



*Excerpts from the*  
*Ships Log / Genereux*  
*Captain Angus Remmington*  
*1803*

*Captain Brian Coineagan arrived aboard the Genereux without ceremony just before dawn on the 13th of May. He was accompanied by a non descript gentleman of middle age, conservatively dressed and wearing a rather large wide brimmed hat that shadowed his features. Both Captains knew Monsieur 'Xavier' was an agent of the French government in the Mediterranean, but his personal presence on the Genereux was extraordinary. Clearly news of great import was about to be shared.*

*Coineagan silently escorted the visitor into Captain Remmington's cabin, but not before a number of the crew on deck observed the stranger moving quickly aft. Word travels fast aboard ship and even before Monsieur X was comfortably seated across from Remmington rumor and speculation over a new mission was spreading throughout the Genereux.*

*Without preamble Xavier announced to both Captains, "It is to be war, gentlemen," dramatically rubbing his hands together. Both Captains shared a knowing glance before Remmington turned back to Xavier.*

*"Well, we suspected this day was coming," replied Remmington. "What has happened with the Treaty of Amiens, then?"*

*"The perfidious English refuse to evacuate Malta, among other things," declared Xavier, "and the latest attempt to reconcile major issues has collapsed irrevocably."*

*"When will war be declared?" Coineagan asked. "For that matter how will this affect our status as privateers for France?"*

*"Affairs of state are moving rapidly," answered Xavier, "and while war declarations have yet to occur we need to acquire the services of the Genereux and its capable officers and crew in an urgent endeavor immediately."*

*Reaching into his inner jacket pocket Xavier withdrew a thick parchment envelope which he placed on the table and confidently slid forward towards Remmington.*

*"Mission details, requirements and rewards are detailed on the several documents you will find inside," stated Xavier. "Your status as privateers for France remains intact and in fact your continued successes are more crucial than ever."*

*"How 'immediate' is this endeavor expected?" Remmington inquired as he lifted the sealed document from the tabletop.*

*"We require you to embark as soon as I depart," replied Xavier, standing rapidly and deliberately walking to the door. "Leave with the tide," and then consciously lowering his voice Xavier added, "furthermore, in the interests of secrecy do not open the document until you are well away from Toulon."*

*"Adieu, good Captain's." Xavier bowed slightly, replaced his hat and slipped out the door.*

"I expect this one is for me and the *Genereux*, Brian," stated Remmington. "Get back to the *Courageuse* and make ready to sail. I want our ships away from land when the declarations of war begin to fly."

Staring intently at the suddenly heavy envelope Remmington added, "I also want you familiar with the contents enclosed should things go terribly wrong, so make plans to come back aboard at dusk,"

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Hours later both Captains are back in Remmington's cabin hunched over a chart table with the recently opened orders spread across its surface. The parchment sheets do not completely cover the map of a fortified British harbor.



"Our French sponsors are not asking much as usual!" snorted Remmington. "This will certainly be a challenge."

"Any thoughts on how you are going to accomplish the reconnaissance?" inquired Coineagan.

"The mission would be nigh impossible if the *Genereux* did not have a first rate compliment of officers and men," answered Remmington. "Going in under backing sails will allow for better maneuvering. And with the cover of darkness and fog I do not fear the batteries on either side of the bay. However, collision with the enemy ships or the shore does present a problem as does the entire prospect of coming out of the bay into the wind."

"If the anchored ships are indeed lightly manned and in need of repair will you risk a cutting out party?" asked Coineagan.

"I cannot know for certain," answered Remmington. "Locating and identifying the ships will be the first priority. Beyond that I will only know what course to take when we are in amongst the ships."

"I wish you luck and fair winds, Angus," said Coineagan. "Do you still plan a return to the West Indies?"

