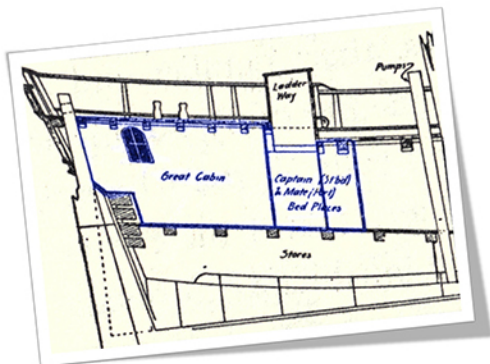


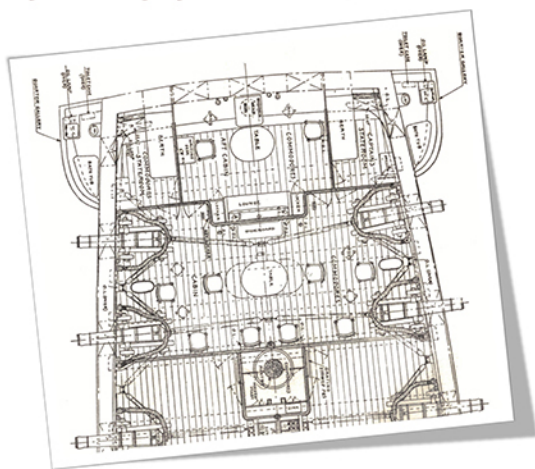
# The Captain's Cabin

The Captain's Cabin served as an important aspect of daily ship life - and continues to do so today. Captains of historic sailing vessels, whether of a commercial or naval warship, used this space to not only sleep, but to conduct business, chart a course, plan battle strategies, meet with officers and more.

The Great Cabin positioned aft (highlighted in blue) on the colonial era British Royal Navy schooner *Halifax*. Circa 1765.



Depending on the type and size of vessel, the cabin area (typically located at the aft of the ship) could be divided into dining, meeting, and sleeping areas, and generally provided a private head (or restroom facility) for the Captain's use only.



The more elaborate deck plans for the United States Frigate *Constitution*. 1797.

On large naval vessels such as the *Constitution*, the Captain, Commodore, or ranking officer's quarters were normally constructed with removable walls so as to provide a cleared gun deck when in battle, and could be customized to distinguish between day and night cabins maximizing use of space and creating greater efficiency.

This Cabin was designed by William Russell Stark, Professor of theatre design at SUNY Oswego, and was built by staff members of the Port of Oswego Authority.