

## CORONATION REVIEW OF THE FLEET.

While every care has been taken in the preparation of this show, accuracy cannot be guaranteed.

CLICK TO CONTINUE,  
APPLIES TO ALL SLIDES

# CORONATION REVIEW OF THE FLEET



BY

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

AT SPITHEAD ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1953

Cover of the Official Programme

The programme was published under the authority of  
Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth.

## Acknowledgement:

Much of the information for this presentation was gathered from various internet websites and publications from the era.

The naming of the ships came from a chart provided by Bill Brimson.

The chart was published at the Admiralty 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1953, under the Superintendence of Vice-Admiral A. Day, C.B. C.B.E. D.S.O. Hydrographer

# PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

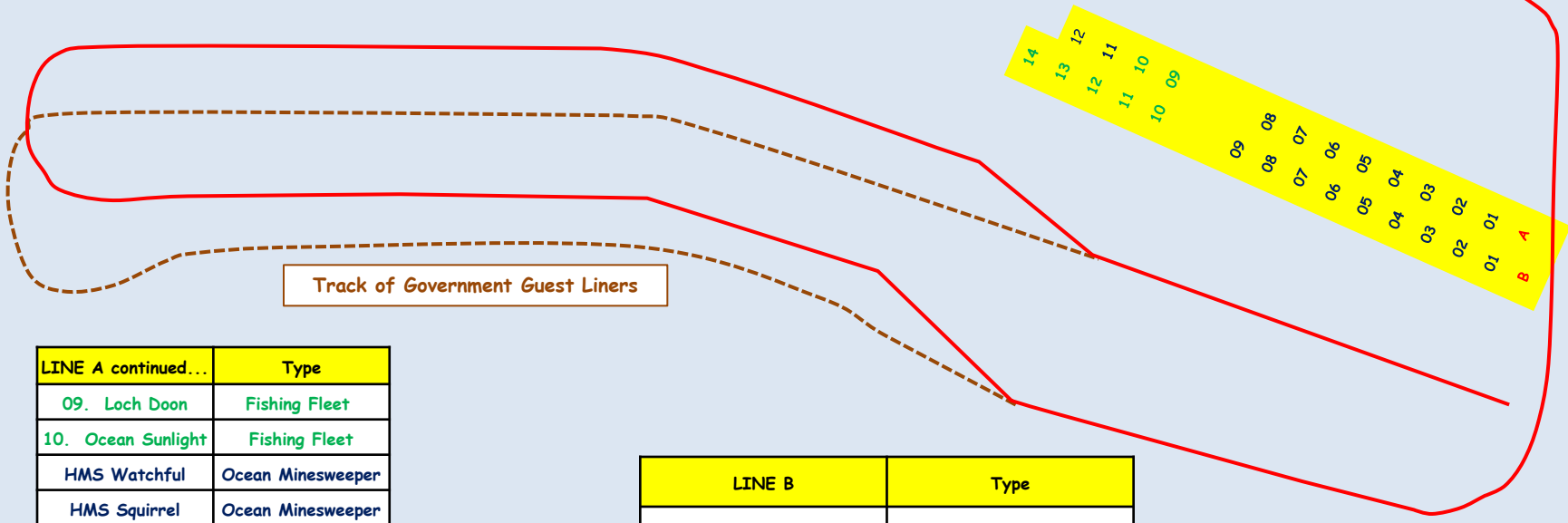
- 8 a.m. Morning Ships dress over-all.  
Her Majesty The Queen receives the Board of Admiralty and certain Senior Officers on board HMS *Surprise*.
- 1 p.m. Her Majesty the Queen holds a luncheon party on board HMS *Surprise*.
- 2.35 p.m. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret and other members of the Royal Family arrive by train and embark in HMS *Surprise*.
- 3 p.m. Preceded by Trinity House vessel *Patricia* and escorted by HMS *Redpole*, HMS *Surprise* leaves South Railway Jetty for Spithead.  
On approach of, and by signal from, HMS *Surprise*, a Royal Salute is fired by the Fleet at Spithead.
- 3.30 p.m. HMS *Surprise* enters the Review lines and Her Majesty The Queen reviews the Fleet. The ships in the procession proceeding through the lines are:  
*Patricia* (Trinity House).  
HMS *Surprise* (Royal Yacht).  
HMS *Redpole* (Admiralty Yacht).  
HMS *Starling* ( Board of Admiralty Guests).  
HMS *Fleetwood* ( C.-in-C. Portsmouth's Guests).  
HMS *Helmsdale* ( Lord Mayor of Portsmouth and Mayor of Gosport).
- |                             |   |                    |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|
| S.S. <i>Orcades</i>         | } | Government Guests. |
| S.S. <i>Pretoria Castle</i> |   |                    |
| M.V. <i>Brading</i>         | } | Admiralty Staff.   |
| M.V. <i>Southsea</i>        |   |                    |
- 5.10 p.m. ( approximately) HMS *Surprise* anchors at the head of line E.
- 5.35 p.m. The flypast by Naval Aircraft takes place.  
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, and some other members of the Royal Family disembark to return to London.
- 6.30 p.m. Her Majesty The Queen holds a Sherry Party on board HMS *Surprise*.
- 8.30 p.m. Her Majesty The Queens dines on board HMS *Vanguard*.
- 10.30 p.m. The Illumination of the Fleet begins.
- 10.40 p.m. Fireworks display begins.
- 11 p.m. H.R.H. Princess Margaret and other members of the Royal Family disembark on completion of the firework display.
- 11.15 p.m. (approximately) Her Majesty The Queen returns to HMS *Surprise*.
- 12 midnight. The Illumination of the Fleet ends.

LINE A	Type
01. HMS Reward	Fleet Tug
02. LCT 4039	Landing Craft
03. LCT 4044	Landing Craft
04. LCT 403	Landing Craft (Tank)
05. HMS Sursay	Danlayer
06. HMS Uplifter	Boom Defence Vessel
07. HMS Plover	Minelayer
08. HMS Royal Albert	Launch

British & Commonwealth  
Naval Ships  
Merchant Ships and others

Portsmouth

Track  
of  
H.M.  
Yacht



Track of Government Guest Liners

LINE A continued...	Type
09. Loch Doon	Fishing Fleet
10. Ocean Sunlight	Fishing Fleet
HMS Watchful	Ocean Minesweeper
HMS Squirrel	Ocean Minesweeper

LINE B	Type
01. HMS Rinaldo	Ocean Minesweeper
02. HMS Orcadia	Ocean Minesweeper
03. HMS Welfare	Ocean Minesweeper
04. HMS Bullfinch	Cable Ship
05. HMS Barnsdale	Boom Defence Vessel
06. HMS Barnstone	Boom Defence Vessel
07. HMS Barleycorn	Boom Defence Vessel
08. HMS Foulness	Trawler
09. HMS Gorregan	Trawler

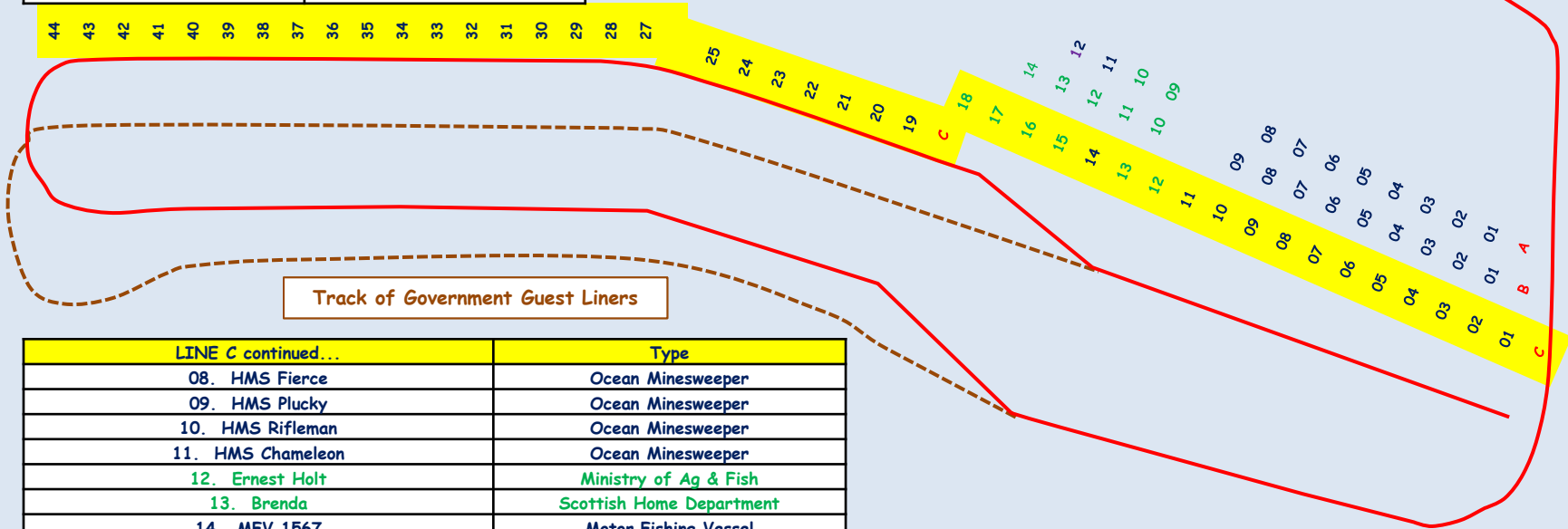
LINE B continued...	Type
10. Lady Lou	Fishing Fleet
11. Wave Sheaf	Fishing Fleet
12. Princess Royal	Fishing Fleet
13. Yardley	Fishing Fleet
14. Red Hackle	Fishing Fleet