*"Aye, I think it best," answered Remmington. "We will profit more without the obstruction of a British blockade of French ports."*

*With that said both Captains straightened from the table and then clasped hands in farewell.*

*"Look for the Courageuse in Nassau or New Providence," said Coineagan. "I will contact our agents and await your arrival."*

*"A fast journey and fair winds to you also, Brian," said Remmington.*

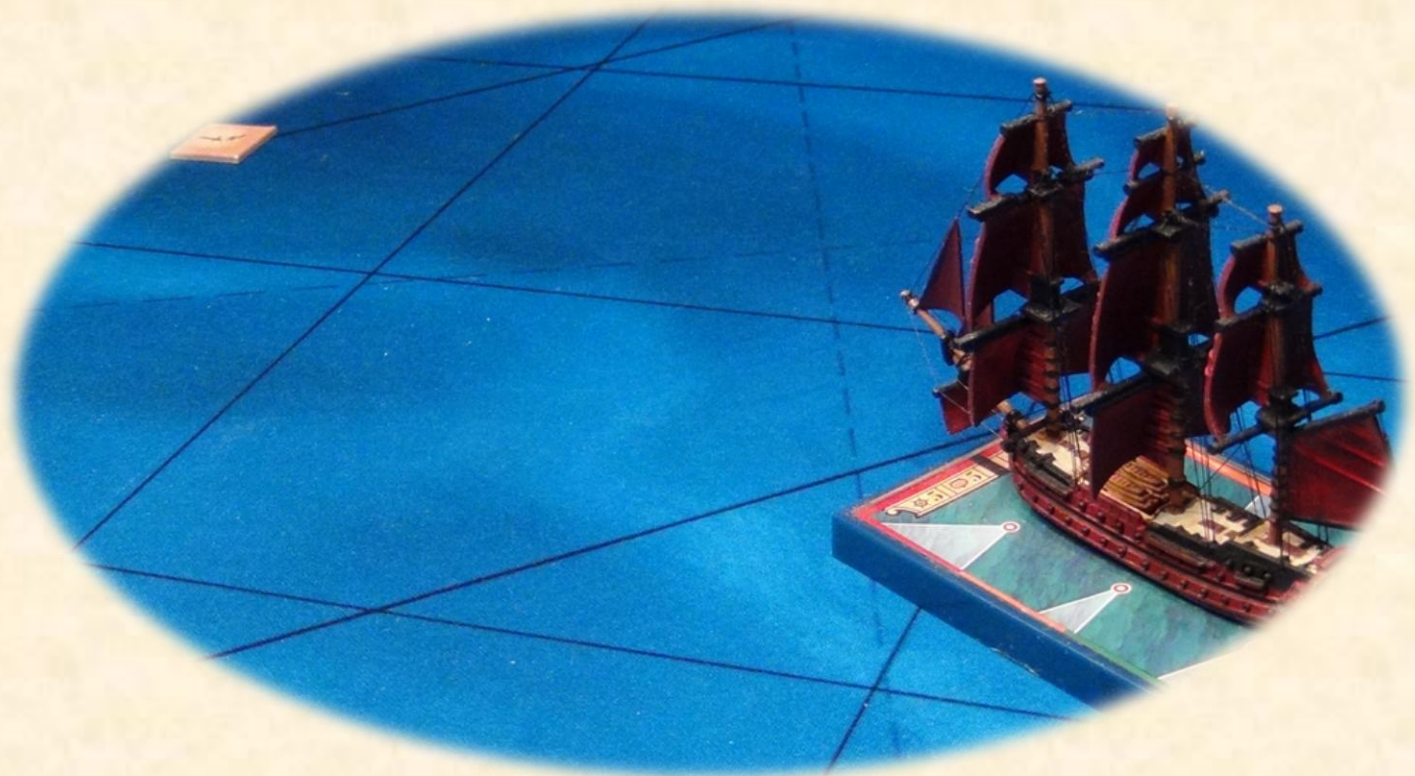
*Captain Coineagan put on his great coat and left. As soon as he was out of the cabin Remmington turned back to the chart table and continued to studying the map.*

