

These Days.

~~With no wars to wage just at the moment,~~ most of the excitement in the Royal Navy goes to the Fisheries Protection Service, ~~braving the fury of the Icelandic storm~~ ^{who} to make sure Britain's trawlers ~~are left free to~~ get on with the job without interference.....

It's an old branch of the Service - Nelson himself was captain of the Fisheries Protection Ship "Albermarle" in 1781. So Trafalgar Day was just right for the commissioning of H.M.S. Duncan, latest addition and future leader of the Fisheries Protection Squadron - Arctic Division.....

The Ship's company, 150 officers and men, ~~boarded~~ board the 1500 ton frigate lying along side at Southampton ready for the service of dedication and blessing ~~that was conducted by the Rev.~~

~~Raymond Hamilton, chaplain to the Solent Division, R.N.V.R. Lady Hailsham, who launched the Duncan in May 1957 was there to wish her well.....~~

~~After five years building,~~ ^{So} the 310 foot Anti-Submarine ship goes into service, the 6th ship named after Admiral Duncan since he won his great victory over the Dutch at Camperdown in 1797.

Tough, fast and right up to date, she's 100% in the Nelson tradition.....

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