



## AMERICAN WAR OF INDEPENDENCE

### PRIVATEER MUSEUM

### SHIPS BELL SYSTEM

AS MECHANICAL TIMEPIECES WERE AROUND THE 18TH CENTURY, THEY WERE EXPENSIVE. MUCH THE SAME AS THEY ARE TODAY, AN HOURGLASS WAS STILL COMMONPLACE ON MOST SHIPS OF THE PERIOD. UNTIL WE CAN FIND A WORKING EXAMPLE OR REPLICA OF AN 18TH-CENTURY MECHANICAL TIMEPIECE, WE WILL USE THE 30-MINUTE HOURGLASS TIMEPIECE. THE HOURGLASS WILL BE SET BY A SHIPS OFFICER OR DESIGNATED WATCH OFFICER CHOSEN BY THE CAPTAIN, 1ST MATE, OR BOSUN. ONCE THE OFFICER OF THE WATCH IS CHOSEN THEY WILL MAINTAIN THE RINGING OF THE BELL FOR THE DURATION OF THE WATCH TILL THE NEXT WATCH, OR THE END OF THE EVENT WHICHEVER HAPPENS FIRST.

		First	Middle	Morning	Forenoon	Afternoon	First Dog	Second Dog
Number of Bells	Pattern	20:00 – 24:00hrs	00:00 – 04:00hrs	04:00 – 08:00hrs	08:00 – 12:00hrs	12:00 – 16:00hrs	16:00 – 18:00hrs	18:00 – 20:00hrs
One	1	20:30	0:30	4:30	8:30	12:30	16:30	18:30
Two	2	21:00	1:00	5:00	9:00	13:00	17:00	19:00
Three	2, 1	21:30	1:30	5:30	9:30	13:30	17:30	19:30
Four	2, 2	22:00	2:00	6:00	10:00	14:00	18:00	
Five	2, 2, 1	22:30	2:30	6:30	10:30	14:30		
Six	2, 2, 2	23:00	3:00	7:00	11:00	15:00		
Seven	2, 2, 2, 1	23:30	3:30	7:30	11:30	15:30		
Eight	2, 2, 2, 2	0:00	4:00	8:00	12:00	16:00		20:00

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MOST OF THE EVENTS WE DO FALL WITHIN THE FORENOON & AFTERNOON AND A FEW FALL INTO THE FIRST DOG, AND FEWER INTO THE SECOND DOG & FIRST WATCH.

MOST OF THE EVENTS WE DO START AT THE 10 AM OR NOON MARK.

THE ONES THAT START AT 10 AM WILL HAVE 4 BELLS RIGHT AT OPENING, AND THE EVENTS THAT START AT NOON START WITH 8 BELLS, AND THE 12:30 IS 1 BELL.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED AT ALL EVENTS WE HAVE A FLIE SETUP AT STARTING 4 JULY 2022.