

**Naval Dockyards Society 23rd Annual Conference Saturday 30 March 2019  
National Maritime Museum Greenwich**



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**'We stand on guard for thee.'\***

**Dockyards and Naval Bases in North America, the Atlantic and the Caribbean**

\*The sentiment expressed in the chorus of 'O Canada', the Canadian national anthem written in 1880, could represent that of any naval base for its territory.

This one-day conference will examine the role of naval bases in North America, the North Atlantic and the Caribbean. Were bases built to defend colonies, to control colonies, or to act as springboards for attacking the enemy? How useful were bases in the 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> centuries? Some bases expanded in the world wars. How much was this for local defence and how much to defend convoys? Many landscapes of war have become business and leisure spaces.

An exciting and wide-ranging international programme features three papers focusing on shore and air facilities in North American naval bases: Upper Canadian hemp supply, naval dockyards on the Great Lakes and the Rush-Bagot Treaty, and shore facilities for maritime and naval aviation in the North Atlantic. These are followed by three papers examining particular themes or sites: West Indies naval hospitals, history and re-use of Brooklyn Navy Yard New York, and heritage issues at Port Royal Jamaica.

**REGISTRATION 9.30-11.00 Coffee/Tea/Biscuits**

**11.00-1.15 Morning Conference: Chair Ann Coats**

11.00-11.45 **Ross Fair**, The Kingston Royal Naval Dockyard and Upper Canadian Hemp Supply, 1822-33

11.45-12.30 **Ian F. S. Stafford**, Late Flowering Interest: The Naval Dockyards on the Great Lakes and the Rush-Bagot Treaty

12.30-1.15 **Roger Dence**, Anglo-American Cooperation 1940-45: Developing North Atlantic Naval Base and Aviation Facilities

**1.15-2.15 Buffet Lunch**

**2.15-4.30 Afternoon Conference: Chair Ian Stafford**

2.15-3.00 **Dr Cori Convertito**, 'So Essential to Health...': Supplying Naval Hospitals at West Indies Dockyards, 1740-1820

3.00-3.45 **Dr Celia Clark**, Brooklyn Navy Yard: First US Navy Yard

3.45-4.30 **Dr Jonathan Greenland**, The Port Royal Heritage Project