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History You Can Touch Roman Ship "Victoria" a Guest at Xanten

Xanten, 8th August 2008

The "Victoria" is making a stop at Xanten: the Roman warship, part of the exhibition project: "IMPERIUM KONFLIKT MYTH. 2000 Years Varus Battle" will be moored at the Neuer Hafen Vynen in the Freizeitpark Xanten (Alt-Vynenscher-Weg 5) from 8th-10th August. On Saturday and Sunday the command will be heard "Cast off and put your backs into it". The ship, weighing almost four tons, will go on trips with visitors on board in the water sports paradise. On both days interested visitors can set sail with the "Romans" and row to their heart's content at 10 and 11 a.m. as well as from 2 to 5 p.m. at the hour. In all 20 oarsmen and women will then row the 16 metre long and almost three metre wide ship. If the wind is favourable the sailing characteristics of the full-scale reconstruction from the time around 100 AD can be tested. Bookings for trips on the ship can be made on the event days.

Everything is "in Roman hands" on both the Xanten Nordsee and on land: the Archäologischer Park Xanten (APX) will be providing information on the new Römer Museum and the big family party being held on its opening (16th/17th August). This weekend visitors can get a foretaste of the exciting programme with events to look at and to take part in – with clothes from the Roman period to be tried on or Roman games to be played. Legionaries and members of the Roman Rhine fleet are looking forward to visitors and at the information stand of the APX pieces of ancient wood provide information on another interesting ship: a reconstructed Roman barge, which will be suspended inside the museum from its ceiling.

How do you build a Roman warship and most important, why? Visitors can find answers to this and others questions around the building and the functioning of the „Victoria“ in the information tent of the exhibition project "IMPERIUM KONFLIKT MYTH. 2000 Years Varus Battle". The ship was built within the framework of the exhibition project and completed after a 15 month building period in March 2008 in Hamburg-Harburg. The "Victoria" has been on its way

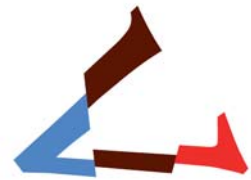
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on rivers used by the Romans, Ems, Elbe, Rhine, Weser and Lippe since May of this year. Doing this, it has been drawing attention to three exhibitions which in 2009 will be dealing with a well known historical event from the year 9 AD: the Varus Battle, also known as the "Battle of the Teutoburg Forest". At original sites, Haltern am See (IMPERIUM), Kalkriese (CONFLICT) and Detmold (MYTH) and with the aid of exhibits of world standing the Varus Battle and its consequences will be examined from different perspectives and European awareness once again focussed on this event. The exhibition project is sponsored in trans-regional cooperation between the Landschaftsverband Westfalen-Lippe (LWL), the Varusschlacht im Osnabrücker Land GmbH – Museum und Park Kalkriese – as well as the Landesverband Lippe and Kreis Lippe.

For information on the exhibition project and on the places to be visited by the "Victoria", which will also be on its way as an ambassador for the exhibitions in August and September: www.imperium-konflikt-mythos.de

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