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THE VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Observations From
The Chairman, John Rodgaard

I do hope all of you and your families are keeping well, and for those in the northern hemisphere, that you have been able to enjoy the summer weather, although for many of us, the summer has been punctuated by Covid, heat, fires and floods.

I am happy to report that your Council has hit the deck running on effecting the necessary changes that will ensure The Club's future; a future that will not only see your Club surviving this decade, but thriving as a global community open to naval history enthusiasts and devotees who recognise the role the Royal Navy and those Georgian era navies that have played a significant role in world history, whilst promoting their legacy into the modern seafaring age.

Underpinning The Club's future is how it will operate. As I mentioned in a previous "View", your Club has begun the process of becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) under the regulator oversight of the Charity Commission for England and Wales, which is an independent, non-ministerial government department accountable to the United Kingdom's Parliament. Three actions have been taken.

Firstly, four members of Council have agreed to become trustees for The Club. They are myself, Vice Chairman Geraint Day, Secretary Stephen Howarth and Treasurer Nicholas Ridge. Council members agreed that four was the minimum number required for The Club. But, additional trustees can be added as required. Secondly, Council has assembled The Club's Constitution. Thirdly, the Governance Subcommittee



is completing the draft to establish The 1805 Club Trading Company. This subcommittee consists of the Vice Chairman Geraint Day, Treasurer Nicholas Ridge, and Kathy Brown.

These actions will fulfill the recommendations found in the Club's development plan. The plan identified seven priorities: communications, financials and a business plan, fund-raising, internal operations, marketing, membership, and partnerships. Council members have already taken some actions identified in the priorities. The Club's website and Facebook page have been revised. As for internal operations, a new organisation divided into committees has been developed. These are: Communications, Content, Governance, Events, Membership, and Projects. However, more action is still required, and I welcome my fellow members to participate. If you are interested in joining any of the committees, please contact me. Zoom makes it easy to participate.

As I mentioned in my last view from the bridge, I will be providing you with more detail as to the course The Club is taking. I welcome your comments as we steer this new course.

Yours aye

EDITORIAL

Nothing much for your Editor to say this time, so please just enjoy the contents of this edition of The 1805 Dispatches.

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THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR 2.30 PM AND HMS VICTORY by W L Wyllie
With thanks to www.maritimeprints.com from whom prints are available.



Save the date:
New York City Pickle Night, Virtual Event
Friday, November 5, 2021

Join the **American Friends of the National Museum of the Royal Navy** in commemorating the historic journey in 1805 of Her Majesty's Schooner *Pickle*, bringing news from Trafalgar to London of Nelson's death and the victory at the Battle of Trafalgar.

This year marks the 216th anniversary of the history-making Battle of Trafalgar and the 16th New York City Pickle Night Event. Commemorate these significant events in a special online gathering. This digital trip will take us to Portsmouth, England, and will be filled with surprises.

Registration and details can be found on our website at www.AFNMRN.org.

Advance registration is required. For inquiries, please email info@afnmrn.org or call our New York headquarters at +1 (212) 840-1166.

The American Friends of the National Museum of the Royal Navy is a registered US tax exempt organisation.



Image: "I Have Urgent Dispatches", by Gordon Frickers.

ADMIRAL LORD NELSON'S PROTÉGÉ'S GOLD MEDAL SELLS FOR £120,000 AT AUCTION

Regular readers will recall that in the previous edition of *The1805 Dispatches* we announced the, then, forthcoming sale by the Hoste family of medals and other items that once belonged to Captain Sir William Hoste KCB. The sale was a



The medal had been estimated to fetch £60,000-80,000 (lot 428). It was bought by an anonymous private collector bidding by telephone.

David Kirk, the medal specialist at Morton and Eden, said: "We are delighted for the family, and we feel that this result does real justice to what is, without doubt, a superb medal. Captain Sir William Hoste was an extremely important naval figure, as well as being a protégé and friend of Nelson."

success, as this report from Morton and Eden demonstrates.

The superb and exceptionally rare small naval gold medal for the Battle of Lissa in the Adriatic Sea in 1811, awarded to Captain Sir William Hoste K.C.B., RN, one of Admiral Lord Nelson's most highly regarded protégés, fetched £120,000 at auctioneers Morton & Eden in London today (13 July 2021).

If anyone is unfamiliar with Capt. Hoste, please see the autumn edition of the *Kedge Anchor*, in which we intend that he will be featured.



