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The paper studies women’s participation in various cults of Ostia, the harbour city of the ancient Rome. The paper is based on the epigraphic and archaeological evidence on religious life of Ostia. The main question of the paper is the role of religious activity in the construction of women’s civic identity. Furthermore, the significance of religion in the way women’s memory was immortalized is studied. Women’s social standing, family background and marriage is also paid attention to. The final aim is an attempt to define women’s religious agency in the urban society of Ostia.