From Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Readers,

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

This issue brings you papers from several scientific areas. The paper from maritime law gives an in-depth analysis of a seemingly uncomplicated legal relationship. The relationship between two very significant acts: the Obligatory Relations Act and the Maritime Code, out of which the Obligatory Relations Act certainly falls under the category of general and Maritime Code of special acts. The paper of authors from Houston and Doha presents a concise review of extant literature on threat detection in the maritime domain, with specific emphasis on solution methodologies, sensing technologies and regional affiliations of authors. The paper of authors from Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia examines the influence of different environmental factors on refractive indices in fiber optic cables. Paper describing the building and testing of a 2.4 GHz antenna which can be used for WLAN is brought to you from Zagreb, Croatia. The Journal also contains a paper providing a detailed analysis of the annual statistical report on the performance of Croatia's Maritime Safety Inspection.

The "Contribution" section brings you news from the International Maritime Organization from London, from the pen of our associate Tatjana Krilić. All news from the last six months are given. In the "Maritime heritage" section we have prepared a new contribution by a renowned journalist and publicist Marijan Žuvić on the last days of Adriatic coastal steamships titled "White Ships, Black Smoke". You will also find news from different maritime branches.

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 island of Vis. This contribution is presented in bilingual form: in the picturesque language of author Vinko Kalinić, borrowed from his collection of poems "Oltor nasri mora". And, as a special treat, in the electronic version of course, we have a unique opportunity to hear the author recite his own poem. This time, we also bring you a contribution, likewise in Čakavian dialect and in English: a memory of an old ship which met its end on the Marjan shore, in Split, after gale force Bora.

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