

Conference: The World of the Newport Ship, 17-18 July 2014

[The Newport Ship](#) is the most important late medieval merchant vessel yet recovered. Built c. 1450 in northern Spain, she foundered at Newport twenty years later while undergoing repairs. Since her discovery in 2002, further investigations have transformed historians' understanding of fifteenth century ship technology. This cutting-edge conference will bring together maritime archaeologists and historians to explore the ship, consider her significance, and locate the vessel within the commercial world from which she came.

The conference will take place in the Arts Faculty (Lecture Theatre 3) of the University of Bristol, 17 Woodland Rd, over two days. It will consist of eight sessions with papers by experts in the field. We will start by examining the ship itself and then move outwards in a series of broadening rings to examine her wider context. A copy of the [conference flyer \(PDF, 495kB\)](#) (illustrated below) is available as a pdf (500k). The envisaged programme, which is still evolving at this stage, will be along the following lines:



Thursday 17 July

Session 1: 9.30-11.00 'The Archaeology of the Newport Ship'

- Toby Jones (Curator, Newport Ship)
- [Nigel Nayling](#) (University of Wales: Trinity Saint David)

Session 2: 11.30-13.00 'Newport and the Severn Sea in the mid-15th Century'

- Bob Trett (Caerleon), 'Newport during the Wars of the Roses'

Lunch

Session 3: 14.00-15.30 'International Trade and Shipping of the Severn Sea'

- [Dr Evan Jones](#) (University of Bristol)
- [Margaret Condon](#) (University of Bristol)

Session 4: 16.00-17.30 'Urban networks of the Severn Sea and the Broader Political Context'

- [Dr Rowena Archer](#) (University of Oxford)

Conference dinner at local restaurant

Friday 18 July

Session 1: 9.30-11.00 'International Politics and Trade, c.1450-1470'

- [Professor Wendy Childs](#) (University of Leeds)

Session 2: 11.30-13.00 'Basque Links: Shipping and Trade'

Lunch

Session 3: 14.00-15.30 'Southern Iberian Links: Trading Networks'

Session 4: 16.00-17.30 'Roundtable Discussion'

We are hoping to limit the cost of attending the conference to a nominal charge of £10, which will cover registration, refreshments and lunch on both days. Attendance of the conference dinner on the Thursday night will be extra.

Convenors

[Dr Evan Jones](#) and [Dr Richard Stone](#) (University of Bristol) with support from Toby Jones (Newport Ship) and [Nigel Nayling](#) (University of Wales: Trinity Saint David).

If you might be interested in contributing to the programme itself, please contact [Dr Evan Jones](#). Those wishing to register an interest in attending should contact: Richard.Stone@bristol.ac.uk.

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