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"In proportion to its small numbers and its short life-span, the Navy of the Confederate States of America probably had more technological, strategic, and organizational influence on subsequent trends in naval sea power than any other navy in modern Western history. It is a heritage that must not be forgotten..."

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At the end of the American Civil War, virtually all of the ships of the Confederate Navy were at the bottom of its rivers, lakes, and harbors, and its ocean cruisers were to be found in the depths of far-flung seas or tethered in distant harbors for resale and eventual demise in the hands of foreign powers. Since then, only a fraction of these ships have been systematically relocated, explored, preserved, and protected as befits vessels of such international cultural and historic value.

Similarly, Confederate naval and maritime artifacts and documents have been scattered all over the world in the back rooms of museums, private collections, and commercial dealers. There they are often inaccessible to the public and out of reach of researchers and educators furthering the preservation of the Confederate maritime heritage.

In order to address these problems, Confederate naval historians, archaeologists, researchers, museum professionals, and preservationists have joined to-

gether with other Civil War naval supporters and enthusiasts in The Confederate Naval Historical Society.

Our purpose: to rectify the historical oversights which have allowed the vessels, history and culture of the Confederate Navy to be neglected, looted, and destroyed by ignorance and self-interest instead of cared for and preserved for the benefit of this generation and of generations to come.

This is a very large and wide-ranging task, and most of it has to be accomplished by local people working closely with wreck sites, restoration plans, and research projects, many of which are already underway, but often without knowledge of each other. The primary function of the

CNHS is to serve all those involved in Confederate naval projects by providing organization, communications, and funding in four basic areas of effort:



**PRESERVE and PROTECT:** to locate such vessels, artifacts, and documents as are in need of protection and preservation and to further whatever activities and fund-raising that may be necessary to accomplish these ends; also to lend support to other similar organizations and their efforts.

**INFORM:** to serve as a network for information on all ongoing Confederate maritime projects and to help participants establish appropriate methods and channels of operation that work within applicable legal and preservation guidelines.

**EDUCATE:** To provide literature, programs, and other types of educational

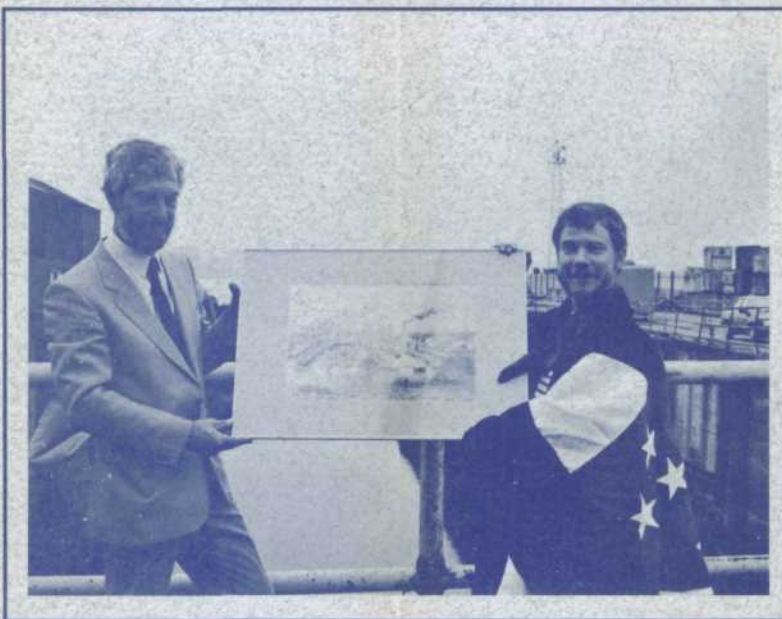
materials for schools, colleges, the media, and all other interested organizations and parties in order to further better understanding of the cultural contributions of the maritime Confederacy.

**RESEARCH:** to engage in and promote Confederate maritime studies by providing and coordinating information, guidance, funding and research and development materials.

To accomplish these goals, CNHS works closely with its distinguished Board of Advisors and select associate committees on current projects involving protection and preservation of maritime artifacts and sites. CNHS also offers information packages and consulting services for media, educational organizations, and other interested groups on a variety of historical topics and on the latest developments in Confederate mari-

time issues.

Currently, Associates of the Society receive an informative, 8-page quarterly newsletter covering Confederate naval research, news, and discoveries, projects, replicas, reenactments, and local and inter-



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national issues and controversies connected with CS ships, sailors, their histories and the people currently involved with them. Associates have access to the CNHS telephone networking service, preferred rates and privileges in conferences and travel excursion opportunities, CNHS special issues, and more. Donations to CNHS are tax deductible and help preserve and restore the Confederate States Navy.

To receive an Associate Commission in the CNHS, simply fill in and mail the form to the left and enclose a check for the rank you wish to support. All ranks receive our newsletter, special reports, all ancillary privileges, and large-sized, frameable CSN commission papers at their appropriate level. Captain and above receive personalized special issue historical Confederate Navy gifts of appreciation.

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