

## 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the articles should have an active life of up to ten years, remaining as the latest authority on their subjects until superseded.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.