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EDITORIALS

(I)

As most readers are aware, none of the CNRS publications would be possible in their current formats without the generous financial assistance of Memorial University of Newfoundland. Our Editorial Assistant, Margaret Gulliver, is paid for by the university, and Memorial also subsidizes our printing expenses and our rather hefty mailing costs. CNRS members have every reason to join us in expressing our gratitude to Memorial, and especially to its Dean of Arts, Dr. Michael Staveley, for this on-going commitment.

Memorial has always been especially willing to help because maritime history has long had a higher priority at this university than anywhere else on the continent. Central to this development has been its magnificent Maritime History Archive, which in its more than four miles of records, 2800 reels of microfilm and over three thousand photographs, contains priceless documents essential to any comprehensive study of maritime history. This is the largest maritime history archive in the world and, by most measures, the second largest archive of any kind in Canada. A brochure on the Archive is enclosed with this issue of ARGONAUTA.

In early March, however, the university was hit hard by cuts in its provincial grant. Thus far our publishing operations have escaped serious cutbacks, but the Maritime History Archive has not been so fortunate. Three of its seven staff positions have been abolished, a situation which will have a drastic impact on its ability to serve users, especially those who depend upon the mails to conduct their research. And to make matters worse, the administration has indicated that next year even deeper budget cuts may be required. In short, the fate of the Archive is very much in the balance.

We believe that while the current cuts in the Archive’s budget are unacceptable, any further reductions would be intolerable, threatening as they would one of Canada’s real historical treasures. We assume that maritime historians, with a special interest in this issue, will recognize the gravity of the situation. This is why we are making an unprecedented request: that each and every one of you with an interest in preserving this very special collection write to Memorial’s key decision-makers on the topic. The administration needs to be reminded of the importance of the Maritime History Archive and of its centrality to an understanding of our maritime heritage.

If you agree that this subject is of pressing concern, we would ask you to write to Dr. Arthur May, Memorial’s President, with a copy to Dr. Michael Staveley, the Dean of Arts. It would be helpful as well to mail a copy to Ms. Heather Wareham, the Archivist. The postal code for Dr. May and Ms. Wareham is A1C 5S7; for Dr. Staveley it is A1B 3X8. We do not want this to be an "orchestrated campaign," so we do not want to dictate what such letters might say. All we ask is that they stress the importance of the Archive and request that everything possible be done to ensure its continued existence.

We hope that ALL readers will assist in this effort. In a very real sense, further reductions to the Maritime History Archive will diminish us all as maritime researchers.

Lewis R. Fischer  
Olaf U. Janzen  
Gerald E. Panting

(II)

In March all readers received registration materials for the CNRS Conference and Annual General Meeting, to be held in Ottawa 30 May-1 June 1991. The organizers tell us that registration is proceeding at a healthy clip and that this should be the best-attended conference yet. For those who have not yet registered, we would like to urge you to do so. For one thing, you will be able to hear some stimulating papers; for another, you will be able to partake of the unrivalled fellowship for which CNRS is justly renowned.

But there is yet another reason why we would like to see as many members as possible in Ottawa. This is because the Society is at an important juncture in its history. The current executive has embarked on some exciting new projects, of which The Northern Mariner/Le Marin du nord is just one. But there are many important decisions to be made and many new ideas to be discussed. In a nationwide organization such as ours, it is only at such meetings that members can debate various alternatives.

Membership has been growing strongly over the past few months and the Ottawa meetings provide a first opportunity for many new members to participate in determining the direction of the Society. For the old hands, the AGM provides an occasion to renew old acquaintances. In short, it
Several readers recently have written for information about how they might become book reviewers for The Northern Mariner/Le Marin du nord. Since the answer to this question may be of general interest, we are happy to oblige with a few tips.

In selecting book reviewers, we try most of the time to use CNRS members (there are some exceptions, but if you scan our reviews, you will note that about ninety percent of the reviewers belong to the Society). Next, we try to match books with reviewers. There are several ways to do this, but most often we use the information provided in the ARGO-NAUTA Research Directory. If you are not listed in the October 1990 directory (or the supplement in this issue), you might want to return the form we mailed to you during 1990. Sometimes, however, the information provided in the directory is very vague; if this applies to you, you might wish to provide us with more specific information. There is one other method: several people have become reviewers simply by volunteering. Since our reviews are commissioned by Olaf Janzen in Corner Brook, the most expeditious way of letting us know of your interest in reviewing books is to drop him a brief note, indicating the areas in which you feel a special competence. If you are able to read a language other than English, it is a good idea to let him know this as well, since aside from French, finding reviewers for foreign language publications is often a problem.

The editors of The Northern Mariner/Le Marin du nord are committed not only to providing incisive and timely reviews but also to ensuring that the reviews represent as diverse a set of opinions as possible. We welcome the broadest possible participation. But if we do not know your expertise, it is difficult to find appropriate books. Please let us know your interests.

We have argued repeatedly that dividing the relatively small body of maritime historians into such mutually-exclusive categories is both silly and counterproductive. But merely to subscribe to this argument does little to bridge the gaps that unfortunately do exist. To its credit, CNRS has at least tried to do something more concrete. Last year in Victoria the Society approved the affiliation of a Museum Curators Group. Under the leadership of Neils Jannasch and Garth Wilson, this organization will be mounting a session at this year's CNRS conference in Ottawa. We would like to encourage all members at the conference to attend.

We believe that ARGO-NAUTA and The Northern Mariner/Le Marin du nord also ought to do more to focus attention on maritime museums and to serve as a two-way conduit for the exchange of opinions and concerns. As a starter, the July ARGO-NAUTA will feature a "Maritime Museums Directory" in which we will provide space for the museums to inform readers about their varied attractions. We also hope that this feature will stimulate CNRS members to make museums central parts of their itineraries when they visit different regions of the country. As for The Northern Mariner/Le Marin du nord, it is our hope to be able to publish a special theme issue devoted to museum issues in January 1993.

We do not delude ourselves into thinking that these initiatives are by themselves sufficient. Many of Canada's maritime museums are currently in less than optimal financial condition, suffering the effects of the same kinds of budget cuts that have decimated so many other parts of our national cultural life. This means that now more than ever these institutions depend upon the generosity of volunteers for their very survival. We think it a splendid idea for more of our readers to become involved with their local maritime museums. Most have societies of "friends" that enable interested people to assist in their important work, while at the same time receiving substantial benefits in return, including reduced rate admissions and regular newsletters and other.

In the world of maritime history, there are far too many
we urge readers to consider becoming involved with their local maritime museums. We guarantee that it will be one of the best investments of your time that you will ever make.

Lewis R. Fischer
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Arms and the Canadian

The Gulf War is over, thank God. It drew extraordinary attention to armed forces. In Canada the armed forces—if we are to believe the polls—went up in public estimation in spite of some vociferous opposition to the war. The phenomenon of public approval for military institutions is sufficiently rare in this country to merit notice, and it does perhaps demand some commentary.

The Canadian military experience is a study in contradiction. This huge, sea-girt country that extends across the northern half of the American continent has only one land frontier, that with the United States. The Pacific Ocean forms a very big water hazard between British Columbia and Asia; the Arctic Ocean is still a largely impassable ice barrier between the Arctic archipelago and the Soviet Union; the Atlantic Ocean, slightly less enormous but no less dangerous than the Pacific, lies between the Atlantic provinces and Europe. Ocean and seabed resources give Canada vital interests in coastal waters, so it is not surprising that the country is a leader among coastal states in law of the sea negotiations, as Barry Hunt pointed out in his contribution to James Boutilier's *RCN in Retrospect* (Vancouver, 1982). National interest would seem to demand a strategy of coastal defence. Yet Canadian armed forces, have, five times in the twentieth century, crossed both the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, and fought gallantly on those oceans when necessary, to participate—often with great success—in overseas conflicts. A major preoccupation with coastal defence there has been, but an almost frenetic demand to be included in military operations far from home has frequently been even more evident.

This is not the place to analyze military policy, but one should perhaps remark that in most cases Canadian support for overseas military commitments has been decidedly ambiguous. The contingents sent over to fight in South Africa at the turn of the century by no means represented a nationwide enthusiasm for that cause. The much greater Canadian support for the Great War of 1914-18 was matched by increasing domestic opposition, not only in French Canada but also in rural communities in many other parts of the country. The Second World War was not universally popular in Canada either; "zombies" were to be found in every community. Participation in the Korean War had more general approval because, although only the absence of the Soviet Union from United Nations' deliberations made this possible, it was a United Nations' action. Moreover, it was not accompanied by national registration or conscription. The Gulf War, also a United Nations' operation, appeared to many people more an American than a United Nations' war, but to many others in Canada—including the decision-makers—it represented exactly the kind of collective action against aggression that Lester Pearson envisaged when he was earning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1956.

