## **Conference Abstracts & Biographies**

## **2A - Investinblue - The Value of Maritime Heritage to the Blue Economy** (Part One)

## National Historic Ships – The social and economic potential of historic vessels in the UK

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