

1876

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

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Captain George Thoms, Master;

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David C.Pagan, Collector of Tay Light Dues;

Captain George Taylor, Pilot-Master;

Leonard Allen, Teacher of Navigation;

James W.Melville, Officer;

J. Ogilvy, Principal Light Keeper Lights of Tay Buddonness;

James Meldrum, Assistant Light Kepper Lights of Tay Buddonness;

John Greig, Principal Light Keeper Ferry-Port-on-Craig;

David Pryde, Assistant Light Keeper Ferry-Port-on-Craig;

Fleming Bishop, Assistant Light Kepper Ferry-Port-on-Craig.

3 January:

Board of Trade Examinations:

The following passed examinations before the Local Marine Board:

Alexander S. Baxter and Christopher H. Tridedgo as First Mates.;

John Fitchie and John Burnett Only Mates.

William S. Murray Second Mate.

7 January:

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

The Fraternity accepted Bond or Assignment in Security No. 23 for £5000 Sterling, dated 21 December 1875, signed by the Harbour Trustees on 3 January 1875 and later entered in the Register on 7 January 1875.

10 January:

Board of Trade Examinations:

The following passed examinations before the Local Marine Board:

William Guy, Alexander Lees, Peter M. Thornton, John Hogarth, George Taylor and

John Peebles as Masters Ordinary.

Alexander Mair and Alexander Reid as Only Mates.

J.S. Carnegie as Second Mate.

29 January:

Vessel MATIN Captain James Mudie of Dundee, struck rocks near Cullercoats and arrived River Tyne with damaged bow plating. At the Inquiry in Dundee it was recorded that Captain Mudie had been at sea for 40 years and in command for 30 years and in command of MATIN for two years.

Captain Mudie explained the accident was probably due to stillness of the weather and the magnetic compass having to be tapped to make it revolve. [NOTE: It may be presumed this is incorrect reporting and what Captain Mudie may have said was the compass had to be tapped to ensure the compass maintained a constant direction when the vessel altered course and turned around the compass.]

Joseph Gibson, Secretary of the United Association of Underwriters in Dundee said Captain Mudie was singularly fortunate and careful and had completed 2120 voyages between River Tay and River Tyne. There had been only two averages to vessels during his career and no total losses. The Court heard Captain Mudie should have been more prudent in hazy weather. His Certificate was returned to Captain Mudie.

16 March:

The Bond or Assignment (refer 7 January 1876) was discharged to the extent of £200 to William Barron, Boxmaster and James Speedy and James Cappon two of the Committee of Management of said Fraternity and James Hunter Junior the Secretary.

During the year:

AURORA, whaler built by Alexander Stephen & Sons, Dundee and served on:

1911 Mawson expedition to Antarctica;
 1914 Shackleton expedition to Antarctica;
 1917 Missing.

James Allan, Councillor, Harbour Trustee.

James Gibson, Average Settler and Marine Broker, ran his business at 33 Dock Street, Dundee. His home was Bay Cottage, West Ferry, Dundee.

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 James Meldrum, Assistant Keeper Lights of Tay Buddonness;
 John Greig, Principal Light Keeper, Ferry-Port-on-Craig;
 David Pryde, Assistant Light Keeper Ferry-Port-on-Craig,
 Fleming Bishop, Assistant Light Keeper ferry-Port-on-Craig.

17 January:

Dundee Harbour Trustees and James Roney, Boatbuilder at Arbroath, signed a contract for construction of the first ABERTAY Light Ship. (Refer October 1877.)

28 May:

Mr Walsh, Pilot Master.

James Chalmers, Pilot.

13 October:

Notice To Mariners:

The Trustees of the Harbour at Dundee hereby give notice that on or about the 15th October, 1877, a LIGHT VESSEL will be moored near the entrance to the River Tay and opposite the Abertay Spit with the following bearings and distances, viz:-

Two miles south-east and a third north from Buddonness High Light Tower; six and a half miles east-south-east of Tayport lights; and two miles north-west and a third north from the Fairway Buoy; five cables length north-east from the Elbow End; two cables west-north-west from No. 3 red buoy on the Gaa Sands. The lightship will ride in five and a half fathoms at low water. She will exhibit from her foremast from sunset to sunrise, a FLASHING WHITE LIGHT every ten seconds, visible in clear weather about eight miles distant. During foggy weather, a bell will be rung. The light vessel will have two masts and be painted red, with the word ABERTAY on her sides.

ABERTAY was moored 'on station' in the morning of 16th October 1877. [NOTE: ABERTAY was replaced in July 1939 by a second ABERTAY, an all steel vessel built at Caledon Shipyard, Dundee.]

15 October:

ABERTAY First Light Vessel for River Tay, 117 tons, built at James Rooney's Yard, Arbroath and on station 2 miles S.E.1/3S from Buddonness High Light Tower.

During the year:

Shipbuilding yard of Brown & Simpson closed down.

Hugh Ballingall, Councillor, Harbour Trustee

1878

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 David C. Pagan, Collector of Tay Light Dues;
 Captain George Taylor, Pilot Master;
 Leonard Allen, Teacher of Navigation;
 James W. Melville, Officer.

4 July:

VEGA, a sailing Whaler with steam engine under command of Adolf Nordenkjond (Swedish) made the North East passage from Sandefjord, Norway to Yokohama. Left Gothenburg 4 July. On 19 August passed the Northern tip of Siberia in latitude 77° 41' North and from 28 August was stuck in ice, about 67° 42' North 172° 26' East, near Tshutoki settlement, for 264 days. None of the crew suffered from scurvy, due to abundant game at hand. Arrived Yokohama 2 September 1879 and returned to Stockholm, via southern routes, on 24 April 1880 when Adolf Nordenkjond was made a Baron. [Note: Vega was later bought and fitted as a whaler from Dundee.]

