



New Researchers in Maritime History Conference Hull History Centre, 11-12 April 2025

The British Commission for Maritime History (BCMh), in association with the University of Hull, is delighted to welcome you to for the thirtieth conference for new researchers. This annual conference organised by BCMh is supported by the Society for Nautical Research.

Friday, 11 April 2025

Guided Tours of Hull's Maritime History, highlighting the significant investment in the City's maritime heritage assets through the Hull Maritime Project. Tour to be led by Dr Sam Wright. Departing the History Centre at 14.30 and 15.30.

16:45 – 17:30: Registration, Hull History Centre

17:30: Welcome, Dr Helen Doe (Chair, British Commission for Maritime History)

17.45: Keynote Lecture: Robb Robinson (University of Hull), 'Interrogating a Ghost Ship of Grytviken.'

19.30: Conference Dinner at The Minerva, Nelson Street.

Saturday, 12 April

8:30 – 9:15: Registration

9:15: Conference Organiser's Welcome, Dr Martin Wilcox (University of Hull)

9:30 – 10:45 SESSION ONE: MARITIME SPACE

Peter Wells (University of East Anglia), "'No Land Nor Ice in the Way": Captain John Wood's 1676 Search for the North-east Passage'.

Saanika Patnaik (Ashoka University), 'Expelling Pirates, Acquiring Sovereignty: The East India Company at Malvan, 1765-1812'.

Matilda Sidel (University of Oxford), 'Customary law of the sea seen through literature: 'Naufragios' and troubles at the coastline of Spanish America'.

10.45-11.15 Coffee

11.15 -12.30 SESSION TWO: MARITIME HISTORIES FROM BELOW

Eliška Bujkova (University of New Brunswick), 'Bodies of labour and labouring bodies: colonial structures of care and bodywork in the British Atlantic c 1650 c 1780'.

Kit Barton (University of Exeter), 'Reconstructing the World of the British Sailmakers; 1688-1714'.

Hannah Bradbury-Crowther (University of Plymouth), 'Examining the role of female contractors at Plymouth Dock, 1692-1763'.

12.30-13:30 Lunch

13:30 Presentation of awards

13:45 to 14.45 SESSION THREE: NEW NAVAL HISTORIES

Kieron Hoyle (Canterbury Christ Church University), 'The Maison Dieu and the Narrow Seas'.

Dave Brooks (University of Hull), 'Patronage and Capability in the British Royal Navy 1815-1870'.

Paul O'Donnell (Birkbeck College, University of London), 'The Vegetarian Dreadnought: the ship that was built for Liberals'.

14.45 to 15.15 Tea

15.15 to 16.30 SESSION FOUR: FROM THE LOCAL TO THE NATIONAL

Jason Mazzocchi (Canterbury Christ Church University), 'Faversham's Maritime Community and Oyster Disputes in late Elizabethan and Early Jacobean Kent'

Tom Gayton (University of Exeter), 'Paid "like drops of blood": Popular Allegiance in Dorset's Ports in the Early Seventeenth Century'

Sophia Bella Chapple, Johannes Rom Dahl, Cianna Devitt (Trinity College Dublin), 'Marine Resource Use During Times of Adversity: A Mixed Methodological Approach to Studying 17th Century Scottish Adaptation'

16.30: Closing remarks

16.45: Conference ends