

705. In Ships which have Warrant Officers for Quarter Deck duties there is to be a Warrant Officers' mess berth, but the additional Officers are not to be provided with cabins. Warrant Officers' accommodation.

In Ships which have no Warrant Officers appointed for Quarter Deck duties a mess berth is not *necessary*; but in ships where there is plenty of room, it should be fitted.

Ship's Company.

706. The Master-at-Arms, the Naval Schoolmaster, and the Writers, including the Boy Writers, are to mess together. Messing. Petty Officers.

2. The other Chief Petty Officers are either to mess together or with the First Class Petty Officers, as may be convenient.

3. At the Captain's discretion, a sufficient number of Boys of each Watch are to be attached to these Messes to do the work of Cooks of the Messes.

4. The Ship's Steward, Cooper, Ship's Steward's Assistant, and Ship's Steward's Boy are not to be allowed to form a mess together; and, on no account, is the Bread Room, nor any other part of the Ship, except where the men by the custom and regulations of the service are permitted to live, to be used as a mess place.

5. Should there be two or more Chief or other Engine Room Artificers in a Ship, they are to be allowed to form a separate mess in the place which will be set apart for the purpose; and a Stoker is to be allowed to attend upon them as cook of the mess, and to keep the place clean and in order; the man so employed is to be relieved from ordinary duties in the Engine Room. Chief Stokers, when borne in Her Majesty's Ships, are to mess with the Chief Petty Officers, and not with the Engine Room Artificers. Engine Room Artificers. Mess.

While it is to be clearly understood that all Chief Petty Officers are responsible for their own hammocks, Engine Room Artificers may have the option of employing hammock-men under the usual regulations; paying them according to the scale of Art. 568. Hammock-men.

707. At the discretion of the captain a dry canteen may be established on board any of Her Majesty's ships, when sufficient accommodation can be set apart for the purpose. Establishment of canteens.

2. The captain shall cause proper rules to be drawn for the administration of the canteen, and in order to ensure uniformity shall submit them for the approval of the Commander-in-Chief. Rules to be drawn up.

3. The affairs of the canteen shall be administered by a representative committee. The senior executive officer of the ship shall be *ex officio* the president, and at least one other executive Constitution of committee.