

Women and the Sea in the Early Modern World
Symposium at the University of Plymouth, 7-8 September 2023

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9.30-09.50 Registration/Tea and coffee

09.50-10.00 Welcome

Session 1 10.00-11.30

- Helen Berry, University of Exeter

From 'Sailor towns' to 'matriarchal amphibious economies': local and global perspectives on women's work in English coastal communities, c. 1700-1750

- Lucy Huggins, University of Southampton,
Women and Maritime Trade: Female Shipowners
- Kathleen Burke, New York University Shanghai
A Window into Women's Histories in the Indian Ocean

11.30-11.50 Tea/Coffee

Session 2 11.50-13.20

- Erin Spinney, University of New Brunswick (Saint John)

Mid-Eighteenth-Century Women's Careers at Naval Hospitals

- Hannah Gibbons, University of Exeter
'Maritime Matriarchs: women, credit, goods and services in the dockland communities of eighteenth-century London'
- Graham Kerr, University of Reading
Women are of equal service if not superior to men': Enslaved Women in 18th Century Royal Navy Yards

13.20-14.15 Lunch

Session 3 14.15-15.45

- Mark Williams, University of Cardiff

"A Horrible Din Only Known by Experience": Judith Weston and the East India Company at Sea'

- Deborah Hamer, New Netherlands Institute
Women and space aboard Dutch West and East India Company ships in the 17th century
- Juliet Atkinson, University of Leeds
North Sea Mobilities and the Identification of Migrant Women in Seventeenth Century London

15.45-16.00 Tea/Coffee

Session 4 16.00-17.30

- Anna Maria Forssberg, Vasa Museum

The naval family: sailors' wives as part of the military system in Sweden in the 17th century

- Lisa Wojahn, University of Exeter
Women who married Royal Navy officers
- Caroline Fish, Purdue University
A Matter of Service to His Majesty: Costanza de Acuña, Naval Jurisdiction, and the Imprisonment of Juan de Fiesco, 1679

9.15-09.30 Tea and coffee

Session 5 09.30-11.00

• Chergui Khedidja, Teachers' Superior College for the Letters and Humanities of Algiers
Sayyida al Hurra: The Female Corsair of the West Mediterranean (1515–1542)

• Samuel Diener, Jesus College, Cambridge

“Every fair Columbus”: The voyage genre and the woman in the wreck

• Michelle A. McKinley, University of Oregon

Amas de leche: Wetnurses and Migration in the Early Modern Iberian Empire

11.00-11.20 Tea/Coffee

Session 6 11.20-12.50

• Sylvian Mbohou, Universidade Estadual do Maranhão (UEMA), Brazil

Les femmes esclaves face à la mer : Des ports négriers africains au Nouveau Monde

• Julia Stryker, Memorial University of Newfoundland

The Snail: Gendered Space and Women's Work at Sea

• Elaine Murphy, University of Plymouth

‘Come my fellow sufferers’: the experiences of women on Stuart warships

13.15-14.15 Lunch

14.15-15.30 Round Table Discussion on the Women and the Sea

15.30 Closing Remarks

Organisers

- Dr Anna Maria Forsberg, Vasa Museum; Dr Deborah Hamer, New Netherlands Institute; Dr Elaine Murphy, University of Plymouth

