

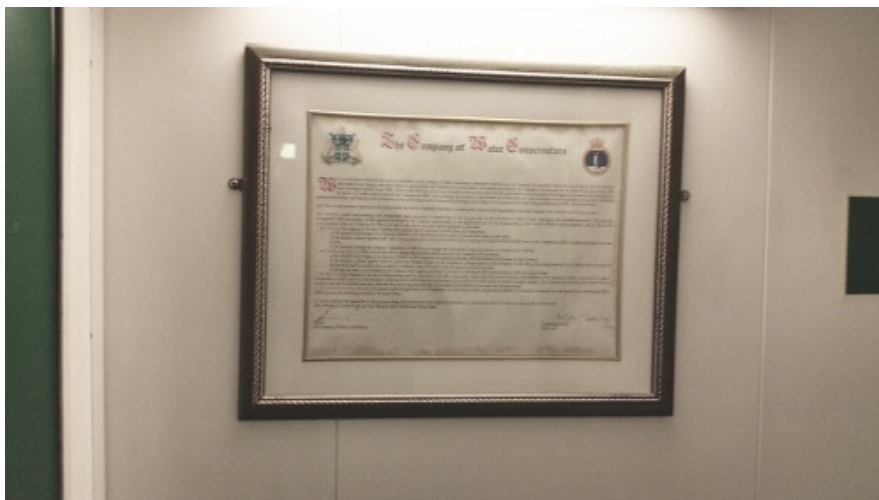
Scott Goes To Sea Again !

HMS Scott the Royal Navy's oceanographic survey vessel took to the sea again following an 18 month period in dry dock for a major overhaul. She was originally expected to be out of the water for 6 to 8 months however, following the discovery of a serious crack in the rudder horn the ship's return to service was delayed for a further 10 months. Following completion of the overhaul, during early May successful sea trials were undertaken under the new commanding officer Captain Karen Dalton Fyfe.



(above) HMS Scott berthing at Devonport Dock

The Water Conservators, who have maintained an association with the ship since 1998 when Past Master Bob Mark commanded the vessel, were invited to visit the ship at the Royal Navy's Devonport Dockyard as a part of their Affiliates Day on 30th May 2015. Due to his other commitments the Master was represented by Thames Warden Peter Hall and Court Assistant Trevor Harrington together with their wives.



(above) The Affiliation Document celebrating the association between HMS Scott and the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators hangs on the bridge



The two day visit also included a visit to HMS Argyll a Type 23 'Duke' Class frigate; HMS Courageous a nuclear submarine, HMS Drake the shore based headquarters unit; as well as HMS Scott.

(left) Peter and Georgina Hall together with Trevor and Annette Harrington watch as HMS Scott comes alongside after sea trials



On Argyll, the visitors and dignitaries were given tours of the bridge and watched an operations room exercise involving defending the ship against a missile and submarine attack. The Argyll was defended successfully!

(left) HMS Argyll a Type 23 Duke Class Frigate

In the evening, drinks and an excellent dinner were taken in the Scott's wardroom with the ships officers providing a very convivial venue for hearing more about the ship and exploits in Antarctica and other regions of the world. This opportunity was especially appreciated as the ship normally spends some 300 days of the year at sea and opportunities to meet up are few.



(above) Officers of HMS Scott



The following day, members of the Captain Scott Society joined the visit having travelled from Cardiff, the port from which Scott sailed on his expedition to the South Pole. A tour of the ship and explanation of the unique sonar surveying equipment was given by Lt Larry Gulliver of the US Navy, with whom Scott has an exchange arrangement.

(above) Fore deck housing the very large and intricate sonar equipment

Lunch was taken on board and farewells and thanks made.



(left) The Bridge with speed and rudder controls

(right) Navigation and Sonar equipment



(below) Engine Room with water and sewage treatment plants !!



Scott is now ready to undertake further surveying and is on the way to the next port of call at Barcelona for Christmas before going to the Atlantic again.

The Water Conservators would like to record their thanks for the invitation and hospitality given by the Commanding Officer and her Officers.

Trevor Harrington
30th May 2015