

# CHAB VISIT OF THE MARITIME MUSEUM OF ROTTERDAM

This activity, organised personally by our president, gathered more than twenty people. On May 11, 2002, a minibus drove the group directly from Brussels to the museum of Rotterdam that we extensively explored until lunch. The afternoon was dedicated to the visit of the *Buffel*, a ram ship build in 1868 for the Dutch navy by the yard of Napier & Sons of Glasgow. What we found truly amazing was that not only has the ship been kept in a remarkable condition by the city of Rotterdam and the non profit organization that transformed her into a museum, but also that she shares many common features with the famous *CSS Stonewall* built for the Confederate navy in 1863 by Lucien Armand of Bordeaux. This CHAB outing was truly a most enjoyable experience that will to be repeated in the future.





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