Naval Dockyards Society

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday 27 March 2021, online, 9.00–3.15 GMT

Dockyards and Baltic Campaigns (1721–2021): Comparisons and Transformations

The Great Northern War concluded three hundred years ago, in 1721: the key dockyards included Stockholm, Karlskrona, Copenhagen, Chatham and Kronstadt. The Baltic was no stranger to naval warfare over the last four years it was a theatre for regional wars, world wars and revolutions, witnessing the successive rise and fall of the Swedish and Russian empires. Britain's concern was often to maintain the balance of power and ensure the continued supply of naval stores: especially Russian hemp, Swedish iron and ‘East Country’ timber. This exciting online conference examines the naval dockyards and bases and their communities, both Baltic and British, which were shaped by Baltic naval campaigns during this period.

0900–0930  Registration on Zoom
0930–0935  Chair’s welcome and introduction  Dr Paul Brown
0935–1015  Naval bases of Sweden—a strategic choice  Lars Wedin, Captain Swedish Navy (retd)
1015–1055  Nordstern (1703–1785)—‘the Danish Navy’s Grand Old Lady’  Ida Christine Jorgensen, PhD student, University of Portsmouth
1055–1110  Break
1110–1150  The Great Yarmouth Naval Support Base and the Baltic Campaigns of 1801 and 1807 to 1814  David Higgins, Author and Historian
1150–1230  Suomenlinna—a new community enjoying a long term, sustainable reuse  Dr Celia Clark, Naval Dockyards Society
1230–1300  Lunch break; Afternoon session to be chaired by Ian Stafford
1300–1340  Kronstadt: Peter the Great’s Dockyard  Dr Paul Brown, Naval Dockyards Society
1340–1420  The British Navy Role in the Baltic States’ War of Liberation (1918–1919)  Dr Chorfi Fatima, Associate Professor, University Oran2, Algeria
1420–1430  Break
1430–1510  Rebirth of Tallinn seaplane hangars  Dr Maris Mändel and Oliver Orro, Tallinn University
1510–1515  Chair’s closing remarks and thanks.

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