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To

**Did the Phoenicians reach the Americas
before Christopher Columbus?**

Philip Beale FRGS

In 2019, Philip Beale will sail his replica Phoenician ship 'Phoenicia' on an historic voyage crossing the Atlantic, an expedition never attempted before in such a vessel. If he succeeds, the case that Phoenician or Carthaginian sailors reached the Americas two thousand years before Columbus will be strengthened. Over 2008-2010, the same ship successfully circumnavigated Africa, following a route recorded by Greek historian Herodotus. The original circumnavigation was at the request of an Egyptian pharaoh. Philip Beale will share existing evidence that further supports this remarkable theory as well as plans for the expedition.



**On Thursday 15th November 2018 at 7pm
Reception starts at 6.30pm**

**Venue
4 Chesterfield Gardens, London, W1J 5BG
Tel: 0207491 7720**



Biography

Philip Beale is a British ex-Royal Navy officer with a Bachelor Degree in Politics. He undertook his first international expedition at the age of 18 when he won a place on Operation Drake on sailing ship Eye of the Wind from Fiji and Papua New Guinea in 1979. In 2003 he pursued a project to build and sail a double outrigger ship from Indonesia to West Africa – a voyage that a number of professional sailors thought was too dangerous and would be impossible to achieve in such a limited vessel. Consequently, Philip was awarded Indonesia's highest state honour in 2004 by President Megawati in recognition of this accomplishment. In 2005 Philip conceived the idea of recreating the first circumnavigation of Africa. The recreation of the Phoenician circumnavigation of Africa was completed in October 2010.

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