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From the editor

This issue has three quite different papers and I do hope everyone will find something in it of interest to them. The lead article is by Roger Sarty. He is both a personal friend of many years and (with Faye Kert) one of the original members who attended our first society meeting in 1982. As his scholarly interests and publications will be well known (frequently devoted to army history and coastal fortifications even though he was the leader of the team working on the official history of the RCN), there is little to add. There is, however, one detail that may have escaped wider notice. Despite his long standing CNRS membership he has very successfully avoided ever being the president! His article reviewing George Stanley's 1954 work about the army origins of the navy is no exception to his excellent academic research and writing.

It is a pleasure to welcome Dr Caroline Finkel to our pages with the second article about the navigation safety system for the Black Sea entrance to the Bosphorus Straits and the accompanying inventory of sites. She is an historian of the Ottoman Empire and has lived a large part of her adult life in Istanbul. Some readers may have seen in the western press NATO concerns about the direction of the current Turkish government. Working with Caroline over the extended time this piece has been prepared for the journal, for I am afraid her article had first been tentatively scheduled for issue 2020 3, I have come to realize what government direction can mean practically for academic writing. I must thank her for her careful and prompt responses. The article is in my view, extremely important. On one hand it is a very valuable account of a navigation safety system developed at a time when safety at sea was assuming greater importance. On the other hand, wearing her hat as a hiker with HikingIstanbul and her experience of preparing hiking guidebooks and about fifty individual Istanbul hinterland village essays that bring together the history with today, she makes another much appreciated contribution. The article with the inventory of the sites today unite maritime history with contemporary built form heritage and attendant concerns.

Finally, there is my article about Samuel Plimsoll and the 1880 Carriage of Grain Act. First, I must thank Roger Sarty for conducting the referee process and through him, the referees for their valuable comments. This marks a change

of research interest for me. Readers may remember my work on the history of navigation, particularly through the lens of the Hudson's Bay Company. Elsewhere I have looked at aspects of RCN history. This is an initial foray into my great grandfather's generation. Of eight sons, only two were not involved in shipping and their father (himself a son of nearly two centuries of Scottish stone masons), had been actively involved as a South Shields alderman over thirty-five years in the development of port infrastructure. I think there is a story to be told of a Victorian family in shipping.

As this is my last issue as editor my thanks must extend beyond the authors, referees, proof readers and other who helped put this issue together. When the journal was started, there was an active and enthusiastic team working on it in the Maritime History Research Group at the Memorial University of Newfoundland. Obviously when I first became editor the team did not leave St John's. A glance at the book shelf will show how lean those early years were. I and CNRS owe Faye Kert an enormous vote of thanks for joining me as the book reviews editor with issue 2003 1, a post she still holds. In hindsight I very much doubt the journal could have survived without her help. When I found the time demands of being a city councillor were too much, Roger Sarty took over as editor. When he encountered similar pressures of work, I was retiring from council and resumed being editor. But Walter Lewis joined the journal as the production editor, taking over the layout, working with the printer and the mailing that I had previously done. His significant computer skills rescued me more than once. To him I also owe a great vote of thanks. Beyond the editors listed on the masthead there is a whole layer of anonymous people who help make the journal what it is. In no particular order thanks are due to all the referees, the members of the editorial board and others to whom I have turned for advice and assistance, proof readers and of course Bruno LeGal who has done all the abstract translations and edited the French articles. And then there has been the NASOH support since 2007. Their members nominated to the editorial board and others to whom I have turned have all contributed enormously. Thank you.

I am absolutely delighted that Peter Kikkert is taking over as editor. Readers will recall his excellent article about the *St. Roch* (2019 3). Going forward he will have a team from day one to assist him. But more important, as he has a university appointment which I never had, I am confident he will be able to build a vibrant network of potential authors, as the MUN team did. That will be an enormous benefit for the journal, for CNRS and for the broader world of maritime history. I look forward to watching how Peter changes and develops the journal, just as I did in my day, as it evolves to continue serving our community of interest.

Best wishes to all, and thank you.

Bill Glover
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