Dear Readers,

You have before you the fifth issue of the internationally reviewed scientific journal “Transactions on Maritime Science”, published by the Maritime Faculty of the University of Split. The Journal is published in an electronic, open access and printed form. Our desire is for our readers to have an easy access at minimum expense.

In this issue we publish papers from the scientific areas of nautical science, meteorology, marine engineering, maritime traffic surveillance, maritime law, along with a paper investigating the relationship between maritime skills in various generations of seafarers. In four out of the total of seven papers the authors and co-authors are scientists from abroad.

We have remained faithful to our decision of publishing in each issue a paper aiming at improving our readers’ knowledge of the English language. There is no need to emphasize how important it is to anyone in the seafaring business.

We have also remained faithful to another area we wish to promote: the Croatian cultural heritage. Again a poem, this time written in the dialect spoken by the inhabitants of the southern coast of the island of Brač. And once again, this is the only contribution presented in bilingual form: the vernacular of the author Ivica Jakšić and accompanied by the inspired English translation by Mirna Ćudić. This versatile artist was born in Bol on the island of Brač. And, as a special treat, in the electronic version of course, we have a unique opportunity to hear the author recite his own poem.

Our esteemed and most valuable London collaborator Tatjana Krilić brings us first-hand news from the International Maritime Organization (IMO). We bring you all the news from the last six months: since the previous issue of our Journal.

This issue also brings a paper of our renowned publicist Marijan Žuvić. Once again, it is a story concerning our maritime heritage – the ‘Veli Jože,’ the floating crane that has secured its place in history.

Apart from the above, we bring you short overviews of the Indian Maritime Development, A New Maritime Crane Concept, First Triple-E (vessel), New Ship Water Treatment System, etc.

We still hope that the papers we publish will urge you to cooperate.