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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)	<i>hoi porthmeis</i>

### III. DATE

i. Date(s)	i BC - i AD
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### IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Professional:	<i>porthmeis</i>
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### V. SOURCES

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

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

## X. ACTIVITIES

iv. <b>Honours/Other activities</b>	The ferrymen ( <i>porthmeis</i> ) offer a golden crown to the <i>xenophylakes</i> of the year of the eponymous prytanis Λεω[νίδης].
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## XII. NOTES

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

## XIII. EVALUATION

i. <b>Private association</b>	Certain
<b>Note</b>	The professional terminology of the association of boatmen and their activity toward the <i>xenophylakes</i> ensures the private character of the association.