



# H.M.S. Fisgard

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## Royal Naval Artificers Training Establishment



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### INTRODUCTION

#### 1. The Name - HMS FISGARD

In 1797, the French landed on invasion force at what is now Fishguard in Pembrokeshire. The force consisted largely of ex-convicts, who surrendered when they saw some Welsh market women dressed in National costume of black hats and red cloaks, whom they took for red coated soldiers.

One of the French ships involved in the landing was subsequently captured off Brest and renamed HMS FISGARD (the old spelling of the town), in commemoration of the repulse. She continued in service until she was sold in 1814.

The second FISGARD was launched at Pembroke Dockyard in 1819 and was a 1,063 ton Frigate with 46 guns. She had an uneventful life and was finally broken up at Chatham in 1879.

The third FISGARD started life as the twin screwed battleship AUDACIOUS, in 1869, but she was renamed FISGARD in 1904 when she became a depot ship at Felixstowe. The following year she became a training ship for Boy Artificers, at Portsmouth, under a scheme started by Admiral Fisher.

Eventually, all training of Artificer Apprentices took place in Portsmouth, in four ships which were collectively known as FISGARD.

By 1926, FISGARD, still four ships moored in Portsmouth Harbour, was training ten classes of Apprentices, but the Seniors occupied shore accommodation in Chatham and were trained in the Dockyard Workshops there. By 1932, all Artificer Apprentices training had moved to Chatham and the ships bearing the name FISGARD were dispersed or broken up. However, the Apprentices occupied FISGARD block in Chatham.

On the outbreak of hostilities, in 1939, the Apprentices were evacuated from Chatham. The present RN Artificer Training Establishment, at Torpoint in Cornwall, was occupied

in October 1940. Although known as FISGARD, it was not until 1 December 1946 that it was formally commissioned as HMS FISGARD under the command of CAPTAIN RP CHAPMAN Royal Navy.

## 2. Torpoint

HMS FISGARD is 1 1/2 miles from Torpoint, which is on the opposite side of the river Tamar from Plymouth.

During the summer, 3 ferries run a 10 minute service during the day time, reducing to an hourly service between 0100 and 0500. During the winter, 2 ferries run a 15 minutes service, again reducing to an hourly service between 0100 and 0500.

The cost of the ferry is:

Cars	40p
Motorcycles	10p

A Ferrybus provides a regular service from HMS RALEIGH to Plymouth City Centre.

## 3. HMS RALEIGH

HMS RALEIGH, the New Entry/Part I Training Establishment for all non-artificers, is situated directly across the road from HMS FISGARD.

## ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES

### 4. The FISLEIGH Wardroom Mess

This excellent new mess was first occupied in July 1974 and caters for both RALEIGH and FISGARD. There are the usual mess facilities with ample accommodation, car parking billets, and garages.

### 5. Senior Instructors' Mess HMS FISGARD

The Mess is a combined FCPOs, CPOs and POs mess with the usual facilities, ample accommodation and car parking billets, but no garages.

### 6. Junior Instructors' Mess HMS FISGARD

This is a comfortable mess, which accommodates up to 13 men. Junior Rates also have their own bar facilities in HMS FISGARD.

### 7. Apprentices' Accommodation

Apprentices are housed in four blocks named after famous engineers - Faraday, Parsons, Trevithick and Wallis. On the West side of the North-South road:

Griffin, Bennett and Spickernell Divisions

On the East side:

Lane, Frew, Tribe and Marcus Divisions

The Divisions themselves are named after Engineer Admirals who started their careers as Artificer Apprentices.

### 8. Pets

Pets are not allowed into HMS FISGARD without the Executive Officer's permission.

### 9. Post Office

There is a Post Office in HMS RALEIGH, where all normal business can be transacted with the exception of driving licences. These may be obtained in Torpoint. Open 0900-1300, 1500-1730 Weekdays.

#### 10. Banks

There is a sub-branch of Lloyds Bank in FISGARD, open Monday and Friday from 0930 - 1530. Both Lloyds Bank and Barclays have branches in Torpoint.

#### 11. Pay Accounts

Payment is made by the Supply Officer (Cash) HMS RALEIGH.

#### 12. NAAFI and Tiffin Club

The NAAFI complex consists of a shop selling newspapers, magazines, postage stamps, cigarettes, clothing and electrical equipment. Open 1000-1300, 1415-1830 week-days, 1000-1300 week-ends. It also contains a canteen for light refreshments, an Over-18s bar, television rooms for all channels, a Ship's Company Junior Rates Bar and Games Room.

#### 13. The Stannary Recreation Centre (SRC)

This is used for entertaining visiting sports teams and for holding discos and social events. It has a cash bar.

