

# Naval Dockyards Society

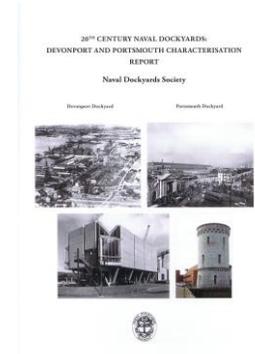
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The **Society** was **constituted in 1997**. It aims to stimulate the production and exchange of information and research in naval dockyards and related organisations. It runs annual conferences, publishes *Transactions*, conducts UK and overseas tours and campaigns to preserve dockyard sites at Sheerness, Deptford, Devonport, Gibraltar and Bermuda. The NDS is supported by the National Maritime Museum.

Read its history in Davies, J. D. (2012). **The Naval Dockyards Society: the first fifteen years**, eds C. Clark and C.A. Brebbia. *Defence Sites: Heritage and Future. Transactions on the Built Environment*. WIT, 123, 3-14.



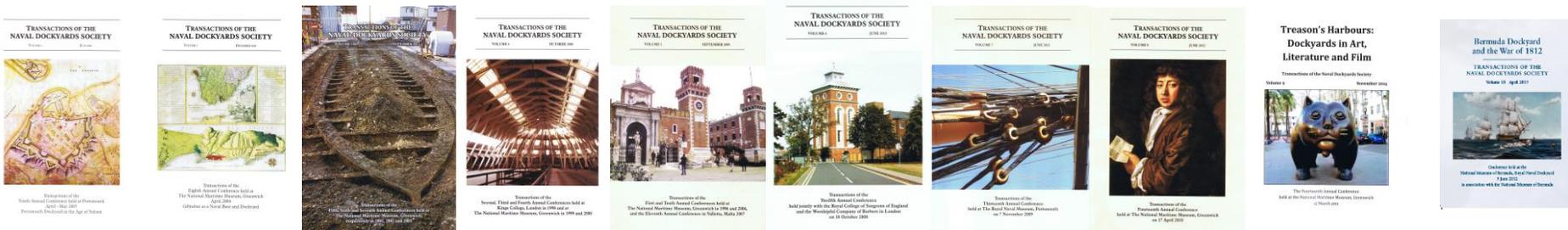
The launch of *Lenox* at Deptford Dockyard on 12 April 1678. Behind is the Tudor storehouse with the double dock and Master Shipwright's house to the left. King Charles II, the Duchess of Portsmouth and their son, Charles Lenox, are in the royal barge alongside. Oil on canvas by Richard Endors.



**20th Century Naval Dockyards: Devonport and Portsmouth Characterisation Report**  
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## Sheerness Dockyard: Officers' houses saved

An eight-year campaign by the Naval Dockyards Society and other local, national and international heritage groups to prevent an unacceptable development of the officers' houses in Sheerness Dockyard was concluded in May 2011. After two planning applications by developer George Demetriou were rejected, Spitalfields Historic Buildings Trust (helped by an Architectural Heritage Fund loan) purchased the estate (on the English Heritage At Risk Register) for £1.85m. This complete 1820s naval officers' residential quarter of six Grade II\* and four Grade II buildings is set in four acres of land. Regency Terrace (a row of five elegant houses) and the magnificent Dockyard House, built for the Chief Superintendent of the yard, have been refurbished by the Trust. The investors are restoring the properties as single homes, the conservation outcome desired by the cross-community amenity groups which had opposed the developer's plans since Swale Borough Council allowed him to buy the estate for £350K in 2003.



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## Exploring the civil branches of navies and their material culture

The Naval Dockyards Society is an international organisation concerned with and publishing material on naval dockyards and associated sites

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## Objectives

- 1 Recruit members and encourage them to exchange relevant views and information
- 2 Publish two newsletters a year which may include information and members' reports of activities and issues
- 3 Publish annual *Transactions* of conference papers, related articles and book reviews
- 4 Organise meetings and tours of UK and overseas dockyards and connected sites.
- 5 Increase public awareness of historic dockyards and related sites
- 6 Create links with related organisations in Britain and abroad
- 7 Coordinate and promote new research into the topics relevant to the Aim
- 8 Coordinate the historical, architectural and technical expertise available within the society to enhance dockyard sites and campaign against threats of damage or the destruction of dockyards or related sites
- 9 Compile a dockyards bibliography and index of *Transactions* articles
- 10 Endeavour to increase access to historic dockyards and related sites
- 11 Create a database of the present status of historic dockyards and related sites worldwide
- 12 Offer assistance to those establishing dockyard heritage sites
- 13 Encourage the storage and collection of relevant archives and oral history interviews related to dockyard history



## Membership Application Form

I wish to join the *Naval Dockyards Society*.  
Cheque enclosed for £.....  
£10 student membership (apply via an ac.uk  
address), £25 (individual membership), £30  
(joint membership of two people living at one  
address) or £40 (institution)

**NB you can also join by PayPal: set up  
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**Name  
Address**

**Telephone/email**

**Interests (Optional)**

I consent to my name, address (telephone,  
email) and interests being circulated to other  
members of the Naval Dockyards Society.

**Signed  
Date**