

INTRODUCTION

This six-year cumulation is based on the *Marine Affairs Bibliography*, a comprehensive index to marine law and policy literature, issued quarterly with an annual cumulation since 1980. It was prepared and published at the Dalhousie Law School under the auspices of the Dalhousie Ocean Studies Programme. The bibliography is a response to the research community's concern over the lack of adequate bibliographical control in the field of marine affairs, which has expanded so spectacularly since the late 1960's.

The *Marine Affairs Bibliography* was conceived originally as a multi- and cross-disciplinary tool to provide up-to-date information on current publications in marine affairs. This broad term includes, in addition to both private and public elements of maritime law, other disciplines in the social and natural sciences relevant to marine affairs such as political science, economics, marine policy, history, oceanography, geography, archaeology, and others. It excludes, however, purely scientific and technical aspects of the oceans.

The *Marine Affairs Bibliography* lists periodical articles (over two thirds), monographs (20%), parts of books, dissertations, selected official documents, and other forms of writings published in various parts of the world. It includes publications mainly in English and French, but also in German, Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese. Information has been gathered from a variety of sources: books and periodicals currently received at Dalhousie Law Library, MARC tape records, national catalogues, publishers' announcements and lists, bibliographies, document indexes, periodical indexes and abstracts, and others. The *Marine Affairs Bibliography* includes all the items from volumes 1 to 6 of the current bibliography for the years 1980-1985, with some additional pre-1980 publications listed there. It also includes 1985 imprints from volume 7. All entries have been verified with the original publication or reliable sources.

The *Marine Affairs Bibliography* lists 8953 entries, some of which are duplicated under other relevant subject headings. The bibliography is arranged according to a detailed subject classification divided into three main parts: 1) general works, 2) law of the sea, and 3) maritime transportation and communication. The first part includes reference works, primary sources, and publications on the oceans and ocean policy. The second part lists publications on the law of the sea, or the public aspect of maritime law ("droit de la mer"). The third part deals primarily with maritime or admiralty law, or the private aspect of maritime law ("droit maritime"). Each part is further divided into 30 main topics with geographical subdivisions added, using the popular name of a country, a region, or an ocean. Publications under each subdivision are arranged alphabetically by author (or title), and each entry contains a complete bibliographical citation. Book reviews are noted, and

other occasional notes are also included. Indexes of personal authors, corporate names, conferences and series, geographical areas, cases cited, all with numerical reference to citations, are also provided.

The *Marine Affairs Bibliography* is designed to serve the needs of a multidisciplinary group of users interested in this broad and expanding field of inquiry: scholars, researchers, government officials, practitioners, and students. It is hoped that this new service will prove useful to them.

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