



## Newsletter April 2016

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### **New volume of International Journal of Maritime History**

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Stefan Halikowski Smith, "Languages of subalternity and collaboration: Portuguese in English settlements across the Bay of Bengal, 1620–1800"

Matthew Neufeld, "Neither private contractors nor productive partners: The English fiscal-naval state and London hospitals, 1660–1715"

Gregor McMillan, "Trading on Chinese shores: The Indo-China Steam Navigation Company and change in the China coastal shipping market, 1880–1900"

Mark A Russell, "Steamship nationalism: Transatlantic passenger liners as symbols of the German Empire"

Roberto Giulianelli, "Ship financing in Italy in the first half of the twentieth century"

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## **Maritime history scholars around the world: Maria Fusaro**

University of Exeter, United Kingdom

### ***How, when and why did you find an interest in maritime history?***

It is difficult to answer this question precisely, given that the roots of my research are in the study of the history of the Republic of Venice, I suppose the sea was always there for me as a crucial element of historical development. At the same time (when asked!) I actually define myself as a 'socio-economic historian of early modern Europe', still surprised at the omnipresence of the

maritime issues at the root of all the fundamental issue behind the history of that period, and the onset of that most controversial issue of 'modernity'.

### ***What – in your opinion – is particularly fascinating about maritime history?***

The sea is an extreme environment, and it brings out the best and the worst of human nature, hence the 'fascination' that many feel towards its history. Personally,

and to be utterly honest, I feel some unease when the expression ‘fascinating’ is applied to scholarship, as it seems to imply some form of ‘enchantment’, not the best friend of research! What I find profoundly interesting is that a maritime perspective allows us to analyse and discuss all types of historical development – political, social, economic and cultural – bringing together the concerns of both ‘rulers and the ruled’ across all periods.

***Which maritime history books have made a “lasting” impression on you? Why?***

I would single out two classics: Frederic Lane’s Venice: a Maritime Republic, and Ralph Davis’ The Rise of the English Shipping Industry. At first glance these are very different books, with very different structures, aims and audiences. However, both provide authoritative interpretations based on solid archival work, raise a lot of new questions (which is the mark of proper analyses) and are written in elegant and engaging prose. The latter being a rare gift amongst us scholars!

***What are the main questions maritime historians still have to find answers for?***

I could not agree more with Skip Fischer and Jesús Valdaliso that more should be done to increase the comparative element in maritime history. My view is that a more intensive engagement with the study of trans-national issues will also help to break free from traditional nation-based narratives. In recent years the study of ‘science’ and the ‘law’ within a maritime environment are strongly emerging, and I am looking forward to see how these new approaches will shape the field in the coming years.

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**New book: Maritimes Mittelalter**

Michael Borgolte / Nikolas Jaspert (Eds.)

Maritimes Mittelalter

Meere als Kommunikationsräume

Vorträge und Forschungen, Band 83

Available at: <http://www.thorbecke.de/maritimes-mittelalter-p-2079.html>

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## **New journal: Maritime Business Review**

For author guidelines, please visit: <http://msc.emeraldinsight.com/>

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<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/mabr>

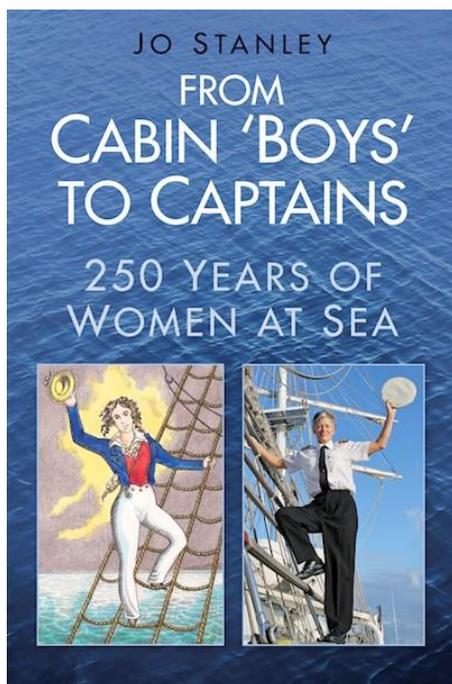
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## **New Pub: Imitation in European Fisheries, ca. 1550-1860**

50 free downloads available here:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/QMveprvDB5EzitasNXAr/full#.VxiV73rO708>

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## **New book: From Cabin 'Boys' to Captains – 250 years of Woman at Sea**

By Jo Stanley

Traditionally, a woman's place was never on stormy seas. But actually thousands of dancers, purserettes, doctors, stewardesses, captains and conductresses have taken to the waves on everything from floating palaces to battered windjammers. Their daring story is barely known, even by today's seawomen. From before the 1750s, women fancying an oceangoing life had either to disguise themselves as cabin 'boys' or acquire a co operative husband with a ship attached.

Early pioneers faced superstition and discrimination in the briny 'monasteries'.

Today women captain cruise ships as big as towns and work at the highest level in the global maritime industry. This comprehensive exploration looks at the Merchant Navy, comparing it to the Royal Navy in which Wrens only began sailing in 1991.

Using interviews and sources never before published, Jo Stanley vividly reveals the incredible journey across time taken by these brave and lively women salts.

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