Call for papers: Coastal Warfare: Protecting the Coast with Fortifications and Fleets

Location: 27 February 2026, Tallinn, Estonia

The Estonian Maritime Museum organises international naval conferences every four years. The presentations given at these conferences are also published in the peer-reviewed *Proceedings of the Estonian Maritime Museum*. We welcome presentation proposals for the upcoming international conference titled 'Coastal Warfare: Protecting the Coast with Fortifications and Fleets'. For those who cannot attend in person, we are also accepting academic research papers to be considered for publication.

The theme of the conference covers a broad spectrum of naval activities and capabilities as well as co-operation with other branches of armed forces. Although historians have focused more on fleet-on-fleet engagements, the coastal regions offer several compelling elements to consider. The concepts of coastal sea and coastal protection vary from nation to nation and are significantly shaped by geographical characteristics. As a result, this segment of the maritime domain can include maritime defences, coastal artillery, various coastal structures, naval ships designed for coastal operations, and coordinated efforts for both offensive and defensive purposes.

The primary objective of this conference is to unite naval historians to share their research and create beneficial opportunities for discussion. The conference will feature 12 presenters.

Working language: English

Kindly send in your proposals to CONFERENCE@meremuuseum.ee

Deadline – 1 December 2025