Canada, it should be noted, has refused to take part in certain overseas actions which some Canadians have wanted to support. The Chanak incident of 1922, the Vietnam War, Suez, and certain phases of the Pacific campaign during the Second World War were deemed either "not worth the bones of a Toronto Grenadier," to use Professor Frank Underhill's famous expression, or contrary to national interests. One may question the consistency of such stands, and whether they do not represent a less bipartisan foreign policy than is to be found in some other liberal parliamentary democracies, but by and large the desire to send our armed forces into the principal theatres of modern wars seems to have been related to the international recognition Canada would receive for contribution to a common cause.

This country is therefore a coastal state wedded to a blue-water policy, something about which Canadians have often grumbled but have not hesitated to turn to advantage. The instrument of this policy is the military. The armed forces have borne the load of implementing policy when necessary and suffering the disregard of most Canadians when the need for their services was less than plain for all to see. Their performance in the months leading up to the Gulf War, and during the war itself, has been to all appearances of a very high order. Commodore Ken Summers, whose recently-announced promotion to Rear-Admiral follows an exceptionally demanding task in command of all Canadian forces in the Middle East, was not one of the faces that appeared on daily televised briefings. That, though, is more often than not the Canadian way. It seems to be appreciated by the people of this country, who recognize the dedication of men and women who are prepared to die in its service, and who consistently demonstrate superb professionalism in all that they do.

Needless to say, one observes with pleasure the astonishing speed and efficiency with which our naval forces prepared for and participated in a totally unexpected type of naval
operation. At the same time, it is important to remember that this very limited effort has strained our naval capabilities to the utmost. Once this crisis has passed, will the popularity of the armed forces prove to have been nothing more than a straw in the wind? Or can we hope that they, especially the navy, will begin to get the ships and equipment they need?

W.A.B. Douglas
Ottawa, Ontario

ARGONAUTA MAILBAG

Sirs:

In Seager and Maguire's *Letters and Paper of Alfred Thayer Mahan, III: 1902-1914*, page 559, there is a paper entitled "Contingency Plan of Operations in Case of War with Great Britain" (New York, 1890). Could anyone with a knowledge of this period suggest some background reading that would help me to understand why Mahan, a staunch admirer of Britain, should prepare such a paper?

N.H.G. Hurst
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Sirs:

I am currently assisting a British researcher in the preparation of a book on the history of icebreakers. Our hope is that the volume will eventually be published by the World Ship Society. We are seeking photographs, information about the early history of icebreaking, and anecdotes from either published or unpublished sources. Readers willing to assist us may either contact me or Barry Standerline, 18 Crakedale Road, Winterton near Scunthorpe, South Humber-side DN15 9UT, England.

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Sirs:

The Company of Master Mariners of Canada is attempting to centralize its archival materials in its Head Office in Vancouver. Unfortunately, over the years many valuable records have been scattered across the country. We would appreciate it if anyone who possesses or knows the whereabouts of any CMMC records would notify us or return them to our Vancouver headquarters.

Captain Janice Keneffick
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ARGONAUTA COLUMNS

MARITIME PROVINCES STEAM PASSENGER VESSELS

By Robin H. Wyllie
East LaHave, N.S.

P.S. Express

Specifications:

Official Number: 84967
Builder: J. Scott & Co., Kinghorn, Scotland
Date Built: 1892
Gross Tonnage: 426
Overall Length: 202.5 feet
Breadth: 24.2 feet
Draught: 10.2 feet
Engine Builder: J. Scott & Co., Kirkaldy, Scotland
Engine Description: Compound Diagonal, 4 cyls., 25", 45"-54", developing 200 N.H.P.

History:

The Yarmouth Steamship Company purchased the former Morecambe Steamship Company's *Express* in 1898 to replace its aging wooden paddler, *City of Saint John*, on the Yarmouth to Halifax run, where shallow draughts were an advantage. The steel *Express* was found to be ideally-suited to the route, with powerful modern engines, good cargo capacity and elegant passenger accommodation. Delivered to Yarmouth by Captain Edgar Smith of Cape Sable Island, the vessel was placed under the command of Captain Thomas M. Harding of Barrington and no time was lost putting her in service.

The *Express* lasted only until September, when Captain Harding drove her hard aground in heavy fog beside the lighthouse on Bon Portage Island. The hull was badly damaged and the vessel declared a total loss. Faulty navigation calculations by Harding were found to be the cause of the wreck. Luckily no lives were lost, but the ship had not lasted long enough to have her change of ownership registered.
The story has an interesting sequel. For some unknown reason, Captain Harding was given command of the Express' replacement, the thirty-four year-old wooden paddler, City of Monticello, ex-City of Norfolk. On Friday, 9 November 1900 the vessel left Saint John for Yarmouth with forty-two passengers and crew aboard. Against the recommendation of his mate that they shelter out a southwest gale in the lee of Digby Neck, the captain insisted on trying to make Yarmouth. In trouble throughout the night and no longer answering her helm, a jib was raised to bring her head to the wind. As she swung around she took a heavy list to port and the weather caught her beam on. She filled and sank. There were four survivors. Captain Harding was not among them.

Sharp-eyed readers of the preliminary programme for the Ottawa conference have doubtless noted an error in the list of speakers. We inadvertently listed John Summers as being with the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes at Kingston when in fact he is with the Marine Museum of Upper Canada in Toronto. The title of his paper is also slightly erroneous; it should read "In Small Things Remembered: Historic Watercraft and Canada's Maritime Heritage." We apologize to John for any embarrassment caused by these errors.

Plans are under way to use current Canadian sail training ships on the Great Lakes to re-create a squadron of the 1792 "Provincial Marine" on Lake Ontario. The highlight will be a planned re-creation on the weekend of 3 July 1992 of the landing of John Graves Simcoe at Niagara-on-the-Lake to open the first session of the "Ontario" legislature. The vessels will sail from Toronto to Niagara-on-the-Lake for the ceremonial anchoring and rowing ashore of Simcoe, an event that likely will be observed by a Royal visitor. The co-ordinator of the event is Victor Suthren of the Canadian War Museum. Readers interested in further details are invited to contact Vic at the museum.

One of the world's oldest and most beautiful tall ships will visit the Pacific Northwest in the first half of April. The
Spanish Navy's cadet training ship, Juan Sebastian de Elcano, will call at west coast ports between 1 and 15 April. Rigged as a four-masted schooner, the Elcano is named after Magellan's first mate, who led the voyage that completed the world's first circumnavigation in 1526 after Magellan's death. The Elcano's schedule calls for her first to visit Victoria (1-4 April). Further calls include the "Gulf Islands Sail Past" (5 April); Nanaimo (6-8 April); Vancouver (9-12 April); and Port Townsend, Washington (14-15 April). Visitors are welcome.

THE SEA IS AT OUR GATES

CNRS member Tony German is the author of the important book, The Sea is at Our Gates, which recounts for the first time the full story of Canada's navy from its colonial roots to the modern period. This handsomely-produced 360-page volume contains sixty-four photos and eleven maps. For readers still unfamiliar with the book, a review appears in the April issue of The Northern Mariner/Le Marin du nord.

But we would like to make members aware of a splendid way to obtain the book--or several other items derived from it--and at the same time benefit an extremely worthy maritime cause. As most readers will know, strenuous efforts are being made to preserve HMCS Sackville as Canada's Naval Memorial (see the story in the October 1990 issue of ARGONAUTA). An Ottawa firm, Chromavision International, is now selling the book, as well as audio and video tapes based upon it, for the benefit of the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust, the body that is working for the refurbishment of HMCS Sackville. In short, this is a way for members to enhance their collections while at the same time assisting in the preservation of an important part of our maritime heritage.

Chromavision has several items on offer. First there is the book itself, which is available for CAN $39.95. There also is a thirty-minutes VHS video available for CAN $39.95 and a sixty-minute stereo audio cassette, "Sounds from the Sea," originally broadcast on the CBC-FM network, for CAN $19.95. Any or all of these would make important additions to the collections of readers interested in Canadian naval history or looking for a gift for a marine-oriented friend.

