

MASTER AND COMMANDER

SCHEDULE 2019

(more details to be added; subject to change)

This year's theme is Jack and Stephen in North America, with particular attention paid to the famous sea-battles between USS Constitution and HMS Java, USS Chesapeake and HMS Shannon

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Morning

10 - 11.30 – Your choice of either a self-guided tour of [Fort York](#), a National Historic Site and one of Canada's 1812-era forts, or a special talk at the [Bata Shoe Museum](#) given by Assistant Curator Nishi Bassi and self-guided museum visit.

Lunchtime

Attendees will eat their lunches on-site, at Fort York and the Bata Museum; hot drinks are available aboard *Playfair*.

Afternoon

12.30 - 3 – Cruise (& optional crewing) aboard [Toronto Brigantine](#) tall ship *Playfair*. **Attendees must sign a waiver prior to boarding, & are expected to bring warm clothing/ weather gear as needed. Please note that Playfair will pick us up at Spadina Pier (adjacent to the Empire Sandy).**

[Montgomery's Inn](#)

[Bristow's Ironworks](#) will be on-site, with a fascinating display and handmade items for sale.

4 - 5 – Tea and cake available; \$3 payable at the door

4.30 - 6 – Open-hearth cooking workshop
(Tea Room)

4.30 – Aubrey-Maturin discussion group, topic tba

(Historic Bar Room)

Evening Programme

[Montgomery's Inn](#)

6 pm – welcome and evening registration opens.

7 – A simple but hearty Boston supper, tea, coffee; cash bar

(Historic Kitchen and Bar Room)

8 - 10.30 – Live music; sea shanties, ballads; bad naval poetry contest; historical games and newspapers, and copies of Steele's Navy List; door prizes; lamplight tour of the Inn; cash bar.

(Historic Kitchen and Bar Room)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

[Montgomery's Inn](#)

10 – Registration opens

10.30 - 11.45 – Hot Georgian breakfast by the fire, including tea, coffee and chocolate
(Tea Room)

11.45 – Grog ration *(Bar Room)*

An afternoon of lectures, hands-on workshops, displays and naval/1812-era merchandise. Please note that some afternoon sessions are concurrent. Informal presenters include Fritz the Ship's Carpenter. Outdoor events will take place in the Assembly Room in case of inclement weather. [Linda's Early Fashions](#) and [Bristow's Ironworks](#) will be on-site. Slings your hammock with [Glendon Hovey](#) will take place at times tba.

12 - 12.45 – *The Far Side of the World*: A year aboard the [Picton Castle](#) – Librarian Stephanie Hall

12.50 - 1.40 – Patrick O'Brian's Women – by novelist [Rachel Mcmillan](#)
(Tea Room)

1.45 – 3.45 – Ditty-bag sewing workshop with [Glendon Hovey](#), part I
(Bar Room)

1.45 – 2.30 – Aubrey-Maturin discussion group, topic tba

(Historic kitchen)

2.30 – 3.30 – Cutlass drill with Elizabeth Hovey
(Out of doors, weather permitting; Assembly Room in case of rain)

3.45 – 5.15 – Real Men Did Dance – Pre-ball beginners' Regency dance workshop.

No lead or follow; no partner or dance experience needed! (Please note: this workshop is required for dancing in the evening unless arranged otherwise with the [Dancing Mistress](#); beginners and “two-left-footers” are welcome at this fun and friendly session, and warmly encouraged to attend!). Gentlemen are permitted to take the workshop in their shirtsleeves.

5.15 - 6 – Stephen and the Sea: riding the bosun's chair with boatswain [Glendon Hovey](#)
(Out of doors, weather permitting)

5.15 - 6 – Aubrey-Maturin discussion group *(various topics; Assembly Room, historic kitchen)*
Reading/acting out our favourite scenes – bring your own book *(Assembly Room)*

5.15 pm – The dressing bell

SATURDAY EVENING

6 – Piping the hands to dinner *(Tea Room)*

7.30 – Lamplight tour of the Inn

8 - 10.30 – Halifax Ball – live music; games, newspapers and discussion groups upstairs in the bar for those not dancing. The evening includes a break, at which time coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served out to the assembled company.

(Tea Room)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

[Montgomery's Inn](#)

Registration 10 a.m.

10.30 – 11.45 – Hot Georgian breakfast by the fire, including tea, coffee and chocolate *(Tea Room)*

11.45 – Grog ration – *(Bar Room)*

*An afternoon of lectures, hands-on workshops and naval/1812-era merchandise, Fritz the Ship's Carpenter, games and discussion groups. Please note that some afternoon sessions are concurrent. Outdoor events will take place in the Assembly Room in case of inclement weather. [Bristow's Ironworks](#) will be on-site. *Slinging your hammock with [Glendon Hovey](#) will take place at times tba.**

12 pm – Rigging church, piping to divisions and reading the Articles of War
(Assembly Room)

12.45 - 1.15 – Lieutenants' Examining Board
(Assembly Room)

1.30 - 2.15 – *The Fortune of War: Jack and the frigate battles of the War of 1812. Commodore Thomas Hurlbut of the [Crown Forces of North America Naval Establishment](#) explores two of the most dramatic sea-battles in 1812 war history.*

2.30 – 3.30 – Stephen and the Sea: riding the bosun's chair with boatswain [Glendon Hovey](#)
(Out of doors, weather permitting)

3.30 - 4.15 – Lecture on postal arrangements and letter-writing in the Royal Navy by Kat Akerfeldt, Executive Director of [Toronto's First Post Office](#) (Bar Room)

4.30 – 5.30 – Cutlass drill with Elizabeth Hovey

(Out of doors, weather permitting; Assembly Room in case of rain)

4.30 – 5.30 – Ditty-bag workshop with [Glendon Hovey](#), part II (simple ropework)

4.15 - 5 – Hands-on letter-writing workshop with quill pen and sealing wax by Kat Akerfeldt, Executive Director of [Toronto's First Post Office](#) (Bar Room)

4.30 - 5.30 – Aubrey-Maturin discussion group (*topics and location tba*)

Slinging your hammock, with [Glendon Hovey](#) – times tba

5.30 pm – Trafalgar Dinner (*traditional Mess Dinner*).

Afterwards – Master and Commander pub night!

Throughout most of the afternoon:

Games, newspapers & other fashionable publications of the day (Historic Kitchen); Fritz the Ship's Carpenter; Aubrey-Maturin discussion group (various topics; Assembly Room, Historic Kitchen); merchants; Informal, DIY Aubrey-Maturin discussion groups.

1 – 3.45 The opportunity to purchase tea and historical treats. (Tea Room)