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Website: www.astrococktail.com

Current: Western market and content developer for GaneshaSpeaks.com, Ahmedabad, India

Recent staff:

Senior writer and/or editor at:

Matrix Astrology Software's Sessions in the Third House

<http://www.astrologysoftware.com/community/sessions/index.asp?orig=>

InternetNews.com / StreamingMediaWorld.com (daily/weekly)

AutoMedia / EQ Magazine / Surround Professional Magazine / CarSound (monthlies)

Earlier staff:

The Inside News, Boating, Sexology Today, Concertina Magazine, MCA Publishing, CBS Publishing, Buddha Publishing, Apostolic Recording Studios, Tenth St. Productions, Epiphany Publishing

Freelance writer, editor:

eDigitalPhoto Magazine,

Dell Horoscope Magazine,

Panasonic ProVideo,

The Warsaw Voice,

Fortean Studies,

Digital Cinema,

Sea Heritage News,

The Rappahannock Record,

Intelligent Transportation Systems Daily,

The Motivation Show Daily,

CES Mobile Daily,

Recording Media,

The National Enquirer,

South Street Seaport Reporter,

The Mariners' Museum Journal,

Streaming Media Magazine,

Network Magazine (Sony),

Flying Your Way,

World Of English,

ProSound News,

Toy Fair Times,

Sea History,

Northern Mariner,

Sail,

Fate,

Firefighters' Quarterly

Production, Promotion, Marketing:

Producer/director, 1994 Great Lakes Tall Ship Maritime Festival Series (7 cities)

Public relations officer, Polish tall ship Zawisza Czarny, 1992 Atlantic Tall Ship Races

Live Media (interviews, documentaries, appearances):

BBC, CBC, PBS, NBC, CBS, ABC, and Granada (England) radio & TV, Polish National Radio/TV, Voice of America, Armed Forces Radio, various local and cable TV, CNET Radio

Books (current):

The Lunar Return (Llewellyn), *Composite Charts* (Llewellyn),
Dynamic Astrology (Inner Traditions), *Planets In Love* (Whitford Press)

Deep Background:

John Townley is a **writer**, historian, editor, author, photojournalist, recording artist, producer, and publicist. His books and articles range from unabashed **tabloid** feature writing to **scholarly papers** for the halls of academe. Regular subjects include:

Internet,	recording technology,	history,
news,	music,	marketing,
science,	maritime,	motivation,
astrology,	health,	language,
video,	trends,	travel

In the **editorial/publishing** chair, he has headed daily, weekly, monthly, and quarterly magazines both on staff and freelance.

John has **produced** recordings for labels as wide-ranging as **Columbia Records** and the **National Geographic Society**. A pioneer of professional **multitrack recording and production**, he designed and built the first 12-track recording studios in both New York and San Francisco and still writes extensively on the recording business for a variety of periodicals.

As **founding president** of The Confederate Naval Historical Society, he received the first-ever **Federal award** for leading an **F.B.I. investigation** and prosecution of looters of historic sunken ships under The National Historic Shipwrecks Act.

Former **program developer** at The Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Virginia and New York's South Street Seaport Museum, his papers have been published by the Society for Historical Archaeology, Mystic Seaport Museum, and the U.S. Naval Academy.

Liaison (public affairs) officer and instructor aboard the Polish youth-training **tall ship** *Zawisza Czarny* in the 1992 Columbus Tall Ships Race, John was also director of Maritime Music International's seven 1994 maritime **festival productions** in the U.S., Canada, and Europe.

