

Finds from HMS Pomone - Life on board

The finds below provide a glimpse of what daily life was like on board ship in 1811.

Captain's tippie

The base of a Georgian wine glass. Wine or rum?

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The King

Fragment from a glass bottle with the letters GR for George III (r. 1760-1820).

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Ready for dinner

These bone strips known as scales were attached to the tang of the knife with rivets to make the handle.

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One lump or two?

A pair of plain style silver sugar tongs.

Sugar tongs of this style were popular from 1780 to the early 1800s.

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Viewed before and after conservation.

Fork handles

These Pewter handles would have been part of a fork or a spoon.

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Lighting the cabin

Part of a silver candlestick.

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Bowls of smoke

The crew could not smoke their clay pipes below deck, in case of fire.

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Drink up

Sailors would drink from pewter tankards. This lid would prevent spillage and stop things falling into the beer.

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Play us a tune

These three brass keys were part of a musical instrument, probably a clarinet. Sailors would often sing about their bravery, the hard life at sea and what they missed from home.

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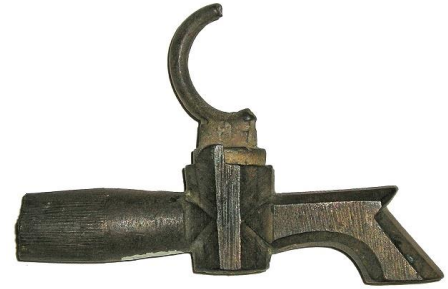
As heavy as lead

The purser would use these lead weights to measure out the ship's rations.

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Drinks on tap

This tap would have been fitted into a barrel to serve water or ale. The men's daily ration included 6 half pints of beer.



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Spend a penny

A George III Penny, 1807. The reverse shows Britannia seated with a shield and holding an olive branch and trident.

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By hook

This is a bronze barrel lifting hook. Sailors would use the hook for hauling casks in and out of the ship's hold.



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Uniform



Officer's Badge

This oval shaped badge has an anchor and rope motif. It would have been worn by a Warrant Officer.

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Face of a lion

This is one half of a Royal Navy Officer's brass sword-belt fitting. A similar buckle would have been located at the other side of an S shaped clasp.

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Stamped 81

A uniform button from the British Army 81st Regiment of Foot (Loyal Lincoln Volunteers). The 81st Regiment were stationed in Sicily.

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Struck with a windmill

This silver medallion has the image of a windmill on one side. It is not known what it commemorates and may have been a personal item.

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Buckle up

This brass buckle may have been part of a shoe.

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Women on board

Perfume bottle & Glass stopper

This small glass bottle may have contained perfume or medicine.

A small stopper from a glass vessel.

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A stitch in time

The remains of a brass thimble used for needlework. The head of the thimble has an ornate pattern.

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Good as gold

Five links from a gold chain possibly from a necklace.

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Getting a little warm in here



This is the wooden frame of a lady's folding fan. Other 18th century fans were made from horn, tortoiseshell, ivory and mother-of-pearl.

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The Doctor

A bit of an itch

This bone comb was found in four pieces. It was used to remove nits and lice from the sailors' hair.

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Cleaning the wounds

The surgeon might have used these syringes for flushing out wounds or inserting "mercury", as a misguided treatment for syphilis.

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