#### 14. Library

The library contains a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction books together with a range of weekly and monthly magazines, both civilian and Service.

#### 15. Cash Clothing Store

Situated in HMS RALEIGH. Open 0815-1115, 1200-1430 week-days.

#### 16. Medical and Dental Care

Medical and Dental Records are kept in HMS FISGARD. First aid medical treatment is given in FISGARD; there is a modern medical centre in RALEIGH. Dental Treatment is given in FISGARD.

## ESTABLISHMENT ORGANISATION

### 17. Routine

As a Part 2 training establishment, FISGARD works from Monday to Saturday lunchtime for 3 terms a year, each of 15 weeks. There is an extended long weekend at half term. With the exception of Good Friday, Bank Holidays are worked if they fall in term time.

### 18. Leave

Christmas and Easter leaves are 19 1/2 days; Summer leave is 26½ days.

Further details on leave, routines and facilities are given in FISGARD STANDING ORDERS (FSOs). Copies in Divisional Offices.

## CHURCH SERVICES

### 19. Church of England (Chaplain 421)

The Establishment Church, for members of the Anglican Communion, is dedicated to St Dunstan. Services are as follows:

Sunday 0945 The Liturgy

A Sunday School class is available during the first half of the Service. Children of all ages are welcome and the aim is to make the Church very much a "family" affair - an aspect much appreciated by those Apprentices who attend. Coffee is served in the Tiffin Club after the Service.

St Dunstan's Church is not licenced for Banns of Marriage, but St Paul's (HMS RALEIGH) is licenced and the Chaplain welcomes those seeking marriage in St Paul's. Banns of Marriage are called in Torpoint Parish Church, but the Chaplain of FISGARD is happy to take details and forward them to the Vicar of Torpoint.

20. Roman Catholic Church (Priest's Office Ext 259 -  
Cabin Ext 205)

There is a Roman Catholic Church in HMS RALEIGH,  
dedicated to Our Lady Star of the Sea. Services are  
held as follows:

Sundays 0945 )

Weekdays (Tues-Fri) 1215 ) Holy Mass

Holy Days 1230 )

Confessions can be made before Mass or at any time on  
request.

An RC Church Room is situated in the West end of the  
Stannary Recreation Centre.

21. Church of Scotland & Free Churches (Chaplain Ext 282)

The Church of St Andrew, for both FISGARD and RALEIGH,  
is situated in HMS RALEIGH. Services are held as follows:

Sundays 0945 Morning Service

1015 Holy Communion (1st Sunday in the month)



STAFF

COMMANDING OFFICER - Captain PG HAMILTON-PRICE RN

EXECUTIVE OFFICER - Commander MC FOX RN

TRAINING COMMANDER - Commander TW LILICRAP RN

NEW ENTRY STAFF

New Entry Officer - Lt EA BOWKER RN

New Entry CPO - MEMN(M)1 DMS PICKFORD

New Entry Instructors

Divisional Colours

GRIFFIN	1	- WEAL C TRUBY	
	2	- POMEM(M) MD GILLARD	Dark Blue
BENNETT	1	- MEA(P)1 WR DONALDSON	
	2	- CMEA(P) P BELLAMY	White
SPICKERNELL	1	- CPOAEM(M) DW ATTRIDGE	
		- RPO MJ WARR	Light Blue
FREW	1	- AEAL(M) RC TERRY	
	2	- POMEM(M) FRJ FLETCHER	Red
LANE	1	- CMEA(P) KV COLK	
	2	- POMEM(L) DJ COTTON	Green
TRIBE	1	- MEMN(M)1 DR BOND	
	2	- POMEM(M) PA JACKSON	Yellow

FUTURE DIVISIONAL OFFICERS

Griffin	- Lt R HORNE	(E) (WE) RN	Ext 463
Bennett	- Lt JHA LEA	(E) (ME) RN	410
Spickernell	- Lt NT NETHERCOTT	(E) (ME) RN	493
Frew	- Lt BM PANCOTT	(E) (WE) RN	462
Lane	- Lt D COVERDALE	(E) (WE) RN	431
Tribe	- Lt J HOLMES	(E) (AE) RN	468

Lists of Officers and Staff are available in Divisional Offices

## NEW ENTRY TROPHIES

### PROFICIENCY TROPHY

Throughout the New Entry Period, points are awarded to each Class for their proficiency in the following activities:

1. Cross Country
2. Resource and Initiative Training
3. Kit Inspection
4. Parade
5. Assault Course

The Proficiency Trophy is awarded to the class with the most points overall.

### ASSAULT COURSE

The Assault Course Trophy is awarded to the class with the fastest average time.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Apprentices take part in a Cross Country race (approx 4 miles) and the Cross Country Trophy is awarded to the class with the best average time.

