nature and importance of the Canadian North in existence.

Volume 1: Terrestrial Sovereignty provides the most comprehensive documentation yet available on the post-Confederation history of Canadian sovereignty in the north. As Arctic sovereignty and security issues return to the forefront of public debate, this invaluable resource provides the foundation upon which we may expand our understanding of Canada's claims from the original transfers of the northern territories in 1870 and 1880 through to the late twentieth century. The book provides a wealth of detail, ranging from administrative formation and delineation of the northern territories through to other activities including government expeditions to northern waters, foreign whaling, the Alaska boundary dispute, northern exploration between 1870 and 1918, the background of Canada's sector claim, the question concerning Danish sovereignty over Greenland and its relation to Canadian interests, the Ellesmere Island affair, the activities of American explorers in the Canadian North, and the Eastern Arctic Patrol. The final chapter examines the Eastern Greenland case and its implications for Canada.

About the Author

Dr. Gordon W. Smith (1918-2000) was a historian who spent his early career as a professor in Canada, the West Indies, and Africa. He devoted the last twenty-five years of his life to researching and writing the international history of the Canadian Arctic. P. Whitney Lackenbauer is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of History at St. Jerome's University in Waterloo, Ontario, and the author of numerous books, including *The Canadian Rangers: A Living History* (2013), and co-author of *Arctic Front: Defending Canadian Interests in the Far North*, which won the Donner Prize in 2009.

Where to order

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North American Society for Oceanic History James C. Bradford Dissertation Fellowship, 2015

In the 2015, James C. Bradford Dissertation Fellowship Competition of the North American Society for Oceanic History, the judges have selected:

As Proxime Accessit:

Michael Verney, a Ph.D. candidate in the History Department at the University of New Hampshire, working on a thesis entitled "Our Field of Fame: Naval Exploration and Empire in the Early American Republic, 1815-1860."

As the Winner of the 2015 Fellowship:

Nicholas Prime, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of War Studies, King's College, London, working on a thesis entitled: "The U.S. Naval War College and the Evolution of American Naval Strategy, 1945-1975."

The Edward S. Miller Research Fellowship in Naval History.

The Edward S. Miller Research Fellowship in Naval History. The Naval War College Foundation intends to award one grant of \$1,500 to the researcher with the greatest need who can make optimum use of the naval history research materials located in the Naval War College's Naval Historical Collection, Naval War College Museum, and Henry E. Eccles Library.

Further information on the manuscript and archival collections and finding aids from the Naval Historical Collection are available on request by email (NHC@usnwc.edu) or on the Naval Historical Collection website at <https://usnwcarchive.org/>

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 a detailed research proposal that includes a full statement of financial need and a comprehensive research plan for optimal use of Naval War College materials, a 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 August 2015. For further information, contact the chair of the selection committee at john.hattendorf@usnwc.edu. Employees of the U.S. Naval War College or any agency of the U.S. Department of Defense are not eligible for consideration; EEO/AA regulations apply.

Our Working Waterfront 1945-2015

Captions and photos by Chris Madsen



A new public exhibit officially opened at the New Westminster Museum and Archives, located in the Anvil Civic Centre on Columbia Street, along the Fraser River in New Westminster, British Columbia on the evening of Thursday, 9 July 2015. It runs until 27 October 2015 and admission is free.

New Westminster, advertised as "Canada's Liverpool", was once a bustling port with ships that came from all parts of the world to load lumber, metals and concentrates, general cargo, as well as agricultural produce from the Fraser Valley and Okanagan. Although still home to a number of industries, most shipping-related waterfront work has moved across the river to the Surrey side, Annacis Island in Delta, and downstream to Roberts Bank. In the past few years, the City of New Westminster has bought back waterfront lands that were former industrial sites and wharves, and installed parks and public space, to add to an existing quay market and boardwalk. These lands await future remediation and better connection to the downtown business core.

A mock-up of a shipping container houses longshore-related artifacts and provides inside a play area for children.

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada contributed nearly \$200,000 to a community partnership project between the City of New Westminster, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 502, and Simon Fraser University, of which the public exhibit is a part along with other educational and outreach activities.

Chris Madsen, the current CNRS president, was an academic collaborator on the project for the past two years. He worked closely with a group of retired pensioners from the longshore union.