LINE C	Type
01. HMS Corquette	Ocean Minesweeper
02. HMS Welcome	Ocean Minesweeper
03. HMS Bramble	Ocean Minesweeper
04. HMS Rattlesnake	Ocean Minesweeper
05. HMS Cheerful	Ocean Minesweeper
06. HMS Pickle	Ocean Minesweeper
07. HMS Laertes	Ocean Minesweeper

British & Commonwealth  
Naval Ships  
Merchant Ships and others

Portsmouth

Track  
of  
H.M.  
Yacht



Track of Government Guest Liners

LINE C continued...	Type
08. HMS Fierce	Ocean Minesweeper
09. HMS Plucky	Ocean Minesweeper
10. HMS Rifleman	Ocean Minesweeper
11. HMS Chameleon	Ocean Minesweeper
12. Ernest Holt	Ministry of Ag & Fish
13. Brenda	Scottish Home Department
14. MFV 1567	Motor Fishing Vessel
15. Margate	Royal National Lifeboat
16. Campbeltown	Royal National Lifeboat
17. Ramsgate	Royal National Lifeboat
18. Flamborough	Royal National Lifeboat
19. HMS Sanguine	Submarine
20. HMS Sentinel	Submarine
21. HMS Toredo	Submarine
22. HMS Token	Submarine
23. HMS Talent	Submarine
24. HMS Thermopylae	Submarine Depot Ship
25. HMS Totem	Submarine Depot Ship
26. HMS Tireless	Submarine Depot Ship
27. HMS Artful	Submarine Depot Ship
28. HMS Aurochs	Submarine Depot Ship
29. HMS Astute	Submarine Depot Ship
30. HMS Anchorite	Submarine Depot Ship
31. HMS Seneschal	Submarine Depot Ship
32. HMS Seascout	Submarine Depot Ship

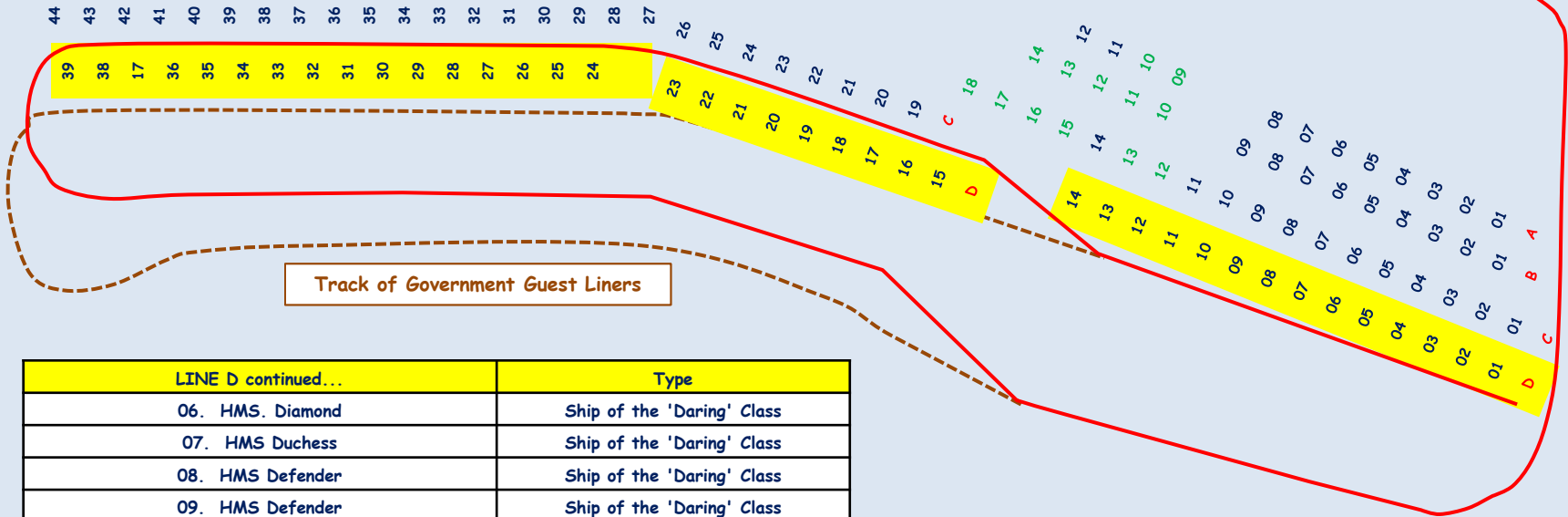
LINE C continued...	Type
33. HMS Wessex	Frigate
34. HMS Blackburn	Aircraft Tender
35. HMS Kilmorey	Motor Minesweeper
36. HMS Montrose	Motor Minesweeper
37. HMS Venturer	Motor Minesweeper
38. HMS St. Mungo	Motor Minesweeper
39. HMS Mersey	Motor Minesweeper
40. HMS Humber	Motor Minesweeper
41. HMS Bernicia	Motor Minesweeper
42. HMS Curzon	Motor Minesweeper
43. HMS St. David	Motor Minesweeper
44. HMS Thames	Motor Minesweeper

LINE D	Type
01. HMS Redpole	Frigate Admiralty Yacht for the occasion
02. HMS Dido	Cruiser
03. HMS Cleopatra	Cruiser
04. HMS Manxman	Fast Minelayer
05. HMS Apollo	Fast Minelayer

British & Commonwealth  
Naval Ships  
Merchant Ships and others

Portsmouth

Track  
of  
H.M.  
Yacht



Track of Government Guest Liners

LINE D continued...	Type
06. HMS Diamond	Ship of the 'Daring' Class
07. HMS Duchess	Ship of the 'Daring' Class
08. HMS Defender	Ship of the 'Daring' Class
09. HMS Defender	Ship of the 'Daring' Class
10. HMS Agincourt	Destroyer
11. HMS Barrosa	Destroyer
12. HMS Ainse	Destroyer
13. HMS Corruna	Destroyer
14. HMS Solebay	Destroyer
15. HMS Cadiz	Destroyer
16. HMS St. James	Destroyer
17. HMS Finisterre	Destroyer
18. HMS Alaunia	Heavy Repair Ship
19. HMS Forth	Submarine Depot Ship
20. HMS Contest	Destroyer
21. H.M.S Zepher	Destroyer
22. H.M.S. Myngs	Destroyer
23. H.M.S. Crispin	Destroyer

