



The Sixteenth Annual Oxford Naval Symposium
Saturday 12th May 2018 St Anne's College, Oxford

'The Triumph of the Circumnavigators'

Incorporating for its 2nd year: 'The Alan Villiers Lecture'

Morning session :

'A Girdle About the Earth'

Susan Jackson, the Drake historian, returns with a further study of Sir Francis and his fellow circumnavigators in the Pelican/Golden Hind Voyage 1577-80

'In the Wake of the Great Circumnavigators, a 20th Century Voyage of Rediscovery'

Frances Miller, Yachtswoman and circumnavigator, relates her 20thC saga of following Columbus, Drake, Cook and Denham together with sundry Buccaneers, Seadogs and the People in the 35ft Endurance ketch 'Tara'

'A Triumph of Ingenuity'

A workshop for the examination of some of the instruments of the early circumnavigators. Led by John Wain who is a researcher and collator of information on historic navigation instruments. This will be an opportunity to study original or recreations of rare historic items used in the 'haven finding art'

'Forget Me Not'

Sim Comfort, Napoleonic period naval historian returns to the conference with a story of separation on long ocean voyages that produced a fashion for keepsake miniature portraits for naval officers and engraved coins that served the same purpose for the 'Men'

'The Booze Cruise'-HMS Hood and the Special Service Squadron's Extraordinary Circumnavigation 1923/24'

Rob White, of Maritime Films UK, a Vice President of the HMS Hood Association, leads us across the globe in the path of the Royal Navy's most impressive circumnavigation (includes rare film footage)

Afternoon session :

'Sailing in the Wake of Captain Cook'

James Walters, is a maritime insurance investigator, lecturer, and square rig sailor whose experience includes the Endeavour Bark reconstruction. He brings to the conference a practical knowledge of Captain Cook's vessel on the anniversary of the Great Navigator's first circumnavigation 250 years ago (Includes unique photography and DVD film)

'Cook's Apprentice on the Third Voyage to the Pacific'

Stephen Walters is a maritime historian and technical consultant to film, television media and museums. A specialist on Captain Bligh we will see Cook through the lens of Bligh, a sailing master in Captain Cook's third and fateful voyage into the Pacific Ocean



Afternoon session continued:

The Alan Villiers Lecture:

This feature returns to our conference for a second year

‘Circumnavigations in Trade’: The Voyages of the ‘Cape Horners’

‘Bill’ Cummings is the historian of ‘Craig’s Counties’, the great Scottish clippers of the 19th C
He has published **‘Gone’** the story of these four mast ships famed for size, passages and masters and being the last of their kind

‘Britannia Girdles the Globe: the world-wide network of Royal Naval bases and communications, once crucial to a nation’s naval supremacy’

Dr Vaughan Michell MRINA is a published naval historian of the ‘Capital Ship’ era of the Royal Navy and brings to the conference the practical naval viewpoint on circumnavigation in maintaining protection of trade

‘When the Girdle Broke- the Catastrophic loss of Singapore 1942’

Lt. Com. Bob Horner is a 20thC naval historian and specialist in the naval cryptographic story of Bletchley Park. Bob’s paper examines the imperatives that led to the eventual loss in wartime of a vital strategic asset and the worst defeat suffered by the British armed forces

*Displays of related items, prints and navigation
Plus a sale of second hand naval and maritime books*

*****As a special tribute the BNRA is presenting to all conference attendees, a silver plated commemorative first issued in 1980 to mark Sir Francis Drake’s Circumnavigation of 1577-1580*****

Registration 09.15, 10.00 morning session, lunch 13.00, afternoon session 14.00-17.30

Day conference £45.00 to inc. coffee, lunch, wines and tea

Half day: £15 to inc. coffee/tea

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