The public exhibit features a number of informative historical panels prepared by Kate Petrusa, a museum specialist employed by the partnership project. Kate has two related masters degrees from the University of British Columbia and previously curated a well-received seed exhibit at the BC Farm Museum in nearby Fort Langley.

She comes from Aldergrove and her proud father was in attendance at the official opening of the New Westminster public exhibit. The panels are arranged chronologically and thematically, each giving details on a particular subject. Quotes have been taken from over 90 oral histories of longshore and other waterfront workers collected by the partnership project. It was noted during the official speeches

that of those people six have since died. These oral histories are being made publically available through the New Westminster Museum and Archives later this summer by archivist Barry Dykes. The partnership project also collected a larger number of photographs and materials donated mostly by longshore workers.





A book detailing the history of longshore work on the Fraser River and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 502 is being published by Granville Island Publishing [www.granvilleislandpublishing.com] and will be available this Fall 2015. Though the public exhibit is much wider encompassing of all manners of work on the Fraser River in and near New Westminister, the book is a good complement and draws upon the longshore oral histories and other materials collected during the course of the partnership project. It will be illustrated with 60 photographs from longshore workers and Port Metro Vancouver, which now has jurisdiction over the Fraser River, as well as a 16 page colour insert with land-use maps and more colour photographs.



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Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting of the CNRS/SCRN in the "Crows' Nest," Naval Officers' Mess, Ottawa, Ontario, Thursday, 11 June 2015.

Present:

President: Chris Madsen
Past President: Maurice Smith
1st Vice President: Roger Sarty (acting as Secretary)
Membership Secretary: Faye Kert
Chair of the Editorial Board: Richard Gimblett
Councillor: Walter Lewis
Acting Councillor: Michael Moir
Acting Councillor: Sam McLean

Calling to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 1615hrs.

Minutes of Council Meeting of 28 February 2015 and Agenda

The minutes of the previous Council meeting, 28 February 2015, and the agenda for the present meeting were circulated to members of council. Chris asked if there were any additions or amendments to be made. Walter, seconded by Sam, moved acceptance of the agenda and the 28 February 2015 minutes. **Carried.**

Executive Reports

President's Report

Chris attended NASOH's conference in Monterey, CA, in May, and met with Warren Riess, the outgoing president, and Jim Bradford, who was involved in negotiation of the previous agreement, on renewal of the CNRS/SCRN-NASOH memorandum of agreement for publication of *The Northern Mariner/Le marin du nord*. A new president of NASOH will be elected by an on-line election. NASOH is most willing to enter into another agreement with the CNRS, but has some concerns:

- Wants four single issues per year on a regular schedule rather than the delayed double issues we have produced in the past two years.

- Wants full implementation of the terms in the memorandum of agreement that provides for a proportional share of NASOH-selected members on the Editorial Board (they will supply an updated list of interested candidates) and the appointment of two NASOH members as associate editors.

Discussion underscored that the memorandum of agreement is crucial to the survival of the journal in its present form. It has produced an approximately equal sharing of costs by the two societies, and brings economies of scale in the print run without which printing would not be feasible. Council, moreover, is grateful to NASOH for its responsiveness on administrative and financial issues. In matters of content - articles' authors, book reviewers, and peer reviewers - the two societies are equally represented. As Richard and Roger commented, this situation is, happily, not the result of policy, but a natural development that has arisen from the interest and commitment of members of both societies.

Richard is undertaking a renewal of the editorial board, and will include additional NASOH-nominated members. He will be seeking people who are able to take an active role in manuscript recruitment, peer review, and assistance in organizing peer review for articles. Maurice noted the need to retain board members from outside of North America.

Chris's goal, which met with general agreement, is to have three associate editors, one of them Canadian, to assist the main editor and book reviews editor.

Treasurer's Report

Chris presented a report from Errolyn Humphries, who could not attend. There have been no significant changes in our financial situation since the report to council on 28 February 2015. We still have approximately \$9,000 in the operating account as a result of the delay in the production of the first two numbers of *The Northern Mariner/Le marin du nord*. As of 31 December 2014, the investment account had \$7,669.42. These funds should be treated as an emergency reserve fund for the Society in case of need.

Membership Secretary's Report

We have two new individual members. Our current membership, including institutions, is about 206 to 208. There is some uncertainty as Faye is waiting for the publication of issues nos. 1 and 2 of *The Northern Mariner/Le Marin du nord* before sending out renewal notices. Renewals have been steady but slow in coming in.

