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CAPInv. 1925: **hoi porthmeuontes eis Erythras**

I. LOCATION

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

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	οἱ πορθμεύοντες εἰς Ἐρυθράς (SEG XVII 382 C ll. 1-2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>hoi porthmeuontes eis Erythras</i>

III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Professional:	<i>porthmeuontes</i>
	Topographical:	<i>eis Erythras</i> (from Chios to Erythrai)

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	SEG XVII 382 C (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 <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>

i.c. Physical format(s)	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. There are two other honorary inscriptions for <i>xenophylakes</i> (A, B) 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 to Erythrai (<i>hoi porthmeuontes eis Erythras</i>) offer a golden crown to the <i>xenophylakes</i> of the year of the eponymous <i>prytanis Dekmos</i> .
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	We cannot say if the <i>porthmeuontes eis Erythras</i> is the same group as the <i>porthmeis</i> or a subgroup of them. 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'. For the dating of the eponymous <i>prytanis Dekmos</i> to the Augustan era see Robert 1933: 538.
ii. Poland concordance	Poland E 33b
iii. Bibliography	Studniczka, Fr. (1888), 'Aus Chios', <i>MDAI(A)</i> 13: 169-70 no. 10 (b). Ziebarth, E. (1896), <i>Das griechische Vereinswesen</i>, Leipzig: 31. Robert, L. (1929), 'Trois inscriptions de l'Archipel', <i>REG</i> 42: 35 (B). Robert, L. (1933), 'Sur des inscriptions de Chios', <i>BCH</i> 57: 537-8. SEG XVII 382 B ll. 12-21. Engelmann, H., Merkelbach, R. (1972), <i>Die Inschriften von Erythrai und Klazomenai</i>. Bonn: no. 74. McCabe, D. and Brownson, J. (1986), <i>Chios Inscriptions. Texts and List</i>. The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton: no. 172. Reger, G. (2003), Aspects of the Role of Merchants in the Political Life of the Hellenistic World, in: Zaccagnini, C. (Ed.), <i>Mercanti e Politica nel Mondo Antico</i>, Roma: 165-197.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The professional terminology of the association of ferrymen and their activity toward the <i>xenophylakes</i> ensures the private character of the association. The association could be conflated with the association described in CAPInv. 1924 .