Orders for all these items may be placed with Chromavision International, 1166 Rainbow Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1J 6X7 (tel.: 613-748-5335; FAX: 613-748-1073). Credit card orders (Visa, Mastercard and American Express) are available. Readers should add CAN $5 for each item ordered to cover shipping and handling, while Ontario residents ordering the video or the book should add eight per-cent provincial sales tax.

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR OCEAN DEVELOPMENT

Canada's major institute for the initiation, encouragement and support of cooperation between this country and developing nations in the field of ocean resource development now has a new address. ICOD can be contacted at 176 Gloucester Street, Suite 400, Ottawa, Ontario K2P OA6. Members interested in this field may want to ask to be put on its mailing list, especially for ICOD Info, a splendid newsletter which is published three times a year and contains extensive news on the institute's projects. ICOD's new and recently-approved projects include a fisheries extension programme in the south Pacific; an expanded fisheries science curriculum in the Maldives; a study of Madagascar's artisanal fishery; a fish inspection service in the Seychelles; a fisheries management project in Guinea-Bissau; and a variety of scholarship programmes at Dalhousie University and the University of Québec at Rimouski.

INTERNATIONAL SAILORS' SOCIETY CANADA

Imagine arriving in a place thousands of miles from home with no money and without family contact for almost a year. Landing in a place where no one speaks your language. Where customs are strange and foreboding. Where no face is that of a friend. Seamen, of course, visit this kind of place every time they land in a foreign port. The assistance of these people is the reason for the existence of the International Sailors’ Society Canada, a non-profit organization which supports seafarers' centres across the country. The Society is a support organization which provides funds and assistance to the centres that assist sailors from around the world. In Canada, the Society helps to support centres in B.C., Ontario, Québec, New Brunswick, and Newfoundland. It also sponsors the Patrick F. Graham Bursary to assist students with expenses relating to maritime studies.

These types of services are obviously necessary. Equally apparent is the fact that they are expensive. This is why the Society is engaged in a major fundraising campaign. If you are interested in supporting the good works of these people through a donation or a membership, or if you would just like further information on their activities, simply write to the International Sailors' Society Canada, #1412--675 Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 1N2.

THE FROBISHER VOYAGES

Last summer the Smithsonian Institution launched a major project entitled "Archaeology of the Frobisher Voyages:"
Kodlunarn Island and European-Inuit Contact." Designed to excavate the remains of the sites occupied by Martin Frobisher's crews during his three voyages to the Arctic in 1576-1578, the project began with a preliminary voyage last summer. This summer they hope to expand on this to make a full-scale excavation of the site on Kodlunarn Island, which represents the earliest English settlement in the New World. One of the ultimate goals of the project is to mount a major exhibition on Frobisher sometime in the mid-1990s.

SHIPFAX

Readers interested in ships and shipping in the port of Halifax will be pleased to learn about Shipfax, a monthly newsletter devoted to the topic. While Shipfax has been around for a while, it has only recently been offered for sale to the general public. Edited by CNRS member Malcolm Mackay, Shipfax is the only accurate record of current shipping movements in the port. The newsletter appears eleven times per year and averages eight pages per issue. Subscriptions are available for $15 per annum, including postage and GST, from Malcolm Mackay, P.O. Box 3471-South, Halifax, N.S. B3J 3J1.

U-BOAT WAR!

Readers with a special interest in submarine warfare will be interested in the appearance of a new quarterly journal, U-Boat War! Aimed at those interested in "U-boats and their opponents of both World Wars," the journal promises to publish essays on "U-boats, all other submarines, Axis or Allied, warships, merchantmen, escorts, wrecks, models, people, bases, uniforms, weapons, units, monuments, awards, traditions, and events." The first issue contains a variety of short pieces which should attract a wide range of readers. The journal is edited and published by Mrs. Janice Hansford, advised by Gus Britton of the Royal Navy Submarine Museum and Jak P. Mallman Showell, whose book U-Boats under the Swastika will be well-known to readers concerned with World War II.

Subscriptions to U-Boat Wars! are available for US $34 (airmail) by writing to 27 Bernard Street, Woodville, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire DE11 8BZ, England. If you would like to see the journal before subscribing, you can order a sample copy for US $10, which will be deducted from your first order should you choose to subscribe. Because of difficulties in cashing foreign cheques, Mrs. Hansford has asked overseas subscribers to send cash. We advise, however, a sterling cheque drawn on a British correspondent bank; these are readily obtainable from all chartered banks in Canada.

REFLECTIONS ON THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

In July 1989 a group of Australian naval historians organized an Australian Naval History seminar in Canberra. This was consciously modelled on the RCN conferences that resulted in The RCN in Retrospect and The RCN in Transition. A number of Canadian naval historians assisted the organizers in setting up the seminar and a number of Canadians participated in the event. The resulting proceedings have recently been published, and we think they will be of interest to a wide range of naval historians in this country. The proceedings, edited by T.R. Frame, J.V.P. Goldrick and P.D. Jones, are entitled Reflections on the Royal Australian Navy, and are available from Kangaroo Press, 3 Whitehall Road, P.O. Box 75, Kenthurst, N.S.W. 2156.

For readers interested in comparative history, virtually all the essays make fascinating reading. But of special interest will be the papers contributed by Canadians, including Roger Sarty, "The Origins of the Royal Canadian Navy: The Australian Connection;" David Zimmerman, "The RAN and the RCN and High Technology in the Second World War;" Joel J. Sokolsky, "A Question of Balance: Canada and the Cold War at Sea, 1945-68;" and James A. Boutilier, "Get Big or Get Out: The Canadian and Australian Decisions to Abandon Aircraft Carriers."

NORTH PACIFIC STUDIES SERIES

The Oregon Historical Society has announced the titles to be published this fall in its "North Pacific Studies Series." The Society plans two new volumes. The first, The Shogun's Reluctant Ambassadors: Japanese Sea Drifters in the North Pacific by Katherine Plummer, is the only modern survey in English of the shipwrecked Japanese sailors who drifted to the east coast of Russia and the west coast of America during Japan's "closed period." Also to be published in the fall will be John Scofield's Hail, Columbia, which outlines the story of the early voyages to the northwest coast of North America by Bostonians John Kendrick and Robert Gray on the Lady Washington and Columbia Rediviva. Further information on these volumes may be obtained by contacting the Oregon Historical Society Press, 1230 S.W. Park Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97205.

MAINE MARITIME HISTORY SYMPOSIUM

The nineteenth annual Maritime History Symposium sponsored by the Maine Maritime Museum will be held in Bath, Maine, 3-5 May 1991. In addition to opportunities to visit the museum and make new acquaintances, the symposium includes six papers. Lawrence C. Allin will speak on "Samuel Henry Barbour: His Boats, His Bay;" Helen Rich-
It is with the greatest pleasure that I take this opportunity have been presented to owners of vessels accepted for registration. We congratulate the owners; to commemorate their recognition, below we print a list of the first set of vessels and owners to be included.

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**BRITISH COLUMBIA VINTAGE VESSEL REGISTRY**

In our last issue, we published John MacFarlane’s essay, “Toward a Vintage Vessel Registry for British Columbia” (ARGONAUTA, VIII, No. 1 [January 1991], 4-8). John has now notified us that the first set of certificates and burgees

**INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF MARITIME HISTORY NEWS**

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

The old cliche that “it is an ill wind that blows no good” appears to have some basis in fact in maritime circles. Or at least this is what National Geographic reports in its March issue. As many readers will remember, in the late summer of 1989 Hurricane Hugo swept ashore on the coast of South Carolina, leaving widespread devastation in its wake. Particularly hard-hit were the state’s forests, including many oaks.

Here is where the maritime aspect comes in. South Carolina’s oak trees have densities which make them ideal for shipbuilding. A South Carolina man, Stephen Riggs, harboured the dream of teaching his son about sailing ships; apparently, he was especially interested in the USS Constitution, a vessel which last sailed in 1881. Thanks to Riggs’ ingenuity, however, Old Ironsides may soon sail again. When he discovered that no plans had been made to utilize the oaks toppled by Hugo, he arranged meetings between local officials and the US Navy, which resulted in the decision to use many of the logs in the restoration of the vessel, slated to begin in 1992.

