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Notes From the CMSI Director

Quarterly Update from the **China Maritime Studies Institute (CMSI)**:

- **Our biennial conference, “*The People of China’s Navy – and Other Maritime Forces*”, was hosted at the Naval War College on 14-15 May.** The [Quick Look](#) and [China Maritime Report # 47](#) (CMR) contain summaries of the conference’s key findings. CMSI will soon begin to publish papers from this conference as individual CMRs.
- **CMSI is opening its translation vault.** CMSI has nearly two hundred articles from PRC military maritime journals that it has translated over the last fifteen years. Most of these translations have not been released publicly. CMSI will soon begin releasing these translations in volumes organized by topic to the [CMSI distribution list](#).
- **CMSI’s 2025-2026 research plan preview.** Watch for cutting edge CMSI research related to PLAN corruption, PRC shipbuilding, World Class Navy ambitions, cross-Strait deception, and deep sea civil-military integration. These are just a few of the topics CMSI plans to address over the next year. Much more to follow!

CMSI's Recent Publications

Famularo, Julia., "[*Great Inspections, PRC Maritime Law Enforcement Operations in the Taiwan Strait*](#)" China Maritime Report No.48, July 2025

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Ryan Martinson published an online editorial that appeared in The Maritime Executive entitled "[*China is Preparing to Counter U.S. Submarine Surveillance System*](#)," *The Maritime Executive*, 29 June 25

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Andrew Erickson's journal article "[*People the New Engine of Chinese Naval Power*](#)," appeared in *Marine & Oceans Magazine (French)* Issue 287, June 2025

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Andrew Erickson provided a chapter entitled "[*Imposing the Fate of Sisyphus? The PLA as An instrument of National Power and Force Preparation toward Taiwan*](#)" to the edited volume *The PLA in a Complex Security Environment: Preparing for High Winds and Choppy Waters*, NBR, 15 May 2025

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Ryan Martinson was quoted in an on line article by David Axe for the Australian Strategic Policy Institute entitled "[*Undersea Sensors – A US Trump Card China Knows it must eliminate*](#)," ASPI, 25 July 2025 CMSI's edited volume *China's Maritime Gray Zone Operations Vol. 7* was referenced in an article by Markus Garlauskus and Philip W. Yu entitled "[*Dispatch from Manila: A lesson in calling out Chinese Maritime Aggression*](#)," *Atlantic Council*, 24 July 2025

Chris Sharman was quoted in the New York Times article by Chris Buckley, "[*China's Aircraft Carriers Push into Waters Long Dominated by U.S.*](#)," New York Times 17 July 2025

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CMSI's Research In The News (Continued)

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Breaking Obstacles”* Navy Today, 21 May 2025

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Education & Engagement

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