

HMS Severn Decommissions



Fourteen years of distinguished service by HMS Severn, the Company's Royal Navy Military Affiliate, was honoured at a ceremony in HM Naval Base Portsmouth on Friday 27 October 2017. The ship's company and guests, including the Master, Junior Warden, Chairmen of the Trust Board and Services Committee, the Clerk and other members of the Company, gathered at South Railway Jetty for a final inspection and service of thanksgiving for her crew and the safe completion of her commission.

HMS Severn has now reached the end of her planned service life, and the majority of her 45 personnel will remain within the Fishery Protection Squadron. She was the first of the Royal Navy's Offshore Patrol Vessels ever to undertake North Atlantic patrol duties in the Caribbean, a task usually undertaken by a destroyer or RFA vessel, taking her away from her usual work as part of the Fishery Protection Squadron.



In September 2006 the Court approved the affiliation with HMS Severn. Members of the Company have been entertained at various social events on board and have taken part in sea patrols to witness first-hand the operational tasks that HMS Severn and her crew perform.

The photograph on the left shows Lieutenant Commander Hugh Harris presenting the Company with an original oil painting of HMS Severn to mark the ship's decommissioning. The Master presented each member of the outgoing crew with a signed print of the painting, which the Company had funded.

The Company is proud to have been affiliated with HMS Severn and sends its thanks and best wishes to those who have served in her.