The Constitution is the oldest wooden ship still under US Navy commission and is visited by more than one million people annually. Officials hope that for the 1998 bicentennial of her first voyage she will be able to cruise under full sail about fifteen miles up the coast to Marblehead, where she took anchor while being pursued by British vessels during the War of 1812. We will keep you informed.
of addressing my friends in the Canadian Nautical Research Society. As the new President of the International Commission of Maritime History, I welcome the invitation from the editors of *ARGONAUTA* to write a regular column. I intend to use these opportunities to deal with either specific ICMH issues or topics of more general concern to maritime historians. While I intend to share my thoughts and concerns with you in this way, it is also my hope that it will be a two-way street. Indeed, I want to invite you to take up these issues, either by writing to me or to any member of your national commission. The objectives of our Commission are broad and there is much that can be done to further the cause of maritime history both internationally and in Canada.

Before continuing, I wish to record here my sincere thanks and appreciation to the outgoing Bureau and Executive who, in a period of rapid transition and under difficult circumstances, have kept the ICMH ship on course. It was extremely pleasing to see the quite superb publication of the papers of our 1985 Stuttgart conference and I thank, in particular, our previous President, Professor Klaus Friedland, for his exacting editorial work. Klaus has made similar arrangements for the publication of the papers presented last summer in Madrid and this volume may be expected in the course of 1991--a splendid achievement!

The ICMH has also maintained a profile through cooperation in the organisation of a number of other conferences and its prominent role was clearly demonstrated by the broad range and general high quality of the program of the Madrid conference. My gratitude for many of these achievements also goes to Professor Christian Koninckx for his indefatigable (and not always thankful) work as Secretary-General, and to Professor Jaap Bruijn, who has logged two consecutive terms as the meticulous keeper of our treasury. Further, I extend my thanks to all outgoing Bureau and Executive members, including two Canadians: Professor Gerald Panting, who put in particularly yeoman effort in helping to organize the Madrid conference, and Dr. Tim LeGoff.

Next, I should like to welcome the new members of the Bureau and the Executive, none more so than another Canadian, Professor Lewis Fischer, our new Secretary-General. I trust that Canadians will use Skip and the two Canadian members of the Executive, Gerry Panting and the immediate Past President of CNRS, Barry Gough, as conduits to present their ideas and concerns to the Commission. CNRS members have always made important contributions to the function of the Commission and I look forward to even more participation in the future. In particular, I have every confidence that the 1995 ICMH conference, to be held in Montréal and organized by the Canadian Nautical Research Society, will remind the world of the vital role that Canada plays in international maritime affairs.

As you know, a primary function of the ICMH is to organize these five-yearly conferences. Initiatives have already been taken to formulate the theme for the 1995 conference and a programme committee, with the Secretary-General as chair, has been established for this purpose. The ICMH Executive welcomes all ideas, comments and suggestions, and it is my hope that CNRS members will feel free to make recommendations. Our brief is to promote the study of maritime history in its full international context and that applies to both its historical substance and its organizational framework. At the same time, I would like to assure you that the Executive will with your support strive to bring together all the various sub-disciplines of maritime history. It would be patently impossible to enumerate all of them here, but naval history, economic and social history, the history of discoveries and technology, the development of marine archaeology and sociology, and the study of maritime ideology are just some of the fields that spring to mind.

Because of the almost limitless perspective of maritime history I believe that it is a good policy for the ICMH and its affiliates like CNRS to reach out to other organizations in order to establish a basis for joint ventures. I read with great interest the remarks of your President on this topic in the January issue of *ARGONAUTA* and concur fully. In the first instance, one thinks of conferences that may be jointly organized, but there could also be exhibitions, publications and other manifestations of cooperation. Often the actual work on the ground will be done by national commissions and their members, but it is always important to remember the intrinsically international nature of all maritime history, which means that the ICMH itself may also have a role to play.

In closing, let me extend my best wishes to CNRS as you strive to further awareness of the importance of maritime history and as you continue to develop your organization. I extend congratulations on the publication of *ARGONAUTA* and your new journal, *The Northern Mariner/Le Marin du nord*. Both demonstrate the possibilities inherent in national commissions. I assure you of the willingness of the Bureau and the Executive of ICMH to work with you in all possible ways.

Frank Broeze
Nedlands, Western Australia
ICMH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO MEET IN CANADA

The Executive Council of the International Commission of Maritime History will hold its first-ever meeting in Canada in St. John's, Nfld., 18-19 June 1991. The agenda is wide-ranging, but perhaps the most important task of the Council will be to select the topic for the 1995 congress in Montreal. Since, as Frank Broeze pointed out in his "From the President's Desk" column immediately above, the membership of national commissions is diverse, the topic should be one which not only provides a focus but also allows for the greatest possible participation. CNRS members with suggestions for potential topics are invited to write to the Chair of the Programme Committee, Professor Lewis R. Fischer.

AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION

The Australian Association for Maritime History has reluctantly announced an increase in its fees for 1991. Henceforth annual individual memberships will cost AUS $30; student memberships, AUS $20; and corporate memberships, AUS $40. Airmail rates to North America add an additional AUS $5 per year to these fees. For this, members receive two issues per year of their journal, The Great Circle, plus a splendid quarterly newsletter, which often contains news about North America.

BRITISH COMMISSION

The British Commission has completed a successful series of seminars at King's College, London, and plans are under way for another series next year. News about the 1991-92 seminar series will be published in ARGONAuta and the speakers and topics will appear in the "ARGONAuta Diary" section. Plans are also in hand for the inauguration of a newsletter to serve members of the Commission.

NETHERLANDS COMMISSION

In 1988 the Nederlandse Vereniging voor Zeegeschiedenis (the Dutch Society for Maritime History) instituted the J.C.M. Warnsinck Award, named after the first university professor of maritime history in the Netherlands. The prize consists of an exact replica of a pair of dividers recovered from the wreck of the Dutch East Indiaman Lastdrager, which foundered off the Shetlands in 1653. The prize is designed to honour a person whose contribution to maritime history in the Netherlands is judged to be exceptional. During the Commission's annual meeting in May 1990 the Warnsinck Award was presented for the first time. The recipient is artist and maritime historian Peter Dorleijn, who was honoured for a lifetime of work on the Zuiderzee Fishery.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF THE NORTHERN SEAS

This ICMH affiliate has announced that it will hold its Sixth Triennial Conference in Kotka, Finland, 5-9 August 1992. The theme of the meetings will be "People of the Sea." Anyone interested in presenting a paper should write to the President, Dr. Yrjö Kaukiainen, Department of Economic and Social History, University of Helsinki, Aleksanterinkatu 7, 00100 Helsinki, Finland, with a brief proposal, including a short description of the paper and sources and methods to be used. This proposal should reach him no later than 1 September 1991. It is expected that some funds will be available to defray part of the accommodation costs in Kotka.

The Association is sad to announce that Prof. dr. Konrad Fritze of Greifswald, who organized the Fifth Conference in Rostock in 1989, passed away on 14 January 1991. Professor Fritze was also a councillor of the Association.

The Association, which is devoted to furthering the study of the maritime history of the northern seas of Europe, invites CNRS members to join. The annual subscription fee is 35 Finnish Marks, or 100 FIM for three years. Members receive a newsletter and a biannual bibliography, plus information on the Association's activities. Membership may be secured by writing to the Secretary, Dr. Michael North, Elbblöcken 5c, D-2000 Hamburg, Germany. Payments from North America should be by banker's draft drawn on the AHNS foreign currency account 200166-27868 at the Union Bank of Finland.

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The I.M.E.H.A. exists to promote the study of the economic and social aspects of maritime history. Membership is US $45 per year or US $80 for two years, and includes a subscription to the International Journal of Maritime History and the International Newsletter of Maritime History. Memberships may be obtained by writing to the Association's Secretary-Treasurer, Professor Gerald Panting, Maritime Studies Research Unit, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Nfld. A1C 5S7. Canadian members may pay by personal cheque in Canadian dollars at the current exchange rate.

The Association is sponsoring the First International Congress of Maritime History in Liverpool, England, 15-19 August 1992. The programme for this conference will be published in the July 1991 issue of ARGONAuta. CNRS members interested in further information on this confer-
ence should contact the organizer, Professor Lewis Fischer, Maritime Studies Research Unit, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Nfld. A1C 5S7. The I.M.E.HA. will also be sponsoring a session at the Eleventh International Congress of Economic History in Milan, Italy in August 1994. The theme, "Business, Labour and Financial Intermediaries," will be organized by David M. Williams of the University of Leicester and Simon Ville of the University of Auckland. There will also be a pre-conference session at the University of Glasgow in 1993. We expect to be able to publish a call for papers in the July 1991 ARGONAUTA.

