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2011 YEARBOOK**

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EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNUAL BANQUET**

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PROGRAM

RECEPTION1:00 P.M.

WELCOME Alan M. Ehrlich, WA2GDQ
Master of Ceremonies and VWOA President
DeForest Audion Gold Medalist and David Kintzer Memorial Awardee

INVOCATION Rev. Douglas S. Stivison
Chaplain and VWOA Second Vice-President
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LUNCHEON

Address

WILLIAM HENRY “TREY” TAYLOR III

“Why We Need to Consider Off-Shore Alternataive Energy Now”

VWOA INNOVATIONS AWARD PLAQUE

WILLIAM HENRY “TREY” TAYLOR III



ORIGINAL MESSAGE FROM
DAVID SARNOFF
HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE VWOA, 1961-1971

FEBRUARY 24, 1967

General Sarnoff's words were penned 44 years ago, yet his optimism about alleviating fear, prejudice and distrust are a welcome reminder to us today of our craft, our fellowship, and the remarkable men who have led this organization over the decades. *Editor, 2011 Yearbook*

I welcome this annual occasion to pay tribute to the pioneers of electronic communications who are members of the Veteran Wireless Operators Association.

Through electronics, we are now approaching the day when each of us will be able to see and converse with other individuals anywhere on the face of the earth. When that occurs, the possibility will be greater than ever before for alleviating such age-old human ills as fear, prejudice and distrust.

You who have been among the first to open the airwaves to a growing dialogue among men can take pride in your pioneering contributions to a technology that promises so much for the future.

On the occasion of this Annual Memorial Awards Banquet of the Veteran Wireless Operators Association, you have my congratulations on your past achievements, my best wishes for future success, and my cordial "73".

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Sarnoff". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

MESSAGE FROM THE VWOA CHAIRMAN

FRANCIS T. CASSIDY



Preserving maritime history with the object and general purpose of the Veteran Wireless Operators Association, founded in 1925, to foster and extend an esprit de corps among wireless operators and acquaint the general public with the work, traditions, ideals, equipment and meritorious service of wireless operators and others engaged in the art of radio communications took still another disappointing blow in New York City this past year.

We have reported the continuing delay in bringing back to its former glory the VWOA Monument in the Battery Park of Wireless Operators Lost at Sea while performing their duty. Delayed, but still promised by New York City. We have noted the departure of SCI staff to other states and the sale of the Seamen's Church Institute building on Water Street. Our newsletter has also reported on the continuing pressure of real estate developers to end the very existence of the South Street Seaport in their efforts to replace it with condominiums.

Then just last month, the news about the South Street Seaport Museum effectively shutting down their operations, with a goal in mind of selling or leasing the historic ships which many New York organizations volunteered their services to provide a preservation of maritime history in this area.

VWOA has a long history of volunteering personnel and equipment aboard one of those ships, the Ambrose Lightship; over 100-year-old historic landmark, safely guiding ships to and from the Narrows of the Port of New York.

Names that come to my mind, men who VOLUNTEERED, gave up their spare days and hours, providing a hands on education to the general public from the Ambrose Lightship radio shack reliving and demonstrating the role of the Commercial Radio Operator and Morse Code in protecting maritime traffic in the Narrows of New York were:

ALEXANDER, JOHN

ANSELMO, PAUL

AROND, HERMAN

BENSON, WENDELL

BLATT, HARRY

DE MEIS, TOM

DUBOFSKY, JAKE

EHRlich, ALAN

HEPBURN, JIM

JUDISCH, "TEX"

KENNEY, WALTER

KINTZER, DAVE

LENKOWSKY, SOL

MARGOLIS, SAM

PAULISEN, HENRY

PLEULER, ED

PRANG, WALTER

SHANHOLTZER, CHARLES

SHAW, MIKE

SOPKO, ADALBERT

STIVISON, DOUG

STUHLER, R.E.