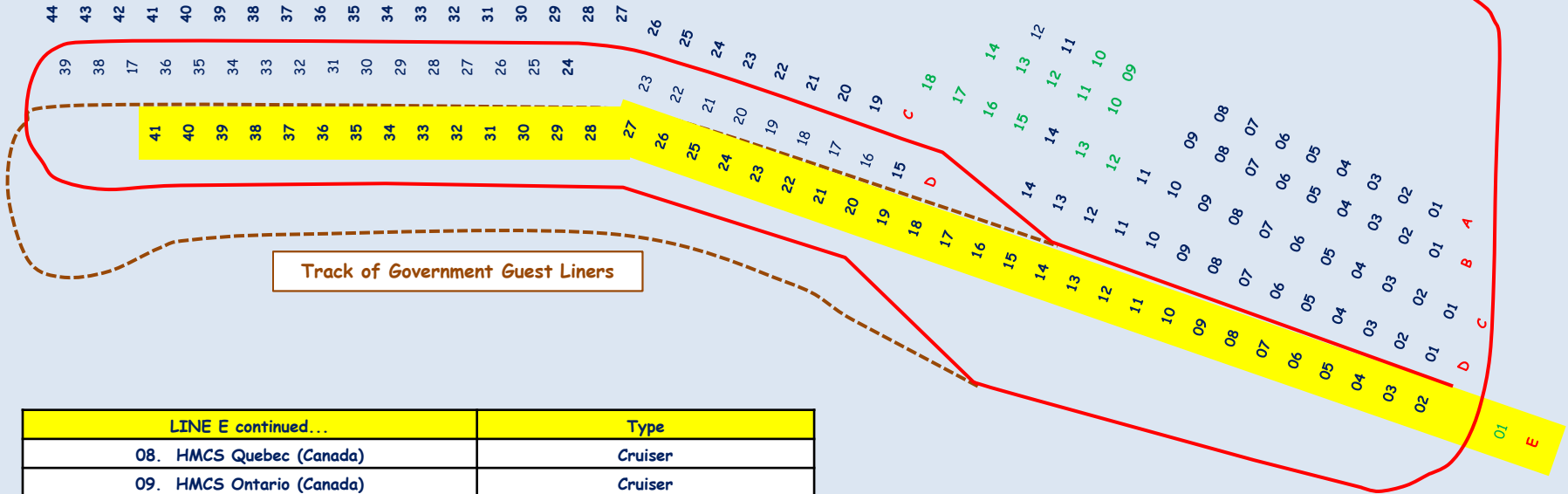
LINE D continued...	Type
24. HMS Tenacious	Frigate
25. HMS Tyrian	Frigate
26. HMS Termagant	Frigate
27. HMS Orwell	Frigate
28. HMS Brocklesby	Destroyer
29. HMS Bicester	Frigate
30. HMS Melbreak	Frigate
31. HMS Meon	Amphibious Warfare Vessel
32. HMS Messina	Amphibious Warfare Vessel
33. HMS Tintagel Castle	Destroyer
34. HMS Flint Castle	Destroyer
35. HMS Leeds Castle	Destroyer
36. HMS Headingham	Destroyer
37. HMS Knareborough Castle	Frigate
38. HMS Caistor Castle	Frigate
39. HMS Carisbrooke Castle	Frigate

LINE E	Type
01. T.H.Y. Patricia	Trinity House Yacht
02. HMS Surprise	Frigate (Royal Yacht for the occasion)
03. HMS Glasgow	Cruiser
04. HMS Gambia	Cruiser
05. HMS Swiftsure	Cruiser
06. HMS Sheffield	Cruiser
07. HMS Superb	Cruiser

British & Commonwealth  
Naval Ships  
Merchant Ships and others

Portsmouth

Track  
of  
H.M.  
Yacht



LINE E continued...	Type
08. HMCS Quebec (Canada)	Cruiser
09. HMCS Ontario (Canada)	Cruiser
10. HMNZS Black Prince (New Zealand)	Cruiser
11. INS Delhi (India)	Cruiser
12. HMS Devonshire	Cruiser
13. HMS Battleaxe	Destroyer
14. HMS Scorpion	Destroyer
15. HMS Crossbow	Destroyer
16. HMS Barfleur	Destroyer
17. H.M.S. St. Kitts	Destroyer
18. H.M.S. Camperdown	Destroyer
19. H.M.S. Trafalgar	Destroyer
20. H.M.S. Jutland	Destroyer
21. HMS Obdurate	Destroyer
22. HMS Obedient	Destroyer
23. HMCS Sioux (Canada)	Destroyer
24. INS Ranjit (India)	Destroyer

Line E continued...	Type
25. HMS Venus	Frigate
26. HMS Virago	Frigate
27. HMS Verulam	Frigate
28. HMS Wrangler	Frigate
29. HMS Wakeful	Frigate
30. HMS Roebuck	Frigate
31. HMS Rocket	Frigate
32. HMS Relentless	Frigate
33. HMCS La Hulloise (Canada)	Frigate
34. HMCS Swansea (Canada)	Frigate
35. INS Tir (India)	Frigate
36. HMPS Zulfiqar (Pakistan)	Frigate
37. HMPS Jhelum (Pakistan)	Frigate
38. HMS Mermaid	Frigate
39. HMS Peacock	Frigate
40. HMS Magpie	Frigate
41. HMS Cygnet	Frigate

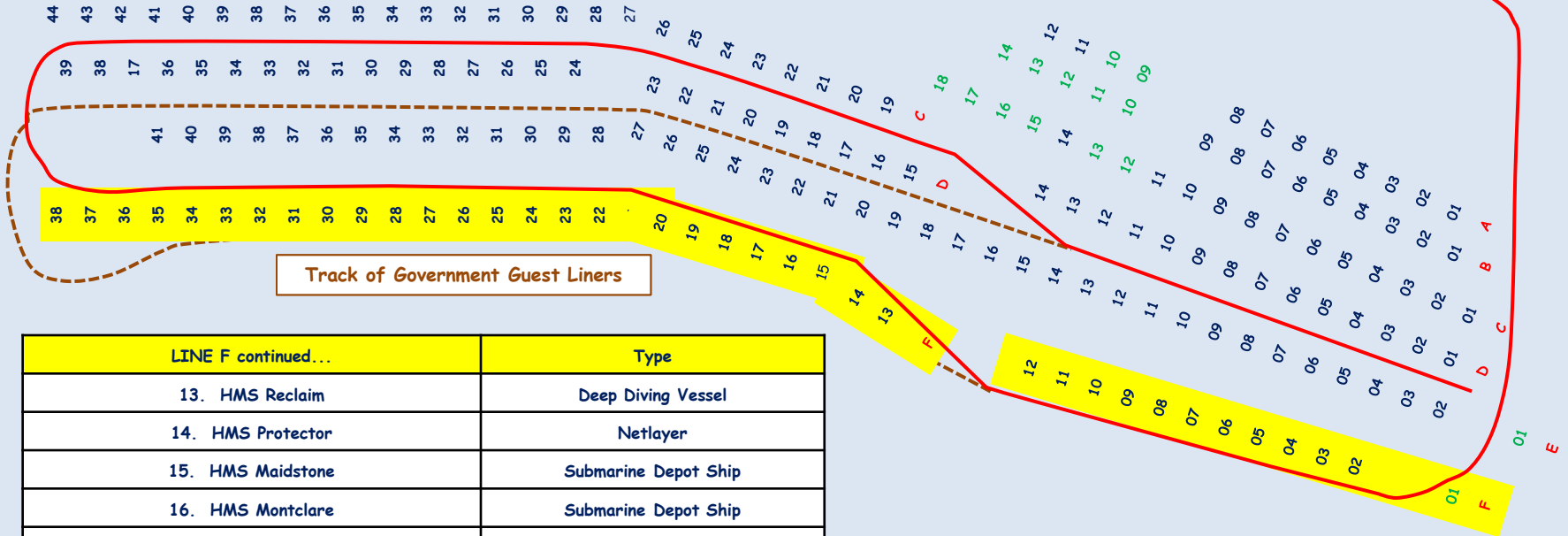
LINE F	Type
1. Strathnaver	Merchant Navy
02. HMS Vanguard	Battleship
03. HMS Eagle	Aircraft Carrier
04. HMS Indomitable	Aircraft Carrier
05. HMS Implacable	Aircraft Carrier
06. HMS Indefatigable	Aircraft Carrier
07. HMS Illustrious	Aircraft Carrier
08. HMS Theseus	Aircraft Carrier

British & Commonwealth  
Naval Ships  
Merchant Ships and others

Portsmouth

Track  
of  
H.M.  
Yacht

LINE F continued...	Type
09. HMCS Magnificent (Canada)	Aircraft Carrier
10. HMAS Sidney (Australia)	Aircraft Carrier
11. HMS Perseus	Aircraft Carrier
12. HMS Adamant	Submarine Depot Ship



Track of Government Guest Liners

LINE F continued...	Type
13. HMS Reclaim	Deep Diving Vessel
14. HMS Protector	Netlayer
15. HMS Maidstone	Submarine Depot Ship
16. HMS Montclare	Submarine Depot Ship
17. HMS Tradewind	Submarine
18. HMS Springer	Submarine
19. HMS Scorcher	Submarine
20. HMS Sea Devil	Submarine
21. HMS Sidon	Submarine
22. HMS Scotsman	Submarine
23. HMS Ambush	Submarine
24. HMS Acheron	Submarine
25. HMS Artemis	Submarine
26. HMS Alaric	Submarine

LINE F continued...	Type
27. HMS Aeneas	Submarine
28. HMS Amphion	Submarine
29. HMS Augira	Submarine
30. HMS Tally Ho	Submarine
31. HMS Woodbridge Haven	Target Ship
32. HMS Widemouth Bay	Frigate
33. HMS Largo Bay	Frigate
34. HMS Enard bay	Frigate
35. HMS Burghead Bay	Frigate
36. HMS Start Bay	Frigate
37. HMS Ruthven	Frigate
38. HMS Loch Veyatie	Frigate