HMS UNICORN PRESERVATION GETS UNDER WEIGH IN DUNDEE.



HMS *Unicorn* has been a feature of Dundee, Scotland, since 1873, half a century after she was built at Chatham Dockyard in Kent. The former training ship has weathered many storms, including almost being scrapped in the 1960s, but 200 years of exposure to the elements, including the wind and rain lashing the survey team today, has left its mark.

Surveyors are inspecting every section of one of the world's oldest ships as part of a major conservation project that will see the ship moved to a nearby dry dock in the next few years.

Shipwright Dominic Mills, from surveyors T Nielsen & Co, said, "Generally, on the starboard side, which is what we're surveying at the moment, it's not great, and most of the planking is in a very poor state." Lady Catherine Erskine, who chairs the *Unicorn* Preservation Society, said it was "vitally important" to know exactly where the ship's problems were ahead of its move to the nearby East Graving Dock. She said it was a "crying shame" that the ship has not had the recognition it deserves. She said: "I think everybody in Britain knows the *Victory*, and they know of the *Mary Rose*. "Well, the *Unicorn* is of such significance."

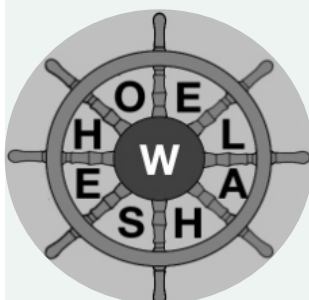


SHIP'S WORD WHEEL

Take a ten minute break and find as many words as possible, using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others, used only once. No plurals (if only made with by adding an 's' or 'es'), no foreign words not in common usage in English, nor proper nouns. There is at least one nine-letter word to be found.

15 = Average
 20 = Good
 30 = Amazing

Answers on page 4



CALL FOR PAPERS
TRAFALGAR CHRONICLE
PUBLICATION DATE: FALL/AUTUMN 2022
THEME: SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN THE
NAVIES OF THE GEORGIAN ERA

For three decades, the *Trafalgar Chronicle* has been the scholarly flagship publication of The 1805 Club, and, through our programme of commemorative initiatives, publications, research and education, we are building a global community open to naval historians from all backgrounds. We recognise the role of all the sailing navies of the world in the Georgian period, and promote their legacy into the modern seafaring age. The *Trafalgar Chronicle* is an essential component of that mission. It is published annually by Seaforth Publishing, which maintains a global readership.

For the 2022 edition, the editors seek carefully-researched articles on 'Scientific and technological advances in the navies of the Georgian Era'. We want research and analysis of scientific discoveries and new technologies that changed maritime and naval operations during the Georgian Era, in terms of ship construction, armament, navigation, sea battles, communication, naval medicine, logistics, governance, and day-to-day life in a sailing ship.

We welcome articles from members of The 1805 Club and anyone with an interest in the history of the Georgian Navy and other navies of the period.

Additional Topics: We also seek general interest articles with some unique perspective on the maritime and naval history of the Georgian era. We invite biographical portraits, articles about battles at sea, maritime economics, exploration of foreign shores, foreign relations, politics, etc. We welcome well-documented reports on preservation efforts regarding the artefacts, graves, memorials, and monuments of the Nelson era.

Proposed Submission Guidelines: Please submit a proposal/abstract of no more than 500 words and a paragraph about your background (a biographical sketch). Proposals are due by 1 September 2021. Applicants will be notified of acceptance status by 1 October 2021. Submit all proposals and inquiries to tc.editor@1805Club.org. Detailed author guidelines are available upon request and will be sent to each author in any case when a proposal is accepted.

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Charley, a new retiree-greeter at Wal-Mart, just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was five, ten, fifteen minutes late. But he was a good worker, really tidy, clean-shaven, sharp-minded and a real credit to the company and obviously demonstrating their "Older Person Friendly" policies.

One day the boss called him into the office for a talk. "Charley, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a bang-up job when you finally get here; but your being late so often is quite bothersome."

"Yes, I know boss, I'm sorry and am working on it."

"Well good, you are a team player. That's what to like to hear."

"Yes sir, I understand your concern and I will try harder."

Seemingly puzzled, the manager went on to comment, "I know you are from the armed forces. What did they say to you there if you showed up late in the morning so often?"