During the year:

PANMURE, Dundee Clipper Line, carried 29 emigrants from London to Port Chalmers, Australia in 79 days.

James Cowan, Councillor, Harbour Trustee

William McGlashan, Sailor, Broughty Ferry, died

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Captain George Taylor, Pilot Master;

Leonard Allen, Teacher of Navigation;

James W. Melville, Officer.

10 January:

The following members of the Fraternity signed documents as Trustees of the Harbour of Dundee: James William Nicoll, Lime Merchant and Shipowner in Dundee, John Machan and William Storey Candace, Ship-owners; and James Millar, Shipbroker.

28 December and later:

Tay Bridge Disaster. Captain William Adams, in command of ARCTIC, and other ships, searched for survivors in River and Estuary of River Tay.

During the year:

George Duncan, Councillor, Harbour Trustee.

1880

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Captain W. O. Taylor, Master,

Captain George Welch, Depute-Master,

James Hunter, jun., (J. & J. Hunter, 69 Reform Street) Secretary,

Leonard Allen, Teacher of Navigation,

James W. Melville, Officer.

During the year:

Tay Ship Building Company closed down. The yard built 104 ships when in business.

George Duncan, Councillor, Harbour Trustee.

W. O. Taylor represented the Fraternity on the Harbour Board.

LOCH GARRY, Whaler built by Gourlay Brothers. In 1884 the vessel was a store ship to the Greely expedition to the Arctic.

1881

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Captain W. O. Taylor, Master;

Captain George Welch, Depute-Master;

James Hunter, jun., (J. & J. Hunter, 69 Reform Street) Secretary;

Leonard Allen, Teacher of Navigation;

James W. Melville, Officer.

During the year:

Dundee Loch Line built LOCH AIRD at Leith. This was a pioneering refrigerated ship and vessel was later chartered to the Government for an expedition to Suakin, near Port Sudan, during the Sudan war 1884 -1885.

FRANCIS MOLLISON, tender and training vessel for MARS Training Ship, built at Plymouth. [NOTE: Foundered 3 February 1920.]

THETIS, Whaler built by Alexander Stephen & Sons. In 1884 THETIS sailed in relief of the Greely Expedition.

Leonard Allen wrote about accommodation for the Navigation School and this was brought to the attention of the Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee.

Thirteen Pilots averaged £92 per annum. Master Pilots £115.

Thomas Buchan, Councillor, Harbour Trustee.

The Mercantile Marine Office in Dundee was transferred from Dock Street to Sailor's Home (also in Dock Street).

1882

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Captain John Kennedy, Master;

Captain George Welch, Depute-Master;

James Hunter, jun., (J. & J. Hunter, 69 Reform Street) Secretary;

James W. Melville, Officer.

13 November:

Captain John Gravill Master Mariner of Dundee, died.

29 December:

CRAIGTON sailed from Glasgow for Dundee and had to put back twice to River Clyde, arrived Dundee 15 March 1883 (after total passage of 75 days).

During the year:

Dundee Loch Line: Alexander Mathewson, Chairman;

Directors: David Pirie; Henry McGrady; James Fleming; David Rodger; James Brownlie;

Lassodie Colliery; David Ireland & Andrew Leitch, coal exporters, Dundee;

Ireland Leitch & Co. Managing Directors.

A Dundee shipbuilding yard in the name of Pearce Brothers was formed.

James Cowan, Councillor, Harbour Trustee.

John Kennedy to represent the Fraternity on the Harbour Board.

Captain J.C.B. Jarvis, Tayport, later Master in LAWHILL.

1883

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Dundee Trinity House (Incorporated by Royal Charter) & elected December 1882.

Captain John Kennedy, Master;

Captain George Welch, Depute-Master;

James Hunter, jun., (J. & J. Hunter, 69 Reform Street) Secretary;

James W. Melville, Officer.

During the year:

W. B. Thompson informed the Harbour Board that costs to move the Lower Light at Buddonness would be £200.

William Robertson retired as Harbourmaster at Dundee.

There were 43 applications for the post (salary £300 and a free house) and the short list comprised:

Captain Charles Yule, Dundee;	Captain James Maun, Dundee;
Captain W. H. Watt, Dundee;	Captain William Kilgour, Tayport;
Captain William Brown, Harbourmaster at Arbroath;	
Captain James Baillie, Harbourmaster, Greenock.	

PROTEUS, built at Dundee 1873, lost while attempting relief of the Greely Expedition north of Davis Straits.

Barque MAULESDEN of Dundee, owner Captain Miller, Captain Rollo of Dundee as Master. Captain Thomas Lindsay Craig, of Dundee who joined Dundee Clipper Line vessel DUNTRUNE as Quartermaster later became Master of Queensland Government Yacht LUCINDA – the Australian Commonwealth Constitution was drafted in Sydney on board LUCINDA.

LASS O' GOWRIE, paddle steamer, 128 tons, built at South Shields for Captain D. Edwards, Dundee.

Captain Charles Yule appointed Harbourmaster at Dundee.

Captain William Adams retired from whaling. (ARCTIC was his last command.)

James Cowan, Councillor, Harbour Trustee.

1884

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Dundee Trinity House (Incorporated by Royal Charter) & elected December 1883.

Captain John M. Cochrane, Box-Master;

Captain John Kennedy, Deputy Box-Master.