AROUND THE MARITIME JOURNALS

AMERICAN NEPTUNE (L, NO. 4, Fall 1990)

David H. Grover, "The Panay Revisited: A Maritime Perspective"
John Pelzer, "Armed Merchantmen and Privateers: Another Perspective on America's Quasi-War with France"
Karel A. Davids, "Finding Longitude at Sea by Magnetic Declination on Dutch East Indiamen, 1596-1795"
Malcolm H. Murfett, "Splice the Mainbrace': The Story of a Naval Epic"

FRESHWATER (V, NO. 2, 1990)

Garth Wilson, "The Evolution of the Great Lakes Ship"
Walter Lewis, "Iroquois"
Gordon C. Shaw, "Significant Development in Ontario Passenger Ships: 1990"
Ken McLeod and Walter Lewis, "Captain John Donnelly--Wrecker"
Lorne Joyce, "A Visit to Main Duck Island through Old Photo Albums"

THE GREAT CIRCLE (XII, NO. 2, 1990)

Patsy Brown, "Western Australian Merchants and Political Agitation: The Struggle for Fremantle Harbour in the Late 19th Century"
J.L. Anderson, "Maritime Museums and Societies: Asian Examples"
W.F. Cook, "H.M.A.S. Wyatt Earp and the Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition 1947-1948"
H.V. Evans, et al., "The Lightning Columnne, Or Sea-Mirror"

MARINER'S MIRROR (LXXVI, NO. 4, NOVEMBER 1990)

Michael Steer, "The Blockade of Brest and the Victualling of the Western Squadron, 1793-1805"
Michael Seymour, "Warships' Names of the English Republic 1649-1659"
Frank Kitchen, "The Napoleonic War Coastal Signal Stations"
André Wegener Sleeswyk, "The Engraver Willem A. Cruce and the Development of the Cahin-Wale"

MARITIME ANTHROPOLOGICAL STUDIES (VOL. III, NO. 2, 1990)

M. Estellie Smith, "Chaos in Fisheries Management"
Torben A. Vestergaard, "The Fishermen and the Nation: The Identity of a Danish Occupational Group"
Niels Einarsson, "Of Seals and Souls: Changes in the Position of Seals in the World View of Icelandic Small-Scale Fishermen"
Rob van Ginkel, "Farming the Edge of the Sea: The Sustainable Development of the Dutch Mussel Fishery"
George Gmelch and Geoffrey C. Orth, "A Tale of Two Rivers: Culture, Ecology and Competition in an Alaskan Fishery"
John Phyne, "Dispute Settlement in the Newfoundland Inshore Fishery: A Study of Fishery Officers' Responses to Gear Conflicts in Inshore Fishing Communities"
Cabot Martin, "Comment on Sinclair's 'Fisheries Management and Problems of Social Justice: Reflections on the Northwest Coast of Newfoundland'"

NAUTICAL RESEARCH JOURNAL (XXV, NO. 4, DECEMBER 1990)

William F. Wiseman, "Myrtle Corey--1898 Memphis Riverboat: Research and Model Construction, Part 1"
Robert C. Leavitt and Grisel M. Leavitt, "The Deck Furniture and Machinery of Large Mid-19th Century Sailing Ships, Part 9"
Erik A.R. Ronnberg, Jr., "A Model of an English Brig of War: Notes and Photographs"

THE RESOLUTION (NO. 21, WINTER 1991)

Freeman Tovell, "The Malaspina Expedition"
Julie H. Ferguson, "A Dive to Remember"
Liz Webster, "Lives at Sea"
Guy Mathias, "S.F. Tolmie"

STEAMBOAT BILL (XLVII, NO. 4, WINTER 1990)

William A. Fox, "Samuel War Stanton 1870-1912"
James L. Shaw, "Three Decades of Containerization in the Pacific"
John E. Jamian, "A Trip on the Benson Ford"
William A. Worden, "European Steamboat Guide"

VIDEO CORNER

(Editors' Note: In this issue of ARGONAuta we inaugu­rate a new feature--a listing of maritime videos currently available. We hope that this will respond to requests from several members for this type of information. We make no claim that this represents a complete listing of new maritime videos; the material we list is not based upon any systematic search. We are considering the possibility of launching a formal review section on videos and would be interested in hearing readers' opinions on the desirability of this suggestion.)

"Around Cape Horn." 30 minutes. US $29.95 plus US $ 3.50 shipping. Available from SEA-TV, P.O. Box 8968, New Haven, Connecticut 06532, U.S.A. [Classic Irving Johnson 1929 film of the two hundred foot barque Peking sailing around the Horn]

"Coaster: The True Story of the John F. Leavitt." US $39.95 plus $3 shipping. Available from Atlantic Films, Department G78, 102 Harbor Road, Kittery Point, Maine 03905, U.S.A. [Story of a New England wooden cargo schooner; winner of "Best Adventure Feature" at the American Film Festival]

"The Sea is at Our Gates." 30 minutes; VHS only. CAN $39.95 plus CAN $5 for shipping and Handling (Ontario residents add 8% provincial sales tax. Available from Chromavision International, 1166 Rainbow Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1J 6X7. [Video adaptation of CNRS member Tony German's book of the same name; depicts Canada's naval heritage from the beginnings to the modern day]

"The S.S. South American: Queen of the Great Lakes." 65 minutes. US $39.50 (VHS); US $44.50 (Beta) plus US $2 shipping. Available from Jack Gruber, 17374 Arlene, Fraser, Michigan 48026, U.S.A.

"Tall Ships, '84-'86." US $39.95 plus US $3.50 shipping. 45 minutes. Available from SEA-TV, P.O. Box 8968,

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January 1-October 15 1991
"Grant Macdonald: The Artist, The Protagonist and the War at Sea" Exhibition, Marine Museum of the Great Lakes at Kingston

January 22-April 21 1991
"Enlightened Voyages: Malaspina and Galiano on the Northwest Coast, 1791-91," Exhibition, Vancouver Maritime Museum, Vancouver, B.C.

February 14-November 16 1991
"Northern Mystery: Spain's Maritime Explo­ration of the Northwest Coast of America" Exhibition, Oregon Historical Society Museum, Portland, Oregon

April 5-7 1991
International Association for the Study of Maritime Missions Conference, Tilbury, England (Information: S. Friend, University College of Ripon and York St. John, College Road, Ripon, North Yorkshire HG4 2QX, England)

April 8-13 1991
Visit of the Spanish Ship Juan Sebastien de Elcano, Canada Place, Vancouver, British Columbia

April 11-13 1991
"Spain and the North Pacific Coast: A Symposium to Recognize the Bicentennial of the Malaspina Expedition's Visit to the Northwest Coast of America, 1791-1792," Vancouver Museum and Planetarium and U.B.C. Museum of Anthropology, Vancouver, B.C. (Sponsored by the Vancouver Maritime Museum and the Department of History, University of British Columbia; Information: Dr. Richard W. Unger, Department of History, University of British Columbia, 1297--1873 East Mall, Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1W5)

April 12-14 1991
Underwater Canada '91, Toronto, Ontario (Information: Ontario Underwater Council, 1220 Sheppard Avenue East, Willowdale, Ontario M2K 2X1 [tel.: 416-495-4245])

April 12-14 1991
Fathoms '91, Sponsored by the Underwater Archaeological Society of British
May 26-28  Annual Scrimshaw Collectors’ Weekend, Kendall Whaling Museum, Sharon, Massachusetts (Information: Dr. Stuart M. Frank, Director, Kendall Whaling Museum, 27 Everett Street, P.O. Box 297, Sharon, Massachusetts 02067)

May 3-4  Subsea Horizons Dive Show, Halifax, N.S. (Information: Subsea Horizons, Box 33048, Halifax, N.S. B3L 4T6)

May 3-5  Nineteenth Maritime History Symposium, Maine Maritime Museum, Bath, Maine (Information: Maine Maritime History Museum, 243 Washington Street, Bath, Maine 04530, U.S.A. [tel.: (207) 443-1316])


May 8-11  Canadian Maritime Heritage Foundation Annual Conference, St. John’s, Nfld. (Information: Linda Jefferson, Historic Resources Division, Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs, Box 4750, St. John’s, Nfld. A1C 5T7 [tel.: 709-576-2179])