Some current online articles, reviews, interviews, ad copy:

General topics: <http://www.mylastinglegacy.com/articles/contributors/john-townley/15/>

Consumer astrology:

<http://www.macsmagazine.com/2013/02/horoscope-watch-star-trips-astro-birthday-travel-redesigns-your-destiny/>

<http://www.macsmagazine.com/2013/03/star-trips-how-to-follow-your-fortunes-around-the-globe/>

<http://www.macsmagazine.com/2013/04/soul-mates-and-the-stars/>

<http://www.macsmagazine.com/2013/06/can-astrology-help/>

All astrology articles (dozens) at: <http://www.astrococktail.com/articles.html>

General topics print articles (34): <http://www.astrococktail.com/jtprint.html>

Copywriting: ad copy for 22 consumer reports: <http://www.astrococktail.com/reports.html>

News and Reviews: <http://www.astrococktail.com/news.html>

Blog: <http://matrixtownley.wordpress.com/>

When Uranus Meets Mars: <http://www.llewellyn.com/journal/article/476>

Shanty Festival: <http://www2.warsawvoice.pl/old/v406/Buzz03.html>

Northern Mariner: <http://bell.mma.edu/~achase/ASVO-Northern-Marinerreview.html>

Maritime articles and papers: <http://www.astrococktail.com/maritimemattersinternational.html>

Book reviews: <http://www.astrococktail.com/print%20article%20pdfs/Maritime%20reviews.pdf>

Q&A Biographical Interview:

<http://www.astrococktail.com/HouseplantTownleyInterview.html>

Matrix Interview:

http://www.astrologysoftware.com/community/interviews/get_interview.asp?person_show=5

Cycles Of The Sun And Moon: http://innerself.com./Astrology/cycles_moon.htm

Papers:

"Songwriter Charles Dibdin & 18-19th Century Maritime Music" (Mystic Seaport Museum)

"The Influence of 19th Century Popular Song On Maritime Music"(Mystic Seaport Museum)

"The Songs of the Confederate Navy" (Mystic Seaport Museum)

<http://www.astrococktail.com/CSNmusic.html>

"Recent Problems Protecting Endangered Wrecks in the James River" (Soc. for Hist. Archaeology)

"Confederate Raiders: An Historic Past With A Future" (U.S. Naval Academy)

"Life's Troubled Sea: Maritime Images in 19th Century Hymnody" (Mystic Seaport Museum)

<http://www.astrococktail.com/hymnody.html>

Other:

Producer, recording artist (18 record albums): Columbia, Vanguard, Sony, Folkways, Adelphi, The National Geographic Society

Designer/builder/engineer: 12-track recording studios, New York and San Francisco

Founding President, The Confederate Naval Historical Society

Former President, The Astrologers' Guild of America

Discography (production &/or performance):

Pop and Folk:

1968 - The Family Of Apostolic, Vanguard Records

1969 - O Glory: The Rev. Gary Davis Apostolic Studio Sessions, Vanguard Records

1971 - Just Another Day, Vanguard Records

1975 - Songs of 1776, Songs Of The Civil War, National Geographic Society

1976 - The Top Hits Of 1776, Adelphi Records

1978 - The Flying Cloud, Adelphi Records

1999 - The Best Of The Magicians, Sony/Sundazed Records

Maritime recordings:

1972 - *The X Seamen's Institute Sings Sea Songs At South Street Seaport*, Folkways Records

1975 - *Heart Of Oak!* (X Seamen's Institute), Folkways Records

1976 - *Songs Of The Tall Ships* (The Starboard List), Adelphi Records

1977 - *Sea Songs Seattle* (festival album), Folkways Records
1978 - *Cruising Round Yarmouth* (The Starboard List), Adelphi Records
1978 - *Newport Tall Ships Shanty Festival*, Folkways Records
1980 - *Sea Song Favorites* (X Seamen's Institute), Folkways Records
1985 - *A Chesapeake Sailor's Companion* (The Press Gang), Mariner Records
1989 - *"The Old Bells (Stare Dzwony)" At The Albert Dock*, Maritime Culture Foundation, Poland
1991 - *Sailor!* (John Townley), Maritime Music International
1993 - *From The Baltic To The Bahamas* (Townley/Siurawski), Maritime Culture Fndn., Poland
1995 - *The Warsaw Mermaid* (Townley/Siurawski), Maritime Culture Foundation, Poland
2001 - *A Chesapeake Sailor's Companion* (The Press Gang), Adelphi Records CD reissue
2004 - *Classic Maritime Music* (Smithsonian Folkways Recordings)