Wooden Ships and Iron Men: The Royal Navy versus France
1793-1815

Syllabus

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Week 1: The History of the Royal Navy: 1321 to 1688, Empire of the Seas Part 1

Week 2: History of the Royal Navy 1688 to 1783, Empire of the Seas Part 2

Week 3: HMS Victory Tour, Structure of the Royal Navy, Wooden Ships and Sailing

Week 4: Technology, Tactics, Gunnery, Iron Men, Shipboard Organization
Myths of Nelson’s Navy

Week 5: Concept of Sea Power in the late 18th and Early 19th Centuries
Period overview 1793 to 1815, British Grand Strategy, Royal Navy Role in strategy

Week 6: The Revolutionary Wars: 1793 to 1805 – A Chronology of Events

Week 7: The Life of Nelson

Week 8: The Napoleonic Wars: 1806 to 1815 – A Chronology of Events

Main reference sources for further reading:

1. “Patrick O'Brian’s Navy: The Illustrated Companion to Jack Aubrey’s World”
   Consultant Editor Richard O’Neill
   By Arthur Herman
   By N.A.M. Rodger