



NATIONAL MARITIME HISTORY SEMINAR

Friday 15 May, Saturday 16 May and Sunday 17 May 2009

DRAFT PROGRAMME

The core Seminar is on Saturday & Sunday with optional Special Interest Groups on underwater heritage and ship restoration on Friday. Core Programme is on pages 1 to 3 below with programmes for the two Special Interest Groups on pages 4 & 5

Saturday 16 May 2009

Rutherford House (RHLT 2) Victoria University, Bunny Street
(just outside the Railway Station, Wellington).

8.00am onwards Registration

9.00am Welcomes

Formal Opening

Session 1: Early voyages and Exploration

Chair:

9.15 Re-Thinking the Discovery of New Zealand Dr Robin Watt
The skull of a European Woman dating from over 300 years before present has been found in the Wairarapa.....! The first public lecture on this amazing find.

10.00 Did Abel Tasman land in NZ? Rudiger Mack

10.45 Q and A

11.00 Morning tea

Session 2: Whaling, Coastal Trading

Chair:

11.15 Wellington Whaling - Dr Brad Patterson

11.45 The Shipping Interests of Johnny Jones Ian Church

12.15 Q and A

1.00 Lunch

Session 3: Immigration

Chair:

1.30: Three Months in a Leaking Boat 19th Century Immigrant Voyages to NZ
Ken Scadden

2.00 The voyage of the *Lloyds* to Nelson Captain John Brown

2.30 Women and Children Last-The Loss of the *Cospatrick* Charles R Clark

3.00 Q and A

3.15 Afternoon Tea

Session 4: Ships and Ship Builders

Chair:

3.30 Blind Bay Hookers- the Little Ships of Nelson Fred Westrupp

4.00 The Ships of Omaha Carol and James Ramage

4.30 Q and A

5.30 Book Launch ' The Gold of the General Grant '
by Madelene Ferguson Allen and Ken Scadden

7.0 Dinner – Tugboat on the Bay

Mystery After Dinner Speaker!

SUNDAY

Sunday 17 May 2009 at Rutherford House Victoria University, House (RHLT 2)
Bunny St – just outside the Railway Station, Wellington.

Session 5: Navy and Government Vessels

Chair: Bill Pitt??

- 9.00. SS *Rangiriri*, river gunboat and the Waikato War** **Andy Dodd**
- 9.30.00 HMS *New Zealand* at War** **Denis Fairfax**
- 10.00 Q and A**
- 10.15 Morning Tea**

Session 6: Maritime Miscellany

Chair:

- 10.30 History of Oamaru Harbour** **Gavin McLean**
- 11.00 Wartime Maritime Vignettes** **Bob McDougall**
- 11.30 Tonnage to Titanic- A Short History of the Regulation of Ships**
Capt. John Mansell
- 12.00 Q and A**
- 12.30 Board *Sweet Georgia* for a one and a half hour lunch cruise.**

Session 7: Shipwrecks

Chair:

- 2.30 New Zealand's First Shipwreck? - The Loss of HMS *Adventures* Cutter in 1777.** **Ian Church**
- 3.00 Island of the Lost - the *Grafton* (1864) and *Invercauld* (1864) wrecks**
Joan Druett
- 3.30 Wreck of the *Niagara* (1940) and it's aftermath** **Keith Gordon**
- 4.00 Mystery Wreck At Campbell Island** **Norm Judd**
- 4.30 Q and A**
- 4.45 Afternoon Tea**
- 5.0 Wrap up**
- 5.30 Close of Conference**



PROGRAMME

UNDERWATER HERITAGE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (UHSIG)

Friday 15 May 2009 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. Museum of Wellington City and Sea

CHAIR:

9.00 Introduction and Welcome

9.10 Conservation of Maritime Objects

Jack Fry
Conservator MAANZ

10.0 Morning Tea

10.30 Exploring New Zealand Deepwater Shipwrecks
Port Kembla (1917), HMS Puriri (1942), Holmglen (1959),

Keith Gordon

11.30 Wreck of the *L'Alcemene* (1851)

Noel Hilliam

12.30 Lunch

1.30 Diverse Divers Tales

Roger Meecham

2.30 Wreck of the SS *Kakanui* (1891) in the Southern Ocean Redmer Ysker

3.00 Afternoon Tea

3.30 Panel Discussion 'Preservation of our Underwater Heritage'

Rick McGovern Wilson
Senior Archaeologist NZHPT

Representative from Min of Cult and Heritage

Representative from MAANZ

Representative from UHGNZ

Piers Davies?

5.30 Drinks and Nibbles. Social occasion



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PROGRAMME

SHIP RESTORATION SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Friday 15 May 2007. 9.00am to 5.00pm HMNZS Olphert 29 Buckle St, Wellington

CHAIR :

9.00 am Introduction and Welcome and Round the Slipways(i.e Current and future projects for e.g. Lyttelton, Te Waka, Rapaki, Jane Gifford. Kopua etc)

10.0 Morning Tea

10.30 Preparing a Conservation Plan

Peter McCurdy

11.0 Sources of and seeking funding

**Diane Bastion.
Lotteries Environment and Heritage
NZ Lottery Grants Board**

11.30 SS Lyttelton ?

Tba

12.00 Lunch

1.30 Toroa Restoration Society

Peter McCurdy

2.00 Edwin Fox ?

Tba

2.30 Wanganui Riverboat Centre ?

Tba

3.00 Afternoon Tea

3.30 Round table discussion: Issues could include the formation of a National Vessel Restoration Network, which could have future meetings, a combined website ? etc. Bring your own ideas.

4.0 SS Hikitia

Malcolm McGregor

4.30 Visit Hikitia for tour of the vessel

Social function . Drinks and Networking opportunities.