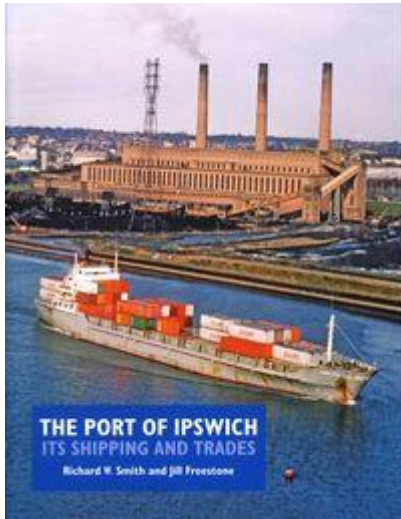


The Port of Ipswich its shipping and trades - new book published



The Port of Ipswich its shipping and trades, Richard W Smith and Jill Freestone, Malthouse Press, Suffolk. Large-format paperback, 280 x 210 mm, 384 pages inc. approx 400 photographs. ISBN 978-0-9539680-4-6, £30.

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"The Port of Ipswich - Its Shipping and Trades", by Richard W Smith and Jill Freestone, has been a 12-year labour of love for the two authors, who both grew up within sight, sound and smell of the docks and river.

Both Richard and Jill have vivid childhood memories of the paddle steamers, sailing barges, mills, and cranes that typified the working port and have compiled these, along with their research, into the magnificent 382-page book telling the story of 150 years of the working port, incidents on the Orwell in war and peace, and bringing to life characters and ferrymen (and their dogs).

This is an important book for those interested in the development of Ipswich or more generally in ports and shipping. Although the history of Ipswich shipping dates back to Saxon times, this book deals with the past two centuries. This is a period that saw the town's engineering companies, based around the Dock, grow to have worldwide fame and then decline; a period that started with sail, went on to steam and ended up with a 'Waterfront' jangling with moored pleasure yachts.

The book is beautifully illustrated by photographs brought together by the authors.