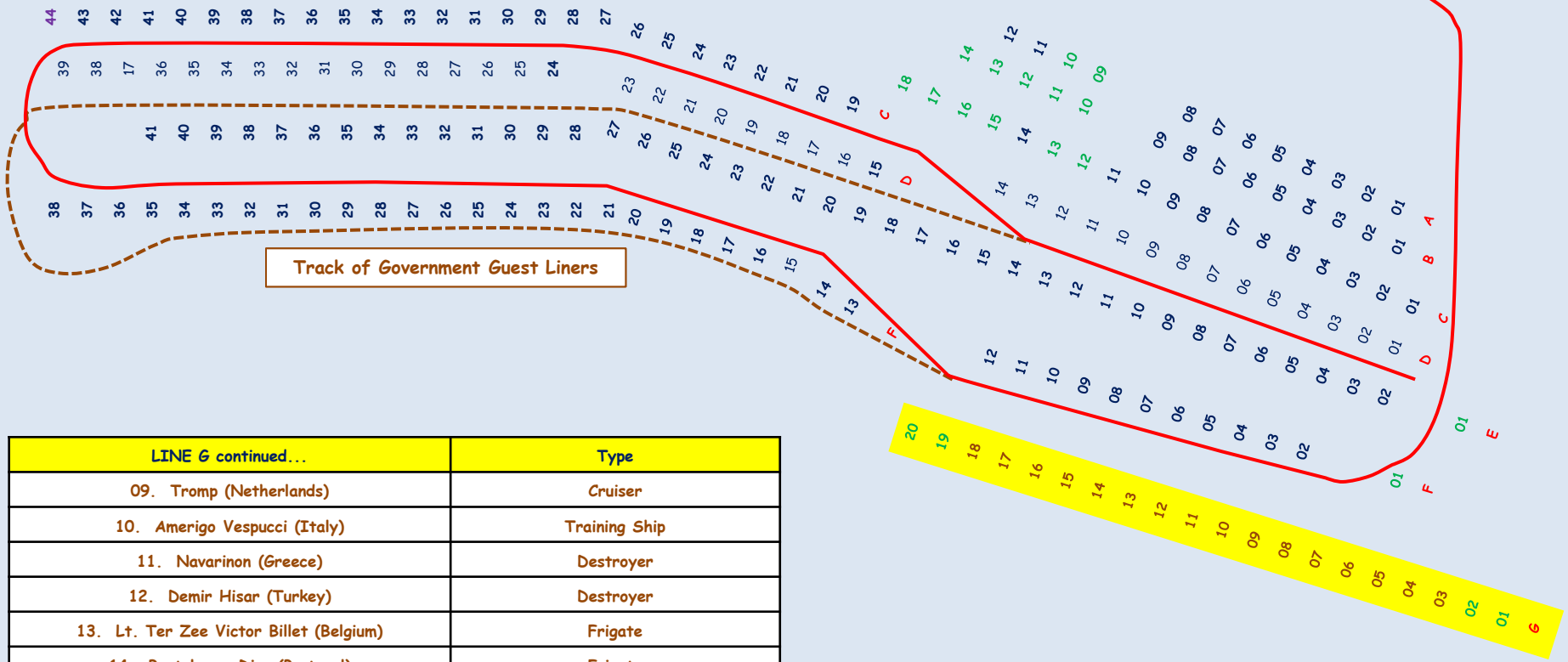


LINE G	Type
01. S.S. Pretoria Castle	Merchant navy
02. S.S. Orcades	Merchant Navy
(Pretoria Castle & Orcades carried Government Guests)	
03. Baltimore (USA)	Heavy Cruiser
04. Montcalm (France)	Cruiser
05. Sverdlov (USSR)	Cruiser
06. Goto Lejon (Sweden)	Cruiser
07. Miguel De Cervantes (Spain)	Light Cruiser
08. Almirante Barroso (Brazil)	Cruiser

British & Commonwealth  
Naval Ships  
Foreign Warships  
Merchant Ships and others

## Portsmouth

Track of H.M. Yacht



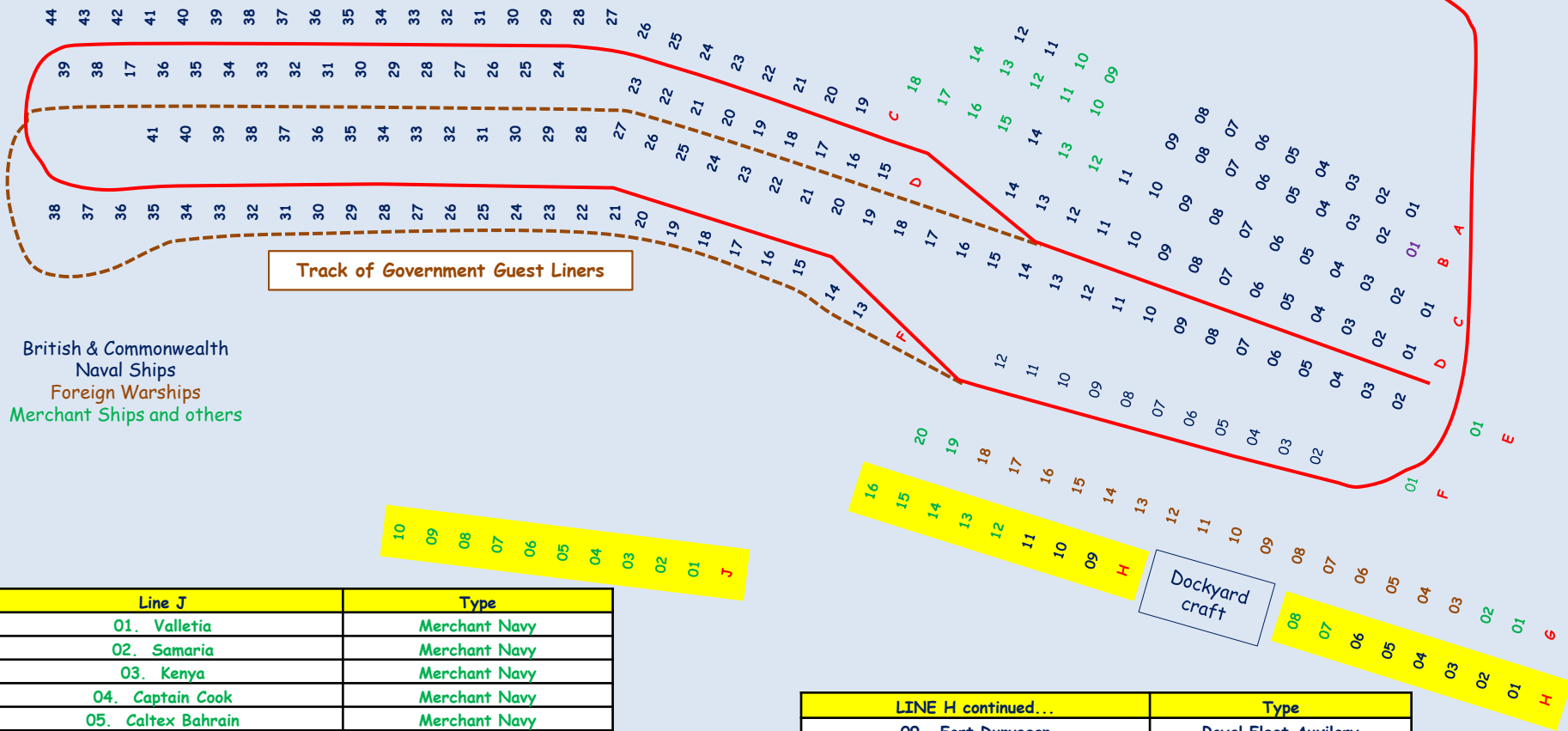
Track of Government Guest Liners

LINE G continued...	Type
09. Tromp (Netherlands)	Cruiser
10. Amerigo Vespucci (Italy)	Training Ship
11. Navarinon (Greece)	Destroyer
12. Demir Hisar (Turkey)	Destroyer
13. Lt. Ter Zee Victor Billet (Belgium)	Frigate
14. Bartolomeu Dias (Portugal)	Frigate
15. Holger Danske (Denmark)	Frigate
16. Narvik (Norway)	Destroyer
17. Trujillo (Dominian Republic)	Destroyer
18. Posanton (Thailand)	Minesweeper
19. RRS John Biscoe	Royal Research Ship - Survey Vessel
20. D'Iberville (Canadian Government)	Icebreaker

LINE H	Type
01. HMS Boxer	Aircraft Direction Vessel
02. HMS Cook	Surveying Vessel
03. HMS Scott	Surveying Vessel
04. HMS Sharpshooter	Surveying Vessel
05. HMS Striker	Landing Ship (Tank)
06. HMS Launceston Castle	Frigate
07. <i>Gatling</i>	Merchant Navy
08. <i>St. Ives</i>	Merchant Navy
Names for row H continue bottom r/h corner	

