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Editorial

I am excited to introduce the latest edition of *The Northern Mariner*. This issue contains three research articles, two commentaries, and a great selection of book reviews. Content ranges from the evolution of shipbuilding for the Royal Netherlands Navy after the Second World War, to the re-establishment of the Royal Navy on Lake Erie after the War of 1812, to a re-assessment of the infamous interwar Singapore strategy, a look at the history of port policing in Canada, and a first-hand account of the infamous *Altalena* Affair.

This will be my last issue as editor of *The Northern Mariner*. As my

professional and other volunteer commitments have mounted over the last years, I have found it difficult to complete all the work required for the journal. For these reasons, I have reluctantly decided to step down as editor.

Roger Sarty and Richard Gimblett have kindly offered to take on guest editorship of the journal to complete the next few issues, before Michael Moir assumes the editor position in 2025. I know he will do an amazing job at the journal's helm. In the meantime, Roger and Rich have some great content lined up, but if you have an article, research note, commentary, or review essay that you are interested in publishing, I urge you to submit it as soon as possible. I certainly look forward to publishing my work in the journal in the future!

I want to thank *The Northern Mariner* team for their unwavering support throughout the last four years. I have loved working with each of you. We have been extremely lucky to have Faye Kert as book review editor. The number of reviews she has been able to solicit and publish during her long tenure in the position has been nothing short of incredible. Readers consistently highlight the scope of our book review section as one of the best features of the journal – for that we all owe Faye a serious debt of gratitude. Roger and Rich offer every kind of support imaginable, from soliciting articles, to copy editing, to finding hard to locate images. They consistently go above and beyond the call of duty – and have been doing so for years. This journal's longevity and its sustained high quality are largely a product of their diligent behind-the-scenes, in-the-trenches labour. We are so lucky to have them. Lastly, I would like to give a special thanks to Walter Lewis, the individual who really makes the journal possible. Without the countless hours he spends in designing the issues, laying out the articles, and correcting mistakes (many of them mine), we would be sunk – or paying a substantial amount of money to someone who would do the job with a quarter of the heart and care. Walter, thanks for putting everything together, every time.

Lastly, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the authors with whom I have had the privilege of interacting. I am honoured that you have continued to send your hard work to the journal. I have learned so much from every one of you. Thanks for expanding my horizons!

All the best,
Peter Kikkert