



This year's Follow the Fleet Schools Competition will close on the 31st of March

Still time to prepare your entries, but don't leave it too late!!

The Follow The Fleet Schools Competition is currently open to all schools **that are registered to take part in the Follow the Fleet project**. Please log onto www.followthefleet.ie and register your school details and you will be provided with a username and password.

This year Follow the Fleet is running an essay competition centred around 3 key themes.

Theme 1- Maritime History

- **Commodore John Barry- Father of the American Navy**
- **The Adventures of Gráinne Mhaol**
- **Admiral Francis Beaufort's Scale**

Write an historical essay on one of these famous Irish mariners and their journeys of discovery and adventure. You can include pictures or photos if choosing this category to support your essay. The pictures or photos will need to include elements of geographical representation and can include pictures of vessels, land marks, vegetation or animals pertinent to the essay.

Theme 2- Maritime Trading in Ireland –Life of a Container

An essay on a trade route from or to Ireland and progress that a container carried on a cargo ship will make. You will need to describe the size of container, what cargo it will carry, the type of ship it will travel on, the port it will depart from and the port it will go to and the places the ship may call in-between. The nominated trade routes are:

- **Ireland – Norway.**
- **Ireland – Italy.**
- **Ireland- France.**

You can include pictures or photos if choosing this category to support your essay. The pictures or photos will need to include elements of geographical representation of the two countries and can include pictures / photos of land marks or cargo pertinent to the Journey.

Theme 3- Technology and the Master Mariner.

An essay on how technology helps the working life of a ships captain. You can include details on the types of technology used aboard ship including:

- **Telecommunications on Ships**
- **Navigating Ships and Technology**
- **Technology & Safety at sea**

You can include pictures or photos if choosing this category to support your essay. The pictures or photos will need to be representative of the technology used on board ship.

You are free to choose an essay title from any of the 3 themes listed above.

The deadline for entry to the competition is the 31st of March 2011

Essay guidelines, entry forms and competition details and rules are available on the news section of <http://www.imdo.ie/followthefleet/news.asp>

Good Luck with your entry!

The Follow the Fleet Crew