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8th Maritime Command (MARCOM) Historical Conference

Four Centuries of North Atlantic Crossings

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The Naval Reserve in Canada

Quebec City 6-9 August 2008

Preliminary Program
May 2008
(Subject to change)

Conference Organizer: Richard Gimblett, Navy Command Historian, and President, Canadian Nautical Research Society

Conference Program Chair: Serge Durflinger, Associate Professor, History Department, University of Ottawa

Wednesday 6 August

- 15:00 Presentation: David Mendel, architectural historian and tour guide, "Quebec: World Heritage City" in the Auditorium of the Auberge St. Antoine
- 16:00 David Mendel, "The Changing Port over Four Centuries," walking tour of Lower Town Quebec's maritime history
- N.B. The presentation and walking tour are optional events for which registration must be made in advance. Cost: \$30.
- 17:30 Reception at the Musée navale de Québec

Dinner on your own.

Thursday 7 August

- 08:30 Conference Introduction: Richard Gimblett, Navy Command Historian & President, Canadian Nautical Research Society "Ghosts of the Past, Visions of the Future The Canadian Military and the Quebec Tercentenary Celebrations, 1908"
- 09:00 10:30 Session 1, North Atlantic Crossings: Method and Theory Session Chair: Graeme Mount
- William Glover, Canadian Nautical Research Society, "Early Charts of the North Atlantic"
- Victor Suthren, Navy Honorary Captain, "Creating the Instrument: The Transformation of James Cook in North American Waters, 1758-1767"
- Yves Laberge, visiting professor, Sociology Department, University of Ottawa, "Apports interdisciplinaires et méthodologies comparées pour les études transatlantiques"
- 10:30-10:45 coffee break
- 10:45 12:15 Session 2, The Dangerous Seas of Trans-Atlanticism
 Session Chair: Paul Adamthwaite, Archives and Collections Society
 Alain Morgat, Service historique de la Défense (France), Conservateur de la bibliothèque centrale du département Marine, "Jean-Baptiste Franquelin, hydrographe du roi à Québec et la collection des 71 Recueils du Service hydrographique de la Marine".
- Myriam Alamkan, Guadeloupe, Trésors du Patrimoine, « L'ex Canada français et les colonies françaises d'Amérique à travers l'étude des corsaires français d'Amérique durant la Révolution française et les guerres napoléoniennes, 1793-1810 »,
- Alan Ruffman, Dalhousie University, "A Message to the Americas: The Atlantic Crossing of the Lisbon Tsunami of 1755"
- 12:15-13:45 Lunch (sponsored by the Society for Nautical Research)
 Presentation: Rob Rondeau, President, Procom Diving Services, "The
 CPR's Empress Liners" audio-visual presentation
- 13:45 15:15 Session 3, The Early Years of the Naval Reserve Session Chair: Fraser McKee, Naval Reserve
- David Parsons, Memorial University of Newfoundland, "The Newfoundland Division of the Royal Naval Reserve, 1899-1922"
- Barbara Winters, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, "The RCNVR and the Interwar Period, 1923-1939"
- Richard Mayne, Department of National Defence, "The Naval Reserve in the Second World War"

15:15-15:45 coffee break

- 15:45 17:00 Session 4, From Europe to the Heart of a Continent Session Chair: Carl Christie, Centre for Defence and Security Studies,
 - **University of Manitoba**
- Stephen Salmon, Library and Archives Canada, "An eighth of a Cent a Bushel: Corporate Survival in the Canadian Great Lakes Trades 1929-1940"
- George Bolotenko, Library and Archives Canada, "Not Just Pier-21 Post-World War II Immigration to Canada by Way of Quebec City: the Case of M/S Nellie"
- 19:30 22:30 Optional dinner cruise on the St. Lawrence departing from the Croisières Coudrier dock in the Quebec Basin. Cost: \$70, registration required.

Friday 8 August

08:00 Coffee

08:30 – 10:00 Session 5, The Naval Reserve in the Modern Era

Session Chair - Louis Christ, Naval Reserve

Michael Hadley, University of Victoria, "Post-war Re-organization and the Early Cold War, 1945-1968"

Bob Blakely, Naval Reserve, "Transformation of the Naval Reserve and the Total Force, 1989-2010"

Hugues Létourneau, Naval Reserve, "La Présence navale au Québec"

10:00 - 10:30 coffee break

10:30 – 12:00 Session 6, Reinterpreting the Naval Dimensions of the Conquest

Session Chair: John Hattendorf, US Naval War College

Barry Gough, Professor Emeritus Wilfrid Laurier and Adjunct Professor of History, RMC "Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Saunders and Quebec, 1759: A Chapter in the Role of Sea Power in Canada's History"

Peter MacLeod, Historian, Canadian War Museum, "The Invisible Admiral: Phillip Durell and the Siege of Quebec, 1759"

Jonathan Dull, Hamden, Connecticut, "The French Navy and the Myth of French Abandonment during the Conquest"

12:00-13:30 Lunch (sponsored by the Society for Nautical Research)
Presentation: Jennie Wraight, Admiralty Library, Portsmouth, "Admiralty
Charts of the Seven Years' War"

13:30 – 15:00 Session 7, Nineteenth-century Shipping in Quebec City Session Chair: Christopher McKee, Grinnell College

Christopher Andreae, President, Historica Research Limited, "The Development of Quebec City's Louise Basin, 1875-1900"

Pierre Camus, Ottawa, Ontario, « Le déclin du port de Québec dans la deuxième moitié du XIXe siècle ».

Mac Mackay, "Thirteen Trips in Fifteen Years: The Transatlantic Crossings of Dr. A.B. Mackay, 1878-1893"

15:00-15:30 coffee break

15:30 - 17:00 Session 8, The World Wars

Session chair: Alec Douglas, Canadian Nautical Research Society Andrew Godefroy, Royal Military College, "The Strategic Sealift of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, October 1914,"

Martin Bellamy, Glasgow Museums, and Hugh Murphy, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, "The Dazzling Zoologist: John Graham Kerr and the Early Development of Ship Camouflage,"

James Pritchard, Queen's University, "The Long Angry Summer of 1943: Labour Relations in Quebec City Shipyards during World War II"

17:00 Closing Remarks

17:30 CNRS Editorial Board Meeting

19:00 Conference Banquet at the Naval Reserve Dining Hall
Guest Speaker (TBC) – Commander Naval Reserves, Commodore
Jennifer Bennett

Saturday 9 August

08:00 CNRS Council Meeting (working breakfast)

10:00 CNRS Annual General Meeting