



Aftermath of the 1956 Suez crisis: Global Ramifications and Reflections for Dockyards and Shipyards



**Naval Dockyards Society 30th Annual Conference (hybrid)
National Maritime Museum Greenwich Saturday 28 March 2026
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PROGRAMME

9.30–11.00 **REGISTRATION** Coffee/Tea/Biscuits

10.00–10.50 **AGM** (*NDS members only*)

11.00–12.20 Morning Conference *Laying the foundations for the post-Suez global transfer of naval power* Chair Ian Stafford

11.00–11.40 Dr Samantha Middleton, 'From Convoys to Crisis: How the WWII Maritime Infrastructure Shaped Britain's Strategic Failure in Suez and Its Aftermath for Dockyards and Shipyards'

11.40–12.20 Dr David F. Winkler, 'Setting the Stage: The Suez Crisis and Eventual Withdrawal of British Presence East of Suez'

12.20–1.20 Lunch in Cafeteria or BYO

1.20–2.00 Afternoon Conference *Home and overseas dockyard case studies*
Chair Dr Andrew Jeffrey

1.20–2.00 Richard Holme, MPhil, 'Sheerness dockyard 1956-2026: Bad and good news!'

2.00–2.40 Chen BI, 'From Imperial Base to Commercial Lease: The Governance Transformation of Malta Dockyard after the Suez Canal Crisis'

2.40–3.20 Dr Kater Yip, 'The Connection Between the Suez Crisis and the Closure of Hong Kong's Central Drydock in 1958'

3.20–3.40 **Afternoon break**

3.40–4.20 **Afternoon Conference continued** *A springboard for further study* Chair Dr Ann Coats

3.40–4.20 Andrew Livsey, MA, 'The British naval requirement for dockyards and support facilities, 1956 to 2026'

4.20 Brief final questions, comments, Valediction

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