### KIT TROPHY

Presented to the class achieving the highest standard of kit at the Executive Officer's Kit Inspection.

### PARADE TROPHY

Awarded to the Class with the highest standard of drill at the Parade Examination.

### MARTEL TROPHY

Awarded to the outstanding Apprentice during New Entry Period.

### BOOT TROPHY

The trophy is awarded to the class accumulating the most points for Resource and Initiative Training which entails a night exercise and a 15 mile trek.

### SEAMEN'S KNIVES

Awarded to the best overall patrol on Resource and Initiative Training.

## ARTIFICER APPRENTICE TRAINING

Part I New Entry Training in HMS FISGARD Weeks 1-4  
Part II Training in HMS FISGARD from Week 5 onwards  
Part III Training in HMS CALEDONIA, COLLINGWOOD or DAEDALUS.

The normal course, in HMS FISGARD, lasts for 3 Terms. Some Apprentices, who are appropriately qualified on entry and do well in a Grading Examination during their first week here, are selected as Accelerators. The latter group will pass through HMS FISGARD in 2 Terms.

The Naval Department Part I Examination (ND I) is taken towards the end of the second term; the Part II Examination (ND II) at the end of the third term. Accelerators are exempt ND I in most subjects.

The normal foundation course in HMS FISGARD is broken down as follows:

Naval General Training	38%
Technical Education	44%
Craft Skill	18%

The terminology of Technical Education and Craft Skill are self explanatory, but Naval General Training (NGT) may not be fully understood. NGT includes an element of naval general knowledge ie. learning such things as Firefighting, First Aid, Hygiene, Naval Heritage, Internal Security and Upkeep of Kit, but is primarily concerned with the character development and leadership training of the Apprentices. It must be remembered that, shortly after completion of his full training, at sea, the Naval Artificer automatically achieves Chief Petty Officer status. You must therefore demonstrate, during your time at HMS FISGARD, that you have the potential to direct and lead the activities of Junior Rates, You can fail as much from lack of progress in this aspect, as in Technical Education and Craft Skill.

## Technician Education Council Diploma (TEC)

You have read that 44% of your time in FISGARD will be spent studying for the TEC Diploma. This award is studied at four Levels of which you will do Levels I and II here and Levels III and IV at your next establishment. In FISGARD you will study Maths, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Sciences, Engineering Drawing, English and Workshops Processes for the ND I and ND II Exams.

## REPORTS

If you are under 18 at the end of your second and third terms, your parents will receive progress reports on those occasions. Additionally, your parents will be informed should your progress become unsatisfactory.

If you are over 18 on entry, regular progress reports will not be provided. If, however, your progress becomes unsatisfactory, and if you agree, progress reports will be sent to your parents until such time as your progress again becomes satisfactory.

If you achieve the age of majority whilst at HMS FISGARD, regular reports will be discontinued. If, however, your progress is unsatisfactory at this time, and if you agree, progress reports will be continued until such time as your progress becomes satisfactory.

## SPORT AND RECREATION

HMS FISGARD has a wide range of facilities available for Apprentices, Staff and their families. The following clubs are currently run in FISGARD; further details may be obtained from the Recreational Manager on Ext 443

Arts	Motor
Athletics	Naval History
Badminton	Orienteering
Basketball	Photography
Boxing	Pistol
Brickwood Field Gun	Printing
Canoe	Radio and Electronics
Chess	Riding
Choir	Rock Climbing
Cricket	Rowing
Cross Country	Rugby
Cycling	Sailing
Devizes/Westminster	Shooting
Drama	Skeet Shooting
Duke of Edinburgh	Soccer
Fencing	Sub Aqua
Fishing	Surfing
Folk	Swimming
Gardening	Table Tennis
Gliding	Ten Tors
Golf	Tennis
Historical	Theatre
Hobbies	Trampoline
Hockey	Volleyball
Judo	Water Polo
Model Railway	Weight Training
Motor Cycle	Yoga

## Field Sports and Indoor Arena Games

Good fixture lists are maintained in the majority of field sports and indoor arena games.

## New Entry Training Period Weeks 1-4

The object of NE Training is to transform your civilian outlook and habits into those of a disciplined Serviceman. It is a tough and gruelling period, possibly the toughest you will ever experience, and you will be put under stress deliberately to see what sort of stuff you are made of. You must be punctual, clean, and tidy in your person and dress. You must show respect to your superiors and be alert and diligent in your approach to your training. You will grow, your physique will develop, and you will gain in fitness.

When you have won through to the Passing-in-Parade at the end of Week 4, you will be ready to start your Apprenticeship in earnest.



