

NOTICES

NOTES FOR AUTHORS

Articles on all aspects of naval engineering, in the broadest sense, will be considered for publication in the *Journal of Naval Engineering*. Its readers include all Royal Navy engineer and warrant officers, all members of the Royal Corps of Naval Constructors, all naval scientists, the navies of NATO, Commonwealth and other friendly countries, and also some firms in the defence industry. Articles may be targeted at any part of the readership, provided they are comprehensible to all. Authors need not be in government service. Articles are accepted on the understanding that they will not be published elsewhere. Authors should say whether their articles are intended to be unclassified or restricted.

One copy of the text and hopefully a copy on computer disc (Word and Harvard Graphics being the favourites), should be sent to:

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The style of recent issues should be followed, for general arrangement and for the layout of references. Periodical titles are printed in full in the list of references.

Titles should be as brief as possible consistent with clarity. An abstract of not more than 200 words should come before the main text. It must be comprehensible without reference to the rest of the article. Each table should be provided with a title. Captions for illustrations should be typed separately from the text. Although the pictures are primarily to illustrate the text they are often looked at independently, so the captions need to be self-explanatory.

Photographs should normally be provided as black and white prints, but colour is acceptable. In order to avoid making indentations on the surface of the pictures, any information on the back (which should include the author's name, FIG. number, and an indication of 'top' when necessary), should be written on a separate slip of paper and gummed on. Line drawings will be prepared for publication by professional graphics specialists, but the author's diagrams have to be clear and unambiguous, using the same terminology as the text.

Articles should normally be submitted by early January and mid July, for the following issue. Items of topical interest can sometimes be accepted up to four weeks later. Authors will be sent rough proofs of their articles, once they have been set in type, for correction and to allow minor alterations.

JOURNAL DISTRIBUTION

As indicated inside the back cover of the *Journal*, personal copies should be received by all naval engineer and warrant officers, all naval and civilian professional engineers and scientists. The number of copies sent to ships and establishments, from the distributing authority, at Llangennech, is arranged to match this requirement.

There have been cases of establishments either not receiving copies and or sending them back as unwanted'. If any readers, or should-be readers, are aware of such cases they should enquire of their registries, etc., or of CSE 1c, Llangennech (tel: 01554 822 420).

It should be noted that although the *Journal* is normally printed in the month before the nominal date on the cover, and distributed at Foxhill and Southampton University straight away, the backlog of publications at Llangennech usually results in its issue to the Fleet and elsewhere up to six weeks later.

DECLASSIFICATIONS OF PAST ISSUES

The contents of the *Journal of Naval Engineering* before December 1978 have been declassified. That covers the whole of volumes 1 to 27 (1947-June 1983), as well as the *Journal's* predecessor, *Papers on Engineering Subjects* numbers 1 to 22 (1922-1946). Crown copyright still applies.

From 1983 onwards, some articles in each issue remain Restricted and the rules governing the custody of such material, must be observed. The declassification of past articles is a continuing exercise.

EDITORIAL POLICY

The principal purpose of the *Journal of Naval Engineering* is to contribute to the continuing education and technical updating of the chartered engineers and naval architects, naval and civilian, of the Royal Navy. A secondary purpose, which does not conflict with the first, is to assist in the education of both naval engineers and technicians. The *Journal* will meet these purposes by publishing articles (and correspondence) with a specific naval connection; it will seek to achieve a standard associated with journals, while generally avoiding excessively mathematical or technical presentation. Overall the *Journal* should provide engineering information and reasoning in every field of naval engineering, including management; it will also relate personal experiences, both recent and historical, so that the reader can take these into account, when making professional judgements. Above all, the *Journal* should cause the reader to think.

The main readership is naval engineer officers and their civilian counterparts, together with the more senior technical ratings and civilian technicians. Whilst most articles are written with this readership in mind, they are likely to be of interest to others also. Ship designers of other specializations, naval scientists, Commonwealth and NATO navies and to some extent industry, also make use of the *Journal*.

The content is designed to be wide. Beside articles that go into considerable technical detail on their subjects, there are others that aim to provide the framework within which technical decisions are made. Accounts of actual experience in design, trials and repair are invaluable for any engineer, and hence for the *Journal*. Even more vital for the naval engineer is feedback from sea. History is part of the context of engineering life and the successes and failures of the past can often illuminate the problems of the present. Thought-provoking suggestions and responsive published correspondence are desirable. Deeply specialist papers, of interest only to those who are themselves specialists, are not appropriate.

Not every article is expected to interest every reader. Nor should it. On the other hand, most of the articles should have an active life of up to ten years, remaining as the latest authority on their subjects until superseded.

Whilst many of the articles appearing in the *Journal* are specially commissioned for it or are offered by the author who has something to say, there are occasions when a paper written for one of the professional institutions or a symposium is so directly suitable for *Journal* readers, that it is reprinted here. Indeed several unclassified articles, commissioned for the *Journal*, are used first outside the Navy, in order to reach a wider readership.

Comments and criticism are always welcome.