

# U3A

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Series 3 2008

### ALL AT SEA

**Dates: Thursday, 4 September – Thursday, 9 October 2008**

**Time: 2.15 – 4.15 pm**

**Venue: Frank Nichol Room, Knox College, Arden Street, Opoho**

**Enrolments for this course will be limited to 50**

**Course Fee: \$30.00**

**Tea and Coffee provided**

**Course Organiser: Gary Blackman (467 2822)**

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You may apply to enrol in more than one course in each series (subject to numbers). If you wish to do so, you must indicate your choice preference on the application form, and include payment of the appropriate fee(s).

All applications must be received by noon on Wednesday, 13 August 2008, and you may expect to receive a response to your application on or about 22 August. Any questions about courses after 22 August should be made to the Secretary, U3A Dunedin, telephone 471 9913 or on email at [graysinn@clear.net.nz](mailto:graysinn@clear.net.nz)

***Please keep this brochure as a reminder of venue, dates, and times for the courses for which you apply.***

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- 4 September**      **The Shipping Interests of Johnny Jones.** The lecture will show the breadth and diversity of his involvement in shipping so that his role as a Sydney merchant, prior to coming to Otago, can be better understood and appreciated.
- Presenter Ian Church*
- 11 September**      **Chasing Shipwrecks.** Chasing shipwrecks will deal with several shipwrecks around the southern coast of New Zealand and how they can take the researcher into unexpected fields, and explain what light they can throw on aspects of our history.
- Presenter Ian Church*
- 18 September**      **The Hazards of Nineteenth Century Sea Travel: Causes and Effects.** The development of the 'New World' during the nineteenth century made sea travel available to ordinary people for the first time in history. They emigrated in their millions. The lecture will discuss the hazards faced by emigrants making long voyages on the 'briny deep', but particularly those posed by disease, unseaworthy vessels and shipwreck.
- Presenter Charles Clark*
- 25 September**      **Ships, Sailors and Sea Ice.** Several voyages from the 'heroic age' of polar exploration will be discussed during this lecture. Some had scientific or trade-oriented goals while others were simply pursuits of one Holy Grail or other. Many were quests aimed at attaining the Northwest Passage or, if not the North or South Pole, the lesser objective of 'Farthest North' or 'Farthest south'. The polar voyages of Henry Hudson, James Cook, Sir John Franklin, George Nares, Roald Amundsen, Ernest Shackleton and others will be featured.
- Presenter Charles Clark*
- 2 October**      **Containerisation: How the 'BOX' has changed World Trade.** Compared to the transition of sail to steam in the nineteenth century, the move from labour intensive cargo handling to containers was the most significant event in shipping in the twentieth century. While the change was initially costly, the progressive growth of container services around the world, and the move away from direct port to port shipping services to the use of large hub-ports to transport containers to literally any corner of the world has actually made the world smaller and the world economy larger. The lecture traces the history of the introduction of containers and explains how the world-wide network of container services operates today.
- Presenter Ian Farquhar*
- 9 October**      **Ocean Cruising: Its origins, New Zealand involvement and are you up for it?** The growth of ocean cruising in the last decade has been phenomenal. Once a popular form of enjoyment for the wealthy, the greater economies of scale achieved by building even larger cruise liners has seen cruise pricing and competition make it a form of leisure activity enjoyed by a much larger section of the world community. The lecture deals with the history of ocean cruising, the origins of cruising in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands from the 1870s, and evaluates many of the elements that make for an enjoyable cruise in the twenty first century.
- Presenter Ian Farquhar*