

October

The final month or so of my traineeship has been less busy, we didn't have many sailing trips on at Sea-Change, and one of the ones we did have was cancelled due to bad weather, and the other one I missed because I was ill :(

In the in between times I made myself useful putting various items up on eBay to raise money for Sea-Change, taking a well-deserved holiday to visit my mum, and of course preparing my presentation for the final networking day.

The networking day itself went really well, apparently my presentation went well, and everyone else did a really great job. It was fantastic to see everyone again, and get a chance to hang out with the new SHTPs who've just started their traineeships!



Warrior in all her glory https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:HMS_warriorjune20092.jpg

As the networking day was based at Portsmouth Museum of the Royal Navy, we also had a guided tour of HMS Warrior, and an in-depth look underneath HMS Victory.



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There's so much detail in how they've fitted her out down below, it really gives you a feel for what it would've been like to be a sailor on board when she was still in use. And I loved that fact that she was restored to one specific date in history.

We also visited Buckler's Hard, a little village in Beaulieu, absolutely steeped in maritime heritage.



Many Royal Navy ships were built there in the 18th century, including HMS Surprise and HMS Agamemnon. There's a super interesting maritime museum, and the original village where the workers lived is still there, some of the cottages have been restored and furnished to show what life would have been like for the people that lived there.

Overall it was a great end to the traineeship, I'm excited to see where everyone will go from here!

I'm off to Edinburgh now to start on the Royal Yacht Britannia as a maintenance assistant, a job which I wouldn't have got without SHTP. So I'm very thankful to have been able to take part in such a life changing project.



And I am so beyond grateful I had the chance to meet this fantastic lot. Gonna miss you guys!