PRESIDENT’S CRIB NOTES

(Adapt as required for your own event. The below lists multiple guests but if catering for an event for only six people, allocate readings, grace and toasts accordingly. The following allows for SIX dispatch readings spaced throughout the meal, so edit the tale of Trafalgar and the delivery of Collingwood’s dispatches, plus an optional brief reading of their contents to suit. Hint – keep them short!)

1800 Ship Open to Visitors – Muster on the Orlop Deck

1915 Opening Dit - Up Spirits

1930 Hands to Dinner – Muster on the Gun Deck

FIRST COURSE ON THE TABLE

GAVEL

“FIRST DESPATCH” – Guest 1

GAVEL

“Ladies and Gentlemen, GRACE” Guest 2

[first course eaten]

CLEAR AWAY

GAVEL

“SECOND DESPATCH” - Guest 3

# SERVE MAIN COURSE – CLEAR AWAY

# GAVEL

# “THIRD DESPATCH” – Guest 4

SERVE DUFF – CLEAR AWAY

GAVEL

“FOURTH DESPATCH” – Guest 5

SERVE MOUSE TRAP AND BISCUITS, Port decanters and port glasses

GAVEL

“FIFTH DESPATCH” – Guest 6

GAVEL

“Port Bosuns you may PASS THE PORT”

GAVEL

“THE LOYAL TOAST” Guest 7

To be conducted in the tradition of your service and by Royal Decree. The loyal Toast.

**Ladies and Gentlemen “The Queen”**

(serving Royal Naval personnel may remain seated, all others must stand)

GAVEL

“THE IMMORTAL MEMORY” Guest 8

The Immortal Memory of Lord Nelson and those who fell with him

**Ladies and Gentlemen, The Immortal Memory**

(all raise glasses in silence)

GAVEL

PRESIDENT’S CLOSING SPEECH AND TOAST

GAVEL

BEST FANCY DRESS PRESENTATION

GAVEL

WHITE RAT **–** “Master at Arms” to declare fines

GAVEL

HANDS TO SINGING AND SKYLARKING