**Portsmouth**

Track of H.M. Yacht



Track of Government Guest Liners

British & Commonwealth Naval Ships  
Foreign Warships  
Merchant Ships and others

Dockyard craft

Line J	Type
01. <i>Valetia</i>	Merchant Navy
02. <i>Samaria</i>	Merchant Navy
03. <i>Kenya</i>	Merchant Navy
04. <i>Captain Cook</i>	Merchant Navy
05. <i>Caltex Bahrain</i>	Merchant Navy
06. <i>Empire Windrush</i>	Merchant Navy
07. <i>City of London</i>	Merchant Navy
08. <i>Crofter</i>	Merchant Navy
09. <i>Hildebrand</i>	Merchant Navy
10. <i>Alca</i>	Merchant Navy

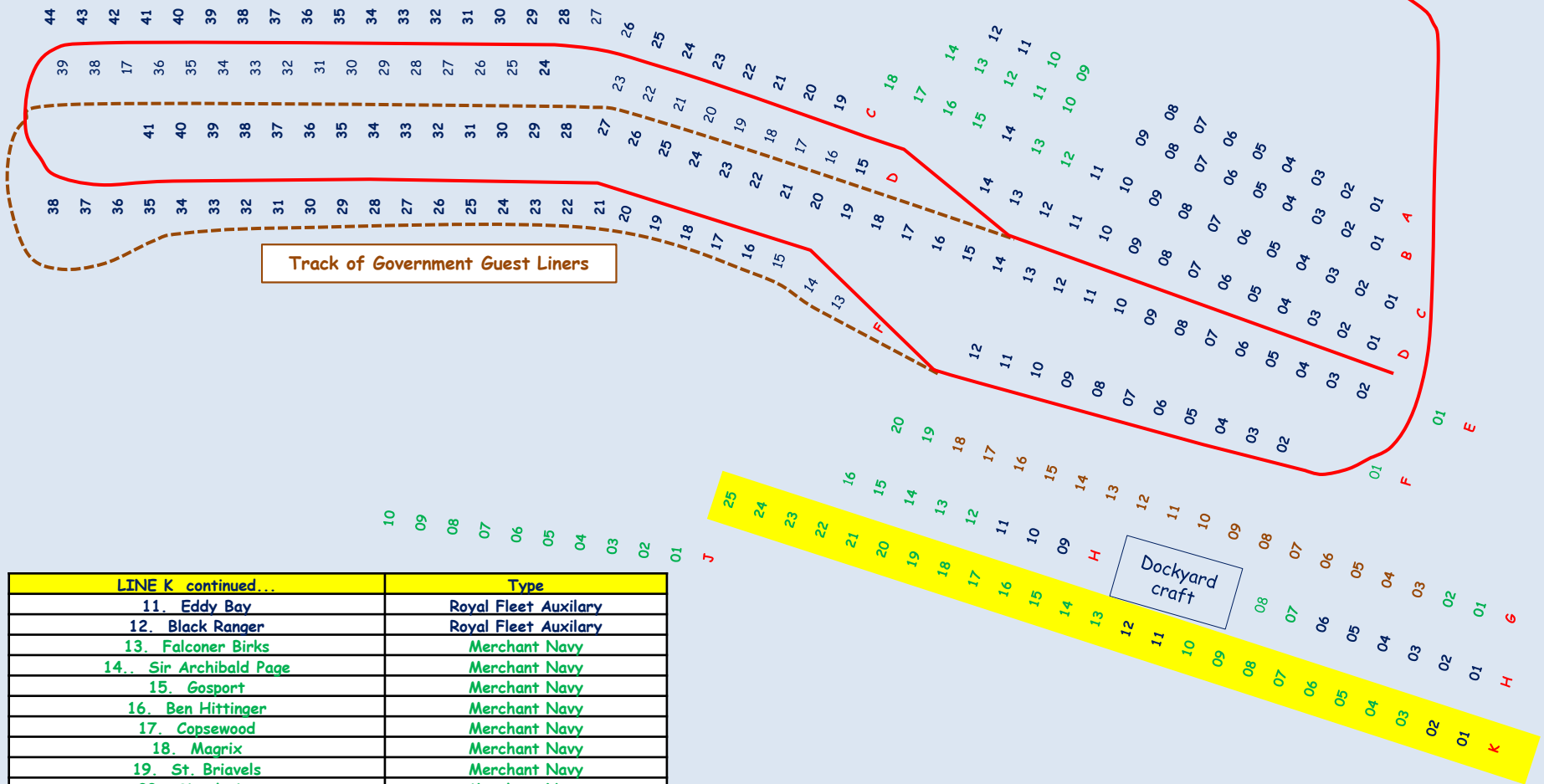
LINE H continued...	Type
09. <i>Fort Dunvegan</i>	Royal Fleet Auxiliary
10. <i>N.A.V. Amherst</i>	Royal Fleet Auxiliary
11. <i>Wave Victor</i>	Royal Fleet Auxiliary
12. <i>Dilwara</i>	Merchant Navy
13. <i>Andes</i>	Merchant Navy
14. <i>Cambria</i>	Merchant Navy
15. <i>Clan Shaw</i>	Merchant Navy
16. <i>British Sailor</i>	Merchant Navy

LINE K	Type
01. HMS Pluto	Ocean Minesweeper
02. HMS Marvel	Ocean Minesweeper
03. Kihna	Trinity House
04. Argus	Trinity House
05. Vigilant	HM Customs' Ship
06. Pharos	Lighthouse Tender
07. Granuaile	Lighthouse Tender
08. Edward Wilshaw	Merchant Navy
09. Weather Explorer	Ocean Weathership
10. Shanklin	Merchant Navy

British & Commonwealth  
Naval Ships  
Foreign Warships  
Merchant Ships and others