TEMPLE, DWIGHT

WARSHAW, DAVID

WINTER, DAVE

These men gave of their time and professional expertise in educating the world wide visitors to the South Street Seaport. Let us not forget their efforts in supporting VWOA, even though other powerful forces might not.

MESSAGE FROM THE VWOA PRESIDENT

ALAN M. EHRLICH



WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2011

Greetings to all our members, friends and colleague communicators and welcome to our 86th Annual Awards Luncheon! It is always a pleasure to be at these luncheons to meet and speak with all of the members in attendance. At last year's luncheon at the Seamen's Church Institute, several of our members traveled considerable distances to join us.

The Seaman's Church Institute building at 241 Water Street in Manhattan has been sold to "The Blue Man's Group." The new owners plan to utilize the building as a school for children. The school will be called the "Blue Man's School." Seaman's Church employees formerly at the Manhattan location will be transferred to the Institute's recently enlarged building in Port Newark, New Jersey.

One of the long time employees of the Institute said to me: "The Water Street building was always a happy place to be in, it always felt good to be here." I think all of our members would second the thoughts of that person.

I hope that everyone enjoys this year's new luncheon venue and location in Newark, New Jersey. I thank our members Bob Lunney and Eli Morawiec for offering suggestions on possible locations for our awards luncheon.

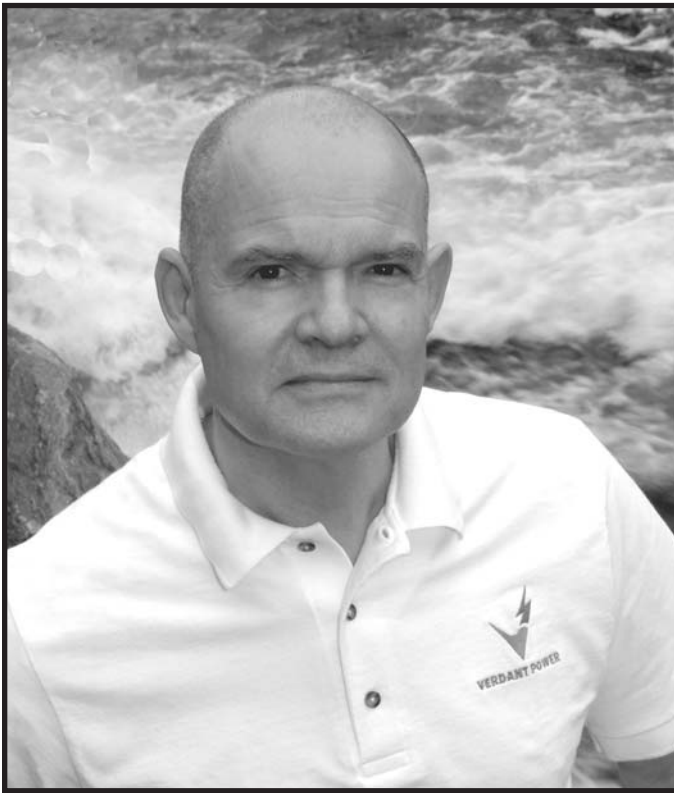
Our guest speaker is Mr. Trey Taylor, President of Verdant Power, who has prepared a special presentation for our membership on alternative energy sources, such as obtaining electrical energy by "wave motion generators." It is an extremely novel energy-producing concept that I feel will be of great interest to our membership. I especially thank Mr. Taylor for accepting the invitation to be the guest speaker at our 86th Annual Luncheon.

My wife Ann and I wish everyone a happy and healthy summer and the New Year's best wishes. 73's to all!