Government offices, other than museums, cannot now subscribe to academic journals.

Richard, chair of the editorial board, will look into measures to ensure that the Directorate of History and Heritage obtains copies for its library, and possibilities of distribution within the government of additional free copies for publicity purposes.

Argonauta

Chris reported, on behalf of Isabel Campbell and Colleen McKee, the editors, who could not attend, that production continues on schedule. Chris noted that *Argonauta* is indispensable to the Society. Discussion highlighted the consistent timeliness of production and congratulated the team.

The Northern Mariner/Le marin du nord

Richard reported that Roger and Paul are nearing completion of issues no. 1 and no. 2 of 2015, their last issues in a double issue format. Bill Glover, who has taken over as main editor, is at work on issue no. 3 of 2015. Faye continues on as book reviews editor. Walter confirmed he is taking over layout and production of TNM. Council is most grateful to Bill and Walter for assuming this new work and responsibility. The chief challenge in maintaining the journal is finding qualified people to take on production of a peer reviewed, printed quarterly publication on a volunteer basis. The hope, in searching for associate editors from the two societies, is to provide some relief to the two editors and provide some semblance of succession planning down the road. It will be up to the chair of the editorial board and the main editors as to how the associate editors will be employed and their exact duties and responsibilities. This is a working and not an honorific position, as was made clear to NASOH in the Monterey discussions.

Faye, as book reviews editor, said an associate book review editor could be a real help but, as past experience shows, only if the person can commit to keep up with correspondence and the dispatch of books to reviewers

Chris described a panel at the NASOH conference on naval medical history sponsored by the Society for the History of Navy Medicine. The papers might be suitable for a theme issue, and one that might get considerable additional sales through the other society that sponsored the paper-givers. This might be a model for theme issues that both appeal to our membership and bring the CNRS into new communities of maritime studies.

Sam noted the possibilities of the web-site for promoting specific articles in the journal with additional content and commentary. Among other ideas we might consider posting the Matthews prize article for each year, when the prize is announced.

Michael recalled his remarks from the 28 February 2015 meeting about the facilities offered by York University Libraries to host on-line journals should in the future the Society decide to change from print to on-line publication. It is one option open to the CNRS that might be worth further examination and scrutiny.

Web-site and social media

Discussion noted the need to establish better links with the web-sites of other societies such as NASOH, and the success of the Facebook and Twitter pages because various team members can post content, not just the site administrator. Chris underscored that important as frequent updating of the site with fresh content is, the top pri-

ority must be stability, accessibility and reliability. Council recognized the outstanding work of Paul Adamthwaite in developing the current web-site, and in consistently achieving these priority goals.

Michael, seconded by Faye, moved that the Society authorize the team of Sam, Kip Scoville, Walter, and Paul to redesign the CNRS web-site and integrate it with related social media. **Carried.**

Regional branches: Ontario, British Columbia, Atlantic

Discussion reviewed the main points developed in the strategy session earlier in the day. The goal is to provide more regular contact among members and to attract new members, appreciating that travel funding is scarce and that the CNRS particularly strives to provide a home for independent researchers who may not have institutional or other support. Travel costs are the main element that limit attendance at the annual conferences. The main need is for one or a few convenors who might organize a meeting to hear papers, or perhaps work through a local institution to sponsor a speaker or panel appearing at the institution or at a conference taking place in the area. *Argonauta*, social media, and the web-site provide means for publicizing events and for reporting results. The suggestion for Ontario, British Columbia, and Atlantic activities organized into regional branches reflects the concentration of active membership in southern British Columbia, the Windsor-Ottawa corridor of Ontario, and in the Halifax area. A Quebec branch might also be possible in future if there are sufficient members.

Advisory Committee of Past Presidents

Proposal is that the immediate past president (Maurice) chair a committee of all the past presidents to advise the current president and Executive Council.

Action: Maurice to contact past presidents with a view to organizing the committee.

Bylaws - recommendation to Annual General Meeting

Approval of the draft bylaws (which have been published in three issues of *Argonauta*) by the AGM is required by Corporations Canada for submission of the bylaws by the October 2015 deadline.

Maurice suggested we consider publishing the Certificate of Continuance as only it mentions the size of Council (minimum of six, maximum of ten). Discussion suggested that before making a decision we investigate other means of making this information available.

