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# BRITISH SEAMEN FOR BRITISH SHIPS

THE INCREASE OF THE FOREIGN ELEMENT IN OUR MERCANTILE MARINE & THE GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF THE BRITISH SAILOR IS BECOMING A GRAVE NATIONAL DANGER.

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**MARINE**

**SOCIETY.**

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**MAINTAINS A TRAINING SHIP**



**THE "WARSPITE"**

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POOR & DESTITUTE BOYS OF GOOD CHARACTER & PHYSIQUE,  
ON APPLYING TO THE SOCIETY, PROVIDED THEY CAN PROVE  
THEIR HONESTY & NECESSITY, ARE SENT TO THIS SHIP.  
AFTER A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS TRAINING THEY  
ARE THEN SENT EITHER INTO THE  
**ROYAL NAVY OR THE MERCANTILE MARINE.**

# MARINE SOCIETY.

(INSTITUTED 1756.)

## OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. To relieve distress by training and fitting out large numbers of destitute and other poor boys of good character for service at Sea, thus enabling them to earn an honourable living.
2. To benefit the country at large by supplying a steady stream of trained lads of good character, either to serve in the Royal Navy or to man our Mercantile Marine with British seamen.

Since the foundation of the Society no less than **63,840** Boys have been trained, clothed, and sent to Sea, and of these **37,765** Boys have been sent into the Merchant Service.

Contributions are earnestly solicited to enable the Society to extend its work and to meet current expenses.

At the present time there is accommodation for nearly **100** Boys which cannot be utilised through lack of Funds.

**There is an urgent demand at the present time for British Boys in our Mercantile Marine to prevent the total extinction of the British Merchant Sailor.**

Those who are interested in this question, so vital to the welfare of our Empire, are invited to assist.

The smallest Contributions will be most thankfully received, and further particulars forwarded, by the Secretary.

### SUBSCRIPTION OR DONATION FORM.

To the Secretary,

MARINE SOCIETY "WARSPITE" TRAINING SHIP,  
5, CLARKS PLACE, BISHOPSGATE STREET, E.C.

Please enter my name .....  
as an Annual Subscriber of £ ..... or as a Donor  
of £ ..... to the funds of the Marine Society for fitting out destitute  
and other poor boys for the Sea, for which I enclose £ .....

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