Portsmouth Division VCC
Recruit Training Aides

Royal Marines Corps Crest

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RM Cap Badge

Lion & Crown : The Royal Crest. Presented to the Royal Marines in 1802 by King George III. The Lion and Crown shows that the Royal Marines were a Royal Regiment.

Laurel Wreath : Granted for the gallantry displayed by the Marines in the capture of Belle Isle in 1761. The 28 Red berries around the wreath represent the day in October which celebrates the RM Corps birthday (28th October 1664).

The Foul Anchor : The badge of The Lord High Admiral, was first worn by the Marines in 1747 and indicates that the Corps is part of the Royal Navy

Gibraltar : The Capture and defence of Gibraltar in 1704 was considered by King George IV to be one of the most glorious achievements of the Royal Marines and that it should therefore appear as part of their crest to represent the numerous honours they had earned.

The Globe : Presented by King George IV in 1827; in place of the one hundred and nine Battle Honours which the Marines honourably earned.

Per Mare Per Terram : The Corps Motto of the Royal Marines; Per Mare Per Terram means "By Sea By Land". Per Mare Per Terram is believed to have been used for the first time in 1775 at Bunker Hill.

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RM Cap Badge - Summary

- **The Lion 'Rampant' and crown**: Denotes a Royal regiment. Royal status was granted to the Corps on 29th April 1802
- **Gibraltar** – Retained on the cap badge as the first major battle honour. It also represents all previous ad subsequent battle honours of which there are too many to display on a crest
- **Laurel wreath** - Awarded to the Corps in recognition of the gallantry at the battle and capture of Belle Isle in 1761.
- **The Globe** – Awarded to the Corps by King George IV as selecting Battle Honours from so may glorious deeds was too great. The globe also represents the fact the Royal Marines continue to see service throughout the world.
- **The Fouled Anchor** – Incorporated into the emblem in 1747 and denotes that the Royal Marines are part of the Navy
- **The Corps Motto** – *Per Mare Per Terram*. By Sea By Land. Reflects the amphibious nature of the Marines and their ability to operate in any environment.

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