Portsmouth

Track  
of  
H.M.  
Yacht



Track of Government Guest Liners

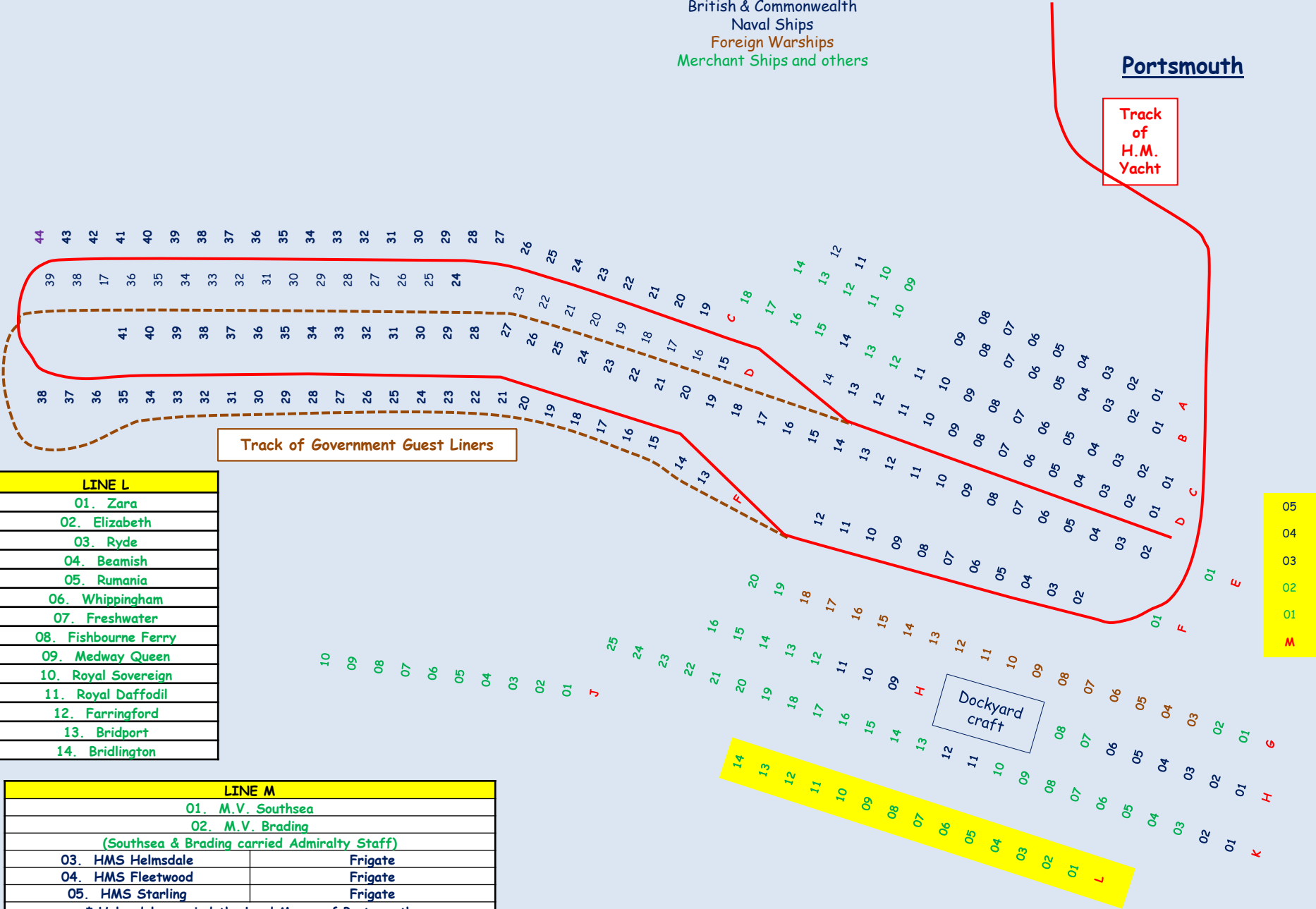
Dockyard  
craft

LINE K continued...	Type
11. Eddy Bay	Royal Fleet Auxiliary
12. Black Ranger	Royal Fleet Auxiliary
13. Falconer Birks	Merchant Navy
14.. Sir Archibald Page	Merchant Navy
15. Gosport	Merchant Navy
16. Ben Hittinger	Merchant Navy
17. Copsewood	Merchant Navy
18. Magrix	Merchant Navy
19. St. Briavels	Merchant Navy
20. Singularity	Merchant Navy
21. Milo	Merchant Navy
23. Whitewing	Merchant Navy
24. Irish Coast	Merchant Navy
25. Borodino	Merchant Navy

British & Commonwealth  
 Naval Ships  
 Foreign Warships  
 Merchant Ships and others

**Portsmouth**

Track  
 of  
 H.M.  
 Yacht



Track of Government Guest Liners

LINE L	
01.	Zara
02.	Elizabeth
03.	Ryde
04.	Beamish
05.	Rumania
06.	Whippingham
07.	Freshwater
08.	Fishbourne Ferry
09.	Medway Queen
10.	Royal Sovereign
11.	Royal Daffodil
12.	Farringford
13.	Bridport
14.	Bridlington

LINE M	
01. M.V. Southsea	
02. M.V. Brading	
(Southsea & Brading carried Admiralty Staff)	
03. HMS Helmsdale	Frigate
04. HMS Fleetwood	Frigate
05. HMS Starling	Frigate
* Helmsdale carried the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth and the Mayor of Gosport	
* Fleetwood carried C. In C. Portsmouth's Guests	
* Starling carried Board of Admiralty Guests	

05
04
03
02
01
M

Dockyard  
 craft

British & Commonwealth  
Naval Ships  
Foreign Warships  
Merchant Ships and others

Portsmouth

Track  
of  
H.M.  
Yacht

LINE N
01. Princess Elizabeth
02. Monarch
03. Vecta
04. Balmoral
05. Emperor of India
06. Medina
07. Calshot
08. Paladin
09. Normania
10. Maid of Orleans



Track of Government Guest Liners

LINE R
01. Sandown
02. Hilsea
03. Wotton
LINE S
01. Isabel
02. Sunwood
03. Gannet
04. Torlundy

LINE N continued...
11. St. Patrick
12. Brittany
13. Bristol Queen
14. Cardiff Queen
15. Falaise
16. Brighton
17. Glen Gower
18. Bournemouth Queen
19. Embassy
20. Consul

LINE W	
01. HMFPB 5516	Coastal Forces Fast Patrol Boats
02. HMFPB 5008	Coastal Forces Fast Patrol Boats
03. HMFPB 5020	Coastal Forces Fast Patrol Boats
04. HMFPB 5511	Coastal Forces Fast Patrol Boats
05. HMS Gay Bombardier	Coastal Forces Fast Patrol Boats
06. HMS Gay Archer	Coastal Forces Fast Patrol Boats
07. HMS Gay Fencer	Coastal Forces Fast Patrol Boats
08. HMS Bold Pioneer	Coastal Forces Fast Patrol Boats

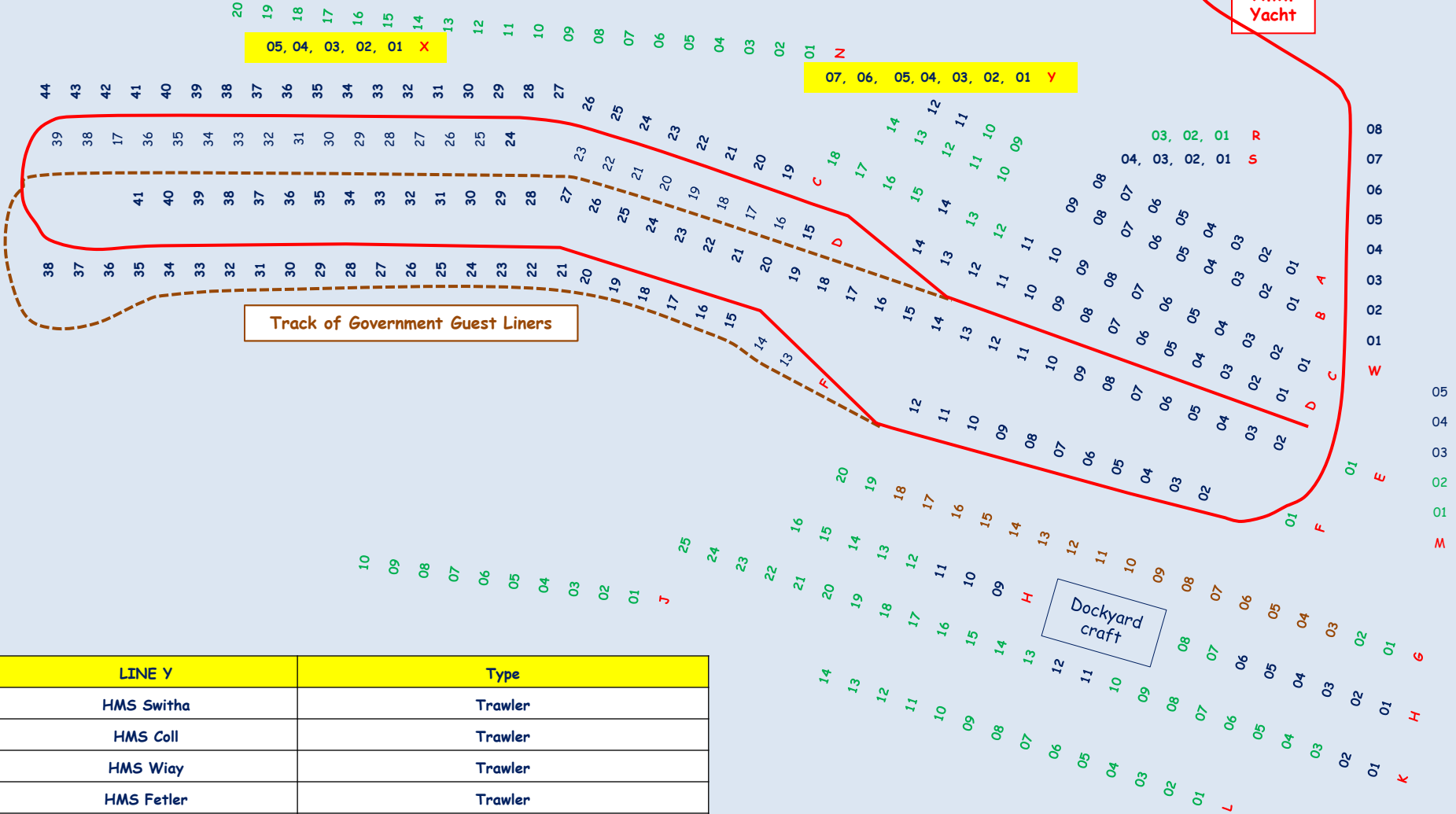
Dockyard  
craft

British & Commonwealth  
 Naval Ships  
 Foreign Warships  
 Merchant Ships and others

LINE X	Type
HMS Isis	Frigate
HMS Killiecrankie	Frigate
ML 2901	Minesweeping Motor Launch
ML 2220	Minesweeping Motor Launch
ML2250	Minesweeping Motor Launch

**Portsmouth**

Track of H.M. Yacht



Track of Government Guest Liners

Dockyard craft

LINE Y	Type
HMS Switha	Trawler
HMS Coll	Trawler
HMS Wiay	Trawler
HMS Fetler	Trawler
HMS Bern	Trawler
HMS Lindisfarne	Trawler

'Full layout' of the Fleet!