Committee of Captains:	W. O. Taylor;	George Welch;	
James Cappon;	Charles Duncan;	William	Speedy;
David Simpson;	William Barron;	Peter	Myles;
William Kilgour;	Thomas Herald;	George C. White.	
James Hunter, jun., (J. & J. Hunter, 69 Reform Street) Secretary,			
James W. Melville, Officer.			

May:

Mr. Cunningham, Harbour Engineer, arranged that Buddonness Lower Light was moved to new position, the move being required due to a change in the position of the channel. Details of Lower Light at Buddonness: Height 60', Diameter 17'. Weight 350 tons and would require a pull of 35 tons and pressure would be 2 tons per square inch.

The base of the tower was cut away just above foundations and seven ways were placed below. The move commenced on 13 May and distances moved were: 14 May, moved 10 feet; 15 May, moved 26 feet; 16 May, moved 40 feet and the move was completed on 28 May 1884. Total distance moved was 160 feet to the North East.

The Buddonness Lights were later inspected by the Harbour Trustees who sailed down in the yacht PRINCESS LOUISE.

May:

Harbour Trustees: New Board Room measured 40' x 20' opened and the new table measured 25' x 8'.

December:

Second Seamen's Festival in Kinnaird Hall, Dundee.

David Bruce Presided. Most whaling Masters were present, as were William Thompson and D. C. Thompson. It was noted that shipping of Dundee represented Capital of over £1,000,000 and employed 3,000 seamen.

During the year:

TERRA NOVA built as a whaler by Alexander Stephen & Sons was used in the 1903 AMERICA relief, and the 1911 - 1912 Relief of Scott Expedition to Antarctica.

Whaler LOCH GARRY, built by Gourlay Brothers, Dundee in 1880, was a store ship for the Greely expedition.

Whaler THETIS, built by Alexander Stephen & Sons, Dundee in 1881, sailed in the Greely expedition relief voyage.

National Telephone Company laid 12 mile telephone line from Buddonness to Carlogie House, Carnoustie for Bailie Robert Taylor.

James Gentle, Councillor, Harbour Trustee

Captain William Adams took an interest in whaler MAUD

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Captain John Kennedy, Deputy Box-Master;

Committee of Captains: W. O. Taylor; George Welch;

James Cappon; Charles Duncan; William Speedy;

David Simpson; William Barron; Peter Myles;

William Kilgour; Thomas Herald; George C. White.

James Hunter, jun., (J. & J. Hunter, 69 Reform Street) Secretary,

James W. Melville, Officer.

January:

Dundee Harbour Board requested that an Imperial Lightship be positioned 2½ miles outside Fairway Buoy, river Tay.

February:

Dundee Harbour Board's request (in January for an Imperial Lightship) turned down by Board of Trade due the light being essentially a local light.

28 May:

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

The Bond in favour of the Trustees of the Harbour of Dundee was signed by: William Kilgour, shipowner presently residing in Tayport the present Boxmaster; Charles Duncan Ship-owner & Ship Chandler in Dundee and George Welch, Ship Agent, East Whale Lane Dundee, two of the Committee of Management of The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee, and James Hunter Junior, Solicitor, the secretary of the said Fraternity

During the year:

Seventeen Dundee whalers sailed to the Arctic – largest ever fleet in a season.

James Low, Councillor, Harbour Trustee

William Kilgour to represent the Fraternity on the Dundee Harbour Board.

1886

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Dundee Trinity House (Incorporated by Royal Charter) & elected December 1885.

Captain William Kilgour, Box-Master;

Captain John M. Cochrane, Deputy Box-Master;

Committee of Captains: W. O. Taylor; George Welch;

James Cappon; John Kennedy; William Speedy;

David Simpson; William Barron; Peter Myles;

And David Japp; Thomas Herald; George C. White.

James Hunter, jun., (J. & J. Hunter, 69 Reform Street) Secretary,

James W. Melville, Officer.

August:

Scottish Shipmaster's Association, Dundee Branch formed. Captain Richard Sangster, Vice President, (Master GLOAMIN). Meeting was convened at John Machan's office, King William Dock, Dundee. Members of the Committee were:

Captains

J. S. Duthie; W. Spence; C. Tessartn (ISLA);

J. Leighton; W. Packham (DP&L) J. S. Allison, (LOCH ARD)

During the year:

Applicants for appointment as Lloyd's Agent in Dundee were:

David Alexander;	J. F. Anderson;	Charles Barrie;
J. F. Birrell;	P. M. Cochrane;	C. Cooper;
William Fleming;	Joseph Gibson & Co;	Thomas Gordon;
James Miller;	B. L. Nairn;	C. A. Ramsay;
W. Smith;	W. O. Taylor;	George Wood.

Subsequently, W. O. Taylor was appointed Lloyd's Agent at Dundee.

Captain T. F. Gellatly of Dundee, Master of whaler CHIEFTAN, went to New Guinea and was appointed in charge of pearl fishing boats.

Captain David Simpson to represent the Fraternity on the Harbour Board

1887

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Dundee Trinity House (Incorporated by Royal Charter) & elected December 1886

Captain William Kilgour, Box-Master;

Captain John M. Cochrane, Deputy Box-Master;

Committee of Captains:	W. O. Taylor;	George Welch;
James Cappon;	John Kennedy;	William Speedy;
David Simpson;	William Barron;	Peter Myles;
And David Japp;	Thomas Herald;	George C. White.

James Hunter, jun., (J. & J. Hunter, 69 Reform Street) Secretary,

James W. Melville, Officer.

15 February:

Gunboat JACKAL at Broughty Ferry on fishing duties [fishery protection] and made a further visit later in the year.

