

FALMOUTH

# TALL SHIPS

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Falmouth has always had a strong maritime history, from 1689 to the 1850s the Falmouth Packet Service sailed the seven seas carrying mail to and from the far corners of the British Empire. Falmouth is also famous for being the first port of call with the news of victory at the battle of Trafalgar and the death of Admiral Lord Nelson.



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As time went on Falmouth became, and still is a ship repair yard plus during WWII it was one of the major jumping off points for the D Day landing on 6th June 1944. In more recent times the port has become a haven for the yachting fraternity and is the home of the National Maritime Museum.

Throughout history mariners have needed help to find their bearings out at sea and in the past have had to rely on the Stars, Sextant or Compass. In our day they have Satellite Navigation to aid them but the sea still remains a dangerous place for all who venture out for pleasure or work. The weather can change with storms blowing up very quickly, its then that you need to be sure of your direction or anchor.

Many today seem to be adrift on the oceans of life, being blown about by the winds and tides of circumstance. Off course in the storms of life and in need of direction or an anchor.

The most famous book in the world tells a story about a group of fishermen sailing across an inland sea when a fierce storm blew up from no-where almost swamping the boat and nearly drowning them all. But they had someone on board that they knew could be relied on to calm the waves, still the wind and bring them peace. His name was Jesus of Nazareth and he is still able to:

- Bring peace in the storms of life.
- Bring calm when a person is going through difficult times.
- Bring direction to those who are adrift.

Those who use the sea today are familiar with the RNLI and International Code of Flags. I wonder if the following message using the Code is appropriate to you today?



***"I wish to communicate with you"***. God really loves you whoever you are and in Jesus of Nazareth has shown us His love and that he has a better direction for you to travel.



***"You are running into danger"***. Just as storms at sea sometimes catch the unwary out, so also the wrongs in our lives will one day swamp us.



***"You should stop your vessel instantly"***. Take another look at Jesus of Nazareth, he did something that no-other person or belief has done. He died on the Cross to offer us forgiveness, a fresh start and a living relationship with Almighty God.



***"I require assistance"***. Can you turn to God and ask for help, forgiveness, putting aside personal pride and admit that you have been charting your own course?

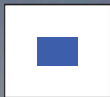


***"I have a pilot on board"***. All mariners not only need direction for navigation but they also need a trusted helmsman on the tiller or in the wheelhouse to steer the vessel. Jesus Christ is the ultimate pilot for life plus he is a firm anchor to hold us when life's storms come. As the famous hymn says;

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;  
fastened to the rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviours love!*



***"I am altering my course"***. If you wish to respond or want to know more check out the websites on the back of this leaflet.



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<https://johnsgospel.org.uk>

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