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CAPInv. 1924: **hoi porthmeis**

I. LOCATION

i.	**Geographical area**	Aegean Islands
ii.	**Region**	Chios
iii.	**Site**	Chios town

II. NAME

i.	**Full name (original language)**	οἱ πορθμεῖς (SEG XVII 382 B l. 1)
ii.	**Full name (transliterated)**	*hoi porthmeis*

III. DATE

i.	**Date(s)**	i BC - i AD

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii.	**Name elements**	Professional:	*porthmeis*

V. SOURCES

i.	**Source(s)**	SEG XVII 382 B (i BC)
	Online Resources	Chios 173
i.a.	**Source type(s)**	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b.	**Document(s) typology & language/script**	Three honorary inscriptions for *xenophylakes* by (A) the *naukleroi* and the *epi tou limenos erg*[*astai*], (B) the *porthmeis* and, (C) the *porthmeuontes eis Erythras* In Greek.

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i.c. Physical format(s)	Two joining fragments of a base of local grey limestone. Fragment *a* preserves the original top, front and left sides, fragment *b* the original front and left sides. Above the inscription a crown in relief. There are two other honorary inscriptions for *xenophylakes* (A, C) written on the same stone.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found in Chios town by the port (Paspates 1888: 415). Now in the Archaeological Museum of Chios.

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	The ferrymen (*porthmeis*) offer a golden crown to the *xenophylakes* of the year of the eponymous prytanis Λεω[νίδης].

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	We cannot say if the *porthmeuontes eis Erythras* is the same group as the *porthmeis* or a subgroup of them. According to the restoration for lines 7-8 of the text, which was suggested by Robert (Robert 1929: 38 (F)) one of the honorands could be the nauarch Neileus (see also Dunst: 187, no. 19). The office of the *xenophylakes* is otherwise unattested. The name of the office indicates that their function was to watch and protect the *xenoi* (see LSJ 9, s.v.), i.e. the foreigners who visited Chios. That is why the *xenophylakes* are honored by professional groups, such as the ferrymen, the shipowners and the *ergastai* in the harbor (cf. Robert 1929: 38, and Reger 2003: 191). Engelmann and Merkelbach take the word *xenophylakes* to be 'Zollbehörde'. For the date of the inscription see Robert 1933: 539.
ii. Poland concordance	Poland E 33a
iii. Bibliography	Studniczka, Fr. (1888), 'Aus Chios', *MDAI(A)* 13: 169-70 nos. 10 (b), 11. Ziebarth, E. (1896), *Das griechische Vereinswesen*, Leipzig: 31. Robert, L (1929), 'Trois inscriptions de l'Archipel', *REG* 42: 35 (A), 38 (F). Robert, L. (1933), 'Sur des inscriptions de Chios', *BCH 57: 539.* *Dunst, G. (1958), 'Χιακά',* APF *16: 187, no. 19.* *SEG XVII 382 B ll. 1-11.* *McCabe, D. and Brownson, J. (1986),* Chios Inscriptions. Texts and List. *The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton: no. 199.* *Reger, G. (2003), Aspects of the Role of Merchants in the Political Life of the Hellenistic World, in: Zaccagnini, C. (Ed.),* Mercanti e Politica nel Mondo Antico, *Roma: 165-197.* *Ψφ. Engelmann, H., Merkelbach, R. (1972),* Die Inschriften von Erythrai und Klazomenai. *Bonn: no. 74 [only C].*

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The professional terminology of the association of boatsmen and their activity toward the xenophylakes ensures the private character of the association.

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