

# *Naval Swords & Dirks*

A Study of British, French and American naval swords, cutlasses and dirks used during the Age of Fighting Sail.



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*Naval Swords and Dirks* reflects the weapons that a naval officer and his men would have used to gain their fame and is written as a companion to both *Boarders Away* and *Swords for Sea Service*. The object is to provide a number of colour images for each of 174 British, 21 French and 33 American hangers, cutlasses, officers' swords and dirks. Included are fine images of hilts, but also all makers' scabbard cartouches and details of blade design and marks, (1,750 plus colour images). In addition, the text provides a lively commentary by a collector written for fellow collectors and curators which includes a detailed description of each piece and biographical information to the many provenanced swords. A Glossary and comprehensive Index are also provided.

Included in this collection are:

- \* Captain Broke's fighting sword which he used when he and his men from HMS *Shannon* boarded and took USS *Chesapeake*. The shortest frigate action on record, (15 minutes).
- \* Captain Hardinge's fighting sword which he wore when killed during the action between HMS *San Fionzeno* and *La Piemontaise*. The longest frigate action on record, (three days).
- \* The sword surrendered to Captain Edward Pellew of HMS *Nymph* when she captured *La Cleopatre*, the first frigate action of the French Revolutionary Wars.
- \* The sword surrendered to Captain Edmund Palmer of HMS *Hebrus* when she captured *L'Etoile*, the last frigate action of the Napoleonic Wars.

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