



Fredrik Henrik af Chapman. Painting by Lorens Pasch the Younger. Photo: Swedish National Maritime and Transport Museums

CALL FOR PAPERS

The shipbuilder
Fredrik Henrik af Chapman
– international perspectives

3–4 October 2019

Swedish Naval Museum, Karlskrona

We invite proposals for papers related to the renowned Swedish shipbuilder Fredrik Henrik af Chapman (1721–1808). Researchers in all fields are encouraged to participate, including archaeologists, economists, naval architects/engineers and historians from any relevant sub-fields, including but not limited to social, cultural, economic, strategic, naval history and history of ideas. We welcome papers from research students, early career scholars and established academics.

One important aim of the conference is to enhance the knowledge of Fredrik Henrik af Chapman and his career as a shipbuilder. But shipbuilding and naval technology are deeply international phenomena, and therefore the organisers would like to encourage papers that can put af Chapman's designs and ideas as a shipbuilder into a wider international context.

How did he contribute to advances in shipbuilding and technology in Europe? How did the knowledge of shipbuilding and maritime technology spread through Europe? Papers could also discuss how navies introduced the new technology into their existing organisations and how it affected them. Papers that study af Chapman's designs from the angle of cultural heritage studies are also welcome as are ones that deal with his influence on the education of ship designers.

Fredrik Henrik af Chapman made his mark not only on shipbuilding but also on the navy yard in Karlskrona. Many buildings erected in the late 1700s when af Chapman was in charge of the naval yard are still being used by the navy today. Conference attendees will be given a unique opportunity to see parts of the naval base not open to the public. A selection of papers given at the conference will be published in a book celebrating the 300th anniversary of the birth of Fredrik Henrik af Chapman.

Proposals should be no more than 300 words in length, accompanied by a one-page CV, and sent to the organisers before April 19, 2019 at: andreas.linderoth@maritima.se

Successful applicants invited to speak at the conference will be given twenty minutes to present their research, with time for questions.