Motion by Walter seconded by Faye to present the draft bylaws, which have been published in three issues of *Argonauta*, for approval by the AGM. **Carried.**

Conferences - August 2016 New Westminster; 2017 Halifax; 2020 NASOH/ CNRS North Vancouver

Chris reported on progress with organization of the New Westminster conference, and Richard on the organization of the Halifax conference, both of which look promising.

Sam suggested Toronto for 2018 and will investigate possibilities.

Richard to discuss with Bill Glover possibilities for Manitoba in 2019.

Chris reported that NASOH inquired about holding a joint conference on the West Coast in British Columbia in 2020. He suggested meeting in North Vancouver as a suitable location with a strong maritime heritage. The old Burrard shipyard site at the foot of Lonsdale Avenue is being developed into public space and a museum, an active and growing industrial waterfront exists with modern port terminals, grain elevators, and Seaspan's ship repair/shipbuilding facilities, the area is well-served by hotels, and public transit is available direct from the Vancouver international airport via the Skytrain and the Seabus.

Nomination chair - slate for coming year

Maurice nominated:

President – Chris Madsen

First Vice President – Roger Sarty

Secretary – Michael Moir

Treasurer – Errolyn Humphries

Membership Secretary – Faye Kert

Councillors – Walter Lewis, Winston (“Kip”) Scoville, Sam McLean, David Moore

Maurice moved, seconded by Walter. **Carried.**

Adjournment (1745 hrs)

Being no further business to conduct the President asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Council meeting. Michael moved, seconded by Walter. **Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted
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Present:

President: Chris Madsen
Past President: Maurice Smith
1st Vice President: Roger Sarty (acting as Secretary)
Membership Secretary: Faye Kert
Chair of the Editorial Board: Richard Gimblett
Councillor: Walter Lewis
Acting Councillor: Michael Moir
Acting Councillor: Sam McLean

Eight members of the Society

Calling to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 1215hrs.

Minutes and Agenda

Councillor Walter Lewis moved acceptance of the minutes of the last annual general meeting (7 June 2014) and the agenda, seconded by Karl Gagnon. **Carried.**

Executive reports and current activities

The President stated that the final financial statements for 2014 will be published in *Argonauta*. He read the Treasurer’s report, noting we have approximately \$9,000 in our operating account, plus the investment account, on which we do not need to draw. No major invoices so far this year because of the delay in issues numbers 1 and 2 of *the Northern Mariner/Le marin du nord*. When we do receive invoices on the publication of the two issues, we will also receive NASOH’s subvention. In the Treasurer’s opinion we should be financially able to produce print editions of *The Northern Mariner/Le marin du nord* for the next two years, barring unforeseen contingencies. Membership is stable, so we are in better financial condition than in recent years.

Paul Adamthwaite, Executive Editor of *the Northern Mariner/Le marin du nord* stated that the combined publication of issues no. 1 and 2 for 2015 will cost approximately \$6,000. The cost for a single issue, with the economies of scale achieved in a combined issue, is about \$3,200. The total cost for 4 single issues (a year's run) is about \$14,000 (of which we get \$4,400 subvention from the North American Society for Oceanic History(NASOH)). NASOH also covers the costs of distribution of copies to US subscribers. Overall NASOH covers approximately 45 percent of the costs.

Paul continued that sale of back issues is so limited it is not worthwhile to warehouse and administer the stock of back issues. He is willing to continue to look after the back issues for the present. The Chair of the Editorial Board, Richard Gimblett, said the Editorial Board will address arrangements to continue to send surplus issues to Paul now that Bill Glover and Walter Lewis are assuming editorial and production duties. Chris inquired whether spare back issues could be given away at conferences and other events for publicity purposes.

Alan Ruffman noted the importance of donations to a non-profit organization, and the Society should regularly mention the importance of donations in supporting *The Northern Mariner/Le marin du nord*.

President's report

We have stabilized in our membership and finances fairly well after the difficulties of recent years. In relative terms, we are doing very well. We are in the midst of a large demographic change. Previous generations who were "joiners" are aging, and more recent generations have different interests and different methods of staying in touch and working together. Many societies have not been able to keep up with the requirements necessary to maintain their government registration.

