

## ***Down to the Sea in Ships***

Doesn't this phrase conjure up thoughts of discovery, adventure, danger and challenge! For longer than recorded history humans have built things that float and left the land behind to seek new resources, escape danger, fight wars or learn about the world. In more modern times, commerce and the profit motive kicked in and today it is also done for pure sport and pleasure. In this course we will explore what compels us to take on great risks, what the consequence of those endeavours have been and how the technology of ocean travel has changed.

### ***Some Possible Topics***

#### **Specific Topics:**

##### **Explorers from Wikipedia - examples**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_explorers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_explorers)

Auguste Piccard  
Erik the Red  
Ferdinand Magellan  
Fletcher Christian  
Francis Drake  
Henry the Navigator  
Henry Hudson  
Jacques Piccard  
Jacques-Yves Cousteau  
James Cook  
John Franklin  
Leif Ericson  
Robert Ballard  
Sebastian Cabot  
Thor Heyerdahl  
Joshua Slocum

##### **Maritime Disasters Wikipedia – examples**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_maritime\\_disasters](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_maritime_disasters)

Mary Rose  
MV Wilhelm Gustloff  
RMS Lusitania  
RMS Empress of Ireland  
SS Mont-Blanc (Halifax Explosion)  
RMS Atlantic  
RMS Titanic  
(too numerous to mention)

##### **Famous Ships – examples**

<http://www.jimwegryn.com/Names/Ships.htm>

The Santa Marie  
C.S.S. Hunley  
U.S.S. Monitor

HMS Vistory  
U.S.S. Maine  
The Argo  
Bismarck  
The Bounty  
U.S.S. Arizona  
The Bluenose  
Earthrace  
Golden Hind  
Kon Tiki  
U.S.S. Nautilus  
Noah's Ark  
Pilot  
Solar Bark  
Trieste

#### **Themes and Areas of Investigation**

Shipwrecks & Disasters  
Great Seafaring Explorers  
Navigation, old, new and evolution  
Great or unusual craft  
Storms  
Rescues  
Territorial Expansion and Colonization  
Sport sailing, racing and solo adventures  
The depths: science, treasure hunting,  
archaeology  
Navy ships and battles  
Cruise Ships  
Shipping Tycoons  
Evolution of ship construction  
Naval architecture & shipbuilding  
Ships gone without a trace

*Lists of Explorers and Maritime Disaster will be sent to registered attendees.*