May 25-26  Canadian Canal Society Spring Tour, Smith Falls, Ontario (Information: Robert Voorden, Secretary, C.C.S., P.O. Box 1652, St. Catherines, Ontario L2R 7K1)

May 30-June 1  Annual Conference of the Canadian Nautical Research Society, Ottawa, Ontario; Theme: "Ships, Men and Governments: The Connection between Government Policies and Naval and Mercantile Shipping" (Information: Dr. W.A.B. Douglas, President, CNRS, P.O. Box 7008, Station J, Ottawa, Ontario K2A 3Z6)

May 30-June 1  Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the North American Society for Oceanic History, State University of New York Maritime College, New York City (Information: Professor Karen Markoe, Department of Humanities, State University of New York Maritime College, Fort Schuyler, Bronx, New York 10465)

June 2-5  Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting, Kingston, Ontario

June 18-19  International Commission for Maritime History Annual Executive Meeting, St. John’s, Nfld. (Information: Prof. L.R. Fischer, Secretary-General, ICMH, Department of History, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John’s, Nfld. A1C 5S7)

June 19-September 10  Second Annual Art Show of the Marine Museum of Upper Canada, Toronto, Ontario

June 21-23  Steamship Historical Society of America, Annual Meeting, Marine Museum of the Great Lakes at Kingston

July 11-Sept. 4  Wake of the Explorers Expedition, British Columbia (Information: Gregory Foster, Executive Director, Discovery Reenactment Society, Whaler Bay, Galiano Island, B.C. V0N 1P0 [tel.: 604-539-2923])

July 20  Canadian War Museum Small Boat Voyaging Project, Voyage from Kingston to Prescott, Ontario (Information: Victor J.H. Suthren, Canadian War Museum, 330 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0M8)

July 22-Sept. 22  "Enlightened Voyages: Malaspina and Galiano on the Northwest Coast, 1791-1792," Exhibition, Canadian Museum of Civilization, Ottawa, Ontario

August 1991  Annual Classic and Heritage Boat Show,
Westport, Ontario

August 11-13, 1991
Conference on the Making of the Atlantic Charter, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Nfld. (Information: Dr. D. Facey-Crowther, Department of History, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Nfld. A1C 5S7)

August 23-25, 1991
Fourth Conference of the North Sea Society, Esbjerg, Denmark (Information: Poul Holm, Fiskeri- og Søfartsmuseet, DK-6710 Esbjerg, Denmark)

August 26-29, 1991
"Society and Expansion: Exploration and Domination of Geographical Spaces," Colloquium to Celebrate the Fifth Centenary of the Discovery of America, University of Lima, Peru (Information: Colloquio Internacional Sociedad y Expansion, Apartado Postal No. 27-0181, Lima 27, Peru [FAX: 51-14-356552])

August 29-31, 1991
Conference of the International Congress of Maritime Museums, South Street Seaport Museum, New York (Information: Peter Neill, South Street Seaport Museum, 207 Front Street, New York, New York 10038)

Sept. 11-13, 1991
Tenth Annual Naval History Symposium, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland (Information: Dr. Jack Sweetman, Department of History, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland 21402-5044)

Sept. 12-14, 1991

October 18-20, 1991
Canadian Science and Technology Historical Conference, Ottawa, Ontario (Programme Chair: Philip C. Enros, 280 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario)

October 26-27, 1991
Company of Master Mariners of Canada, Annual General Meeting, St. John's, Nfld. (Information: Captain Janice肯efick, National Secretary, CMMC, 50 North Dunlevy Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6A 3R1)

October 1991
Executive Meeting of the Association for the History of the Northern Seas, Göteborg, Sweden (Information: Dr. Michael North, Secretary, AHNS, Elbbloeken 5c, D-2000 Hamburg, Germany)

April 17-19, 1992
Vancouver Conference on Exploration and Discovery, Vancouver, B.C. (Information: Dr. Hugh Johnston, Department of History, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C. V5A 1S6)

April-Sept., 1992
"Captain George Vancouver--Navigator and Surveyor," Vancouver Maritime Museum, Vancouver, B.C.

May 1992
Atlantic Canada Studies Conference, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Nfld. (Organizers: Dr. Rosemary E. Ommer and Dr. James K. Hiller, Department of History, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Nfld. A1C 5S7)

June 4-6, 1992
"By Sea and By Air: Five Centuries of Interaction between the Low Countries and the Americas," Leiden, Netherlands (Information: Mrs. S. Tabeling, Department of History, University of Leiden, P.O. Box 9515, 2300 RA Leiden, Netherlands)

June 1992
Tenth International Harbour Congress, Antwerp, Belgium (Information: Ms. Rita Peys, Tenth International Harbour Congress, Ingenieurshuis, Desguinlei 214, B-2018, Antwerp, Belgium)

July 3, 1992
"Provincial Marine" 1792 Voyage, Toronto to Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario (Information: Victor J.H. Suthren, Canadian War Museum, 330 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0MB)

August 4-6, 1992
"People of the Sea," Triennial Conference of the Association for the History of the Northern Seas (Co-Sponsored by the International Commission for Maritime History), Kotka, Finland (Organizer: Dr. Yrjö Kaukiainen, President, Association for the History of the Northern Seas, Department of Economic and Social History, University of Helsinki, Aleksanterinkatu 7, 00100 Helsinki, Finland; Paper proposals to Dr. Kaukiainen by 1 September 1991)

August 15-19, 1992
First International Congress of Maritime
1992

History, Liverpool, England (Organizer: Lewis R. Fischer, Maritime Studies Research Unit, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Nfld. A1C 5S7)

Nov. 12-14
B.C. Studies Conference, University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C. (Organizer: Dr. Eric W. Sager, Department of History, University of Victoria, P.O. Box 3045, Victoria, B.C. V8W 3P4)

April 23-25
Fathoms '93 Conference, Sponsored by the Underwater Archaeological of British Columbia (Information: U.A.S.B.C., c/o Vancouver Maritime Museum, 1905 Ogden Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 1A3)

Dec. 6-10
"New Directions in Maritime History," Conference Sponsored by the Australian Association for Maritime History, University of Western Australia, Nedlands, Australia (Organizer: Dr. F.J.A. Broeze, Department of History, University of Western Australia, Nedlands, W.A. 6109)

May 1994
Commonwealth Maritime History Conference, Victoria, British Columbia

August 1994
"Business, Labour and Financial Intermediaries," Session of the Eleventh International Congress of Economic History (Sponsored by the International Maritime Economic History Association), Milan, Italy (Organizers: David M. Williams, Department of Economic and Social History, University of Leicester, Leicester LE1 7RH, England; and Dr. Simon Ville, Department of Economics, University of Auckland, Private Bag, Auckland, New Zealand)

August 1995
International Congress of Historical Sciences, Montréal, P.Q., including the Congress of the International Commission for Maritime History (ICMH Organizer: Lewis R. Fischer, Maritime Studies Research Unit, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Nfld. A1C 5S7)

