



**Aftermath of the 1956 Suez crisis: Global Ramifications and Reflections for Dockyards and Shipyards**  
**Naval Dockyards Society 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (hybrid)**  
**National Maritime Museum Greenwich Saturday 28 March 2026**  
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**PROGRAMME**

9.30–11.00 **REGISTRATION** Coffee/Tea

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 Coffee/Tea served – Obtain lunch in Cafeteria or BYO**

**1.20–2.40 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’

2.40–3.00 **Afternoon short break**

3.00–4.30 **Afternoon Conference continued** *A springboard for further study* Chair Dr Ann Coats

3.00–3.40 Dr David F. Winkler, ‘Filling the Void: The Reluctant Superpower East of Suez’

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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