# King’s Maritime History Seminars,

# (Spring / Summer 2025)

**9 January 2025**

Nelson’s Pathfinders: Hydrography and the Triumph of British Sea Power 1793-1823

**Captain Michael Barritt, Royal Navy**

**23 January 2025**

Staying afloat – managing mission creep during the Royal Navy’s intervention in the Baltic,

1918-1919

**Matthew Heaslip, University of Portsmouth**

**6 February 2025**

The RNLI at Dunkirk and the Little Ships Myth

**Helen Doe, University of Exeter**

**20 February 2025**

‘In the name of God’, the Journal of the voyage made to the Levant by three warships under the command of John Acton in the years 1750-51

**Bruno Cianci, University of Genoa & Rahmi M Koç Museum (Istanbul)**

**6 March 2025**

‘Failing to prepare for the unexpected’: British defence policy in the late Cold War and the

Royal Navy

**Edward Hampshire, Naval Historical Branch MOD**

**10 April 2025**

King’s Navy: Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King and the Rise of American Sea Power, 1897-1947

**David Kohnen, Captain Tracy Barrett Kittridge Scholar of War Studies and Maritime History, US Naval War College**

**24 April 2025**

Labour, Legend, and Living History: Clyde ‘puffers’, 1857-2024

# Roy Fenton, Independent Researcher and Trustee of the BCMH

**22 May 2025**

Reimagining the Bombay Grab: Fighting and trading across the Indian Ocean

**Chris Ellmers, Docklands History Group**

The King’s Maritime History Seminars for 2024-25 may be attended in person or online.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 [Events | School of Security Studies | King’s College London](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/security-studies/events)

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Online attendees 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).