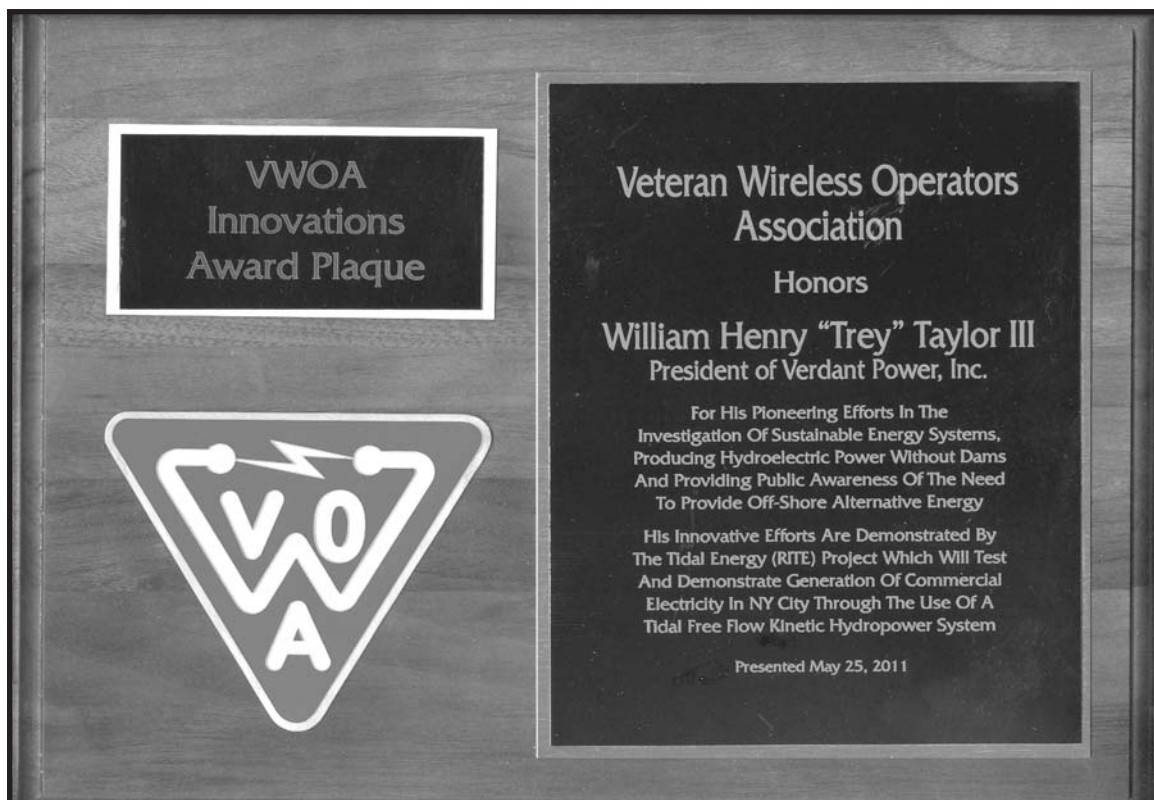
Alan M. Ehrlich, President, Veteran Wireless Operators Association

