

Competition for the best theses in the field of maritime history held by the Estonian Maritime Museum [SA Eesti Meremuuseum]

Statute

1. Organizer of the competition

1.1 The competition is held by the Estonian Maritime Museum [SA Eesti Meremuuseum].

2. Goal of the competition

2.1 The goal of the competition lies in motivating university students to research Estonian maritime history and promoting the work on research and collection performed by the Estonian Maritime Museum.

3. Submission of the theses

3.1 Students of Estonian or foreign higher education institutions may participate in the competition by submitting their diploma's, bachelor's and master's theses which were defended within the last two years.

3.2 The thesis for the competition must be submitted to the Estonian Maritime Museum in the PDF file format and supplemented with the student's contact details, the supervisor's assessment in writing and contact details, the information about the graduation and the university.

3.3 In case the thesis was written in a foreign language, the participant of the competition shall supplement this with a summary in Estonian.

4. Requirements for the theses

4.1 Theses which address various aspects of Estonian maritime history may be submitted.

4.2 Preference shall be given to the topics closely linked to the lines of research and collection policy of the Estonian Maritime Museum and using source materials from the museum's collections. The lines of research and collection policy of the Estonian Maritime Museum are available on the museum's web page.

4.3 Theses using other Estonian or foreign archives may also participate in the competition if they are connected to Estonian maritime history.

5. Evaluation of the papers and selection of the best papers

5.1 A committee upon the proposal of the Head of Research of the Estonian Maritime Museum shall be formed for the evaluation of the papers.

5.2 Rotation of the committee members, who shall be selected among the researchers, the management board, and the research council of the Estonian Maritime Museum, shall be implemented.

5.3 The committee may not include a person who is directly connected to a student taking part in the competition.

5.4 The criteria to be considered in the evaluation of the theses shall be their connection to Estonian maritime history, originality of the topic and the use of primary sources.

5.5 The voting is based on simple majority.

6. Prize fund for the competition

6.1 The prize fund for the competition for the best theses on maritime history held by the Estonian Maritime Museum constitutes 2,000 euros to be awarded in the form of two prizes: the best (diploma) bachelor's thesis (500 euros) and the best master's thesis (1,000 euros).

6.2 The committee has the right to award a special prize of up to 500 euros.

6.3 In case no theses deemed to be of sufficient quality by the committee are submitted for the competition, the committee shall have the right not to award the prize.

7. Announcement of the winning entries

7.1 The winning entries shall be announced once a year on the anniversary of the Estonian Maritime Museum, 23 February.

7.2 The authors of the winning theses shall be provided with an opportunity to publish an article in the pre-reviewed yearbook of Estonian Maritime Museum.