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From the Chair

It has been our intention to start a series of *occasional publications* of the Naval Marine Archive for some time now. They will include papers of general as well as of academic interest, annotated re-editions of historical documents, and commentary on cultural preservation and its role in the education of our younger – and not so young – generations

It is appropriate that the very first of these publications recognizes the assistance graciously afforded by our major benefactors, and records some of the progress that we have made during our first fifteen years.

Paul Adamthwaite,
Picton, February 2015

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A warm welcome to this prestigious and exclusive club. Please enjoy this first issue of our new series of occasional papers.

Many glorious events and special donations in 2014 have added to the wealth of the collections and the reputation of the

Naval Marine Archive: *The Canadian Collection* in this landmark year. This Trafalgar Day was our special 15th anniversary, for the **Naval Marine Archive**. Much has happened to make to this outstanding organization, going from strength to strength in this rather difficult climate for heritage preservation.

The yachting collection has drawn avid interest and some very special rare books, such as *Yachting and Cruising for Amateurs*, Frank Cowper, 1912, is an exemplary part of the yachting collection donated by C. Yolles who spent sixty years putting it all together. A special collection from the Becker family documenting HMCS *Bras D'Or*, the navy's first hydrofoil, is quite a legacy. Our reputation is far reaching, as the Canadian Power Squadron requested the we take over their library and that was shipped down from Toronto late in the summer.

New furniture in the gallery provides for model display on a handsome marble desk and also more shelves for books courtesy of D. Yolles. Our volunteers have put in many hours with the result that the majority of the aviation book collection (more than ten thousand titles) is now out of the boxes and on new shelving.

Also on the second floor the video editing equipment is set out and will be in use shortly. The Tom Tumilty collection of shipwrecks has many video tapes which need to be converted to digital for preservation.



Five miles off Trial Island

Marc Magee, CSMA

In conjunction with our Commemoration of the First World War, a number of our artists created beautiful paintings of the first submarines of the Royal Navy in 1914 – one of these is shown here. CSMA member Peter Rindlisbacher had his painting, *First Ladies at Sunset off Fisgard*, published in the Canadian Military Journal.

On the 15th of June, there was widespread interest in the presentation *Celebrating Canadian Submariners 1914-2014* with the attendees coming from as far as Toronto and St. Thomas. A number were our members who were former submariners themselves. They enjoyed the presentation and meeting the well known author and authority, Julie H. Ferguson, from British Columbia. Julie discussed the many

changes to the service and some of the difficult times along with the many successes that have kept the Country secure. For those interested in the American Civil War, we are one of the few institutions to have a complete 128 volume set of the official records of the army as well as the thirty volume navy set. To top it off, Judge George Inrig has donated his Civil War collection, some 150 volumes and artwork including a set of prints of major generals of the war.

Two amazing maps of the County, a Tremaine of 1863 and an 1898 Carre revised map, now complement the Marysburgh map of the Loyalist settlers. The recent ‘Show and Tell’ with the new local council went well and they now have an idea of our aims and objectives.

Our summer student, Rebecca Cairns, received a certificate of recognition from the Canadian government for her solo photographic exhibition *Vanishing*. This show was hosted in our gallery at the end of August and enjoyed by all the visitors.



Collaboration with various organizations and institutions both locally in Quinte, Ottawa and a new project in Chicago, has heightened our reputation. Authors from near and far carry out research using our resources and acknowledge this assistance.

Rebecca Cairns

2014



Front Garden – May 2014 The *Victory* gardens recovered after a difficult winter where a number of the rose bushes succumbed. Our volunteer gardener was very helpful in maintaining beautiful surroundings.

Prince Edward County is now one of the best places in the world to travel to in 2015, as cited by *Time* magazine and *Travel and Leisure*. We anticipate that this announcement will bring more visitors to the area. The **Naval Marine Archive** because of its uniqueness is able to offer a wealth of information, a truly amazing depth of the resources found in the collections and with more areas physically accessible, the displays entice the visitors' imagination. NMA is perfectly positioned for 2015.

We were fortunate to have a special visitor to the flowers, a Giant Swallowtail butterfly along with more common Eastern Swallowtail who were also enjoying the hydrangeas.

On the I.T. front, a new server has just arrived, a



great improvement on our current technology to provide our continuous online public access catalogue (OPAC), our book catalogue and – soon to be added – the new ship database. Over the last two years our OPAC catalogue has fielded thousands of requests per day.



We would like to salute the generosity of the members of the **Admirals Club**, and pay tribute to their huge contribution in fulfilling the vision of this outstanding organization.

We would ask that you would continue to pledge to the fulfilment of this vision ensuring a truly important legacy for the futures generations. Our greater society is on the edge of loosing so much of our history but with establishments as the **Naval Marine Archive: *The Canadian Collection***; protection of these precious resources is possible for the future. This is often brought home as visitors thank us for 'saving history'.

There are current objectives in place to help us continue to achieve this. The board would like to create an endowment to allow the hiring of a permanent staff person, as the work load for the volunteers has increased exponentially. This allows for progress even in the difficult economic climate of today.

Best wishes for 2015 are the order of the day, for our benefactors and supporters, our members and visitors, and our staff and volunteers.

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