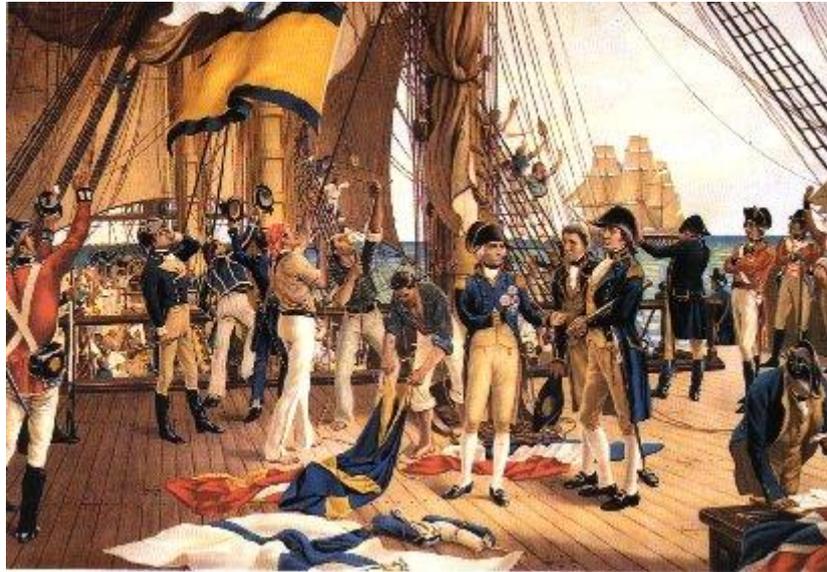




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At the October Meeting we celebrate the Battle of Trafalgar and traditionally have a large number of visitors, we normally finish our meetings by 2000 and we then move to the Bar for a traditional Tot, enter the Mess Deck and dine in style enjoying the company of our members and visitors.



The poop deck of HMS Victory, noon, 21st October 1805

Details of the next White Ensign Trafalgar Night will be published here when available.

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The Commanders

Vice Admiral Viscount Nelson of the Nile and Burnham Thorpe KB, RN.

Commander in Chief, Mediterranean Fleet
HMS Victory Captain Thomas Hardy

Vice Admiral Sir Cuthbert Collingwood KB, RN

Second in command, leading the Lee Column
HMS Royal Sovereign Captain Edward Rotherham

Rear Admiral the Earl of Northesk KB, RN

Third in Command, followed Nelson in the Weather Column
HMS Britannia Captain Charles Bullen

The Battle of Trafalgar

Fought on the 21st. October 1805, effectively ended the war at sea.

Lord Nelson died at about 4.30pm. by which time he knew that he had achieved the overwhelming victory that he had planned so carefully. Nelson had left nothing to chance. The two-column, right-angled attack worked exactly as he had intended by splitting the enemy fleet into smaller groups that immediately fell prey to the guns of the British fleet.



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Grace (Nelson's Prayer before the Battle)

"May The Great God whom I worship grant to my country and, for the benefit of Europe in general, a great and glorious victory; and may no misconduct in anyone tarnish it; and may humanity after victory be the predominant feature of the British Fleet. For myself individually I commit my life to Him who made me, and may this blessing light upon my endeavours for serving my country faithfully. To Him I resign myself and the just cause which is entrusted to me to defend. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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## **Return Thanks**

Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, In whom the world rejoices, The one Eternal God, Whom Heaven and Earth adore, For as it was is now, And shall be evermore. Amen

## **Absent Brethren**

Eternal Father strong to save, Whose arm doth wrest the bounding waves, Who midst the mighty oceans deep, His own eternal limits keep, Oh hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea.

Oh Trinity of Love and Power, Our Brethren shield in dangers hour, From rock and tempest, Fire and foe, Protect us wheresoer we go. Oh! hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea.