

The Society for Nautical Research (South)

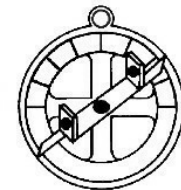
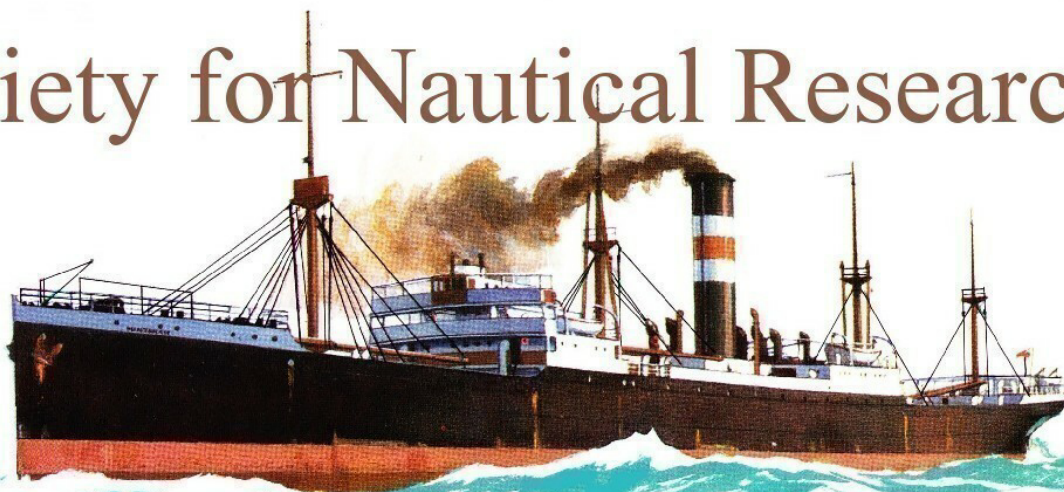
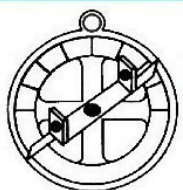


Illustration of
SS HUNTSMAN
(T&J Harrison)
by Laurence Dunn



A Public Talk by
Captain Richard Woodman FRHistS FNI
'The Neglected Factor -
The Merchant Navy in British History'

At the Southampton Seafarers' Centre (Queen's Terrace, SO14 3BP)
on Saturday 8th October at 2pm



The talk is open to all, at no charge, but those attending will be invited to make a donation to the Southampton Seafarers' Centre. Lunch (1200 for 1230) will be available at a moderate price, but must be pre-booked.
For further details see overleaf, phone (023)-8033-1394, or e-mail mrbrady@laurels.eclipse.co.uk

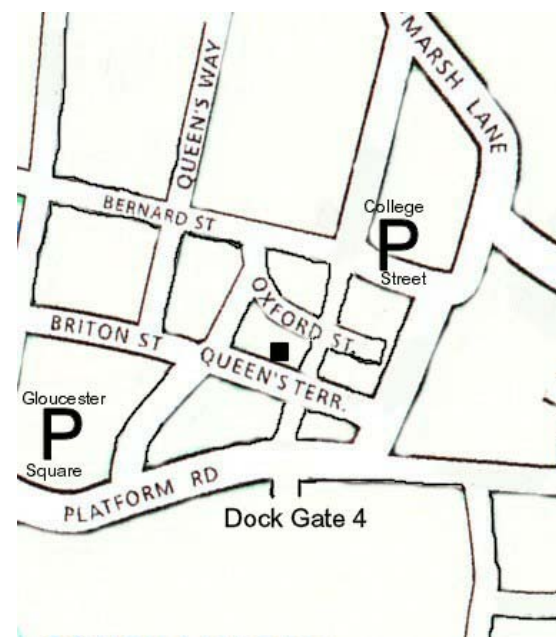


SNR (South) The Society for Nautical Research (South) was founded as a local branch of the Society for Nautical Research (for more details of SNR see the society's website www.snr.org.uk). SNR (South) is now an independent body but affiliated with SNR; and like the 'parent body' promotes the study of all aspects of Nautical History. Most members of SNR (South) live in the Southampton, Portsmouth or Guildford postcode-areas, and for almost 50 years our society has organized a programme of monthly talks commencing each October and running through to the following May – Captain Richard Woodman's talk on 8th October 2011 will open our 2011-12 programme. Recently a generous bequest enabled us to establish our website www.snrsouth.org.uk – this not only provides information on SNR (South) itself, but will also be used to promulgate details of all events etc of nautical-historical interest in our area and for web-publication of relevant historical documents.

Captain Richard Woodman FRHistS FNI Richard Woodman has extensive sea-experience in commercial vessels and as a yachtsman, and in the service of Trinity House spent eleven years in command. Rather unusually he combined an active career at sea with authorship of several books, mostly concerned with maritime history – his first novel was published in 1980, and he has since written over 20 fictional works and a dozen or so of factual history. In the latter field he was first widely-acclaimed for *The History of the Ship* (published 1997); and in 2005 was awarded the Society for Nautical Research's prestigious Anderson Medal for *The Real Cruel Sea: the Merchant Navy in the Battle of the Atlantic, 1939-1943*. **Over two years, commencing in November 2008, The History Press published his five-volume History of the British Merchant Navy** – a masterly survey of some 500 years during which our merchant marine expanded from comparative insignificance to domination of the world's seaborne trade, only to shrink over the past 40 years back to insignificance. ***The History of the British Merchant Navy* will be available for purchase at an advantageous price on 8th October only from a representative of The Warsash Nautical Bookshop who will attend the meeting.**

Southampton Centre for

Seafarers The centre is one of three in the UK run by an ecumenical partnership of international Christian Mission Societies. The Southampton Centre (12-14 Queen Street, SO14 3BP – see map below) provides a 'safe haven' in the port-city for seafarers of all nationalities and faiths. **For those driving to Southampton on 8th October there are 'long-stay' Car Parks (marked 'P' below) close to Queens's Terrace.**



The Seafarers' Centre offers bar-lunches at moderate prices. Those wishing to lunch with SNR (South) and Captain Woodman (1200 for 1230) should pre-book, as the Centre only has a limited number of kitchen-staff. For further details and/or to book lunch contact Mark Brady (023-9237-9278 / mrbrady@laurels.eclipse.co.uk) or phone the Seafarers' Centre manager (023-8033-3109).