

REGULATIONS OF THE NONSUCH TRAINING SCHOOL

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ROUTINE AND DISCIPLINE:

The routine is a modified naval one, and should not be altered, except for slight changes according to circumstances or time of year. When it is altered, it should revert to the original as soon as the situation passes.

Musters of inmates:

1. The morning division at 8.00 when the flag is hoisted is the main one. It is the time for the Officer of the Day to observe anything wrong: injuries, clothing, complaints, requests etc. Then working parties (exercises--there is no "work" in the Navy) and classes are told off.

2. The next in importance is Evening Quarter at 4.00 p.m. when the inspection is carried out and the ship secured. The crew is called to attention at the stroke of the bell and dismissed.

Discipline should be carried out rigidly, otherwise it is worse than none at all. Officers should not spare themselves, it pays off to give more than you take.

HAMMOCKS:

This is a good mode of sleeping--comfortable, easy to air, and takes up little space. It also prevents lounging and to a great extent other practices.

The hammock must be adjusted frequently and refitted when necessary; if neglected, it can be uncomfortable and dangerous. Bedding should be aired several times monthly and bed hair remade once a year.

The hammock is known as the sailor's best friend and should be treated well.

## WASHING:

Boys' baths should be well organized and special attention paid to small boys, and certain others who are known to neglect themselves. A list should be made and checked by the person in charge. Leading boys should not be in sole charge of this evolution.

Apart from night and morning wash, compulsory hot baths shall be taken Wednesday and Saturday when clothes are changed, and as often as the individual requests.

## LAUNDRY:

For health reasons this is a very important activity, and, ~~in~~ dirty clothing causes lack of self respect in the individual. Besides, the clothes will rot making frequent replacements necessary, thus adding to cost. In the past, cost of clothing has been low.

The officer on duty should personally supervise this activity and not put too much reliance on the Leading Boy. An older boy should be detailed to assist a small or new boy.

## CLOTHING:

Boys are issued with three shifts, two to be worn alternately and changed on Wednesday and Saturday. No. 3 (best) is to be worn on shore duty, visiting days etc. Whites will be worn on special occasions.

It is an offence to wear torn clothes which should be changed at once and sent to the Matron, who will either mend it or condemn it, as the case may be. In the latter instance a new issue will be made.

All clothes on issue will be plainly marked with the boy's mark, name, and date of issue.

Clothing inspections should be made frequently (a good occupation on rainy days).

Wool jerseys and coats should be wrapped when put away in the locker to prevent damage by insects.

A boy is not allowed to borrow another's clothes without special permission from the Matron.

Caps and shoes are to be kept clean for immediate use. It is the duty officer's responsibility to see the above carried out.

The boys are divided into three divisions: Quarter Deck, Main Top and Fore Top. Boys are drawn from each division for visiting **Days** (Sunday), working parties and extra chores. One division is to be on duty each day, any extra work after working hours falls on the duty division for that day.

All special duties, i.e. Cooks, quartermasters, are to be changed monthly.

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Quartermasters keep their watch on the gate and strike the time every half-hour, keep a gangway card logging every person going in or out, and reporting by telephone any information necessary to the various officers it affects.

The officer of the day should visit the Port sometime between 8:00 and 12:00 at night. This is very important; much trouble has been caused in the past by neglect of this duty.

It is an offence for a boy to conceal a wound or injury. Once detected, it should be reported to the Matron by the officer on duty at the time, if he considers it necessary, and log it after a thorough inquiry into the cause of such injuries.

The night officer must report at 9.00 p.m. to the Headmaster that all is correct or otherwise. This order should not be neglected, it helps the night officer who is alone on watch.

In the event of a boy absconding, the night officer should:

1. Dispatch a Leading Boy or two, to watch the boats, and to report if one is missing or any other unusual circumstances he sees.

2. Report by Inter.Com. to the officer of the day and the Headmaster.

The boat's distributor rotor is to be removed before dark by the duty Coxswain and given to the Headmaster when he reports the boat is correct and well moored.

The Chaplain having other commitments in the Parish on Sundays, holds Divine Service in the Chapel on alternate Thursday mornings at 7:30, followed after breakfast by forty-five minutes of general instruction.

The Headmaster and the officer of the day should attend this service, if only as an example to the boys.

A form of short service should be read on Sunday morning at Divisions, preferably by the Headmaster.

Prayers should be said at bedtime, lead by the Petty Officer and with the night officer in attendance.

