

From Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Readers,

After an excellent reception of the previous issues, you have before you the fourth issue of the internationally reviewed scientific journal "Transactions on Maritime Science" published by the Faculty of Maritime Studies of the University of Split. The Journal is published in an electronic, open access and printed form. Our desire is for our readers to have an easy access at minimum expense.

In this issue we publish papers from the scientific areas of maritime engineering, maritime management, maritime information systems, ecology and contemporary approach to the faculty education of seafarers. The authors presenting their papers in this issue come from Croatia and abroad.

We have remained faithful to the decision of publishing in each issue a paper aiming to improve our readers' knowledge of the English language. There is no need to emphasize how important it is to anyone in the seafaring business. The paper is interesting because its topic is no less than "maritime English".

We have also remained faithful to the other area we wish to promote, the preservation of our cultural heritage. Again a poem,

this time written in the dialect spoken by the inhabitants of the southern side of the island of Hvar. And once again, this is the only contribution presented in bilingual form: the vernacular of the author Tin Kolumbić and the inspired English translation by Mirna Čudić. The poet Tin Kolumbić was born in the village of Sv. Nedilja on our sunniest island – Hvar.

Our valuable London collaborator Tatjana Krilić brings us first-hand news from the International Maritime Organization. We bring you all the news from the last six months: since the previous issue of our Journal.

We also present a paper by our eminent publicist Marijan Žuvić - a maritime heritage story of the famous Liberty Ships.

Apart from the above, we also bring you short overviews of the Transas Conference held in the USA, on the innovation of Azipod marine propulsion, introduction of robots for fighting fires aboard ships, new generation LNG carriers, ballast-water-treatment system engineering, etc.

We still hope that the papers we publish will urge you to cooperate.