

ORDERS RELATIVE TO THE WATCHES, ETC., ON BOARD THE VESSELS OF  
THE EXPLORING SQUADRON.

THE following alterations are made in the General Rules and Regulations of the Squadron, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

1st. The thirty-second article of the General Rules and Regulations will be stricken out, and the following article be inserted in lieu thereof, as—

Article 32d. The first-lieutenant may grant leave of absence to those officers whose services may not be required during the day, until sunset. All officers will return on board their respective vessels by sunset. Boats will be in waiting agreeably to the arrangements made by the first-lieutenant.

2d. The forty-third article of the Rules and Regulations is amended by striking out the words "and third" in the first line.

3d. The "General Instructions to all Officers," in the same Rules and Regulations, are altered by striking out the words "or Passed Midshipman," and inserting, "except by special direction of the commander of the vessel."

No division of watches will take place, except by permission of the commanders.

The order of the 20th September, 1838, relative to medical officers, is revoked; they will hereafter, when in port, (unless ordered to attend to special duty,) attend to the medical duties of the vessel to which they are attached, agreeably to the usages of the service.

No boat will leave the ship for the shore after sunset, unless by order of the commander.

(Signed) CHARLES WILKES,  
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,  
Tahiti, September 10th, 1839.

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ORDERS FOR LIEUTENANT EMMONS AND DR. GUILLOU.

1st. They will compare the sympiesometer of the Porpoise and of this ship together, and carefully note the difference.

2d. Lieutenant Emmons will provide himself with a pocket sextant, artificial horizon, and pocket azimuth compass, note-book, &c.

3d. Dr. Guillou will provide himself with two thermometers and an hygrometer.