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NEWS IN A BEAT Christmas Card Special



Merry Christmas
and Happy New
Year

ENJOY THE ISSUE!

Christmas Traditions



From left to right : “Captain” Smith presiding over dinner. XO chained to the galley sink . The 1Lt and S/Lt Jim Buchan trying to carve

The Royal Navy is a modern progressive employer, but some traditions just cannot be written off in a spending review and Christmas good cheer is one of them. Every Christmas it is traditional that the officers serve up the Christmas dinner to the rest of the ship’s company. The youngest rating onboard is also made Captain for the evening. This year that privilege fell on AB(SEA) Smith’s nineteen year old shoulders, who conducted rounds, sentenced AB Scott to sing Christmas Carols and made her evening sitrep pipe afterwards.

Ho Ho Ho

“D’ye hear there, rig for entering harbour is 4’s, foul weather jackets and Santa hats”. Not a pipe that you hear everyday in the Royal Navy, but in a display of Christmas spirit HMS MERSEY returned to Portsmouth suitably attired for the season.



SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!