VWOA INNOVATION AWARD PLAQUE

WILLIAM HENRY “TREY” TAYLOR III

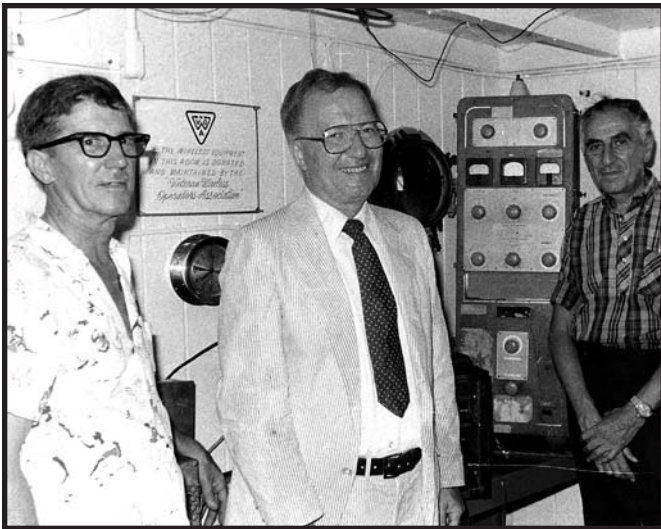


Trey co-founded Verdant Power, a marine and hydrokinetic power company, in 2000 and has since created subsidiaries in Canada, Hong Kong, and the UK. Prior, he was the founder and president of the Interactive Marketing Institute and consulted with BGE and Price Waterhouse World Utilities Group among others. He worked for P&G, British Telecom, ITT Corporation, and Ogilvy & Mather. He also worked for EEI, the trade association of investor-owned electric utilities and the U.S. Committee on Energy Awareness. He served on Boards of the Hydro Research Foundation and National Hydropower Association, and was a co-chairman (Oceans) of the CEO Council of American Council on Renewable Energy. He is a charter board member of the Ocean Renewable Energy Coalition and serves on U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke's renewable energy advisory committee on trade policies. He is acknowledged in Esquire magazine as being one of “America's Best and Brightest.”



LIGHTSHIP No. 87 AMBROSE

SALUTE TO A SHIP AND THE MEN WHO STOOD THE WATCH



Above: George B. Riley (DeForest Audion awardee), Herman Arond (Marconi Memorial Gold Medal awardee), and Lt. Col. Harry Blatt (DeForest Audion awardee) together in the Ambrose radio shack.

Top right: VWOA Director Dr. Miles MacMahon (Marconi Gold Medal awardee) demonstrating copying CW on the mill.

Right: An earlier Ambrose actually on station.

Below: Busy summer weekend with crowds visiting South Street Seaport. The radio shack is the room with the porthole right above the letter "E" painted on the hull.



Over the years, many members of the Veteran Wireless Operators Association have stood watch aboard the Lightship Ambrose. On summer weekends, they have honored the best traditions of our organization as they have demonstrated the daily tasks of the shipboard operator. They have wound the clock and set it against the fading signals of CHU and WWV. They have shown their skill at the mill, copying press, weather, and notices to mariners. Most of all, they have answered countless questions of curious visitors from around the world. Today, the future of South Street Seaport and its brave ships is uncertain. Let us all take a moment to salute all the dedicated members of our organization who have given so freely of their time over the years.

LOOKING BACK AT MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD AT THE WIRELESS OPERATORS MONUMENT



These photos from the VWOA archive show gatherings and memorial services over the years at the Wireless Operators Monument. Above left: Photo from 2002 of VWOA President Alan Ehrlich with Princess Elettra Marconi, the daughter of radio pioneer and former VWOA Honorary President Guglielmo Marconi. Top right: The 1954 memorial service with US Navy Honor Guard. Right: Exactly 50 years ago this month, VWOA luminaries at the 1961 gathering. Below: A most impressive gathering in 1965. Look at the hats on the women!



IN MEMORIAM

THE WIRELESS OPERATORS MONUMENT

BATTERY PARK, NEW YORK CITY

Jack Phillips, S.S. Titanic
April 15, 1912 — Atlantic Coast

George C. Eccles, S.S. Ohio
August 26, 1909 — Pacific Coast

Stephen F. Sczepanek,
S.S. Pere Marquette
September 9, 1910 — Lake Michigan

Lawrence Prudhunt, S.S. Rose Crans
January 7, 1913 — Pacific Coast

Donald Campbell Perkins,
S.S. State of California
August 18, 1913 — Pacific Coast

