



WORLD SHIPSOCIETY DORSET BRANCH

*Two words that are close to home ...*

# ~Ships~Dorset~

*... interested?*

The Dorset Branch of the World Ship Society meets on the second Saturday afternoon of the month between September and May at The Centre - Ferndown in East Dorset (BH22 8XH), 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start. All our meetings are “hybrid” sharing our Dorset venue event with a wider member community via Zoom giving local members the choice between getting together or enjoying the event at home. This also enables us to welcome remote members who can use Zoom to join all our meetings.

Our nine meetings per year have been widely acknowledged as informative and well presented, attracting popular and respected speakers from the local, national and international ships, shipping and maritime history scene. Visitors to our branch are always welcome ~ in person or via Zoom ~ please get in touch. Initial invitations come with no obligation, and we hope you enjoy the afternoon. Ongoing participants are encouraged to become Branch Members ~ for only £20 a year.

For details of our future events programme please see [www.shipsdorset.org/events](http://www.shipsdorset.org/events) ... and do contact us. Hybrid meetings allow us to welcome you wherever you are in the world! Email us via [info@shipsdorset.org](mailto:info@shipsdorset.org) or to find out more see [www.shipsdorset.org](http://www.shipsdorset.org)

## WSS DORSET 2025/26 MEETING PROGRAMME

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13th September 2025

**~ Shipping at Terneuzen & the Ghent Canal in 2024 ~**

~ with Des Upcraft ~

*Des shares photos from a ship spotting visit to the Netherlands*

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11th October 2025

**~ Aboard “Americana” down South America way ~**

~ with Ted Scull ~

*Ivaran Lines’ passenger & container ship*

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8th November 2025

**~ A Change of Korea ~**

~ with Andrew McAlpine ~

*Conceived in Denmark ... Constructed in South Korea ... Connecting Europe & Asia*

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13th December 2025

**~ History of the Merchant Navy ~**

~ with David Parsons ~

*A history of British merchant shipping from early times to the 21st Century*

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10th January 2026

**~ A day out aboard Cap San Diego ~**

~ with David Trevor-Jones ~

*Built in 1961 - saved from scrapping in 1986 - a vintage cargo ship*

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14th February 2026

**~ Black Sea, Red Sea & Red Arrows ~**

~ with Bill Mayes ~

*Cruising with Saga 2008-2010*

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14th March 2026

**~ A Look Back at Shipping on the Fal ~**

~ with Krispen Atkinson ~

*Following a great talk on Falmouth in 2025, Krispen explores laid-up tonnage on the river*

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11th April 2026

**~ Gateway to the World: The Great Port of New York ~**

~ with Bill Miller ~

*A harbour - bridges - liners - skyscrapers ... and an anniversary*

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9th May 2026

**~ Ferry Tales of the Eighties ~**

~ with Steve Pink ~

*From Thoresen’s Vikings to P&O’s Prides ... over 20 south coast ferries*

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