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## From the editor

This issue is a little thinner than has been the case recently, in order to get something out. I hope readers will agree with me that neither quality nor interest have been sacrificed.

The lead article is by Tom Malcomson, a member of the CNRS council. He was a professor for thirty-two years in the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, at George Brown College, Toronto. He has published numerous articles on naval and maritime subjects, with a primary focus on the final years of the long 18th century and the War of 1812. His article here looks at the Great Lakes immediately following that war. He presented a version of this at our August 2019 conference at Thunder Bay.

The second article discusses what is possibly the most contemporary subject we have had. Vasilii Gutsulyak holds a doctor of laws degree and is a professor at the Law Institute of the Russian University of Transport in Moscow. He offers a critical legal assessment of the November 2018 Russian navy use of force against Ukrainian warships exercising the right of innocent passage. It is a pleasure welcoming him to these pages.

A number of people have helped with the issue. My thanks to Sarah Yates-Howarth, Jan Drent and Rich Gimblett. And of course, nothing would happen without the efforts of our stalwart team, Faye Kert and Walter Lewis.

Bill Glover  
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