Ferdinand J. Kuehn, S.S. Monroe
January 30, 1914 — Atlantic Coast

Walter E. Reker, S.S. Admiral Sampson
August 25, 1914 — Puget Sound

Clifton J. Fleming, S.S. Francis H. Leggett
September 18, 1914 — Oregon Coast

Harry Fred Otto, S.S. Francis H. Leggett
September 18, 1914 — Oregon Coast

George Arundel Geare, Bark Manga Reva
November 1916 — Atlantic Ocean

Adolph J. Svenson, S.S. Hanalei
November 23, 1914 — Pacific Coast

James J. Curran, S.S. Moreno
June 12, 1917 — Off Azores

Russell A. Williams, S.S. Montana
July 31, 1917 — English Channel

Francis Joseph Doherty,
S.S. City of Athens
May 1, 1918 — Atlantic Coast

Boris Michael Dutko, S.S. Brindilla
December 1, 1919 — At Sea

Lawrence B. Robinson, S.S. Macona
January 17, 1920 — Swedish Coast

Emile H. Hulsemann, S.S. Cubahist
March 7, 1920 — Off Hatteras

John Frantsen, S.S. Grontoft
March 2, 1922 — North Atlantic

Ernest E. Dorsey, S.S. Swift Arrow
July 15, 1923 — Caribbean Sea

Fred Salim, S.S. Conejos
December 27, 1923 — Black Sea

Peter L. Bacuinka, S.S. Haleakala
September 8, 1926 — Atlantic Ocean

Lawrence M. Waring, Jr., S.S. Colopaxi
December 2, 1926 — Off Florida Coast

Charles F. Ruble, S.S. Elkton
February 1927 — Pacific Ocean

J. Maurice Black, S.S. David C. Reid
October 14, 1928 — South Atlantic

Michael Joseph O'Loughlin,
S.S. Vestris
November 12, 1928 — Off Virginia Coast

William R. Robertson, S.S. Nevada
September 26, 1932

Russell L. MacDonald, S.S. Mohawk
January 24, 1935 — Jersey Coast

Ernest Edwin Dailey, U.S.S. Macon
February 12, 1935 — California Coast

Charles J. Taylor, S.S. Blairgowrie
February 26, 1935 — North Atlantic

Frank M. Caldwell, Jr., S.S. Iowa
January 11, 1936 — Pacific Coast

Papas Theodorou, S.S. Kyellne
April 11, 1938 — Atlantic Coast

John V. O'Reilly, S.S. Fort Mercer
February 18, 1952 — Atlantic Coast

James G. Greer, S.S. Pendleton
February 18, 1952 — Atlantic Coast

Donald MacNeil, S.S. Tresillian
November 30, 1954 — North Atlantic

Swilhelm Siemers, Bark Pamir
September 21, 1957 — North Atlantic

Carl Johan Nielsen Dejligbjerg,
S.S. Hans Hedtoft
January 30, 1959 — North Atlantic

Raymond F. Brazner, S.S. Pine Ridge
December 21, 1960 — Atlantic Ocean

George E. Sloat,
S.S. Marine Sulphur Queen
February 4, 1963 — Florida Straits

John B. Hilliar, S.S. Ambassador
February 18, 1964 — North Atlantic

Joachim Geissler, MV Munchen
June 25, 1964 — North Atlantic

Carlos R. Griffith, S.S. Panoceanic Faith
October 9, 1967 — North Pacific

Albert E. Merrikin,
S.S. Texaco Oklahoma
March 27, 1971 — Atlantic Ocean

Bente Knudson, Norse Variant
March 22, 1973 — Atlantic Coast

Kari Bergelien, Anita
March 22, 1973 — Atlantic Coast

Joseph Vyhna, S.S. Poet
October 24, 1980 — Atlantic Ocean

David Staier, S.S. Mezada
March 8, 1981 — Atlantic Ocean

Paul Conaty, S.S. Elma Tres
November 26, 1981 — Atlantic Ocean

Albion F. Lane, S.S. Marine Electric
February 12, 1983 — Atlantic Ocean

Danilos Pajaragan, MV Balsa 24
February 25, 1987 — North Atlantic

Maung Maue Htue, Marika
December 31, 1993 — North Atlantic

Hepolito Elanga, S.S. Polydoros
November 22, 1994 — Atlantic Ocean

Serhiy B. Bukov, S.S. Salvador Allende
December 8, 1994 — Atlantic Ocean

Olexander V. Lango,
S.S. Salvador Allende
December 8, 1994 — Atlantic Ocean



**Former Honorary President and radio pioneer,
Dr. Lee DeForest, SK, at the Wireless Operators
Monument**

THE VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

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THOSE WHO ARE LISTED BELOW SENT “73 TO THE VWOA”
73 BEING WIRELESS CODE FOR “BEST WISHES”
VWOA SENDS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM “73” IN RETURN

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In Memory of Sam Margolis, W2ERU

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Raymond Mullin, Jr.

