

# MASTER AND COMMANDER SCHEDULE

*(subject to change)*

*A Weekend in the world of Admiral Lord Nelson,  
Jack Aubrey & Stephen Maturin*

**OCTOBER 19 – 21, 2018**

*at Historic Montgomery's Inn,*

*National Historic Site Fort York, & aboard tall ship Playfair*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19**

**Daytime programme**

9.30 – Meet at Fort York Visitors' Centre; weekend registration

10 - 11.30 – Tour of National Historic Site Fort York; includes a visit to the #CityPlaceSchooner.

11.30 - 12.15 – Bring-your-own lunch

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 there are only three spots left on the cruise; please contact us to see if there is still room.)*

3.30 - 5 – Tour of a private collection of Napoleonic art and artifacts (*downtown Toronto, a short walk from the Brigantine dock. Address and other details will be given to tour participants prior to the 19<sup>th</sup>.*) *Please note that this tour is full, with a short waiting list.*

6 pm – Open-hearth cooking workshop at Montgomery's Inn; 6 pm – welcome and weekend registration opens at Montgomery's Inn. *There are several spaces left in this workshop; please contact us if you have not yet registered.*

## EVENING PROGRAMME

7 – A simple but hearty “lower-deck” meal of historical foods, 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.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

### Montgomery’s Inn

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

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. Presenters include Commander Andre Reed talking about his display of historical weapons, Fritz the Ship’s Carpenter, and John McMorland teaching informal knot-tying workshops in the Bar Room.*

12 - 12.45 – Prof. Kimberly Alexander – The Well-Dressed Midshipman

12.55 - 1.40 – Prof. Dane Morrison – Admiral Lord Nelson – an American Hero

1.50 - 2.35 – Victor Eiser and Sebastien Larivée – Swords at Dawn, Pistols at Dusk

2.45 – 3.30 – Chipp Reid – Jose Padilla, the Colombian Nelson

3.30 – 3.45 – **J David Markham**, *President, International Napoleonic Society*, and Edna Mueller, *President, Napoleonic Historical Society of North America*

3.45 - 5 – 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. (*Either the tea room or the Assembly Room; the location will be announced on the Saturday*)

3.45 – 4.45 – Royal Marines’ pike, bayonet and general drill demonstrations; join them and learn a few moves! (*Out of doors*)

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

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

7.30 – Lamplight tour of the Inn

8 - 10.30 – Trafalgar 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 21

### Montgomery's Inn

Registration 10 a.m.

10.45 - 12 – Hot Georgian breakfast by the fire, including tea, coffee and chocolate (*Tea Room*)

Grog ration – (*Bar Room*)

***An afternoon of lectures, hands-on workshops and naval/1812-era merchandise, Commander Reed's display of historical weapons, Fritz the Ship's Carpenter, and advanced knot-tying. Please note that some afternoon sessions are concurrent. Outdoor events will take place in the Assembly Room in case of inclement weather.***

12.15 pm – Rigging church, piping to divisions & reading the Articles of War (*Assembly Room*)

1.15 – [Victor Eiser](#) and [Sebastien Larivée](#) – Swords at Dawn – fencing (*Out of doors*)

2.15 - 3 – “England expects that every man will do his duty” – Commodore Thomas Hurlbut of the [Crown Forces of North America Naval Establishment](#) explores some of the most dramatic and urgent signals in naval history. (*Bar Room*)

### ***Several concurrent sessions follow:***

3.30 - 4.30 – Advanced knot-tying with John McMorland (*Historic Kitchen*)

3.05 – 3.25 – Nelson's Finest Hour – Readings on Nelson and Trafalgar from historical accounts (*Assembly Room*)

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

4.15 - 5 – Hands-on letter-writing workshop with quill pen and sealing wax by Kat Akerfeldt

3.30 - 4.30 – Royal Marines' pike, bayonet and general drill demonstrations; join them and learn a few moves! (*Out of doors*)

***Throughout most of the afternoon:***

*Games, newspapers & other fashionable publications of the day (Historic Kitchen)*

*Commander Andre Reed's display & discussion of antique and reproduction weapons; Fritz the Ship's Carpenter; beginners' knot-tying with John McMorland*

*Aubrey-Maturin discussion group (various topics; Assembly Room, Historic Kitchen, Tea Room)*

*1 - 4 The opportunity to purchase tea and historical treats.*

6 pm – Trafalgar Dinner

Afterwards – Trafalgar pub night!