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## Naval heritage charity to host ground-breaking conservation symposium

The 1805 Club, in conjunction with The National Museum of The Royal Navy, is hosting an innovative conservation symposium on Monday, 11 December 2017.

The museum's location at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, with its unique collection of ships and naval attractions, is the perfect setting for the symposium, which will bring together conservators from a wide range of different fields.

As a charity and a pioneering member of the naval heritage family, The 1805 Club is directly concerned with and involved in conservation, restoration and preservation, notably of graves, memorials and monuments dedicated to the Georgian era of sail.

Yet it is aware that the many and different organisations approach the field of conservation in varying ways, often influenced by the medium involved – stone, wood, paper, metal, textiles, paintings, interiors & etc., and also by other factors, not least fashion.

Ten experts will be giving presentations covering subjects such as conserving Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square, the Mary Rose, the Painted Hall at the Old Naval College in Greenwich and HMS *Victory*.

Commenting on the aims of the symposium, its organiser, Benedict Ryan, Council Member of The 1805 Club, said: "Conservators rarely get the opportunity to gather to discuss the different interpretations and this symposium is the opportunity for conservation practitioners to 'compare notes' and cross boundaries.

"Our distinguished panel of presenters and those attending can share their ideas and hopefully reach a consensus on what is the right approach to conservation or restoration. The results will be published and hopefully, a follow-up symposium will be held in 2018."

Delegates will be given an opportunity to network with professional colleagues and also enjoy a guided tour of either HMS *Victory*, HMS *Warrior* 1860 or the Mary Rose Museum.

To find out more about the symposium or book a place, please contact Benedict Ryan, email: [info@benedictco.co.uk](mailto:info@benedictco.co.uk).

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## **Notes to Editor:**

### **About The 1805 Club**

The 1805 Club is a charitable organisation which was founded in 1990 to care for the memorials of the Georgian sailing navy, which are a vital but often neglected part of Britain's naval heritage.

The Club's three main aims are:

- Conserve monuments and memorials relating to seafaring people of the Georgian era and in particular, Admiral Lord Nelson
- Promote and publish research into the Royal Navy of the Georgian period and especially Admiral Lord Nelson
- Organise cultural and historical events for the enjoyment of the Club's 600 strong membership worldwide and the public in general

For more information about The 1805 Club, visit the website: <http://www.1805club.org>

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### **About The National Museum of the Royal Navy**

The National Museum of the Royal Navy, established in 2009, tells the story of the four fighting forces of the British Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the Fleet Air Arm, the Submarine Service and the Surface Fleet. Ours is the epic story of the Royal Navy, its impact on Britain and the world from its origins in 625 A.D. to the present day

Our museums include:

- The National Museum of the Royal Navy, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard including our newest member HMS *Warrior* 1860, Vice Admiral Lord Nelson's flagship HMS *Victory* and First World War Gallipoli campaign survivor HMS M.33. We also manage the marketing and ticketing operation for the destination brand Portsmouth Historic Dockyard on behalf of other onsite partners.
- The Royal Navy Submarine Museum with Cold War-era HMS *Alliance* and *Explosion*, the Museum of Naval Firepower, both in Gosport. Entry to these museums is included in a Portsmouth Historic Dockyard all attraction ticket and a popular, free water bus runs between the sites during the year.
- The Fleet Air Arm Museum, Yeovilton, Somerset, home to 103 aircraft.
- The U.K.'s oldest historic fighting ship still afloat, HMS *Trincomalee* at The National Museum of the Royal Navy Hartlepool.
- The Royal Marines Museum, the public galleries of which are currently closed. We will open a new museum in Portsmouth Historic Dockyard in 2020.
- Ships under our care include HMS *Caroline* in Belfast, Northern Ireland.
- Our affiliates include HMS *Unicorn* (Dundee); HMS *Wellington* (London); the Medusa Trust (Portsmouth); the Coastal Forces Heritage Trust (Portsmouth), the D-Day Museum (Portsmouth) and HMS *Courageous*, Devonport.

Further information is available on [www.nmrn.org.uk](http://www.nmrn.org.uk)