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Margaret St. John-Coleman

Michael and Lillian Shaw

Heather Stivison

Rev. Douglas S. Stivison, NR1A

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In Memory of Herman Arond, N2CCF

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In Memory of Dwight Temple, W2ATM

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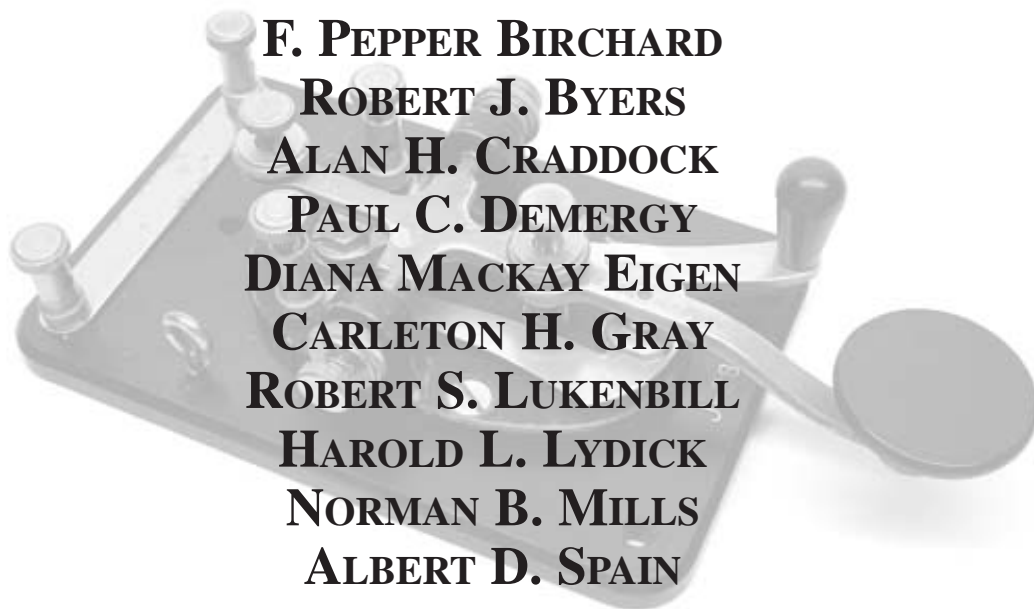
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***We Remember Our Members
Whose Keys Have Fallen Silent...***



