



# Gala Lunch on board *HQS Wellington*

(Moored on the Embankment opposite Temple Underground)

Thursday 1st September 2022



The Honourable  
Company of  
Master Mariners

*Captain Robin Batt (1961-64), only the 2nd OP to be appointed Master of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners, cordially invites OPs to join him for a gala lunch on board his Headquarters Ship Wellington*

- Spouse/Partner Welcome
- Pre-lunch drinks on the Quarterdeck
- 3 course menu with wine & mineral water included
- Coffee & truffles
- Tour of the vessel and historic artifacts before drinks for those interested (limited numbers - book at the time of reserving the lunch)

**£88**

Per Person

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# Programme

11.15am	Those booked on a 45 minute guided tour to assemble on the main deck by the Wardroom
12.15pm	Pre lunch drinks on the Quarterdeck. (A pay bar will also be available for those requiring additional drinks or drinks other than those on offer)
1.00pm	Lunch will be served in the Courtroom
Grace and the Loyal Toast	Master
Speaker	Captain Robin Batt, Master
Reply on behalf of the Guests	Phillip Plato, Chairman of the OP Society
<b>Dress Code</b>	Lounge suit for men



## The Honourable Company of Master Mariners

A limited number of people will be able to take a 45 minute guided tour of the vessel and its artifacts, which should be booked on a first come basis at the time of reservation for the lunch.

At the annual shipmaster's dinner in Liverpool on the 2nd March 1921, the Member of Parliament for Wallasey, Sir Robert Burton-Chadwick BT, suggested that the profession was entitled to form, and was capable of forming, a Guild or Company very much on the same lines of the City of London livery companies. A man of some influence, his vision was realised on 25th June 1926 with the formation of the Company of Master Mariners.

The City of London welcomed the new Company with great warmth, indeed many of the existing Companies made generous gifts of silver at the time of the inauguration, which are displayed in the cabinets on each side of our Courtroom.

## An 'Honourable' Company

Until recently, we were unique among the city livery companies. The Master Mariners are entitled to use the prefix 'Honourable', the others being 'Worshipful' (a title originating in the middle ages meaning 'deserving of respect'). His Majesty King George V had been very moved by the great loss of life that resulted from the sinking of so many merchant ships during The Great War 1914-1918 (First World War) and, in recognition of the sacrifices made at that time, accorded the Company the right to use the title 'Honourable'.



*Captain Robin Batt (1961-64)  
Master HCMM*

## Conditions of Booking

Full payment is required at the time of booking, but is refundable in full if cancelled before 28th August 2022