Our agreement with Ebsco for distribution of *The Northern Mariner/Le marin du nord* in their electronic subscription services has been renewed. NASOH is willing to renew the memorandum of agreement on publication of the journal for another six years, subject to six months' notice of termination by either party. The President reported on NASOH's concerns about the timeliness of publication, and the need for fuller representation on the Editorial Board and editorial team. He noted that NASOH is happy with the content, truly regard it as their journal.

NASOH has an operating budget of \$14,000 a year, and has about 200 members; in that regard they are almost exactly the same size as CNRS.

Chris summarized the discussion of regional branches from Executive Council. He will organize the British Columbia branch; other regional organizers remain to be recruited. The shape of branches is to be left to the regional organizer. He intends to start with informal and fun activities, and build to more structured events.

Membership Secretary's report

Faye read the report supplied to Executive Council. She added that our membership of about 206 to 208 is approximately 75 percent Canadian, 22 percent U.S., and a small number overseas. Our membership is aging, which is resulting in attrition, and we must recruit new members if we want to survive.

John Armstrong suggested promotion of membership in the Society on MarHst-L. There appears to be a good number of independent researchers, including in Australia and New Zealand, who would benefit from membership. Maurice added that MarHst-L is now 21 years old, and has 140,000 postings. It reaches every maritime nation in the world. It would be awkward for the moderators to promote CNRS, but it would be helpful for members to post reports about CRNS activities, such as the exciting papers and discussions at this year's conference.

Hugues Canuel suggested a stronger link through the Canadian Forces Defence Fellow at the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie University. Richard mentioned that the current Fellow will not be replaced, but that there are others connected with the Centre with whom we can work.

Michael suggested that a Society brochure be produced that members can leave with interested people and institutions. Faye mentioned that there is a brochure, now outdated. Chris noted that any updated brochure should include a membership form.

Argonauta

Chris reported on behalf of Isabel Campbell and Colleen McKee. He noted that the last issue was 93 pages in length and included copies of the draft bylaws and abstracts for the papers given at the NASOH conference in Monterey, CA in May. His congratulations to the team for timely production and the continued expansion of content were echoed in the general discussion.

The Northern Mariner/Le marin du nord

Richard, chair of the Editorial Board, reported that Roger and Paul are ending their terms as editors with production of the issues nos. 1 and 2 for 2015, and are handing over to Bill Glover and Walter Lewis. Richard will be working with NASOH to renew the editorial board, and is particularly looking to get the members of the board more engaged in production. Submissions continue to come in, enough for a further year's production, although timely peer review, judging from past experience, will continue to be a challenge.

Chris moved, and John Armstrong seconded, a motion of thanks to Roger and Paul for their work since 2006. **Carried.**

Strategic planning

Chris stated that a key objective of strategic planning sessions over the past year, the latest held Thursday 11 June, is to define who we are. We have considered various models from endeavouring to have broad appeal to being a small club. What has emerged is our success as the home of the independent researcher, in Canada, the U.S. and internationally. This fact should shape our recruiting approach and retention of members.

All discussions have confirmed the central place of *Argonauta*. It is the glue that holds us together; it is a real success story.

The Northern Mariner/Le marin du nord raises challenges because of the resources required to produce a peer-reviewed, print-run journal. We have a commitment to the print edition for at least two years. This gives some time for planning for future. Can we continue to meet the budget of approximately \$14,000 a year (assuming continuation of NASOH support which effectively covers nearly half that amount)? More fundamental still is the recruitment and retention of capable and willing volunteers who can sustain a regular, timely schedule.

We have received a proposal from the University of Liverpool Press to take over publication, and will likely be approached by other aggregators. Should we at some point decide to become an on-line publication, York University Libraries may be available as a host, with important guarantees about preservation of and accessibility to our content, including “print on demand” services. Journal publication is undergoing great changes and Chris is sure other options will come up.

David Soule mentioned the possibility of sponsored articles or issues, that is undertaking topics of particular interest to firms like Irving Shipbuilding in return for subventions. Maurice noted that the Maritime Museum of the Great Lakes has had success in winning the support of shipping firms for its exhibit “The Maritime Superhighway.”

Michael underscored that the journal is self-sustaining, and all funding comes with strings attached. Would sponsorship challenge our independence? He also noted the large achievement in making the journal “open access” through the web posting of all content, aside from the two-year “window” for articles.

