

Society for Nautical Research (South)

“The Evolution of the 20th century Gunboat”

Meeting

There will be a one day conference organised by the Society for Nautical Research (South) in the Princess Royal Gallery of the National Museum of the Royal Navy at the Portsmouth Dockyard on Sat 9 Apr 2011.

The conference has been planned around three papers in the morning and three papers the afternoon. The morning and afternoon sessions will be separated by a buffet lunch. The reception desk will be open at 1000hr for registration and coffee. The lunch break will be at 1300hr. There will be a tea break mid afternoon and the conference will close at about 1700hr.



Papers

1030: origin and evolution of the Coastal Motor Boat (CMB)
1130: deployment and operations of the CMB
1210: “Short” boats in Channel waters
1400: “Dog” boats in Mediterranean
1450: the introduction of the Swedish SPICA missile boat
1550: reminiscences of WW2 gunboat Commanding Officers
1630: forum

Other activities

The lecture theatre will also house a variety of tables to entertain delegates during the intermissions:

- Display of model gunboats constructed by members of the Surface Warship Association
- Display of model gunboat models from the Museum and Coastal Forces Heritage Trust collection.
- Publicity on the Coastal Forces Heritage Trust and sale of their CD on the history of Coastal Forces
- Display, and sale, of speakers’ books where available
- Display, and sale, of relevant books from the museum shop

- Information on the high speed craft owned by the Portsmouth Naval Base Property Trust

Tickets

The charge will be £30 for the conference and the buffet lunch with wine. Tickets are available from the SNRS Treasurer Stephen Payne, 5 Blount Road, Pembroke Park, Old Portsmouth PO1 2TD. Phone: 023 9282 9639. Email stevep.payne@talk21.com. Tickets are also available from the organiser and Secretary Keith Hope-Lang phone 01 243 811 388, email pkhluk@yahoo.co.uk.

This conference has been arranged by SNR(S) with the assistance of the Friends of the Royal Naval Museum and the Coastal Forces Heritage Trust. It is an open conference and anybody is welcome to attend.

Directions

Entry to the Historic Dockyard, in which the Royal Naval Museum is located, will be available for those arriving on foot from 1000hr via the Victory Gate located by HMS Warrior at the corner of Queen street and the Hard.

The Royal Naval Museum is located within Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, a five-minute walk (approximately 130 metres) from the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard Visitor centre. The Historic Dockyard is less than 5 miles from Junction 12 of the M27. Follow the brown Historic Waterfront signs from the M275 into Portsmouth. The postcode for satellite navigation devices is PO1 3LA.

We prefer that entry to the Dockyard by car is reserved for those with limited mobility and that others should park in the sign posted car park just outside the Dockyard. Access to the Dockyard by car is via Unicorn Gate; those wishing to use this facility must give their name and car registration to the Treasurer when making their application to attend. Payment at the car park outside is made before driving away and change is given so there is no need to try and estimate the parking duration.

Website

These details will also be available from the SNRS web site www.snrsouth.org.uk

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I enclose a cheque to SNR(S) for £ to purchase tickets at £30 per person

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