

THE MARY ROSE SINKS!!

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Too Many Crew Members and Canons on Board?

It was a dark and windy morning on the South Coast of England, where King Henry VIII stepped out of his warm and comfortable castle to proudly watch 'The Fairest Flower of all the ships that ever sailed', The *Mary Rose*, set sail for battle against the French.



He watched in utter misery as shortly after the ship set sail, it sadly sank to the bottom of the sea.

It is unknown what exactly sank the ship.

With 90 canons, guns and 700 crew members on board, the ship became heavy and unstable, allowing some to say that a gust of wind blew the ship low into the water, causing water to fill into the gun ports.

Of the 700 crew members on board the ship, less than 40 survived the sinking.

The ship was built between 1509 and 1511 and was the first to have guns along the side in gun ports. The *Mary Rose* – the pride of the fleet!



She was re-built in 1536 to continue being a great Tudor warship.

After 33 years of faithful service to the English fleet, the *Mary Rose* now rests beneath the waves of the Solent, in the straits of the Isle of Wight.