



**The 75th Anniversary Commemoration of the Closure of
The Royal Naval Dockyard, Bermuda
Naval Dockyards Society Special Conference in partnership
with The National Museum of Bermuda 31 May 2025
Sponsored by the Society for Nautical Research**



***What challenges has Bermuda Dockyard faced since 1951?
How has the Dockyard contributed to 21st century Bermuda?***

The Royal Naval Dockyard, Bermuda, was a symbol of British military power for more than 150 years. Today, it's one of Bermuda's most popular spots for visitors, home to the island's biggest cruise ship pier and many restaurants, shops, and attractions. In May 2025, the Naval Dockyards Society and the National Museum of Bermuda will hold a Conference in Bermuda commemorating the 75th anniversary of the closure of the Royal Naval Dockyard.

Conference themes will encompass:

- Bermuda Naval Dockyard—Early history
- 1812 Fortifications and conflict with the USA
- The North Atlantic—Second World War
- Dockyard Closure—Personal stories
- Dockyard today—Bermuda's economic loss and recovery

The conference will be enhanced by behind-the-scenes dockyard and walking tours.

If your proposal is accepted - *you will present in-person* - we will pay your conference fee and lunch and contribute towards your accommodation, publish your paper and give you a copy of the journal. Your talk will be around 30 minutes, the printed paper 6–10K words, due 31 August 2025. Estimated conference and tour dates: 29 May–2 June 2025

Send your title, a 300-word synopsis and a 100-word biography by **30 September 2024** or earlier to Roger Bendall, roger@rogerbendall.com and Dr Ann Coats avcoatsndschair@gmail.com

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