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Image: Shipping on the river at Greenwich Reproduction. About 1890s. Maker: unknown.

Sea Fever

11 May

19.00 – 20.30

£8.00 adults, £6.00 concessions

Hosted by producer David Parker, who will be screening highlights from the BBC Four *Sea Fever* season. This is a rare opportunity for a conversation with the film-makers and contributors to the television series.

Boats that Built Britain

20 May

19.00 – 20.30

£8.00 adults, £6.00 concessions

Tom Cunliffe presents *Boats that Built Britain* for BBC Four. In this lecture he will explore how boats have helped shape Britain's history.

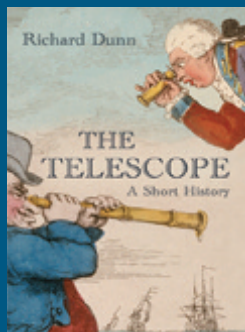
The Telescope: a satirical history

10 June

19.00 – 20.30

£8.00 adults, £6.00 concessions

Join Richard Dunn, author of *The Telescope: a Short History*, for an alternative look at the story of how the telescope grew from a simple hand-held device into a giant instrument of modern astronomy.



Boats that Built Britain
National Maritime Museum
in partnership with



National Historic Ships

6 week lecture series

Thursdays, 11.00 – 13.00

£48.00 adults, £36.00 concessions

£8.00 adults, £6.00 concessions for
each lecture.

Messing about in boats, the splash of cold salt water – a major new season of programmes on BBC Four will look at the crucial ways in which the sea has helped to shape modern Britain. The season and lecture series coincides with *Boats that Built Britain* at the National Maritime Museum starting at the beginning of May.



Image: Hoisting sail in a boat by Thomas Rowlandson.

*The Lost Voyages
of John Cabot*

17 June

David Boyle discusses the mysterious pioneer John Cabot, who is credited with discovering North America in 1497.

Down to the Westward

24 June

Tom Cunliffe describes how the Bristol Channel teemed with shipping in the boom years of Empire.

Trade and Empire

1 July

John McAleer, NMM Curator of 18th-Century Imperial and Maritime History explores Britain's rise as a global trading power in the 18th century and considers the links between trade and empire.

*Landing Craft
in Operation Neptune*

8 July

In WWII a new fleet of landing craft was created to re-insert the Allied armies in Western Europe. Eric Grove, Professor of Naval History at the University of Salford provides a guide to these vessels.

The Historic Ship Experience

15 July

Dr. Paul Brown introduces the numerous historic ships of the United Kingdom that can be visited in ports and harbours, or even sailed by the general public.

*The Herring Fishery
in 19th-century Scotland*

22 July

Dr Robert Prescott, Chair of the Advisory Committee on National Historic Ships details the massive development of the herring fishery in Victorian Scotland.

Film Screenings

16 – 17 July

Sense and Sensibility

16 July

19.30 – 22.00

£10.00

Certificate PG, Director Ang Lee

Filmed on location at the National Maritime Museum, *Sense and Sensibility* has been adapted for the screen from Jane Austen's 1811 novel. Come and watch the trials and tribulations of Regency life in this wonderful location, against the backdrop of portraits from the period and Royal Park views.

Includes a drink and talk. Queen's House.

Encounters at the End of the World

17 July

14.00 – 16.00

Admission free

advanced booking required,

Certificate U, Director Werner Herzog

Encounters at the End of the World is a documentary film by Werner Herzog studying people and places in Antarctica. This film captures Antarctica's beauty in a way rarely seen on film, and also shares thoughts about nature and humanity.

National Maritime Museum.

Barbarella

17 July

18.00 – 20.00

£10.00

Certificate 18, Director Roger Vadim

Dress for the occasion and fast-forward to the 40th century for this kitsch sci-fi classic. Complete with a suitably sci-fi themed planetarium show and a special prize for the best costume, this promises to be a truly memorable evening.

The Peter Harrison Planetarium at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich.

Greenwich Time Symposium

12 June

11.00 – 16.00

£8.00 adults, £6.00 concessions

This annual symposium explores perceptions of time. This year the theme is electric time and coincides with the 40th birthday of the AHS Electrical Horology Group (EHG). Speakers include David Rooney, James Nye, David Read, Dr. Thomas Schraven and Professor Jonathan Raper of City University London.



Paths of Discovery

4 week evening lecture series

Tuesdays, 19.00 – 20.30

£32.00 adults, £24.00 concessions

or £8.00 adults, £6.00 concessions

for each lecture.

1001 Inventions: Discover the Muslim Heritage in our World

13 July

Professor Salim T. S. Al-Hassani, Chairman of the *1001 Inventions* exhibition, charts the advancement of Muslim civilization and its impact on the maritime world.

Brunel: the Great Engineer

10 August

Tim Bryan, Head of Collections and Interpretation at the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust, examines the influence of this visionary engineer and architect.

Marconi and Modernity

7 September

David Barlow, from the Lizard *Marconi* Wireless Station, talks about the importance and modern-day relevance of Guilielmo Marconi, Nobel Prize winner and early pioneer of wireless communication technology.

Leonardo: Working with Water and Wind

19 October

Martin Kemp, Emeritus Professor in the History of Art at Oxford University, reveals Leonardo da Vinci's many connections with the sea.

