

# Chatham Historic Dockyard

## *Command Of the Oceans Project*

### Location:

Kent

### Project Value:

£8.5m

### Programme:

3 years

### Funding:

Heritage  
Lottery Fund,

### Cragg Management Duties:

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Monitor

Command of the Oceans represents a major new project for The Historic Dockyard Chatham that will tell the story of Chatham Dockyard during the Age of Sail.

Command of the Oceans will secure the repair and preservation of a range of the Historic Dockyard's Scheduled Ancient Monuments and its 18th century Ship's Timbers Archaeological find.

It will create world class galleries, interpretation and visitor facilities to reveal the story and significance of the dockyard and its defences during the age of sail and deliver an appropriate sense of arrival for visitors - not only to the Historic Dockyard itself, but also to the wider Chatham Dockyard and its Defences Tentative List World Heritage Site – through the creation of a 4.5 hectare area of heritage based public realm and a discovery centre for the dockyard and potential wider World Heritage Site.

Command of the Oceans will deliver a number of exciting objectives including:

- A brand new visitor entrance and improved sense of arrival to The Historic Dockyard Chatham;
- A free to enter Discovery Centre for The Dockyard and Chatham's wider world-class naval and military heritage;
- The preservation and interpretation of a unique archaeological assemblage.