21 April:

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Bond for £5000 in favour of the Trustees of the Harbour of Dundee signed by: Wm. Kilgour, Shipowner, Boxmaster. And Charles Duncan, Ship Chandler and George Welch, Ship Agent, two of the Committee of Management of the Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee.

19 September:

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Bond for £5000 in favour of the Trustees of the Harbour of Dundee signed by David Simpson Boxmaster; Charles Duncan Deputy.Boxmaster; J.M.Cochrane, and James Hunter, Secretary.

During the year:

Ireland Leitch & Co., Dundee dissolved. Previously had been Managing Directors of Dundee Loch Line. Andrew Leitch appointed Manager, Dundee Loch Line.

Barque KINFAUNS of Dundee

Captain William Adams sailed in command of whaler MAUD.

Captain David Simpson to represent the Fraternity on the Harbour Board.

1888

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Dundee Trinity House (Incorporated by Royal Charter) & elected December 1887.

Captain William Kilgour, Box-Master; [NOTE: Captain David Simpson was Boxmaster earlier in 1888.]

Captain Charles Duncan, Deputy Box-Master;

Committee of Captains:	George Welch;	James Cappon;
John Kennedy;	William Speedy;	William Barron;
Peter Myles;	David Japp;	Thomas Herald;
William Ovenstone.		

James Hunter, jun., (J. & J. Hunter, 69 Reform Street) Secretary,

James W. Melville, Officer.

23 March:

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Bond for £5000 in favour of the Trustees of the Harbour of Dundee signed by David Simpson, Shipowner Tayport, Boxmaster; Charles Duncan, Ship Chandler Dundee, Deputy Boxmaster and John Moir Cochrane late shipmaster, residing in King Street Dundee

During the year:

Gunboat JACKAL at Broughty Ferry on second visit for fishing duties [fishery protection].
Dundee Harbour Trustees agreed to contribute £20 annually towards providing accommodation for a Navigation School in Dundee. Fraternity of Masters and Seamen had earlier declined to make a contribution.

Captain Methven, Master on Tay Ferries.

John Henderson, seaman on whaler NOVA ZEMBLA.

1889

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Dundee Trinity House (Incorporated by Royal Charter) & elected 16 December 1888.

Captain James Cappon, Box-Master;

Captain Charles Duncan, Deputy Box-Master;

Committee of Captains of Management and Councillors of Incorporation:

David Simpson;	George Welch;	John Kennedy;
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William Speedy;	William Barron;	David Japp;
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James W. Melville;	George Taylor;	William Young;
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James Rattray;	G. C. White;	Melville Pryde.
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James Hunter, jun., (J. & J. Hunter, 69 Reform Street) Secretary,

Captain James W. Melville, Officer.

It was agreed the Boxmaster represent the Incorporation at the respective boards of the Dundee Harbour Commissioners; Dundee Royal Lunatic Asylum; Royal Orphan Institution; Baxter Park Trust; Dundee Savings Bank.

10 May:

CAMBUSDOON reported to be the last wood built ship to bring jute to Dundee.

13 May:

W. B. Thompson purchased Lilybank Foundry.

During the year:

Trinity House disposed of by Seamen Fraternity to North British Railway Company and demolished to provide space for building West Station, Dundee.

Navigation School in Dundee – Provost Hunter, Charles Barrie and David Bruce named to a local committee to ensure continuation of a navigation school in Dundee.

School of Navigation – There were two rival schools:

Captain A. Wood, Victoria Chambers, Victoria Road, Dundee.

Government New School, Leonard Allen, 33 Dock Street, Dundee.

Submarine Miners (Royal Engineers), formed at Broughty Castle in 1861, were equipped with two steam launches named SIR WILLIAM REID and DUNDAS these being among the first mine-layers built.

1890

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Dundee Trinity House (Incorporated by Royal Charter) & elected 17 December 1889.

Captain James Cappon was re-elected Box-Master;

Captain Charles Duncan was re-elected Deputy Box-Master;

Committee of Captains:	George Welch;	John Kennedy;
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William Speedy;	William Barron;	George Taylor;
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William Kilgour;	David Simpson;	David Japp;
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William Young;	J. W. Melville;	George C. White;
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Melville Pryde;	James Rattray.	
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It was agreed the Boxmaster was to represent the Incorporation at the respective boards of the Dundee Harbour Commissioners; Dundee Royal Lunatic Asylum; Royal Orphan Institution; Baxter Park Trust; Dundee Savings Bank.

11 February:

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Dundee Trinity House

Regarding the committee of Management and Councillors of the Incorporation, Captain James Rattray resigned and Captain John M. Cochrane was appointed.

21 February:

Three County Line ships (barques) all departed Dundee on the same tide:

COUNTY OF GALLOWAY;

COUNTY OF SELKIRK;

COUNTY OF ROXBURGH.

10 December:

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During the year:

Captain William Adams sailed in command of whaler MAUD. On the return voyage in August, Captain Adams fell ill, was landed at Thurso and died shortly thereafter.

Whaler BALAENA, built Drammen, Norway in 1872, purchased by R. Kinnes, Dundee.

Dundee Engineering School opened in Panmure Street, David Coupar Principal. Later moved to Castle Street.

1891

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Dundee Trinity House (Incorporated by Royal Charter), elected 16 December 1890.

Captain Charles Duncan was elected Box-Master;

Captain James Cappon was elected Deputy Box-Master;

The Committee of captains of Management and Councilors of the Incorporation:

George Welch; David Simpson; William Barron;

David Japp; Melville Pryde; William Ovenstone;

George C. White; William Kilgour; William Speedy.