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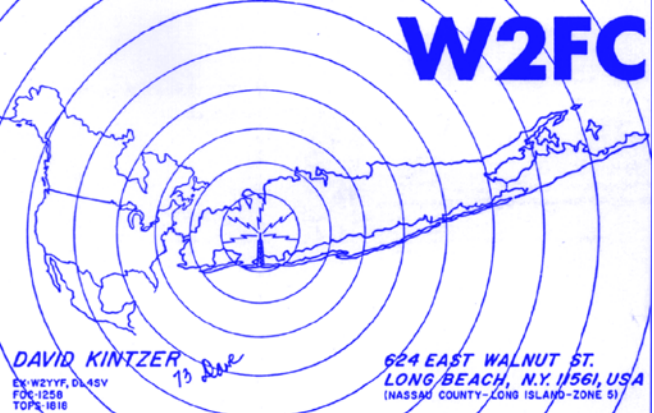
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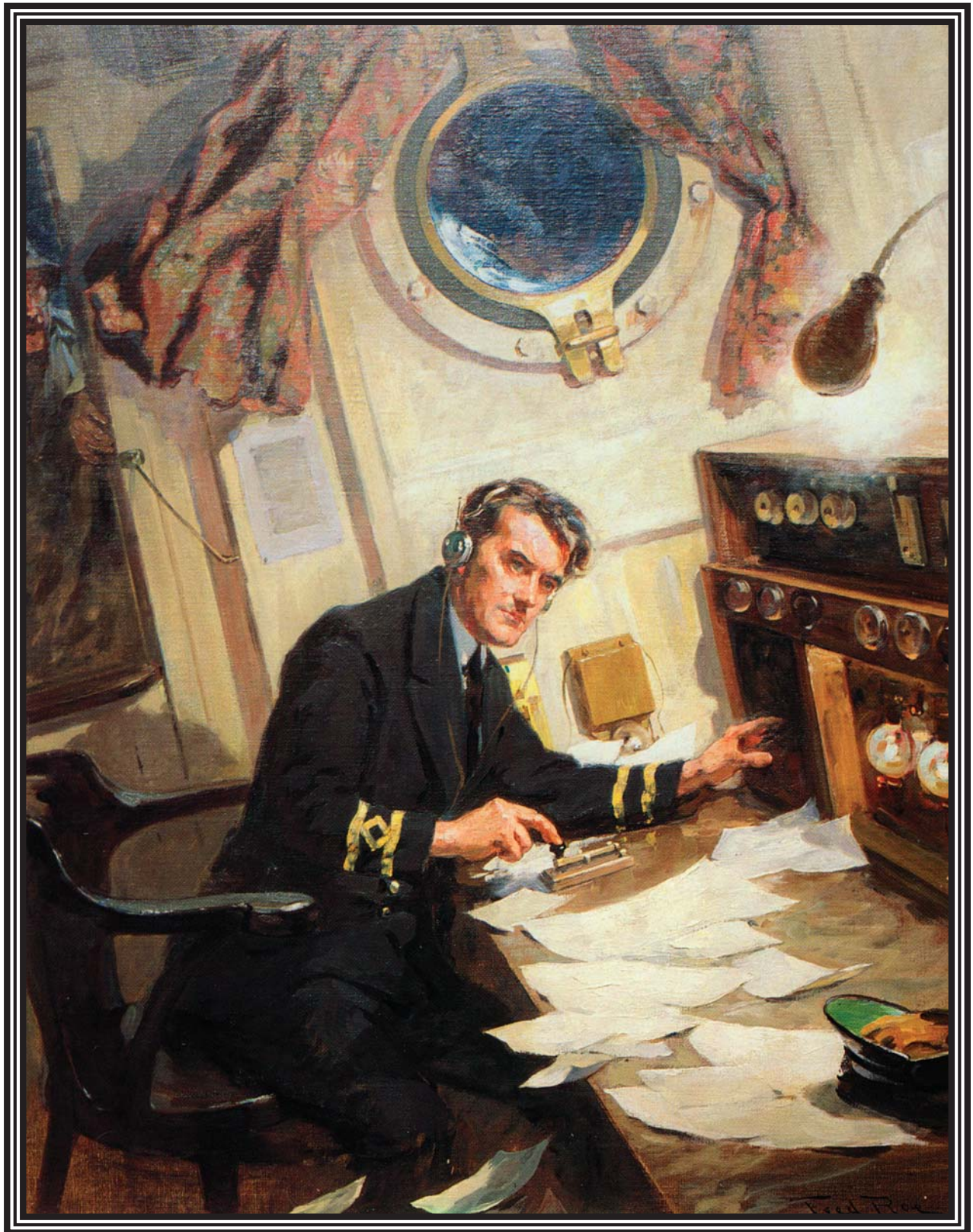
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From a painting by Frederick Roe (1864-1947), English illustrator and historical genre painter. Roe exhibited the picture at the Royal Academy in 1929 amidst that era's "radio boom." Today the picture is part of the permanent collection of the Grundy Art Gallery in Blackpool, England.