He chuckled quietly, then said with a grin: "They usually saluted and said, Good Morning Admiral, can I get your coffee, Sir?"



THE SEA IS MY ELEMENT

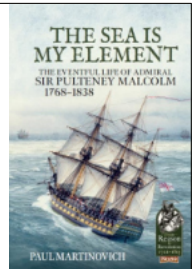
The eventful life of Admiral Sir Pulteney Malcolm 1768-1838

Series : From Reason to Revolution 1721-1815 #69

Author : Paul Martinovich (a member of The 1805 Club)

The life of Pulteney Malcolm, a Royal Navy officer active during and after the Napoleonic Wars, is now all but forgotten, except perhaps for his role in guarding Napoleon on St Helena. However, in his time he was famous – celebrated for his daring and seamanship. For six years Malcolm commanded the ship of the line HMS *Donegal*, fighting in the Battle of San Domingo and blockading French warships in their ports. He was involved in the aftermath of Trafalgar and the events surrounding Waterloo, and came to know some of the great men of his time, including Nelson, Wellington and Napoleon.

This biography is based in large part on Malcolm's personal letters to members of his family, particularly to his wife Clementina. While the book offers a portrait of a man devoted to his service, the letters range over far more than naval activity, illuminating also the social and economic pressures changing British society.



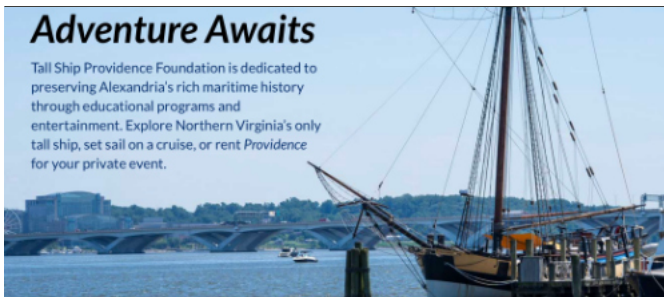
Never forget that there is a whole treasure trove of interesting stuff on our facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/The1805Club/>

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Adventure Awaits

Tall Ship Providence Foundation is dedicated to preserving Alexandria's rich maritime history through educational programs and entertainment. Explore Northern Virginia's only tall ship, set sail on a cruise, or rent *Providence* for your private event.



The 1805 Club will offer a Saturday afternoon cruise aboard the Tall Ship Providence on August 14, 2021. The ship departs the Alexandria VA dock at 3:00PM and returns at 5:00PM. The cost is \$45.00 per person.

If you would like to participate, please register yourselves as soon as possible at the following link:

<https://www.showpass.com/afternoon-cruise-30/>

During this 2-hour cruise, a historical interpreter will present a brief overview of the history of the ship, and we will also have the opportunity of dining together afterwards at the Hummingbird Restaurant in Alexandria's only waterfront hotel, Hotel Indigo® (<https://www.hummingbirdva.net/>), a short walk from the Providence dock.

Contact Pete Stark, The 1805 Club U.S. Secretary, on 410-269-9760





ADVANCE FILM ANNOUNCEMENT

Our members are most probably aware of the announcement made in various places, not least *The Guardian* on 8 June, that Patrick Ness, author and screenwriter, has been tasked with creating a new adaptation of Patrick O'Brian's Aubrey/Maturin series of books for a forthcoming film.

The franchise has been becalmed for eighteen years (that is not a typo, it was 2003!) since Peter Weir's epic *Master and Commander: Far Side of the World*, starring Russell Crowe and Paul Bettany, was released. We are told this new film will be a prequel, so new stars will need to be found that will play the younger Lieutenant (later Captain) Jack Aubrey and Doctor Stephen Maturin.

We must hope that the new film opens at a private concert in Admiral Collingwood's home overlooking Mahon Harbour, and that Lorraine Ure is also invited.



SHIP'S WORD WHEEL ANSWERS

Hawsehole, weasel, hawse, shawl, Showa, swale, Welsh, whale, wheel, wheel, whose, slow, awes, hews, howe, howl, ows, shaw, show, slaw, slew, slow, wale, wash, weal, weel, wees, well, whoa

The Newsletter for Anyone Interested in The 1805 Club

PURPOSE. The purpose of this newsletter is to support and advance the Club's objectives. The newsletter provides anyone who is interested with brief items of news about the club and its activities, in the hope that the it can help the club attract wider interest in naval history and new members. Much of the content will be a précis of articles that will appear in *The Kedge Anchor*, the six-monthly club magazine.

