

DECKS AWASH

American Naval Heroes

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THE "BONHOMME RICHARD" COMMANDED BY PAUL JONES HAD LIMPED BACK TO PORT AFTER HER COLLISION WITH THE "ALLIANCE"

IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE FRENCH COMMANDER OF THE "ALLIANCE" PIERRE LANDAIS, HAD DELIBERATELY FOULED THE FLAGSHIP.

LANDAIS ALWAYS CONSIDERED HIMSELF SUPERIOR TO JONES AND REFUSED TO TAKE ORDERS FROM THE AMERICAN COMMANDER—

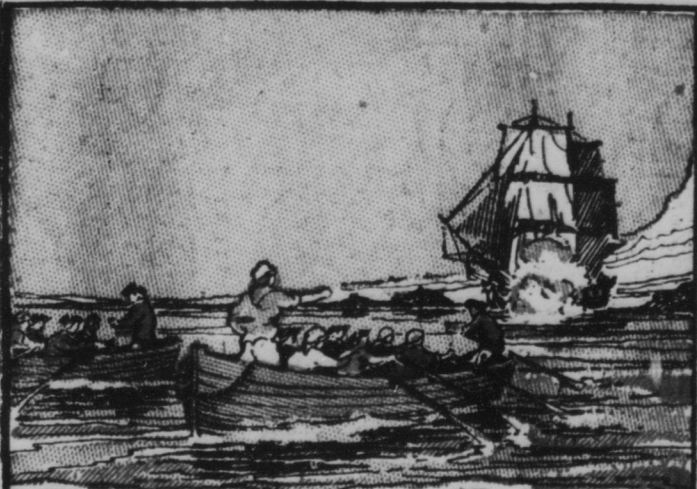


Capt. Landais

of the "Alliance"



ON AUG. 14, 1779 PAUL JONES AGAIN SAILED FROM THE HARBOR OF L'ORIENT. HIS FLEET HAD BEEN INCREASED BY TWO FRENCH PRIVATEERS, THE "MONSIEUR" AND THE "GRANVILLE". FOUR DAYS OUT, THE "MONSIEUR" RECAPTURED A LARGE FRENCH SHIP IN CHARGE OF A BRITISH PRIZE CREW. THE PRIVATEERMEN CLAIMED IT AS THEIR PRIVATE PROPERTY, BUT JONES DEMURRED—THE PRIZE WAS SENT TO L'ORIENT TO BE DISPOSED OF BY THE PRIZE COURT.



OFF CAPE CLEAR THE "RICHARD" WAS BECALMED, AND A STRONG CURRENT HAD CARRIED HER CLOSE TO THE REEFS.

WHEN TWO BOATS WERE LOWERED TO TOW THE SHIP CLEAR, SOME ENGLISHMEN CUT THE TOW LINES AND DASHED FOR THE SHORE.



THE NEXT DAY CAPT. LANDAIS CAME ABOARD THE FLAGSHIP—AND IN AN INSOLENT MANNER ACCUSED CAPT. JONES OF LOSING THE MEN THROUGH NEGLIGENCE.

HE LEFT THE SHIP VOWING HE WOULD CHALLENGE JONES TO A DUEL AND KILL HIM.



ON SEPT. 1ST. THE "RICHARD" CAPTURED A VALUABLE PRIZE—LOADED WITH NAVAL STORES AND BOUND FOR QUEBEC.

JONES TURNED THE PRIZE OVER TO CAPT. LANDAIS, WHO, THROUGH INSANE JEALOUSY, SENT THE SHIP TO NORWAY.



LATER THE AMERICAN FLEET LAY OFF THE PORT OF LEITH, SCOTLAND.

JONES PLANNED TO ENTER THE HARBOR AND LEVY A HEAVY CONTRIBUTION—BOTH ON LEITH AND THE CITY OF EDINBURGH.



AS THE FLEET APPROACHED, SOME OF THE TOWNSPEOPLE RAN TO THE PARSON FOR PROTECTION.

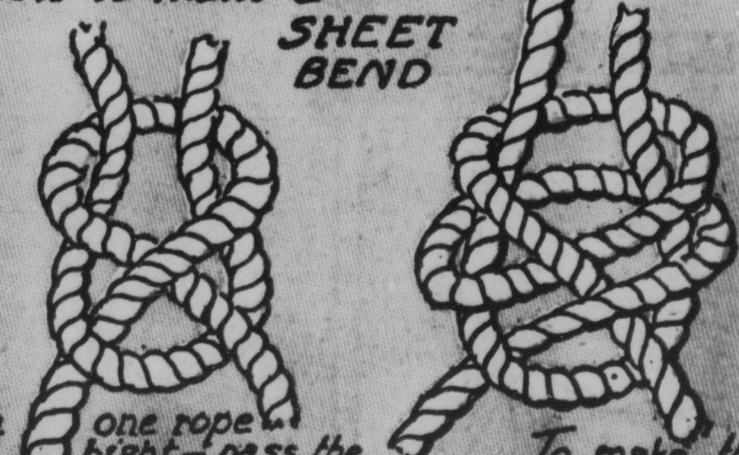
THE PARSON HURRIED TO THE SHORE, AND AS HIS FLOCK GATHERED AROUND HIM—HE APPEALED TO THE ALMIGHTY FOR DELIVERANCE FROM THE "YANKEE PIRATE".



NEVER WAS A PRAYER MORE PROMPTLY ANSWERED—HARDLY HAD THE PARSON FINISHED—WHEN THE WIND CHANGED AND SOON A VIOLENT GALE WAS BLOWING FROM THE NORTH—THE SHIPS WERE TOSSED ABOUT AND WERE FORCED TO PUT TO SEA.

SAILOR'S KNOTS

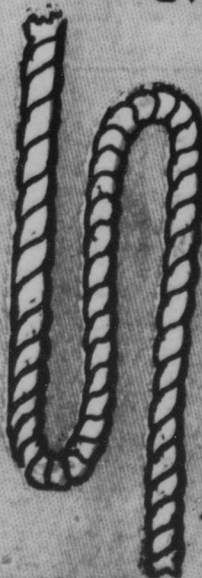
How to make a SHEET BEND



With one rope in bight—pass the other rope through and around both parts of the first rope, and then under its own part.

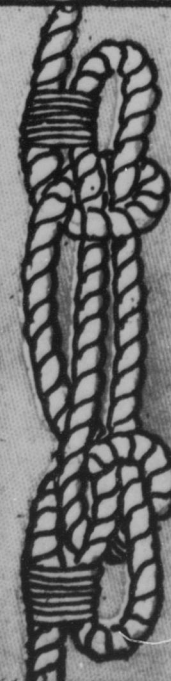
To make the bend doubly secure—take two round turns around the loop before making the real bend itself.

To make a SHEEPSHANK



A quick way of shortening a rope, or for taking the strain off the damaged part of the rope.

Double the slack, and lay it in parallel lines.



Then half hitch the standing parts over each end of the loops—

A seizing of spunkyarn or cord around the standing parts and the loops will make it more secure.