Other denominations should be allowed ashore one Sunday a month for a service, if a member of the church, recommended by the minister, is made responsible. Inmates are not to enter any home or building whatsoever, except in an emergency. Two denominations have availed themselves of this privilege with success.

Many religious sects try to visit the school for no valid reason. These should be prevented, as it tends to confuse the boys of other denominations.

Occasionally a Church Parade can be arranged at St. David's; St. Georges on Christmas Day and Good Friday is traditional.

A number of Bibles have been provided by the Gideon Society for the use of the boys, and should not be taken away from the school.

## BOAT'S CREW AND LIBERTY PARTIES:

Boat's crew should always be neat and tidy and well dressed, and not allowed to pass the Quarter Deck without being inspected by the duty officer.

Conduct in the boat is very important: coxswain at the helm, crew sitting on bow thwart facing forward, except on long trips when they are ordered to sit at ease. When boat is alongside and boys are sent on errands, one boat keeper is to remain on board or on shore nearby.

The crew are not to loiter or engage in conversation with people, especially taxi drivers, and are not to accept money from strangers. They are not to enter shops or other premises without permission of the officer in charge of the boat.

Through good manners and behaviour ashore, Nonsuch boys have during the past quarter-century gained the respect of the town of St. Georges. This must be jealously guarded and a high standard of discipline maintained.

The boys are often taken to be Sea Cadets by visitors and when disillusioned are amazed at their conduct and bearing.

They have been complimented in court on the way they have been turned out, and also the straightforward manner in which they give evidence.

## LIBERTY PARTIES:

The Bermuda General Theatres have given the boys four complimentary tickets to movies every Saturday afternoon. One Leading Hand and three boys are sent in rotation; a boy can lose his turn through misbehaviour. This party should be well inspected before leaving and again on return.

They are not allowed to enter any other premises, shop etc. except in case of an emergency.

This privilege has been enjoyed by the boys for eight years without a single complaint from the theatre or the public.

The boys, thirty-two in all, were taken by bus to the Sandys circus and to the Tatoo, with much favourable comment.

MORNING AND FORENOON WATCH

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- 6-00 Call the hands, lash up and stow hammocks in a uniform manner supervised by the Leading Hand on mess deck duty. Leading Hand of the watch to supervise washing and to see all towels stopped on the line.
- 6-30 General Assembly; special dutymen to their stations, and hands out of the mess deck; remainder to clean their respective Tops.
- 7-00 Hands to breakfast, followed by hands fall in for teeth cleaning.
- 7-40 Hands fall in, clean up for Divisions, stand fast special dutymen.
- 8-00 Hands to Divisions, general muster, and Inspection by the Officer of the Day.
- 8-05 Physical drill.
- 8-15 School boys fall out, clean for school; remainder detailed for exercise.
- 11-20 Return tools.
- 11-40 Hands out of the mess deck; mess boys set table for dinner.
- 12-00 Hands to dinner.
- 12-55 Hands to cleaning stations.
- 1-00 Hands fall in for exercise; General Muster.
- 3-20 Return tools.
- 3-45 Hands fall in, stand fast special dutymen, clean up for Evening quarters.
- 4-00 Evening quarters: general muster, followed by hands to wash and clean.
- 5-00 Cooks to the Galley, tea when served, recreation room closed.
- 8-15 Evening Snack.
- 8-30 General Assembly.
- 8-45 Standby hammocks.
- 9-00 Prayers, out lights, silence in the mess deck.

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUPERINTENDENT:

1. Administrative ability.
2. Must be fond of children and really enjoy working and playing with them. If he has to force himself for the job's sake much harm can be done.
3. Should have a working knowledge of manual training in its various forms.
4. In the present set up ( naval tradition) he should have sea experience and be able to instruct the boys in all branches of sea-manship, boat handling, rope work, boat repairing, sail making etc. This is useful training especially in Bermuda, as a fair number of our discharges have found employment on the water.
5. A knowledge of gardening and the keeping of livestock.

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR MATRON:

1. Economical catering ability.
2. Must be able to instruct the boys in cooking and baking.
3. Housekeeping and storekeeping abilities.
4. First aid and practical nursing.
5. Sewing and advantageous purchasing of clothing.

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR ASSISTANT MATRON:

This post should never be left vacant as it is almost a physical impossibility for one woman to care for the needs of the boys.

1. Cooking ability.
2. Sewing ability.
3. First aid and practical nursing.