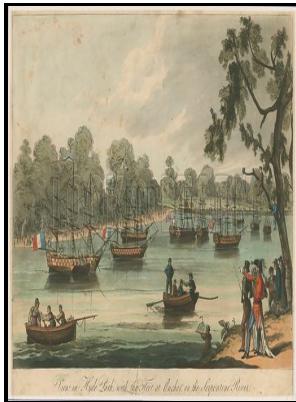


# Naumachia

## New Arcadian Press - Naumachia Rome: Ancient Simulated Sea Battles in Colosseum



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In that naumachia rafts full of praetorians were set all around the action, to prevent escape. Their legendary fights convey images of sand mixed with blood, voracious beasts and noisy crowds... But did you know there was a bloodier, maritime version of gladiatorial games, set in water-filled amphitheaters? Cosimato , the making and fitting of the costumes, the brief education the combatants had to receive in order to know what they were doing, the building of the bleachers for the spectators, the advertising for the event, secure transportation of the criminals to the scene and getting them on the boats and deciding when the battle would begin, and.... Bars, street vendors, and prostitutes would come to the area in order to capitalise on the event.

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In theory it would have been possible to hold a Naumachia in the Colosseum. The battle fought several centuries earlier between Tire and Egypt was to be modelled.

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So, they were likely sentenced to death anyway. There, too, on this first day there was a gladiatorial exhibition and wild beast hunt. The Athenians conquered the Syracusans... who made a landing on the islet that had been created in the middle of the Colosseum and assaulted and captured a wall that had been constructed around the monument.

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Sea battles were so successful that, despite the enormous costs, the rulers decided that it would be worth organizing them from time to time.

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These shows - which were apparently held only in the city of Rome - were extremely expensive, because the ships had to be complete in all their details and manoeuvred like real ships in battle.



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