Alan Ruffman noted the model of the Atlantic Geoscience Society in Halifax. The key activity is the annual meeting, which features the AGM on a Friday evening, and paper-giving sessions on the Saturday. There is good attendance because most participants are within easy commuting distance; members pay an annual fee. There is a special emphasis on professors bringing their students to present papers. We need to do more to bring in students.

Wide ranging discussion noted the importance of promoting the CNRS annual conference and other activities on HNet. We must not ignore our long-standing ties

with the naval community, with the Naval Association being an obvious link for mutual promotion. Some members noted the significant effort the Society has long made in attracting students, with only limited success, and the similar experience of NASOH which spends much of its budget on travel and other support for students. Is endeavouring to recruit students the way to get the “best bang for our buck?” At the same time, can we ignore the need to “plant the seed” among the coming generations? One of the younger members agreed that it is a challenge; many students, pressed for funding and opportunities, demand clear and immediate benefits. Other members noted that they had come to this and other societies only in their 30s (or later), when they were established in their careers and had the time and energy to commit to the broader development of their communities of interest. Clearly, CNRS must appeal to a broad range of potential members, while not losing sight of the needs and desires of its existing members.

John Armstrong highlighted the centrality of *Argonauta* and *The Northern Mariner/Le marin du nord* for any future planning. Both, he noted, offer unique opportunities for publication, particularly by non-academic or beginning writers. The editors give encouragement and detailed coaching not available at most publications. Chris observed that if either publication should cease operations, there will be no comparable outlets for maritime history in Canada.

Nominations – officers for coming year

Maurice presented the recommendation of Council:

President – Chris Madsen
First Vice President – Roger Sarty
Secretary – Michael Moir
Treasurer – Errolyn Humphries
Membership Secretary – Faye Kert
Councillors – Walter Lewis, Winston (“Kip”) Scoville, Sam McLean, David Moore

Maurice noted the impressive achievements in maritime history of each of the new members recommended for Council, Michael, Walter, Kip, Sam, and David. Members expressed their pleasure at the willingness of such accomplished people to serve.

Acceptance moved by Paul Adamthwaite, seconded by Faye. **Carried.**

Bylaws

Karl Gagnon, seconded by Alec Douglas, moved acceptance of the draft bylaws recommended by Council.

Discussion. Paul Adamthwaite urged that we amend the bylaws to state the number of members of Council, and that we give a wide range, say 3 to 15, to give flexibility. Chris noted that the Letters Patent limit Council to a maximum of 10. After further

discussion, Paul moved an amendment to article 8 of the bylaws to insert: "...a council composed of between 6 and 10 persons." Seconded by Faye. **Carried.**

Karl Gagnon, seconded by Alec Douglas, moved acceptance of the amended by-laws. **Carried.**

Other business

Paul Adamthwaite noted that although we are registered with Corporations Canada as a charity, the Canadian Revenue Agency website lists us as a "foundation." We need formally to change our status with CRA, on form T-3010, to "charity." **Action: Paul will provide further details for action by the Treasurer.**

Alec Douglas moved, seconded by Paul Adamthwaite, that the Society send a message of sympathy to the family of Jim Pritchard, and of thanks for his distinguished service. **Carried, unanimously and with many expressions of warm support.**

Adjournment (1400 hrs)

Being no further business to conduct the President asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Council meeting. Maurice moved, seconded by Faye. **Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted
Roger Sarty
Acting Secretary, CNRS/SCRN

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Comparative Balance Sheet

ASSET

	As at 12/31/2014	As at 12/31/2013	Difference
Current Assets			
BMO Operating Account	8,459.78	11,377.18	(2,917.40)
Investments	7,669.42	7,606.50	62.92
Accounts Receivable	1,402.09	1,902.09	(500.00)
Member Receipts	130.00	0.00	130.00
Accrued Receivables	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,584.30</u>	(2,584.30)
Total Current Assets	<u>\$17,661.29</u>	<u>\$23,470.07</u>	(\$5,808.78)

TOTAL ASSET **\$17,661.29** **\$23,470.07** **(\$5,808.78)**

LIABILITY

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	336.25	431.06	(94.81)
Membership Fees Received in Advance	525.00	3,734.50	(3,209.50)
Accrued Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,469.09</u>	(5,469.09)
Total Liabilities	<u>\$861.25</u>	<u>\$9,634.65</u>	(\$8,773.40)