James Hunter, Jnr., (J. & J. Hunter, 69 Reform Street) Secretary.

16 January:

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Fraternity Committee Meeting:

Dundee Trinity House (Incorporated by Royal Charter).

The Secretary was directed to get the Church Bibles and Books belonging to the Incorporation to make an Inventory thereof and to retain them until further orders.

February:

Dundee Branch of Shipping Federation opened. AMETHYST was first vessel to sign a Federation crew.

3 April:

MATIN launched from yard of R. A. Mudie & Sons, Dundee. Lifeboats were built by D. B. Livie, Dundee.

15 September:

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Fraternity General Meeting:

Dundee Trinity House (Incorporated by Royal Charter)

The Meeting then had under discussion the disposal of the Bibles belonging to the Incorporation. Whereupon Captain J. M. Cochrane moved that the bibles and whole other Books be disposed of by auction to the whole house at next General Quarterly Meeting and which motion was seconded by Captain D. Simpson and agreed to.

15 December:

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Dundee Trinity House (Incorporated by Royal Charter)

General Meeting

After transacting the ordinary business of routine, Captain J. M. Cochrane moved in virtue of the previous Notice given by him that the Members constituting the Committee of Management including the Box Master and his Deputy be restricted to six in number and three being present to form a quorum and that the Bye Laws be altered to that effect accordingly all agreeably to and in virtue of the powers and authority constituted by the Royal Charter in favour of the Incorporation which motion was seconded by Captain David Simpson and on being put to the Meeting was unanimously agreed to and declared carried

During the year:

The Old Custom House, built 1590 at the west end of Grassmarket, was demolished for construction of the east side of Whitehall Crescent. The history of that building was described as follows: "Part of the building known as Drummond's Lodging (c.1573) and located at what "was later known as the west side of the Greenmarket was put to use as the Custom "House of the port of Dundee, in which was collected the shore dues and the "Government duties on customs and excise. About 1805 the use of the part of "Drummond's Lodging for those purposes was discontinued."

Andrew Leitch & Co, Dundee contracted to supply 50,000 tons Slammanan Coal to Danish State Railways over a twelve month period.

Correspondence between W. B. Thompson (Tay Foundry) and Town Council about heavy boilers being moved down Commercial Street and it was suggested Police Commissioners arrange strengthening supports. Town Clerk replied W. B. Thompson was not entitled to take boilers down Commercial Street and would be liable for damage.

Ship DAISY, crew included: Allan Walker age 31 of Dundee, Boatswain, and James Smith age 18 of Dundee, Assistant Steward.

Ship RANGER, crew included: William Johnston age 32 of Dundee, Chief Engineer, Charles Hunter age 22 of Dundee, 2nd Engineer and James Wills age 30 of Dundee, passenger (a carpenter).

1892

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Dundee Trinity House - Incorporated by Royal Charter & elected 17 December 1891.

Captain James Cappon was elected Box-Master;

Captain William Barron was elected Deputy Box-Master;

The Committee of Captains of Management and Councillors of the Incorporation was elected as follows: Charles Duncan; David Simpson;

William Ovenstone; James W. Melville.

James Hunter, jnr., was elected Secretary and Factor of the Incorporation.

24 August:

The four masted Barque named LAWHILL, 2,942 tons, was launched from yard of W. B. Thompson as 'Steel Sailer No. 112' and towed to Victoria Dock for fitting out. Owner Captain Charles Barrie, Dundee and said to be the largest sailing vessel, and the largest vessel, built at Dundee.

Captain was Peter Singer of Aberdeen and local crew named as:

James Mitchell, Third Mate, age 21, from Broughty Ferry.

Harry Mony, Sailmaker, age 46, from Dundee.

William Scott, Bosun, age 26, from Dundee.

Thomas McGoldrick, A.B., age 24, from Dundee.

1954 LAWHILL laid up Lourenco Marques.

1957 Broken up at Lourenco Marques (Maputo).

6 September 1892 (to May 1893);

Robert Kinnes organised Dundee Antarctic Expedition (to May 1893) with four ships, namely:

ACTIVE (Thomas Robertson); BALAENA (Alexander Fairweather);

DIANA (Robert Davidson); POLAR STAR (James Davidson).

Dr. W. S. Bruce was surgeon on board BALAENA. The Dundee Antarctic Expedition was not a financial success. [Note: Dr. Bruce later led the SCOTIA Expedition to Antarctica.]

During the year:

Old Dundee Exhibition 1892-1893:

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee allowed the following items of property, then on loan to Victoria & Albert Museums and Art Galleries, be exhibited during this exhibition under catalogue numbers and descriptions as follows:

- 117 Painting of Grace Horley Darling 1815-1842 by T. M. Joy (1839);
Lent by the seamen Fraternity, Dundee.
- 130 Painting of William Darling, Lighthouse Keeper;
Lent by the Dundee Seamen Fraternity.
- 488 Painting of Pile Light Tayport by George McGillivray
Lent by the Seamen Fraternity.
- 492 Painting of 'Dundee' and 'Perth' in the Tay by William Clark (1834).
Presented by Mr. George Duncan, M.P., to the Seamen Fraternity, Dundee in 1842, and lent by them.
- 496 Painting of Buddonness Lighthouses by George McGillivray.
Lent by the seamen Fraternity, Dundee.
- 520 Painting of Lighthouses at Tayport by George McGillivray.
Lent by the Seamen Fraternity.
- 560 Painting of Admiral Lord Duncan.
Presented by Chas. W. Boase, Esq., in 1843 to the Seamen Fraternity, Dundee and lent by them. It is evidently a copy of the bust portion of the painting in Guild Hall, London by J. Hoppner, R.A
- 598 Painting of rescue of Survivors of the wreck of the Steamer "Forfarshire", 1st September 1838 by Grace darling and her father. Presented by william, First Lord Panmure, to the Seamen Fraternity, Dundee, 1842.
- 885 Model of the "Caledonia" Line of Battle Ship.
- 890 Model of the Frigate "Prosperity".
Lent by the Seamen Fraternity.
- 901 Model of Bell Rock Lighthouse.
Lent by the Seamen Fraternity.
- 902 Model of the "Lord Duncan" Line of Battle Ship.
Lent by the Seamen Fraternity.
- 903 Model of the Tay Buoy.
Lent by the Seamen Fraternity.

