

YEAR**EVENTS**

1836	Seamen schoolmasters introduced - petty officers.
1837	Engineering branch established. Engineers to be warrant officers
1840	The rate of Leading Stoker introduced
1847	Engineering branch classified into three divisions. Selected senior engineers get commission
1949	Good conduct badge [GCB] introduced with extra pay
1850	Rum ration halved to one eighth of a pint and evening issue is stopped. Grog remains as a 1:3 mix [rum:water - not changed to 1:2 until 1938].
1852	Pursers titled changed to Paymaster. The rates of Chief Petty Officer and Leading Seaman introduced
1854	New rate of Medical Dresser introduced
1856	Uniforms introduced for Petty Officers, Seamen and Boys. Curl added to the top stripe of executive officer. Wardroom Mess introduced.
1860	Last hanging from the yard arm. Monthly payments introduced. First Naval Discipline Act. <u>Note the hanging was just 6 short years before HMS</u>
1861	The very first QRAI's [Queens Regulations and Admiralty Instructions] was printed. Before this each was printed separately and published under its own
1864	White Ensign to be used in all of HM warships. <u>Just 2 years before GANGES.</u> First Commissioned Warrant Officer
1867	Introduction of the WRITER branch
1868	ERA's to become CPO's. Cap ribbons officially recognised. <u>When boys first joined the Ganges they were not worn at all.</u> Certain ships in the fleet
1869	Full sets are to be allowed. Must cover the whole face and include a beard and a moustache.
1870	Circulation 26 introduced new rating of Boy Signalmen, 2nd and 3rd class Signalmen, a Yeoman and a Chief Yeoman.
1871	Leading rates must be able to read and write fairly !
1872	Cookers School established at Portsmouth
1873	Colour vision tests introduced
1874	Naval Bandsmen uniform introduced
1876	First Royal Sailors Rest [RSR] opened in Devonport
1877	The half stripe introduced for lieutenants of over 8 years seniority. They were not called lieutenant commander until 1914

1881	RN Medical School opens in Haslar Hospital. Gold badges introduced for ratings. Allotment system introduced to send money home.
1884	Smoking banned for all under the age of 18
1887	First promotions to lieutenant from commissioned warrant officer. Maximum of 24 cuts over bare breech
1889	Head Schoolmasters promoted to warrant officer
1890	Signal Bosun [warrant officer] introduced as next promotion for a chief yeoman. Naval salute introduced to allow for saluting with both the left and
1891	Whale Island opens as the Portsmouth gunnery school. Uniform changes. When entering the gunnery school ratings had to re-sew their badges near to
1893	Introduction of official numbers and port divisions. Ganges boys would have used only their SBNo [ships book number]
1895	Artificer Engineers can become warrant officers
1900	Introduction of the naval PTI