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# CHASING FREEDOM

The Royal Navy and the Suppression  
of the Transatlantic Slave Trade

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## How To Find Us

Entry to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard is through Victory Gate at the corner of Queen Street and The Hard.

By road: Less than 5 miles from Junction 12 of the M27. Follow the brown Historic Waterfront signs from the M275 and Historic Dockyard signs in Portsmouth.

By coach, bus, rail, ferry from Gosport or Fastcat from the Isle of Wight: Portsmouth Harbour Station/The Hard Interchange are 200 metres from the main entrance at Victory Gate.

## Opening Times and Ticket Information

Chasing Freedom is open daily from 10am (except 24, 25 & 26 December 2007)

April - October

Last Admission is 4.45pm

November - March

Last Admission is 4.15pm

A valid entrance ticket to The Royal Naval Museum will be required to enter the exhibition.

For more information and prices visit

[www.historicdockyard.co.uk](http://www.historicdockyard.co.uk)

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## The Royal Navy and the Suppression of the Transatlantic Slave Trade

200 years ago Parliament voted to outlaw the slave trade in Britain.

A Royal Navy squadron was established that would patrol the seas of West Africa for the next 60 years: searching and detaining slave ships, liberating some 150,000 enslaved Africans, playing a pivotal role in the suppression of the international slave trade.

Find out about life on the West Africa Squadron through extracts from the original diaries such as those of Cheesman Henry Binstead - an officer on HMS Owen Glendower - as he reports on day to day life patrolling the vast west coast. Witness Binstead's despair as he boards overcrowded, disease ridden slave ships and watches as his own crew suffer and die from tropical diseases including yellow fever and malaria.

Experience the traumatic crossing of the Middle Passage, endured by millions of enslaved Africans, in a reconstructed slave deck and handle artefacts used to restrain Africans during their capture and journey including leg irons, handcuffs and a neck collar.

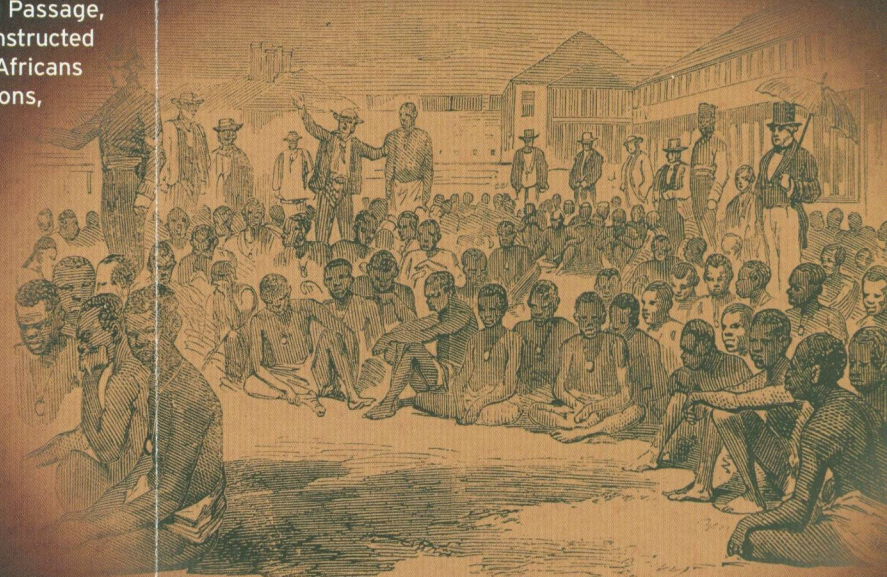
Two specially produced films discuss the legacy of the squadron's work as well as recreate the powerful abolition debate of the time with key figures from each side, including Admiral Lord Nelson.

'Chasing Freedom' is a special exhibition to mark the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade. It presents for the first time the Royal Navy's role in combating the trade and its continued work in defending human rights across the world today.

### Important Event Dates For Your Diary:

- Sunday 25th March: Chasing Freedom Community Day
- Monday 9th - Sunday 15th July: African Legacy Week  
Celebrate the rich and diverse cultural legacy of Africa with music, food, art, storytelling and dance.  
(please note 9th - 13th July is for schools only)
- Thursday 23rd August - International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its abolition
- Saturday 6th October - Chasing Freedom Conference

For more information and further resources please visit:  
[www.royalnavalmuseum.org](http://www.royalnavalmuseum.org)



AFRICANS LIBERATED BY THE ROYAL NAVY  
AT FORT AUGUSTA, 1857