

THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

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The Plymouth Laboratory was opened in June 1888, and, since that date, considerable additions have been made to the buildings, including a library, lecture-hall, and extensive laboratory accommodation with up-to-date equipment. Additional sea-water reservoirs have also been built, and an aquarium which is open to the public.

The Marine Biological Association, under the direction of its Council, has undertaken research in all branches of marine science and many of the results have been published in this Journal. An account of the history of the first hundred years of the Association and Journal may be found in Volume 67 (pp. 463 and 465). Summaries of the activities and research of the Association are given annually in the Report of the Council in the November issue of the Journal.

Since its foundation the Association has been supported by grants from Research Councils and by subscriptions and donations from private members, universities, learned societies, the Fish-mongers' Company and other public bodies. The main financial support for the work of the Plymouth Laboratory is grant-aided through the Natural Environment Research Council.

In 1988 an agreement was reached between the MBA Council and the Natural Environment Research Council to merge a large part of the Plymouth Laboratory with the NERC's Institute for Marine Environmental Research, which had been in Plymouth since 1971. The new laboratory is known as the Plymouth Marine Laboratory and consists of the staff of the two laboratories housed in both buildings.

The Marine Biological Association retains the lease of the building on Citadel Hill and continues as a very active scientific society with a large international membership. The MBA manages a research programme carried out by research fellows and scientific visitors, publishes an International Journal, runs a public Aquarium, and organizes scientific meetings.

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Inside back cover. Upper: RV 'Sarsia', a 128-foot trawler built for the MBA in 1953 and used until 1981 in studies of the physics, chemistry and biology of the seas. Lower: RRS 'Frederick Russell', a converted fishing boat which replaced 'Sarsia' in 1981 and was used by MBA scientists for research cruises until 1985.

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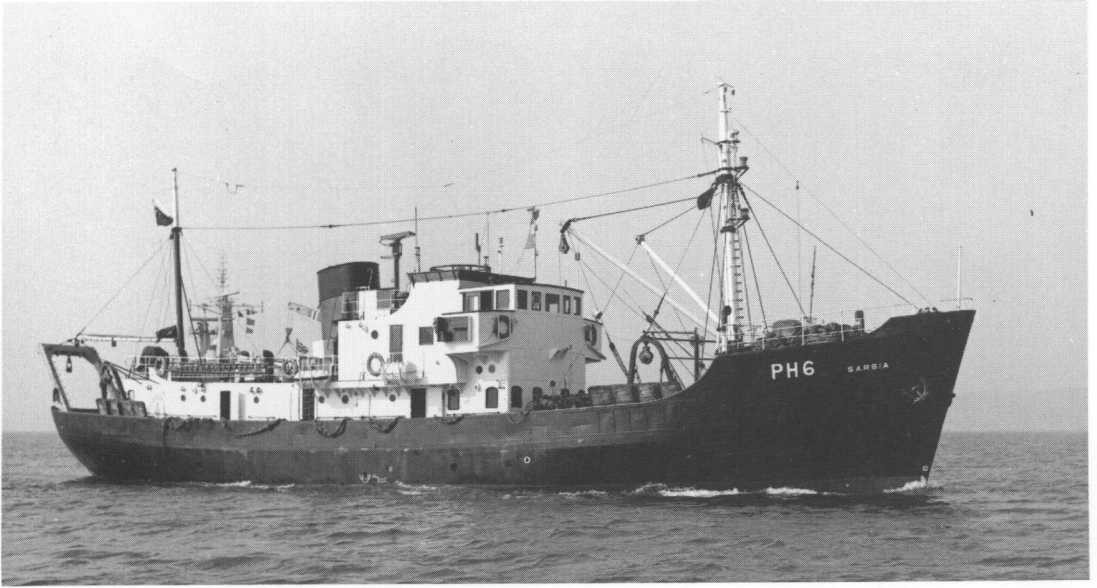
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