NOTE: The above items remain the property of the Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee and are currently on loan to Dundee City Council/McManus Galleries, Dundee.

At the same exhibition, Items No. 1, 2, 25 and 26 were described as 'Four communion cups belonging to the East, or Parish, Church Dundee. Two bears (sic) the inscription "Given by the Fraternity of Seamen 1766." Further information given: 'These cups (all four) were made in Dundee by J. Steven [John Steven]. Hall Mark Pot and Lilies.'

At the same exhibition, Catalogue Reference No. 519, is a portrait of barque LEIPZIG entering Marseilles, 1848, (Thomas Cappon, Master). Signature: Pelligure. Captain Thomas Cappon was a Past Boxmaster and a member of the Fraternity. The barque LEIPZIG carried the timber from which the Pile Light was built by the Fraternity in 1848.

1893

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Dundee Trinity House - Incorporated by Royal Charter & elected 20 December 1892.

Captain James Cappon was re-elected Box-Master;

Captain William Barron was re-elected Deputy Box-Master;
Committee of Captains of Management and Councilors of the Incorporation was elected George C. White; David Simpson; James W. Melville; and William Ovenstone.

James Hunter, Jr., (J. & J. Hunter, 69 Reform Street) was elected Secretary and Factor of the Incorporation.

21 January:

DRYDENS, Captain John Henderson of Dundee, arrived Dundee from Berwick.

18 November:

Pilot cutter PILOT wrecked on Abertay Sands. Two crew and five pilots saved by Lifeboat.

During the year:

Joinville Island in Antarxtica was thought to be a large island but in 1893, Captain Thomas Robertson of the Dundee Antarctic Expedition found to be two islands. Joinville remained the name of the larger, and the smaller was named Dundee Island.

Thirteen ships laid up in Dundee/River Tay due lack of trade.

James Cappon to represent the Fraternity on the Harbour Board

Captain George Taylor died, age 75. Captain Taylor was Master on the Pilot Cutter from 1865 to 1890.

DRYDENS, Captain John Henderson of Dundee on coastal trade between Dundee and Berwick.

HURENA of Dundee, from Dundee to New York, in heavy weather, W. Atchison, seaman was lost overboard. Third Officer John Daker washed overboard and then grabbed a rail and returned on board.

1894

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Dundee Trinity House - Incorporated by Royal Charter & elected 19 December 1892.

Captain William Kilgour elected Box-Master;

Captain David Simpson elected Deputy;

Committee of Captains: James Cappon; William Barron;

William Speedy; James W. Melville; George C. White;

William Ovenstone.

James Hunter, Jr., (J. & J. Hunter, 69 Reform Street) as Secretary and Factor.

13 March:

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Fraternity Committee Meeting:

The Master in answer to one of the Members stated that Ten Masters had died within the Five years preceding December last and that only Sixteen Masters now remained on the Pension List. The Mortality amongst the Masters and Mates Widows had been in a similar proportion and added that a great proportion of the pensioners were over Eighty years of age.

7 May

Alexander Stephen & Sons launched Yard No. 96, barque, not named. Dimensions 319' x 45' x 26'6", and, at 4920 deadweight tons, this was the largest sailing vessel built at Dundee and was the last sailing vessels built by Alexander Stephen & Sons. Later bought by Laiesz and named PITLOCHRY after owners had visited the town. Captain Robert Miethe, her most famous Master said "If ever there was a perfect ship, it was she." Sunk on 28 November 1913 collision with Elder Dempster liner BOULAMI.

10 September:

Dundee Shipbuilding Company taken over by Alexander Stephen & Co.,

Dundee Ship Building Company Limited formed.

During the year:

James Cappon to represent the Fraternity on the Harbour Board

1895

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Dundee Trinity House - Incorporated by Royal Charter & elected 28 December 1894.

Captain William Kilgour elected Box-Master;

Captain David Simpson elected Deputy;

Committee of Captains: James Cappon; William Barron;

William Speedy; George C. White; William Ovenstone.

James Hunter, Jnr., (J. & J. Hunter, 69 Reform Street) as Secretary and Factor.

The Boxmaster was appointed to the Boards of: Dundee Harbour Trust; Royal Dundee Lunatic Asylum; Dundee Orphan Institution; Baxter Park Trust; and Dundee Savings Bank.

January:

Dundee Gem Line commenced service to Liverpool with first sailing by OPAL. Other vessels named EMERALD; BERYL and AMETHYST.

April:

On Wednesday 10 April D. B. Livie, Boatbuilders received an order for a 16' boat for Skye and the completed boat was despatched on Friday 12 April.