Gosport

South Railway Jetty

Portsmouth

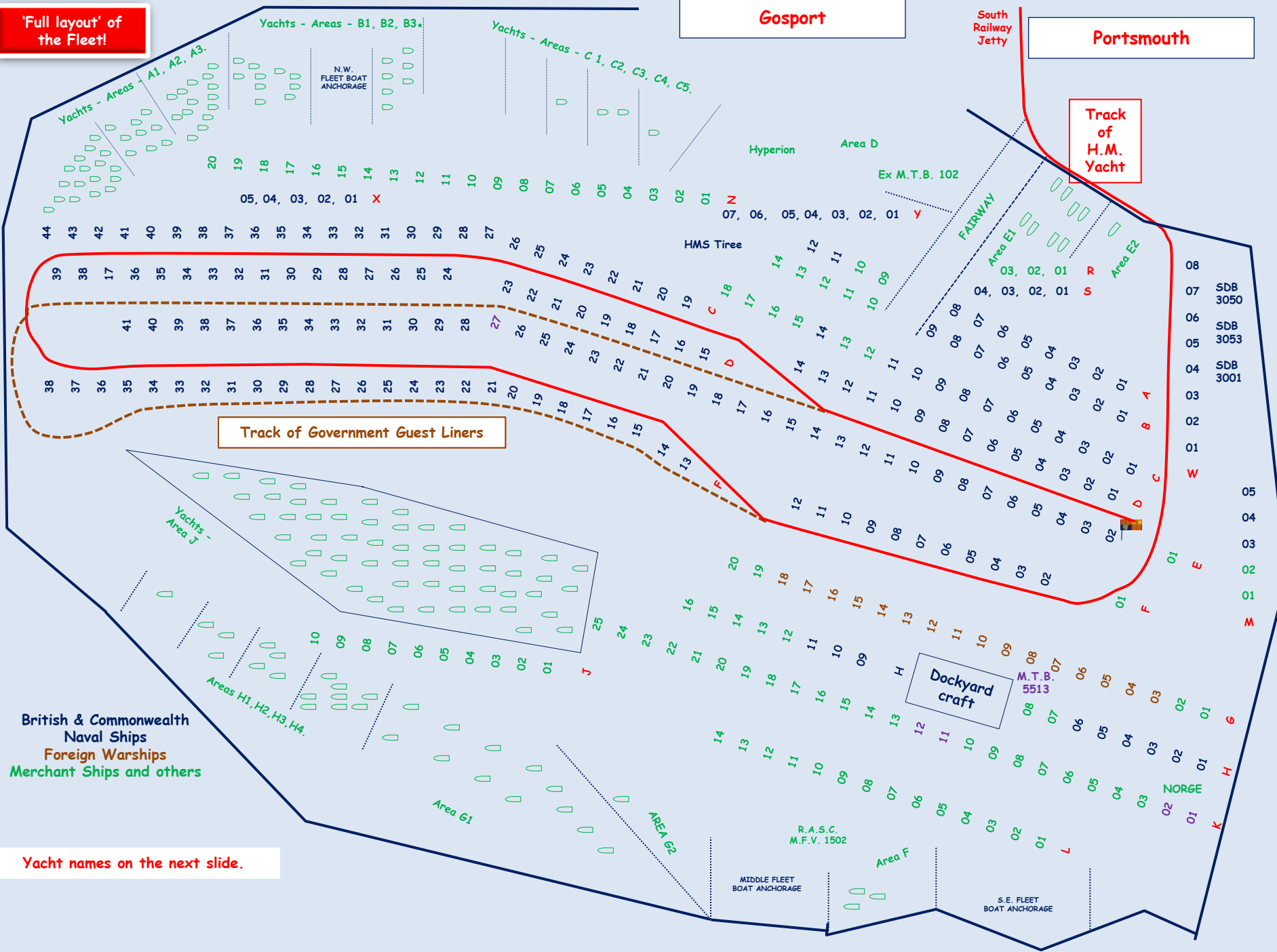
Track of H.M. Yacht

Track of Government Guest Liners

Dockyard craft

British & Commonwealth Naval Ships  
Foreign Warships  
Merchant Ships and others

Yacht names on the next slide.



Yachts - Areas - B1, B2, B3.

Yachts - Areas - C 1, C2, C3, C4, C5.

N.W. FLEET BOAT ANCHORAGE

Yachts - Areas - A1, A2, A3.

Hyperion

Area D

Ex M.T.B. 102

HMS Tiree

FAIRWAY

Area E1

Area E2

SDB 3050

SDB 3053

SDB 3001

Track of Government Guest Liners

Yachts - Area J

Areas H1, H2, H3, H4.

Dockyard craft

M.T.B. 5513

R.A.S.C. M.F.V. 1502

MIDDLE FLEET BOAT ANCHORAGE

S.E. FLEET BOAT ANCHORAGE

British & Commonwealth Naval Ships  
Foreign Warships  
Merchant Ships and others

Yacht names on the next slide.

# YACHTS THAT WERE PRESENT AT THE FLEET REVIEW

North side of the Fleet			South side of the Fleet		AREA		
AREA A1	AREA A3	AREA B3	AREA H1	AREA G1	J		
Cabegee	Lightwell	Miquette	Charmain	Wendala	Aldit	Salthorse	Firefly II
Orlanti	Western Lady	Sheiloan	AREA H2	Rinanse	Alanorah	Saltillo	Sou Wester
Lewina	Dunkirk	Venturer	Overlord	Skagerak	Inga	Vanity	Sea Victory
King Duck	Matapan	Celia	Warrior Gerriant	Provident	Trenchemer	Old Fox	Gay Sabre
Allebo	Bournemouth Belle	Cordelia	General Jackson	Xebet III	Prinses Margriet	Lumberjack	Skomer
Silver Fox	Torbay Prince	Woodpecker	AREA H3	Lepanto	Mellona	Cardigrae	Navigator
Delia	Abundance	Vadura	Galahead	Joy	Isabel	Cynora	Winoretta
Bounty	Poole Belle	AREA C	Marabu	Aisha	Helena May	Nordwind	Deianeira
Electra II	Gerods	Sarah Munroe (C3)	Pericles	Hendrika	Beaver	Kyrlewe	Eileen
Braemar	Trevarno	Marsya (C4)	Peggy Doreen	Colmicry	Almida	Ecila	Virginia
Harebell	Hotspur IV	Lutine (C4)	AREA H4	Alula	Santille	Manihine	Benbow
Valeda	Accordance	Bernadette	Norella	Paul Beneke	Coel-Mara	Martinetta	
Pas de Loup	John Ashley	de Lourdes (C5)	Gladoris II	AREA G2	Rulewater	Arminel	
Rona	Whip	AREA D	Iolanthe	Moyana	Frisia	Firebrand X	
Fiona	AREA B1	Ex M.T.B. 102	Thane	AREA F	Forrard Away	Olpala	
Amajore	Marandis	Hyperion	Lily Maid	Wolsey	Gelert	The Whale	
Janeen	Thistle	AREA E1	Stiara	Creole	Efficient	Yalli	
AREA A2	Thele	Vadne	Aurelia		Ella Sweyne	Vailima	
Bystander	Carmela	Verde	Lady Alicia		The Mary of Cork	The Titan	
Doormouse	Aronia	Ferry belle			The Bee	Varuna	
Marcia	Sylvia	Princessa	MIDDLE FLEET	S.E. FLEET	Revil	Terminist	
Brinmaric	Dunkirk	Sandringham	BOAT	BOAT	Sula		
Nestou II	Kiloran	Wendy Anne II	ANCHORAGE	ANCHORAGE	Wendorian		
Kestral	Ann of Anstey	Ferry King			Gaviota IV		
Rosabelle	Lexamine	Thames Barge					
Sandfly	AREA B2	AREA E2					
Musette	N.W. FLEET	Cylinder					
Sister Ann	BOAT						
Georgiana	ANCHORAGE						
Valdora							