TOTAL LIABILITY **\$861.25** **\$9,634.65** **(\$8,773.40)**

EQUITY

Members' Equity

Current Earnings	2,083.66	1,747.41	336.25
Retained Earnings	15,895.15	14,022.74	1,872.41
Unrealized Gain/Loss (OE)	(1,985.20)	(2,048.12)	62.92
Gain or Loss on Exchange	<u>806.43</u>	<u>113.39</u>	693.04
Total Members' Equity	<u>\$16,800.04</u>	<u>\$13,835.42</u>	\$2,964.62

TOTAL EQUITY **\$16,800.04** **\$13,835.42** **\$2,964.62**

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY **\$17,661.29** **\$23,470.07** **(\$5,808.78)**

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Comparative Income Statement

REVENUE

	Actual 01/01/2014 to 12/31/2014	Actual 01/01/2013 to 12/31/2013	Difference
Membership			
Individual - Domestic	4,275.00	3,200.00	1,075.00
Individual - Foreign	1,440.00	740.00	700.00
Student - Domestic	65.00	80.00	(15.00)
Student - Foreign	0.00	30.00	(30.00)
Institutional - Domestic	1,808.00	1,998.00	(190.00)
Institutional - Foreign	2,424.10	2,268.60	155.50
Supporting	671.50	1,915.00	(1,243.50)
Sponsoring	<u>250.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	250.00
Total Membership Revenue	<u>\$10,933.60</u>	<u>\$10,231.60</u>	\$702.00
Publications			
NM Sales and Royalties	<u>7,414.30</u>	<u>0.00</u>	7,414.30
Total Publications Revenue	<u>\$7,414.30</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$7,414.30
Investments			
Investment Income	<u>332.00</u>	<u>375.39</u>	(43.39)
Total Investment Revenue	<u>\$332.00</u>	<u>\$375.39</u>	(43.39)
Other Revenue			
GST Rebate	828.36	0.00	828.36
NASOH	<u>0.00</u>	<u>275.00</u>	(275.00)
Total Other Revenue	<u>\$828.36</u>	<u>\$275.00</u>	\$553.36
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$19,508.26</u>	<u>\$10,881.99</u>	\$8,626.27

Notes:

1) Publications revenue includes amounts billed to and received from Wilfred Laurier

EXPENSE

Administrative Costs

Bank and Credit Card Charges	522.86	491.62	31.24
Administrative - President	<u>0.00</u>	<u>55.08</u>	(55.08)
Total Administrative Costs	<u>\$522.86</u>	<u>\$546.70</u>	<u>(\$23.84)</u>

Publications Costs

Mailing & Distribution	2,889.83	2,746.85	142.98
Printing Expense -NM	15,525.10	10,095.18	5,429.92
NASOH - reduction	<u>(4,369.25)</u>	<u>(5,225.93)</u>	856.68
Total Printing Expense	<u>11,155.85</u>	<u>4,869.25</u>	6,286.60
Total Publications Costs	<u>\$14,045.68</u>	<u>\$7,616.10</u>	<u>\$6,429.58</u>

Prize Expenses

Prize Expenses	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	1,000.00
Total Prize Expenses	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

Other Expenses

Digital	<u>177.18</u>	<u>212.18</u>	(35.00)
Total Other Expenses	<u>\$177.18</u>	<u>\$212.18</u>	<u>(\$35.00)</u>

Membership Expenses

Memberships / Subs	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	0.00
Total Membership Expenses	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

Sales Tax Expense

GST/HST Paid	1,648.88	709.60	939.28
GST Rebate	<u>0.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>	(20.00)
Total Sales Expense	<u>\$1,648.88</u>	<u>\$729.60</u>	<u>\$919.28</u>

TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$17,424.60</u>	<u>\$9,134.58</u>	<u>\$8,290.02</u>
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NET INCOME	<u>\$2,083.66</u>	<u>\$1,747.41</u>	<u>\$336.25</u>
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Notes:

1) Normally the amounts received from NASOH covers is approximately half of out printing costs plus the additional amounts for shipping. However, the printing costs for this year includes the extra runs for which the revenue was recorded under Publications revenue.



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- **Argonauta**, a quarterly newsletter publishing articles, opinions, news and information about maritime history and fellow members.
- An Annual General Meeting and Conference located in maritime minded locations across Canada such as Halifax, Vancouver, Hamilton, Churchill and Quebec City.
- Affiliation with the International Commission of Maritime History (ICMH).

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