7 August:

Directors of General Accident Company, Perth, paid £50 to the widow of James Feathers Hay of Tayport, Mate of ship ACRENCE, posted missing at Lloyd's 7 August. The family had a policy for £100 with General Accident but had allowed it to lapse on 14 April due non-payment of premium

August:

Federation of Sail makers Fifth Annual Conference at Dundee. Robert Henderson, Dundee, President.

Ten delegates represented 1000 members. It was noted that membership was down from 287 and continuing to shrink, and had been 1500 in 1855. There was a difference of opinion about use of sewing machines.

16 September:

Ship CALCUTTA of Dundee, owners Charles Barrie, Low (of Newport) Master, Andrew Ramsay, 2nd Mate and David Thomson, Steward, both of Dundee. Vessel was abandoned off Staten Island, near Cape Horn. Some survivors lived on an Island for 43 days. All crew saved in due course.

11 December:

MAROA arrived Dundee with 45,160 bales jute. Largest vessel to arrive at Dundee with jute and the cargo took four weeks to discharge, using every horse and cart available to carry jute from docks to mills

During the year:

SARDINIA built at Dundee 1895. [NOTE: 15 June 1916 sunk by Austrian submarine.]

D. B. Livie, boatbuilders, built 12 Gigs each 24' and 6 gigs each 34' for Admiralty; Yacht for Royal Tay Yacht Club; Coastguard boat which was towed to Stonehaven and delivered there.

William Kilgour to represent the Fraternity on the Dundee Harbour Board

1896

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Dundee Trinity House - Incorporated by Royal Charter & elected 17 December 1895.

Captain William Ovenstone elected Box-Master;

Captain William Kilgour as Deputy;

Committee of Captains: James Cappon; David Japp;

David Simpson; William Speedy; George C. White;

William Ovenstone.

James Hunter, Jnr., (J. & J. Hunter, 69 Reform Street) as Secretary and Factor.

23 March:

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Bond signed by Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee with Trustees of Dundee Harbour signed by William Barron, retired Shipmaster, residing in Dundee, Boxmaster; James Cappon, late Shipmaster residing in Newport Fife and William

Speedy, also Shipmaster residing in Dundee; two of the Committee of Management of "The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee".

Whitsun:

Tay Shipbuilding Company (James Mollison) gave up business at their yard. Ground was later leased to Bell & Sime.

14 July:

Newspaper report:

Yesterday the Naval Reserve training ship H. M. S. UNICORN was loosed from her moorings and towed round to the crane at Earl Grey Dock by the steam tug EXCELSIOR, for the purpose of having removed the obsolete guns of the old muzzle-loading type of ordnance. One is a 6 ½ ton gun and the two others are 71 cwt., and these are to be replaced by a 6" breech loading gun from Leith Fort. By the removal of the old guns a good deal of alterations have been necessary, and this work was entrusted to the Dundee Shipbuilding Company, the whole arrangements having been carried out in a most satisfactory manner. Mr. Wood, Admiralty supervisor from Sheerness Dockward, has inspected the work effected and has expressed satisfaction with the manner in which it has been performed. By the introduction of this 6" gun, the newest and most expeditious methods of laying, training and elevating guns will now be used in the training of the men. The old guns are to be sent by railway to Leith.

17 July:

Newspaper report:

H. M. S. UNICORN was yesterday removed to its old position having been placed on board one of the newest type of breech loading guns from Leith Fort. The work has been personally supervised by Commander Clarks, whilst Mr. Wood, Admiralty supervisor, has been present during the operations.

15 September:

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Bond signed by Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee with Trustees of Dundee Harbour: William Barron, retired Shipmaster, residing in Dundee present Boxmaster; James Cappon, late Shipmaster, residing at Cliffbank, Tayport road, Tayport, Fife and William Ovenstone Shipowner, residing at the Anchorage, Bingham Terrace, Dundee two of the Committee of Management of "The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee".

12 October:

Light House Tender HESPERUS built for Northern Light Commissioners by Gourlay Bros. & Co. Dundee. [NOTE: New HESPERUS built by Caledon in 1939, Yard No. 171, when the 1896 HESPERUS returned to Dundee to transfer gear to the new ship.]

During the year:

William Barron to represent the Fraternity on the Dundee Harbour Board.

1897

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Dundee Trinity House – Incorporated by Royal Charter & elected 15 December 1896.

Captain William Barron elected Box-Master;

Captain William Kilgour as Deputy;

Committee of Captains:	James Cappon;	David Japp;	
David Simpson;	William Speedy;	George C.	White;
William Ovenstone;	Thomas Cappon.		

James Hunter, Jnr., (J. & J. Hunter, 69 Reform Street) as Secretary and Factor.

23 March:

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Bond signed by The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee and Trustees of Dundee Harbour, William Barron, retired Shipmaster, residing in Dundee and presently Boxmaster; James Cappon, late Shipmaster, residing at Cliff Bank, Tayport

Road, Tayport; and William Ovenstone, residing at the Anchorage, Bingham Terrace, Dundee two of the Committee of Management, "The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee" and James Hunter Junior Secretary and Factor to the Fraternity. The Fraternity received from the Dundee Harbour Trustees the Principal Sum of £460 being the balance due from the Bond & assignation dated 3rd January 1876.

14 May:

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Dundee Trinity House – Incorporated by Royal Charter

The Secretary also submitted to the Meeting a letter from Mr. G K Smith in reference to the east window of the Parish Church of Dundee in a section of which is inserted the emblem of the Incorporation represented by "The Old Ship" (a duplicate of the seal of the Incorporation); and craving for the authority of the Trinity House to have it removed in respect of an offer by Messrs. Ballingall & Robertson to refill the entire window with new stained glass in commemoration of the diamond jubilee of Her Majesty.

