GUIDE FOR GUESTS

Dear Guest,

As the Captain of HMS Warrior, I am very pleased to welcome you on board and hope the occasion will be a happy and memorable one for you. You will be aware that much work has been carried out and a considerable amount of money spent on restoring HMS Warrior to her present condition. In view of this and the historic nature and construction of the ship, there are certain guidelines that I would like to bring to your attention.

1. As you enjoy touring the ship during the event; you will notice that some areas are roped off. We ask that visitors do not go beyond these points.

2. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on board, including the Upper Deck. However, you may walk off the ship and smoke on the jetty.

3. Stiletto or very narrow heeled shoes are BANNED from the ship due to the damage they cause to the deck, and for your own safety on the uneven floors and steep ladders. Heels should be no less than 1.5 cm² (see diagram to the left). However, should you still wish to wear narrow heels, ‘Heel Stoppers’ can be worn– available from www.cleanheels.co.uk and most shoe shops / bridal stores.

4. Please note that confetti is not permitted on board the ship or within the Historic Dockyard walls. We also cannot permit helium filled balloons or bubbles; due to the damage and staining they can cause to the deck and fixtures.

5. Where necessary, we heat the area in which you will be using (Wardroom, Half Deck, Gun Deck or Cable Deck), however guests should remember that they will be dining on board a ship, which by nature may not be as warm as other venues. We therefore advise you to dress accordingly.

6. Although children are very welcome on board, we must stress that they are to be supervised by parents/carers at all times. For groups of ten or more children a hired mobile crèche is advisable. Please ask for details.

7. Please be aware that spilled food and drink may cause staining to the wooden tables and deck unless wiped up with minimum delay. If this occurs please inform a member of staff.

8. Please note that CCTV security cameras are in operation throughout the event.

9. It should be appreciated that HMS Warrior 1860 lies within Portsmouth Naval Base and therefore comes under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Defence Security. All guests should arrive on foot, through Victory Gate and should park their cars in the local car parks, all a short walk from the ship. Please find attached a map and details for your information.

I hope that these constraints will not in any way limit the enjoyment of your visit.

Kind regards,

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