'Spes Super Sydera, or Hope Beyond the Stars' (Motto of Hull Trinity House)



Hull Trinity House

made by the Corporation of the Guild or Brotherhood of Masters and Pilots, Seamen of the Trinity House, in Kingston-upon-Hull, CONCERNING THE LIGHTS to be carried by Vessels (except River Craft under 10 tons measurement) navigating the Waters of the Rivers Humber, Ouse and Trent, and CONCERNING the steps FOR AVOIDING COLLISION to be taken by Vessels navigating such waters, sanctioned by Order in Council, of the 8th day of February, 1890, and directed to come into operation on the 31st day of March, 1890, and to be read in connection with the Rules approved by Order in Council, of the 7th day of March, 1887.

Fact: In 1810, the first lifeboat crew was appointed by Hull Trinity House to man a station at Spurn Point established by local parties with shipping interests



Rules of Hull Trinity House relating to the avoidance of collisions in the Humber, 1890 [C DPD/1/1/7/5]

TRINITY HOUSE, HULL,

20th February, 1890.

RULES

Hull Trinity House was originally established in 1369 as a charitable guild associated with Holy Trinity Church. As the medieval period progressed, the guild's focus shifted towards the welfare of seafarers and oversight of the Port of Hull.

In this capacity, the guild administered various measures to make the Port of Hull safe, operated a number of welfare organisations, and financially supported local institutions helping seafarers.

Pilots were appointed to guide visiting ships along the Humber, buoys and beacons were established to mark safe pathways, and lighthouses and lightvessels were maintained and staffed.



between Hull Trinity House and the Guardians esponsible for the Hull Workhouse, 1773 [C BRX/25]

0.936 New Workhouse Kingston upon Hull Ded. 24th 1773. Marcas by a Parole agreement between the two Corporations of the Timity: house whe New Workhouse, recited in the Court. of the said New Workhouse the Day it appears, that the Wardens elder brethren & afsistants of use entered into an agreement with the Governor & quardians of the New Workhouse, that an should be paid on the part of the Trincty house to the Tovernor & guardians of the said New Monthouse towards the maintenance of such poor Seamon, their Widows or children (who have legal Settlements in the town of Kingston upon Hull as thous apply to the Governor & quardians of the varo Workhouse for admittance into the same viz For every child under light years of age 60 Heck. For every child above eight years of age 60 Heck. Ind whereas the said Mardens Mer brethren & abistants

In order that Mariners may be able to distinguish Light Vessels, which may be anchored in the Humber to mark the position of Wrecks, all Wreck-marking Vessels placed in the Humber will have their top sides coloured GREEN, and will exhibit :---



By Day-Three balls on a yard 2C feet above the water :- two placed vertically on the side on which navigating vessels may safely pass, and one on the other side.

By Night — Three white fixed lights will be shewn similarly arranged, but not the ordinary riding light.

Mariners will thus know, on sighting a Wreck-marking craft, that she is so employed; and that they should pass on that side of her on which the two balls or two lights are shewn.

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Fact: Various seamen's almshouses were established by Hull Trinity House in the period 1786-1951, the first being on Trinity House Lane

Crest of Hull Trinity House, 1890 [C DPD/1/1/7/5]

A number of almshouses for different categories of seafarer were established in the period 1786-1951.

The first was on Trinity House Lane (1786), the second was on Posterngate (1827), and two more were established on Carr Lane (1834 and 1837). In 1851 Kingston Almshouse was opened on Beverley Road, and a century later Trinity House Rest Homes were opened on Anlaby Road.

When the Port of Hull Society moved its orphanage to Cottingham Road, one of the houses was named Hull Trinity House Home in recognition of the guild's financial contributions.

Education of apprentices and mariners was also a concern for the guild. In 1787, a marine school was established on the Trinity House Lane site, this being the first one ever built. The school continues to this day as Trinity House Academy on George Street.

Trinity House was also responsible for raising awareness amongst local seafaring families of aid provided by the Royal Naval Asylum in Greenwich, there to assist children of seamen.







TIS MAJESTY'S NAVAL ASYLUM, GREEN-WICH PARK, being established for the SUP. PORT and EDUCATION of CHILDREN of SEAMEN, (the BOYS between & and 12, and the GIRLS between 5 and 10 years of age, free from infirmicy,) coming mader any of the following description, viz s-

1 .--- Orphans, whose Fathers have fallen in his Majesty's service, and are destitute of Mothers. 2.-Orphans, whose Fathers have fallen in his Majesty's service, and have Mothers.

s .--- Children, whose Fathershaving been wounded or manned on board of his Majesty's Fleet, and incapable of further service, and whose tamilies are numerous, and in need.

4 .--- Children, whose Fathers are actually employed on board of his Majesty's Fleet, in distant service, and whose Mothers have died during their Father's absence.

5 .- Children, whose Fathers are actually employed in his Majerry's service, and whose families are numerous and in need.

The Parents or Briends of such Children, within this town and neighbourhood, as shall appear to have grounds of claim, and are desirous of availing themselves of this Institution, will receive further information as to the documents required, and the mode of application for admission, by applying at the Clerk's Office in this House.

By order of the Worshipful the Wardens, &c. JAMES GREEN. Secretary.

DATE. 1901 Variable M. light variable wind & cloudy Visited the Lighthouse and found all in good condition George Shettiff, Bhts May Juesday 21 PM. light wind & fine weather. Hednesday 22" East strong wind & five weather throughout. Thursday 23th NE strong wind & five clear weather throng how Friday 24th & NE fresh breeze & five weather. throughout Saturday 25th NE Middle part do, ends moderate breeze & rain Sunday 26th HE AM. fresh wind & showery OM. do ends light wind & hazy.

An important aspect of safety work was the maintenance and administration of lightships and lighthouses.

In 1832 Trinity House was responsible for installing the 'Bull' lightship, the first lightship on the Humber.

As technology developed, other ways of lighting the waterways became possible, and in 1894, the guild established the first light float on the Humber.

Whilst Trinity House's charitable and educational work still continues today, authority for the administration of the Humber and its navigational aids was transferred to the newly formed Humber Conservancy Board in 1908.

Fact: The 'Bull' lightship was installed in the Humber by Hull Trinity House in 1832, and was the first such vessel in the river