



Lesson 1.2

Captain and Crew



At the time of departure the crew of The Unity consisted of 36 members. A number of crewmembers knew each other well, they had made several journeys together. The captain was lord and master aboard his ship. Prior to departure the crew was required to sign the ships articles, this document explained the rules they needed to abide by.

① Basic equipment

Each ship brought some basic equipment, consisting of a compass, charts and a log.

1. What is the importance of a compass?
3. What do you think is a log (or log line)?

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2. Why was a chart useful to bring?

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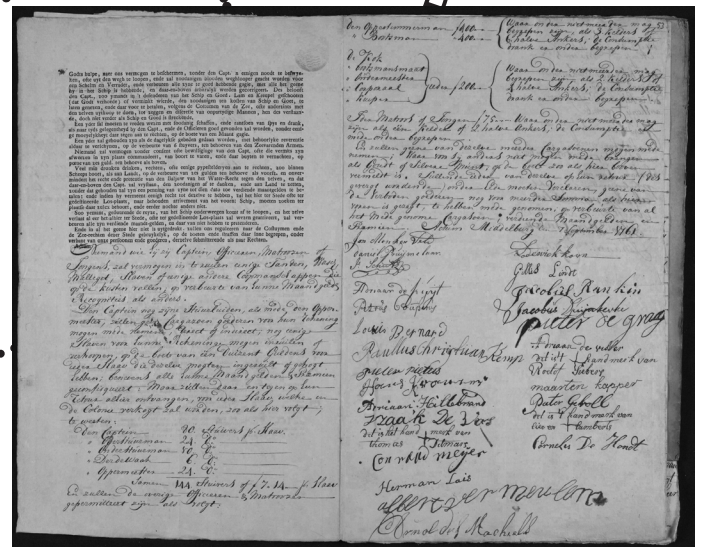
② Rules and regulations

Each crewmember was required to sign the ships articles, as such declaring he will abide by the ships rules and regulations. What could those rules and regulations have been? Write down as many as you can.

1. No cursing aboard.

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Does your school also have a code of conduct that you needed to sign?



③ Cargo

Each crewmember was responsible for his cargo. Who brings what?

- cook:
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- captain:
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- carpenter:
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- surgeon:
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- boatswain:
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- sail maker:
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- second mate:
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- sailor:
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⑥ Captain's log

Ordinarily the captain kept a logbook. For The Unity's third voyage the captain's logbook was not found. How come we know so much about this voyage?

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What was mainly written in this logbook? In the list below, check the boxes next to the correct answers.

- The course that was sailed
- The first mates writing skills
- The weather conditions
- The soccer scores
- What he was wearing that day
- Repairs to the ship
- Trade activities

④ Difference

Food was brought aboard for the slaves who boarded the ship in Africa also. Two hundred bags of groats, 280 bags of beans and 2 aume's of old meat was bought. Which is very different food than the food for the rest of the crew. Why this difference?

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⑤ Photo

A lot is known about the voyage and the destination, this is, amongst other reasons, thanks to the logbook kept by the captain and the first mate. We also have a good idea of what things looked like along the way. How is this possible in a time before camera's and cell phones?

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⑦ Drawing

Draw a picture of a crew member.