PERSONAL NEWS

L.C. AUDETTÉ continues to provide assistance to a number of researchers in subjects allied to the Second World War or on naval and maritime matters in general. RENÉ BEAUCHAMP expects Seaway Ships 1990 to be in print by the end of this month. He is currently working on a history of vessels with the names Québec and Montréal......JAMES A. BOUTILIER is the author of "Get Big or Get Out: The Canadian and Australian Decisions to Abandon Aircraft Carriers," in T.R. Frame, J.V.P. Goldrick and P.D. Jones (eds.), Reflections on the Royal Australian Navy (Kenthurst, N.S.W., 1991), 382-408......FRANK CLAPP is the author of Lake and River Ferries, an eighty-page booklet written for the Ministry of Transportation and Highways in British Columbia. He has also written "Northland Navigation Co. Ltd., 1951-1980," The Sea Chest (March 1991); a second part of this essay will appear in the same journal in June......We extend our heartfelt congratulations to overseas member PETER N. DAVIES, who has recently been appointed Professor of Economic History at the University of Liverpool......VAUGHAN EVANS has just completed an index to the illustrations in the Illustrated London News, 1842-1892. The new index, to be published in Australia, will update his earlier indices by expanding the scope to include all maritime illustrations, world-wide. His most recent publication is "The Lightning Colomne, Or Sea-Mirror," The Great Circle, XII, No. 2 (1990), 103-108 (with Malcolm Cook and G.R. Henning)......LEWIS R. FISCHER's most recent publication is "Norwegian Matroser: The Temporal and Spatial Dimensions of Wages for Norwegian Seafaring Labour, 1850-1914," Scandinavian-Canadian Studies, IV (1991, with Helge W. Nordvik)......GREGORY FOSTER is Executive Director of the Discovery Reenactment Society and editor of its newsletter......JOHN HARLAND is the author of "Design of Winches Used at Sea in the 1800s," Mariner's Mirror, LXXVII, No. 2 (May 1991, forthcoming). He has been trying, so far unsuccessfully, to track down an arrangement drawing of the type of minesweeping winch used in Bangors and Algerines for combat minesweeping. Any member who can assist is invited to contact him (Avery Road, RR 4, Site 2, C-16, Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 7R3)......OLAF JANZEN is the author of "Micmac Migration to Western Newfoundland," Canadian Journal of Native Studies (forthcoming, with Dennis Bartels). He has also been invited to contribute an article on military garrisons in Newfoundland to 1871 to the Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador and several articles on topics such as privateering and Newfoundland to an encyclopedia on the American Revolution which is to be published by Garland Press......JAMES C. KELLY tells us that the activities of the Maritime Training Centre at transport Canada's training institute in Cornwall are being transferred to the Canadian Coast Guard College in Sydney. The consolidation process is expected to take two to three years......JOHN KENDRICK has served as Research Curator for the Malaspina Exhibition at the Vancouver Maritime Museum. He is the author of The Voyage of Sutil and Mexicana, 1792, publish-
ed by the Arthur H. Clark Company (Spokane, 1991).....ANDRÉ E. LAMIRANDE writes the "From the Wheelhouse" column for Divers Free Press.....WALTER LEWIS is the author of "Iroquois," FreshWater, V, No. 2 (1990), 17-19; and "Captain John Donnelly--Wrecker," FreshWater, V, No. 2 (1990), 36-39 (with Ken McLeod).....MALCOLM B. MACKAY is planning a series of non-credit extension lectures on tugs at Henson College of Dalhousie University, as well as a series of talks at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic on various shipping-related topics. He is also preparing a series of drawings and paintings of indigenous Canadian coastal vessels. His current research is focusing upon ship movements in the ports of Nelson and Churchill, Manitoba, 1910-1930. He is also working on an essay on Abitibi Paper Co. tugs on Lake Nipigon and Lake Superior for LEKKO, the world's leading journal about tugboats.....KENNETH S. MACKENZIE will be leaving Canadian National this fall as a result of the corporation's ongoing economic woes. He is looking for research and or writing contracts and will consider all reasonable offers. On the positive side, we offer our congratulations on his ongoing column in Seaports and the Shipping World, which reaches the magic century mark this month! Ken is currently working on a pictorial history of the port of Montréal, which he hopes to have published by mid-May of 1992 to coincide with the city’s 350th birthday celebrations.....BRUCE A. MCFARLANE has recently returned from a six-week research trip at the University of the West Indies at Mona, Jamaica, examining the role of the university in the development process. This month he will be giving a series of eight seminars at the University of Oporto in Portugal on science and technology in international affairs.....CHRIS MILLS is now working as an assistant lightkeeper on Gannet Rock, twelve kilometres south of Grand Manan, New Brunswick. This one acre rock has had a light on it since 1831.....J. DAVID PERKINS has been engaged to produce a short biography of Rear-Admiral C.C. Dobson, VC, DSO, RN, for one of his daughters. Dobson was a successful World War I submariner and won his VC in action against the Bolshevik fleet at Kronstadt. Dave is also continuing work on "A Gunner's Tale: The Life and Times of Ernest Haines, OBE, RCN. Haines joined the Royal Navy as a Boy Seaman in 1892 and one of his brothers was lost in HMS Victoria. Haines was a member of the party that hauled Queen Victoria's casket to the chapel. He was promoted to Gunner in 1907 and came to Canada in 1913, where he remained. He retired in 1921 as a Lieutenant in the RCN. After serving in the reserves between the wars, he returned to active duty during World War II, this time as an ordnance officer, retiring finally in 1946 after fifty-four years combined services in the RN and RCN.....GREG PRITCHARD continues to contribute articles to the Atlantic Fisherman. He is also working on a study of the collision between the Flora Alberta and the Fanad Head in 1943, and will probably visit Northern Ireland this summer in connection with this research.....M. STEPHEN SALMON is the author of "British Competition: 'Canadian' Great Lakes Vessels Built in United Kingdom Shipyards 1854-1965, An Archival Checklist," FreshWater, V, No. 2 (1990), 20-26.....ROGER SARTY is the author of "The Origins of the Royal Canadian Navy: The Australian Connection," in T.R. Frame, J.V.P. Goldrick and P.D. Jones (eds.), Reflections on the Royal Australian Navy (Kenthurst, N.S.W., 1991), 74-105.....VICTOR SUTHREN is the author of Admiral of Fear, the third volume of the Edward Mallwaring series, which was published in 1991 by Hodder and Stoughton in the U.K. and St. Martin's Press in the U.S. The fourth volume in the series, entitled Captain Monsoon, will likely appear in 1992. Vic has also signed a contract with Oxford University Press to write an anthology entitled The Canadian Book of Sea Stories. He has recently been appointed to the board of the Canadian Sail Training Association.....JOHN SUMMERS is continuing work on nineteenth century iceboating in Ontario and small craft in central Canada, particularly some sailing canoes from the Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club shown in a late nineteenth century watercolour by John Colin Forbes called "Sailing at Toronto Island".....TED WAKEFIELD has been elected as a Council member of the Champlain Society.....GARTH S. WILSON is the author of a report on the VII International Congress of Maritime Museums, which is forthcoming in the spring 1991 issue of the Material History Review; and "The Evolution of the Great Lakes Ship," FreshWater, V, No. 2 (1990), 4-15.....JEAN WRIGHT-POPESCUL is the author of The Marine Art of J. Franklin Wright, which was published last year by Madison Avenue Partners (416 North Service Road East, Oakville, Ontario L6H 5R2). She is currently at work on a book on the marine paintings of fourteen maritime artists from New England and the Atlantic Provinces.....DAVID ZIMMERMAN has written "The RAN and the RCN and High Technology in the Second World War," in T.R. Frame, J.V.P. Goldrick and P.D. Jones (eds.), Reflections on the Royal Australian Navy (Kenthurst, N.S.W., 1991), 206-219.

AROUND CANADA'S MARITIME MUSEUMS

CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM (OTTAWA)

The museum's Small Boat Voyaging Project will sail a flotilla of eighteenth-century-rigged whaleboats, propelled by sail and oars, from the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes in Kingston to Fort Wellington, in Prescott, Ontario, on the weekend of 20 July. Participants will also take part in the Loyalist commemorative activities at Prescott.
The museum also plans to sponsor the visit of the replica Victoria topsail schooner Pacific Swift to eastern Canada. This will be prior to its voyage to Expo '92 in Seville, Spain.

**MARINE MUSEUM OF THE GREAT LAKES (KINGSTON, ONTARIO)**

The museum will host the annual meeting of the Steamship Historical Society of America, 21-23 June 1991. It also expects to play host to the annual meeting of the Nautical Research Guild in 1992. The noted yacht designer, George Cuthbertson, has been elected to Board of Directors of the museum. Also elected was Mrs. Donna C.D. Watts, an active member of the Kingston community.

**MARINE MUSEUM OF UPPER CANADA (TORONTO)**

The museum has just received a comprehensive audit survey of the tug Ned Hanlan, prepared by volunteer John Coulter. Mr. Coulter commands great expertise in the field of historic steam technology and was instrumental in the restoration of the Muskoka steam RMS Segwun. The survey will provide much-needed planning and budgeting information for capital maintenance and restoration work.

Research and design are in progress for a new permanent gallery, called "The Ships and Boats of Toronto Harbour." The exhibit will feature seven newly-commissioned half-hull models of representative vessel types, ranging from a bark canoe to a sidewheel steamer. Visitors will be encouraged to touch the models and to use them as would a designer, to understand the shape of particular ships and boats and the reasons behind such decisions. The exhibit will open in mid-June 1991.