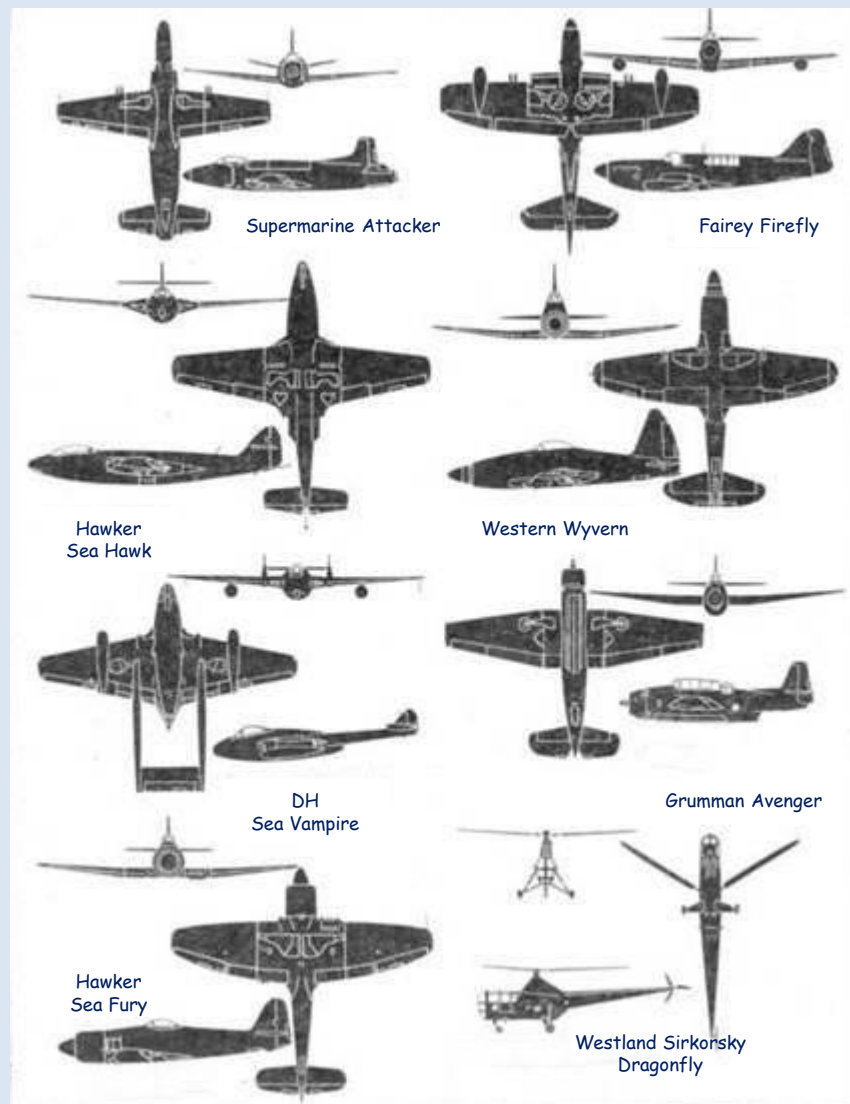
A fly-past by the Fleet Air Arm in which Australian and Canadian squadrons took part. It is believed that a total of some 300 aircraft passed over the gathering of warships at a height of a few hundred feet.

Many of the aircraft flew from RNAS Lee-on-the-Solent. In addition, formations came from RNAS Culham (in the main RNVR aircraft) and RNAS Ford (Jet types).

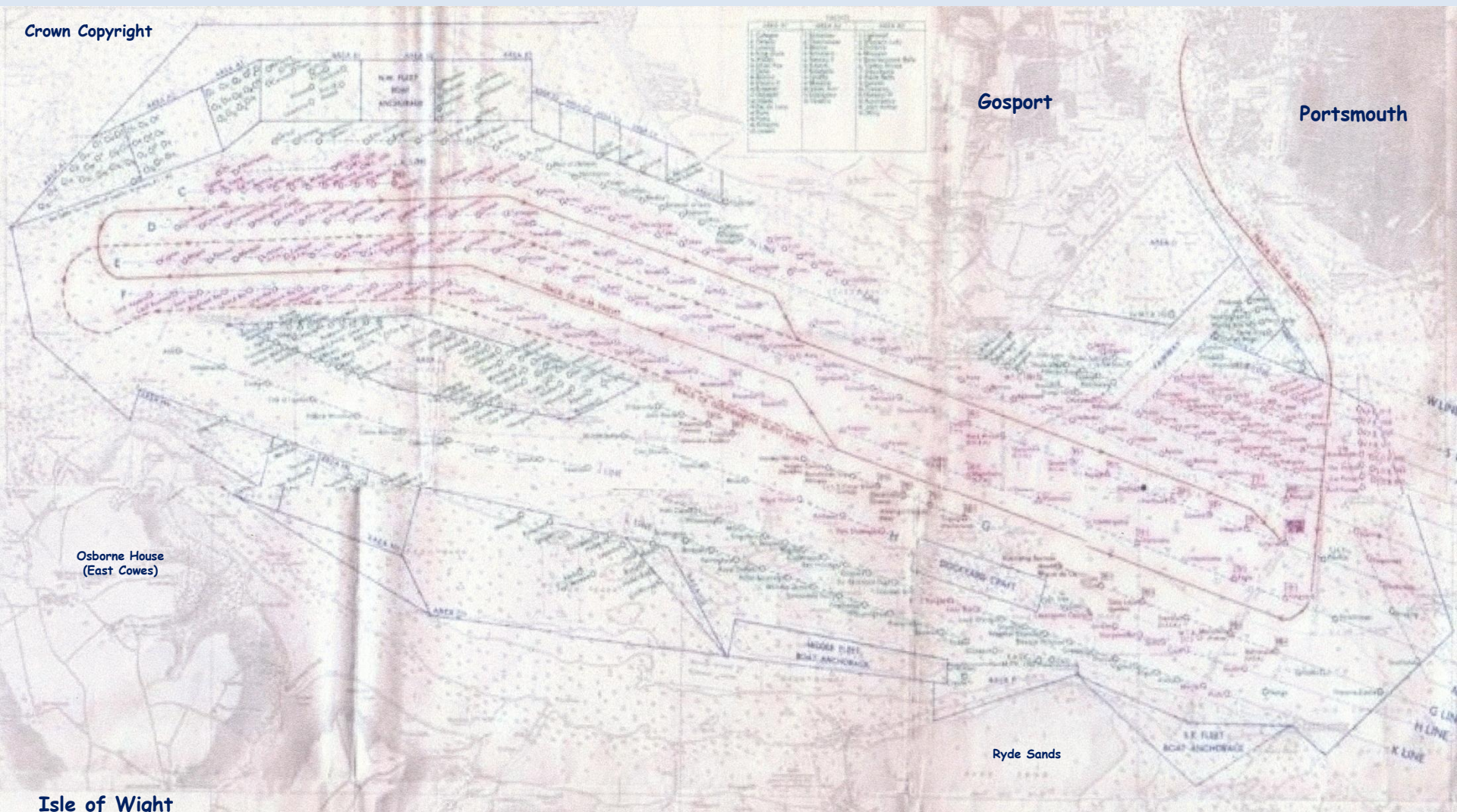
Listed below are some of the aircraft involved.

AIR SQUADRONS IN ORDER OF FLYPAST

<i>Squadron number</i>	<i>Type of Aircraft Flown</i>
Lead Aircraft - De Havilland Sea Vampire F20	flown by Rear-Admiral W.T. Couchman
705 Squadron	Dragonflies - Twelve
781 Squadron	Fairey Firefly
771 Squadron	Fairey Firefly
796 Squadron	Fairey Firefly
750 Squadron	Fairey Firefly
776 Squadron	Fairey Firefly
737 Squadron	Fairey Firefly
719 Squadron	Fairey Firefly
812 Squadron	Fairey Firefly
814 Squadron	Fairey Firefly
817 Squadron	Fairey Firefly
820 Squadron	Fairey Firefly
824 Squadron	Fairey Firefly
825 Squadron	Fairey Firefly
826 Squadron	Fairey Firefly
1830 Squadron (RNVR)	Fairey Firefly
1840 Squadron (RNVR)	Fairey Firefly
1841 Squadron (RNVR)	Fairey Firefly
776 Squadron	Seafire F17
1833 Squadron (RNVR)	Seafire F47
849 Squadron	Skyraider (USA plane)
738 Squadron	Hawker Sea Fury
802 Squadron	Hawker Sea Fury
804 Squadron	Hawker Sea Fury
871 Squadron	Hawker Sea Fury
1835 (RNVR)	Hawker Sea Fury
809 Squadron	De Havilland Sea Hornet
728 Squadron	De Havilland Sea Hornet
815 Squadron	Grumman Avenger (USA)
881 Squadron	Grumman Avenger (USA)
<b>Three Gannet Aircraft</b>	
813 Squadron	Westland Wyvern
787 Squadron	De Havilland Vampire F20s
759 Squadron	Gloster Sea Meteor T7s
736 Squadron	Supermarine Attacker
800 Squadron	Supermarine Attacker
803 Squadron	Supermarine Attacker
890 Squadron	Supermarine Attacker
806 Squadron	Sea Hawk GFS 1s
<b>Four Sea Venom Aircraft</b>	



A 'copy of the chart' showing the layout and the names of the ships present at the Fleet, courtesy of Bill Brimson.



OBSERVE EVERYTHING JUDGE NOTHING



[www.cloudobservers.co.uk](http://www.cloudobservers.co.uk)