



## **The British Commission for Maritime History**



# **King's Maritime History Seminars, 2023-24**

**26 October 2023**

Before Valemax: How the 400,000 ton ore carrier developed from a screw collier  
**Roy Fenton, Independent Researcher and Fellow of the BCMH**

**9 November 2023**

The Flying Boat and the Aircraft Carrier. Competing Technologies?  
**Neil Datson, Independent Researcher**

**23 November 2023**

The Maritime Cultural Landscape: A framing for historical analysis for maritime social and cultural interaction  
**David A. Williams, King's College London**

### **The Proctor Memorial Lecture**

**14 December 2023**

Changing Perspectives: Positioning the Sea in Recent German Historiography  
**Ruth Schilling, DSM German Maritime Museum, Leibniz Institute for Maritime History**  
**Note: See below for special registration details.**

### **The Peter Davies Memorial Lecture**

**11 January 2024**

The Question of Maritime Child Labour after the First World War  
**Jari Ojala, University of Jyväskylä**

**25 January 2024**

Canadian Pacific's three Empresses of Britain in literary, visual and material culture  
**Faye Hammill, University of Glasgow**

**8 February 2024**

'For want of System': The birth of amphibious doctrine in the Seven Years War  
**Andrew Young, King's College London**



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## **22 February 2024**

Rewriting Women into Maritime History: visibilising diverse histories and futures,  
1700-2023

**Jo Stanley, Blaydes Maritime Centre, University of Hull**

## **7 March 2024**

Interplay of Empires: The Quest for Influence in the Nineteenth-Century  
Mediterranean

**Cemal Atabaş, Marmara University, Istanbul**

## **21 March 2024 Note: This session will be delivered entirely online.**

The Coal Black Sea: Winston Churchill and the Biggest Naval Catastrophe of the  
First World War

**Stuart Heaver, Journalist and Author**

## **25 April 2024**

Ship of State? Regionalism and Cold War Soft Power aboard *La France*

**Claire O'Mahony, University of Oxford**

## **9 May 2024**

The Ordered Sea: Naval Diplomacy in the Mediterranean, 1815-1911

**Erik de Lange, King's College London**

## **23 May 2024**

The Post-Napoleonic Employment of Former Warships in the British Southern Whale  
Fishery, 1815-1845

**Julie Papworth and Roger Dence, King's College London**

The King's Maritime History Seminars for 2023-24 will continue as hybrid events which means that they may be attended in person or online (with the exception of the entirely online event on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March). As always, attendance is free and open to all. To take part, you must register by visiting the KCL School of Security Studies Events page, here: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/security-studies/events> .

(Note, however, that registration for the Proctor Lecture on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2023 is to be done by the BCMH website, [www.maritimehistory.org.uk](http://www.maritimehistory.org.uk), or Lloyds Register, [www.lr.org](http://www.lr.org) .)

Those of you attending online will receive instructions shortly before the event, by email, about how to join. Otherwise, we will meet in person, as usual, in the Dockrill Room, K6.07, at King's College London. Papers will begin at 17:15 GMT.

The King's Maritime History Seminar is hosted by the 'Laughton Naval Unit' and the 'Sir Michael Howard Centre for the History of War' in the Department of War Studies, King's College London. It is organised by the British Commission for Maritime History ([www.maritimehistory.org.uk](http://www.maritimehistory.org.uk)) in association with the Society for Nautical Research (<https://snr.org.uk/>). For further information contact Dr Alan James, War Studies, KCL, WC2R 2LS ([alan.2.james@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:alan.2.james@kcl.ac.uk)).