EDITORIAL POLICY.

The editor has full editorial responsibility for the newsletter. Views expressed in the newsletter are those of individual authors, unless claimed by the editor. Articles which appear do not express the official position of The 1805 Club on any subject unless specifically noted as such. Content of contributions to the newsletter may be edited for grammar, space allocation, or to better serve the purpose of the newsletter. Contributors wishing to be alerted to editorial decisions should notify the editor at the time that their contribution is submitted. Otherwise the submission will be published within the scope of the editorial policy.

ISSUE AND COPY DATES

The proposed issue dates for *The 1805 Dispatches* are: February, April, June, August, October and December.

Anyone wishing to contribute an article or news item to the editor for inclusion in the newsletter should do so by the beginning of the month preceding the issue in which it is to be inserted. Any articles that are not time-specific can be submitted at any time, with a note advising him of that fact.

All copy is welcome, but not all copy may be used!

THE 1805 CLUB

Founded in 1990, the Club:

- Promotes research into and education about the Royal Navy, merchant maritime service and other state navies of the same era; and
- Promotes and engages in the preservation of monuments and memorials relating to the Royal Navy and seafaring people of the later sailing-navy era; and
- Organises relevant cultural, historical and social events.

The Club is charity No. 1071871, registered in England and Wales.

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NAVAL TERMS THAT HAVE COME ASHORE

'COCKPIT'

Strictly speaking, this term went to sea before returning ashore. On land a cockpit was the arena in which cock-fighting was held, known for its cramped space and bloody appearance after a fight. Aboard ship the after part of the Orlop Deck was used by the surgeon during action and its bloody appearance after a time led to the comparison with a cockpit. Also, this area was inhabited when not in action by the midshipmen, who were frequently fighting, so another comparison. The area was cramped, so came to be used for other cramped spaces, such as the coxswain's berth and steering areas, in ships, boats and aircraft - and for the orchestra pit in a theatre.



BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

With great pleasure we report the recognition of the political and parliamentary work of Club friend and supporter the 7th Earl Howe, by his having been appointed a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire (GBE) in HM The Queen's Birthday Honours List for 2021.



THE TRAFALGAR WAY

The project's director, Kathy Brown has managed to secure the full engagement of the Sea Cadets for the **'Trafalgar Way End to End Virtual Running Challenge'**.

She reported to TD, "We have some work to do to get it all ready, but they are excited about this [...] plus it will be an opportunity to showcase the community, activities and achievements of Sea Cadets alongside the history of The Trafalgar Way to a different global audience."



It is intended that the The 1805 Dispatches will usually have a four-page format, but one of the joys of digital-only publications is that there is a flexibility that is unavailable to printed matter.

Fourth of July Brings Tall Ships to Annapolis, MD USA

The U.S. July 4 Independence Day saw Annapolis hosting three sailing ships, a real treat for those of us who live in area as well as those visiting the city. Annapolis has been Maryland's state capital since 1695 and preserves many original colonial buildings that would have been familiar to Royal Navy officers of the Georgian era.



Pride of Baltimore II (pride2.org) is a replica of the Baltimore clipper, topsail schooner privateers that caused the Royal Navy and British commerce headaches during the War of 1812. She is the sailing emissary of the city of Baltimore. For the Fourth of July she sported the 15 stars and stripes, the U.S. national flag during the War of 1812.



< Photo Pete Stark

^ Photo courtesy of pride2.org



Providence (tallshipprovidence.org) is a replica of the fore-and-aft rigged sloop that was one of the original ships of the Continental Navy, purchased into the service in 1775. She participated in the 1776 raid on the Bahamas, was commanded by Captain John Paul Jones from May through November 1776 and saw considerable action until her destruction in 1779.

^ Photo courtesy of tallshipprovidence.org

She is docked in Alexandria VA, and has a regular local cruising schedule.



^ Photo Pete Stark



Wilma Lee (amaritime.org/museum/wilma-lee/), launched in 1940, is one of the few remaining 20-ton skipjack-type vessels, where there were once hundreds dredging for oysters in the Chesapeake Bay of Maryland and Virginia and the Carolina shores. She the Annapolis Maritime Museum and is available for short sailing cruises.

^ Photo Pete Stark



^ Photo courtesy of amaritime.org