The Secretary further stated that he had made enquiry at several of the Representatives of the other Trades who had their emblems alongside the emblem of the Trinity House in said Window with a view to ascertaining their intentions as to same and he read a letter from Mr. George Haggart of yesterday's date who acts as Clerk to the Three Trades to the effect that his constituents along with the Nine Incorporated Trades had resolved simply to do nothing and were not to oppose the removal of the present window or object to the new one being substituted. Mr. Haggart further mentioned in said letter that he had heard of an idea for having the present small panes shewing the different emblems to be taken out and replaced in St Andrews Church Cowgate although he understood nothing very definite had come to in that direction.

14 September:

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Fraternity General Meeting

The Meeting took into consideration the propriety of disposing of the Church Pews in the east and South Churches, the income of which had been of late diminishing very considerably but resolved to defer selling in the meantime until it was ascertained whether there would be a greater demand especially in the South Church where a Minister had been recently appointed who was expected to increase the congregation.

21 December:

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Fraternity General Meeting:

On the motion of Captain David Simpson seconded by Captain William Barron it was unanimously agreed that each Member of the Committee of Management of the Incorporation be allowed two shillings and sixpence for each and every Meeting he attended.

During the year:

William Barron, and later William Kilgour, to represent the Fraternity on the Dundee Harbour Board.

Captain R. T. Leitch of Dundee read before the Scottish Shipmaster's Association a paper on 'The Commercial Education of Shipmasters'.

Captain Leitch also informed North of England Protecting and Indemnity Association of the following support for navigation schools in Scotland:

DUNDEE School of Navigation received £25 from the Residue Grant and the Dundee Harbour Trustees also made an allowance for the upkeep of the School.

ABERDEEN School of Navigation received £100 a year from the Town Council Residue Grant and the use of the School House, Rent free, from the Harbour Trustees.

LEITH Navigation School received £75 from the city of Edinburgh, and £100 from the Leith Residue Grant. Sufficient ground had also been given, by the commissioners for the port of Leith, for a new school.

GLASGOW had a private Navigation School but it appeared no public grant was given.

1898

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Dundee Trinity House - Incorporated by Royal Charter & elected 21 December 1897.

Captain William Kilgour elected Box-Master;

Captain William Ovenstone elected Deputy;

Committee of Captains: James Cappon; David Simpson; William Speedy; William Ovenstone; Thomas Cappon; David Pryde.

James Hunter, Jnr., (J. & J. Hunter, 69 Reform Street) as Secretary and Factor.

Light Keepers, Lights of Tay, Buddonness J.Cockerill Principal Light Keeper, William Bishop Assistant. Tayport James Menzies Principala Light Keeper, david Pryde and William Linness Assistants.

During the year:

Pilot Cutters:

TAY Master Peter Lowson, DAY DREAM Master George Keith..

Pilots licensed by authority of the Trustees:

John Martin, George Sutherland, John Reid, Johnstone Inglis,

Alex. Craig and McDonald Cameron.

Supernumary pilots:

George Arthus and William Mills.

Light Ship ABERTAY Master Robert Swadell, Mate Peter Lindsay.

Captain William Kilgour to represent the Fraternity on the Harbour Board.

Captain Robert Leslie, surveyor of Cargoes.

1899

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Dundee Trinity House - Incorporated by Royal Charter & elected 20 December 1898.

Captain William Kilgour elected Box-Master;

Captain William Ovenstone elected Deputy Box-Master;

Committee of Captains: David Simpson; William Ovenstone; David Pryde and William Speedy.

James Hunter, Jnr., (J. & J. Hunter, 69 Reform Street) as Secretary and Factor.

31 December:

Hundred and thirty one vessels, 107,915 tons, including 27 sailing vessels registered at Dundee.

Nineteen vessels were launched from Dundee.

Eleven vessels for building were on hand.

Eighteen triple expansion engines were completed.

Three triple expansion engines were on hand.

1900

The Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee

Dundee Trinity House - Incorporated by Royal Charter & elected 19 December 1899.

Captain David Simpson elected Box-Master;

Captain William Kilgour elected Deputy;

Committee of Captains: William Speedy; William Ovenstone; David Pryde; David Simpson and William Barron.

James Hunter, Jnr., (J. & J. Hunter, 69 Reform Street) as Secretary and Factor.

Mr. David Simpson from the Fraternity was on the Board of the Harbour Trust.

19 January:

A Contract was settled to build a vessel for an Antarctic Expedition. (DISCOVERY.)

7 to 11 September:

Visit to Dundee by the Medway Destroyer Flotilla comprising the H. M. Ships:
 CHEERFUL; MERMAID; ALBATROSS; BITTERN;
 AVON; CYNTHIA; SALMON.

Early November:

The whaler ECLIPSE returned to Dundee from a voyage to the Arctic, having on board Dr. Leopold A. Kamm, one of a party of three who set out in Peary's steamer DIANA and wintered from 1898 to 1900 on Ellesmere land.

During the year:

Captain William Kilgour to represent the Fraternity on the Harbour Board.

Thirty one vessels arrived at Dundee with jute from India.

Fifty five vessels arrived at Dundee with flax and hemp from Baltic ports Riga, Libau, Reval, Konigsberg and St Petersburg, and Archangel.

Hundred and twenty eight vessels, 101,943 tons registered at Dundee, including 26 sailing vessels.

Six whalers from Dundee went to the Arctic and returned with 16 black whales; 484 walrus, 18,093 seals; 145 polar bears; 230 tons whale oil and 219 tons bone.

Fishing: There were 1,148 landings from trawlers at Dundee.