Trafalgar day

21 October

£8.00 adults, £6.00 concessions

To commemorate this special date in maritime history the National Maritime Museum will be hosting two talks to celebrate the victory of the battle of Trafalgar.

Young Nelsons: boy sailors during the Napoleonic wars

11.00 – 13.00

Writer D.A.B. Ronald explores the British tradition of children going to sea and talks about his new book.

Black Salt: early black sailors and Nelson's navy

14.00 – 15.30

Dr. Ray Costello examines the work and experience of seamen of African descent in the Royal Navy, from impressed slaves to free African, British West Indian, and British-born Black sailors.

Science and the Maritime Nation: 350 years of the Royal Society and the Royal Navy

9 week evening lecture series

**£70.00 adults, £50.00 concessions
or £8.00 adults, £6.00 concessions
for each lecture.**

The Royal Society of London, the world's oldest scientific academy in continuous existence, is celebrating its 350th anniversary in 2010. To mark this occasion the National Maritime Museum is presenting the following series of lectures.

Apart from 1 October, all lectures are held on Thursdays, 19.00 – 21.00 at the National Maritime Museum.

Lecture 1 Introduction

1 October

Andrew Lambert (King's College London), '*Science for a Maritime Nation: the Royal Society and the Royal Navy*'.

Lecture 2 Science and the Navy in the early Royal Society

**7 October (this session will take place at
the Royal Society)**

David Davies, '*Pepys and the Scientific Navy*'.

Rob Iliffe (University of Sussex), '*The Royal Society, navigation and the problem of longitude, 1660 – 1730*'.

Lecture 3 Stuart cartography: charting the sea and the sky

14 October

Adrian Webb (UK Hydrographic Office), '*A beneficiary of science: Captain Collins and his survey of Great Britain, 1681 – 87*'.

Gillian Hutchinson (NMM), '*Edmond Halley: charting scientific discovery*'.

Lecture 4 Science and the Sea in the long 18th century

21 October

Nicky Reeves (University of Cambridge), 'John Pringle's Copley Discourses: practical science and the British Navy'.

Richard Dunn (NMM), 'Beyond Harrison: the later life of the Board of Longitude'.

Lecture 5 Expeditions and Empire

28 October

Simon Schaffer (University of Cambridge), 'Acting at a distance: the Venus transit expeditions and the establishment of empire'.

Lecture 6 Observatories for the Navy

4 November

Rebekah Higgitt (NMM), 'The Admiralty's observatories: Greenwich, Cape and Rossbank'.

Lecture 7 Arctic science

11 November

Michael Bravo (Scott Polar Research Institute), 'The making and breaking of scientific reputations in collaborative Arctic experiments, 1815 - 30'.

Lecture 8 Science for the Navy at war

18 November

Malcolm Llewellyn Jones (Naval Research Branch), 'The Admiralty, the Royal Society and the shipping crisis of 1942-43'.

Lecture 9 Science and the Navy in the post-war period

25 November

Klaus Dodds (Royal Holloway, University of London), 'Turning the Antarctic pink: flagging, mapping and surveying the Falkland Island Dependencies, 1945-58'.

Katrina Dean (British Library), 'Science and the military from the International Geophysical Year, 1957-58'.



Image: Royal Observatory from Crooms Hill, circa 1680 showing Flamsteed's mast telescope.

Booking form Please book lectures in advance

Name

Address

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Event title	Start date	No. of places		£
		standard	concession	
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Names of other participants

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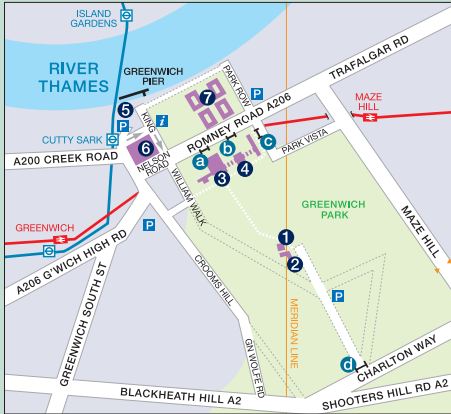
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Cheque enclosed payable to the *National Maritime Museum*

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Return to: Bookings, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, SE10 9NF

How to get to the Museum



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 - 2 PETER HARRISON PLANETARIUM
 - 3 NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM
 - 4 QUEEN'S HOUSE
 - 5 CUTTY SARK
 - 6 GREENWICH MARKET
 - 7 OLD ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE
- a ROMNEY GATE
b ROYAL GATE
c ANCHOR GATE
d BLACKHEATH GATE

Admission is free

An entry fee is charged for some exhibitions

Concessions

Students, senior citizens, disabled, members and unemployed are entitled to the concessionary rate on all events

Bookings

For further information of all events or to book call **020 8312 6608** or email **bookings@nmm.ac.uk**

Opening hours

Open daily 10.00 – 17.00
Last admission 30 minutes before closing.
Late summer opening times apply

Recorded Information

020 8312 6565

Refreshments

PAUL patisserie, The Galley Café
National Maritime Museum
Observatory Café

Public Transport

DLR

Bank to Cutty Sark – 20 mins
(Zone 2)

National Rail

London Bridge to Greenwich – 20 mins

Bus

177, 180, 188, 199, 286, 386

River

Embankment to Cutty Sark – 30 mins
Canary Wharf to Cutty Sark – 10 mins

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