



Online conference

Women in the Maritime Business World

20 November 2026

Call for Papers

The British Commission for Maritime History (BCMH) welcomes contributions to this online conference which builds on the success of Lloyd's Register Foundation's project Re-writing Women into Maritime History.

While there were many historical restrictions on women working at sea, a growing body of research is demonstrating that the picture was different onshore. We welcome contributions addressing, though not limited to, the following themes relating to the maritime industry in its widest sense: women as business leaders, women as financial players, women running 'masculine' businesses, communities of business women and evidence of matrilineality. Those who failed in their business endeavours are just as much of interest as those who succeeded. What were the male reactions? Who were the mentors, supporters or detractors? What about women employing men?

Anyone interested in attending the conference without presenting a paper is also warmly invited to register an interest and further information will be sent to you in due course.

For any queries please contact info@maritimehistory.org.uk

Proposals must be submitted by 1 October 2026.

Please submit your proposal via <https://forms.gle/hHDEEH6rjfa51LE68>

You will be asked to include:

- Title of the proposal
- Abstract (max 350 words)
- Short biographical note (max. 200 words) including affiliation