

EDITORIAL POLICY

The principal purpose of the *Journal of Naval Engineering* is the continuous updating of the mechanical and electrical chartered engineers and naval architects, naval and civilian, of the Navy. A secondary purpose, which does not conflict with the first, is to assist in the education and training of naval engineers and technicians.

Thus the primary readership is naval engineer officers and their civilian counterparts in the R.C.N.C., 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 more junior technicians and apprentices also. After all, there is much in common in their work and the one should develop into the other. 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. Besides 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 a 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the articles should have an active life of up to ten years, remaining as the latest authority on their subjects until superseded.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 an author who has something to say, there are occasions when a paper written for one of the professional institutions or a technical periodical 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.

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 R.N. engineer officers 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.

Manuscripts should be typed in double spacing on one side of the paper, with a 4 cm left-hand margin. Two copies of the text should be sent to the editor in Room 123A, Block J, Ministry of Defence, Foxhill, Bath BA1 5AB. 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. Absence of all underlining enables the editor to give typeface instructions to the printers without having to make deletions first.

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 typed on a separate sheet and 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. In order to avoid making indentations on the surface of the pictures, any information on the back (which must include the author's name, the Fig. number, and an indication of 'top' when necessary) should be written on a separate slip of paper and gummed on. All photographs require very stiff packing to prevent damage in the post. 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 the end of December or the end of June, for the following issue. Items of topical interest can sometimes be accepted up to four weeks later. Authors will be sent proofs of their articles, once they have been set in type, for correction and to allow minor alterations.

DECLASSIFICATION OF PAST ISSUES

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