

Become a *Master Mariner*

Welcome aboard cadet, to the **Jeanie Johnston** tall ship. This ship is a replica of the famous ship that helped many Irish people escape the Irish Great Famine in AD 1845 - 1852.

The ship you are standing on has completed many daring journeys, including circumnavigating Ireland, and visiting ports as far off as America and Canada. Now, she needs your help to make her next voyage! Do you have what it takes to join her crew? Complete the tasks below to find out.

Select your crew

A master mariner is the highest rank of seafaring qualification, and those who hold it can command any vessel, anywhere in the world! Unscramble the letters below to unveil the other crewmembers you might find on board a ship.

Crew: **CPIATAN – QRSUTEERMATRA – CTENERPRA – SGRENUO – BСТОIANAW – RGIREG – SALORI**

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Answers: CAPTAIN - QUARTERMASTER - CARPENTER - SURGEON - BOATSWAIN - RIGGER - SAILOR

Now it's time to head below deck.

Wave 'Hello' to St. Brendan (Naomh Breandán)

Sailors are a very superstitious bunch, and often have a few mini-rituals that they complete before setting off to ensure safe passage while out at sea. Find the picture of St. Brendan/Naomh Breandán the navigator – a famous Irish saint, known for his sailing prowess – and wave to him for luck before you set sail!

Can you spot?

Below deck could be a dark, cramped space, making it difficult to find your way around. Have a look and see can you spot these items as you journey below.

- 1: Captain
- 2: Rations List
- 3: Doctor's Bag
- 4: Passengers Act 1848

Can you spot one thing that was forbidden to do on the ship?

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Let's go back up on deck to complete the challenges



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On Deck

The Jeanie Johnston is what's known as a barque ship. These types of ships usually have a certain number of masts. How many masts does the Jeanie Johnston have?

Check the rigging

Crewmembers such as the Boatswain and Riggers inspect the ship daily to ensure that everything is in fit order for sailing. Scout around and check the below items off your list. If you're stuck, ask a crew member for help!

- Rigging** – the lengths of thin rope holding the masts of the ship in place
- Ratlines** – the ropes that are tied between the masts to form a ladder
- Belay Pin** – large wooden pins on the ships deck, holding the rigging rope in place
- Monkey's Face** – a round wooden block, threading three ropes
- Block and tackle** - a system of two or more pulleys with a rope or cable threaded between them

Design your own ship

Well done you are almost a certified Master Mariner, there is just one more thing to do. Now that you have completed your journey around the Jeanie take some time to design your own ship. If you were a Master Mariner what type of ship would you like to sail on? Get designing!



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