The museum will be holding its second annual art show, "Toronto's Historic Harbour," from 19 June to 10 September 1991. This will once again be a juried show of work on the theme of Toronto's marine heritage featuring work by contemporaries. Entry is open to all artists living in Ontario, and entry forms are available from the museum. The jurying date is 25 May 1991. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best works in the show, and all works will be offered for sale during the exhibit.

In December 1990 the museum completed an eleven and one-half minute broadcast-quality video presentation on its 1932 steam tug. Entitled "Ned Hanlan, Toronto Harbour Tug," the video was installed on a laser disc system in March 1991 to replace the old slide show in the museum's renovated theatre along with the orientation video, "Toronto's Changing Harbour."

Finally, the museum staff is continuing its work on the history, form and use of colonial bateau, with an eye towards eventually building one for use in on-water programming.

**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (OTTAWA)**

The museum is refurbishing its marine display for the 1991 reopening (following closure for repairs and renovations on the building). Currently, the staff is conducting planning and research for a major new exhibit on "Transportation in Canada," planned for 1995.

**VANCOUVER MARITIME MUSEUM (VANCOUVER)**

April 1991 is a busy month for the museum. The exhibition, "Enlightened Voyages: Malaspina and Galiano on the Northwest Coast 1791-92" continues through 21 April. On 8 April the Spanish tall ship Juan Sebastien de Elenco will visit Vancouver. This training ship will be anchored off Canada Place and will be open for viewing each day. On 10 April at 1 P.M., the museum will be holding the official launching of its replica of the Juanita, one of Galiano's lifeboats. Finally, 11-13 April the museum will be co-sponsoring with the Department of History of the University of British Columbia a major international conference entitled, "Spain and the North Pacific Coast: A Symposium to Recognize the Bicentennial of the Malaspina Expedition's Visit to the Northwest Coast of America, 1791-1792." This congress will take place at the Vancouver Museum and Planetarium and the Museum of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia.

**AROUND CANADA'S MARITIME ORGANIZATIONS**

**CANADIAN CANAL SOCIETY**

The society's fall field trip, 15-16 September, visited the Severn River and the Big Chute Marine Railway. Its spring tour, scheduled for 25-26 May 1991, plans to visit the Smith Falls region. The C.C.S. is currently in the midst of a major membership drive. Readers interested in canals and inland waterways can join the society by applying to the Secretary, Canadian Canal Society, P.O. Box 1652, St. Catherines, Ontario L2R 7K1. Membership, which includes two issues per year of the newsletter, *Canals Canada*, costs $10 for individuals and $15 for families.

**COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF CANADA**

The CMMC held its twenty-third annual general meeting on 27 October 1990 in Saint John, New Brunswick. Among much other business, the membership discussed the role
being played by vessels of the Canadian merchant navy in the Gulf Crisis and urged that due credit be given for this contribution. The next AGM is scheduled for 26-27 October 1991 in St. John’s, Nfld.

DISCOVERY REENACTMENT SOCIETY

The Society plans to sponsor a major expedition in 1992 to celebrate the bicentennial of the voyages of Vancouver and Galiano to the northwest coast of North America. Entitled "Wake of the Explorers," this will in effect be a series of one to five day expeditions retracing the exploration routes along the coasts of British Columbia, Washington and Oregon. The organizers stress that "this is not a tourist event, but rather a journey into the past for those who now call this coast their home." Volunteers are encouraged to participate.

In preparation for 1992, the Society will this summer be sponsoring a dress rehearsal, using replicas of the explorers’ longboats (more than twenty have thus far been constructed) and traditional schooners to retrace the historic charting of the "Spanish islands" under oar and sail. The tentative schedule includes stops at Salt Spring Island (13-18 July); Pender Island (19-25 July); Saturna Island (26 July-1 August); Mayne Island and Galiano Island (2-7 August); Valdes Island, Gabriola Island and Nanaimo (8-16 August); Gulf Islands to Victoria Classic Boat Festival (26-30 August); and Haro Strait (1-4 September). These events are open to all modern-day explorers.

For information on these activities, readers are invited to contact the Society at Whaler Bay, Galiano Island, B.C. VON 1PO (tel: [604] 539-2923). While participants are expected to pay most of the costs, the Society has also raised public funds and is soliciting tax-deductible contributions at the same address.

ONTARIO MARITIME HERITAGE COMMITTEE

During the 1990 diving season, the committee sponsored extensive work on the brigantine HMS Nawash in Penetanguishene harbour. In the autumn, it co-sponsored an Ontario Historical Society workshop on "Perspectives in Georgian Bay Marine Heritage" at the naval establishment in Penetangushene. The committee may be contacted at Box 61, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario LOS 1J0.

SAVE ONTARIO SHIPWRECKS

SOS is pleased to present a commemorative Marine Heritage Almanac for 1991. Published to celebrate the organization's tenth anniversary, this glossy full colour souvenir is a must for anyone interested in shipwrecks and marine history. The almanac contains a chronology of Great Lakes' marine heritage, illustrated with colour photographs, drawings and historical facts on hundreds of historical and shipwreck incidents. Virtually every day of the year lists a significant event in our marine heritage, including launch dates, sinkings, disasters and much more. The cost is only $13, including all taxes and postage. The almanac may be ordered from SOS, 6065 Forestglen Crescent, Orleans, Ontario K1C 5N6.

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

(Editors' Note: Below we print several late additions to the directory published in the January 1991 issue of ARGONAUTA.)

CARLETON UNIVERSITY

Student: OAKES, LESLEY (MA, 1991)

Thesis Topic: "Combat Motivation: The Human Dimension Correlates"

Supervisor: B.A. McFarlane

Student:REEVES, DANIEL (MA, 1991)

Thesis Topic: "Organizational Commitment and Job Satisfaction in the Canadian Forces (Navy)"

Supervisor: B.A. McFarlane

UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH

Student: PROTHERO, DOUG (MA, 1991)


Supervisor: B.M. Gough

RESEARCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

(Editors' Note: Below we print a few listings that arrived after the publication of the 1990 research directory. The format is precisely the same as the main directory; for instructions, see the October 1990 issue of ARGONAUTA.)

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Publications: *Shipwrecks of British Columbia*; Articles in *The Fog Horn* and *The Westcoast Mariner*.

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**RESEARCH INDICES**

**CANADA, ARCTIC AND NORTH:** M. Mackay; Meredith; Wright-Popescul

**CANADA, EAST COAST:** R. Fisher; M. Mackay; Meredith; Wright-Popescul

**CANADA, GREAT LAKES:** Barrett; Switzer

**CANADA, OTTAWA RIVER:** Lamirande

**CANADA, PACIFIC COAST:** Cramer; A.C. Rogers

**CANADA, ST. LAWRENCE:** Lamirande; M. Mackay

**COASTAL SHIPPING:** M. Mackay; A.C. Rogers

**DEFENCE:** Drent; R. Fisher; Meredith

**DIPLOMACY:** Broeze

**DIVING:** A.C. Rogers

**EXPLORATION:** Cramer

**INDIAN OCEAN:** Broeze

**MARITIME ART:** Wright-Popescul

**MERCHANT SHIPPING:** Drent; R. Fisher; M. Mackay

**MIDDLE EAST:** Broeze

**MODELS:** Barrett

**NAUTICAL ARCHAEOLOGY:** Cramer

**NAVAL HISTORY:** R. Fisher; Meredith

**NAVIGATION:** Lamirande

**NEW ENGLAND:** Wright-Popescul

**NINETEENTH CENTURY:** Barrett; Broeze; Cramer; Lamirande; A.C. Rogers; Switzer; Wright-Popescul

**NORTH ATLANTIC:** Drent; R. Fisher; Meredith

**NORTH PACIFIC:** Cramer; Drent; A.C. Rogers

**OCEAN-GOING SHIPPING:** Meredith

**PORT CITIES:** Broeze

**SAILING SHIPS:** Switzer; Wright-Popescul

**SHIPBUILDING:** Switzer; Wright-Popescul

**SHIPOWNERS:** Broeze

**SHIPWRECKS:** Lamirande; A.C. Rogers

**TRADE:** Drent

**TUGS:** M. Mackay

**TWENTIETH CENTURY:** Broeze; Drent; R. Fisher; M. Mackay; Meredith; A.C. Rogers; Wright-Popescul

**U.S.S.R.:** Drent

**WAR OF 1812 ON THE GREAT LAKES:** Barrett

**WOODEN SHIPS:** Barrett; Lamirande; Switzer; Wright-Popescul

**WORLD:** Broeze
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