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Course XIII began its separate existence in 1895, as soon as it was well under way the members felt the need of a society, and the class of 1901 organized the Naval Architectural Society in March 1900.

The object of the organization as then stated has remained with little change to the present time, namely, "to benefit the students in the course in both a professional and social way." This object is reached in much the same way as in the other professional societies at the Institute, by means of dinners, smokers, and trips to places of interest.

Of these, the trips to the most important is the one made annually in Junior Week, under the auspices of the Department, to the yards of the Atlantic coast. The works of the Newport News Shipbuilding Co., the Maryland Steel Co., New York Shipbuilding Co. and William Cramp's, are all visited, as well as the Medal Tank and Navy Yard at Washington. A short trip to Fow River completes the yards of the Atlantic coast. As a result all of any importance are visited in the course of a year.

The dinners of the Society have unfortunately of late years been few in number, at times only once a year. At the dinner of last fall the speaker of the evening was Naval Constructor Rock, who gave a most interesting account of the progress of ship building. A new position has come before the society recently, that of holding an informal dinner some time in May, with outside speakers present, but having the seniors of the society give short extracts from their theses so that instead of knowing a little about this work these may be made matters of general interest to the course.