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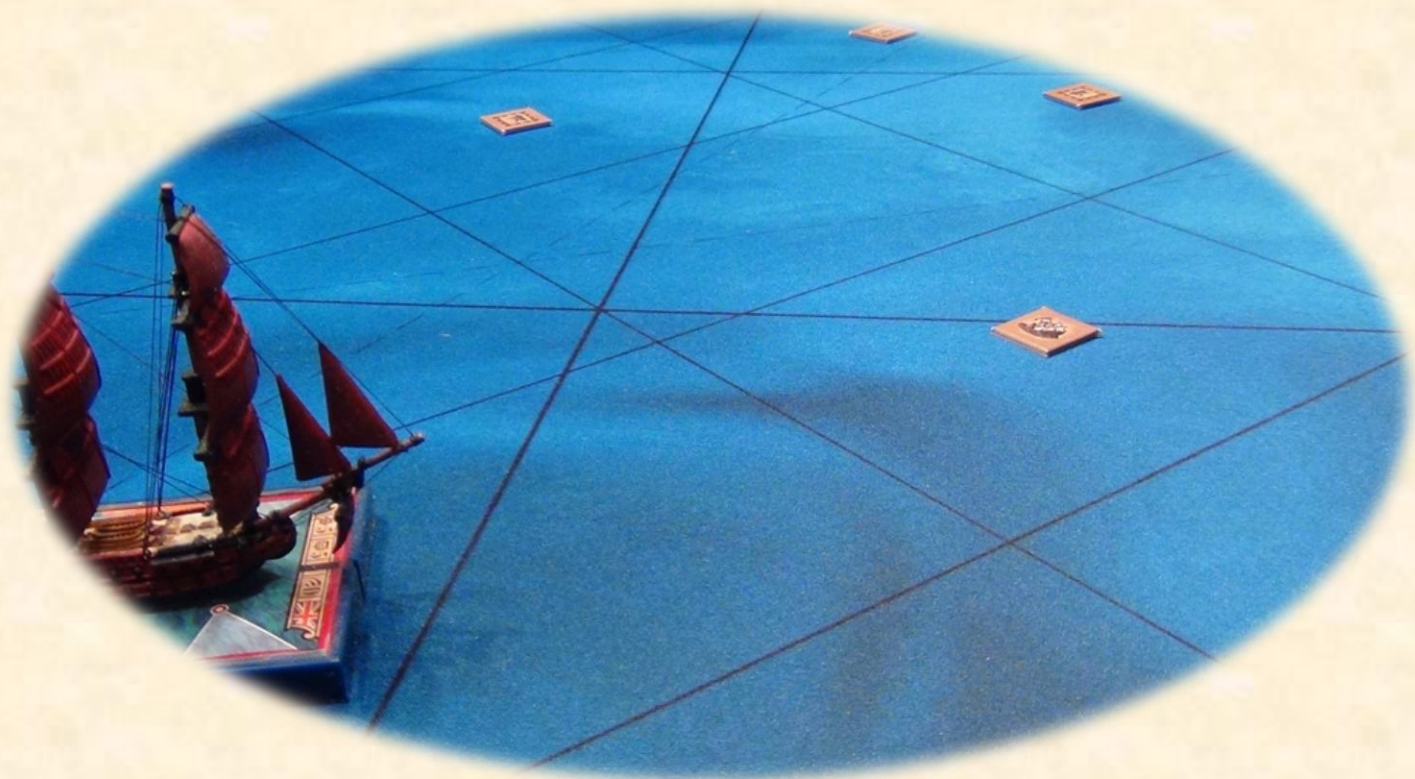


*Under the cover of darkness and fog the Genereux enters the bay (Turn 1-#51). Captain Remmington reminds everyone that silence must be maintained as early discovery will certainly doom the mission. Every effort has been made to suppress noise on board. Guns are loaded and every man is at his post anxious for the mission to begin.*

*{ Please note that while I inadvertently used the Vanguard ship card I verified the angels of fire are identical between Genereux, Aquilon, Vanguard and Defense. All decks and ship logs were as they should be. }*



*Genereux approaches the first marker on the chart (Turn 2 #5 | / No fire marker)*



*Genereux slowly approaches the next set of markers. Soundings gauge proximity to shore (Turn 3-#5 |; Turn 4-#5 |; Turn 5-#5 |). Still no fire markers. Remingtonson reminds all to be silent.*



*Turning to port the Genereux spots a ship directly ahead (Turn 6-#2). It is the Black Pearl (H.M.S. Terpsichore), Roll 1-- Ship is abeam left.*



*Continuing the turn to port Genereux spots another ship off the starboard bow (Turn 7-#2). It is H.M.S. Meleager. Roll 6-- Ship is oriented directly to player.*



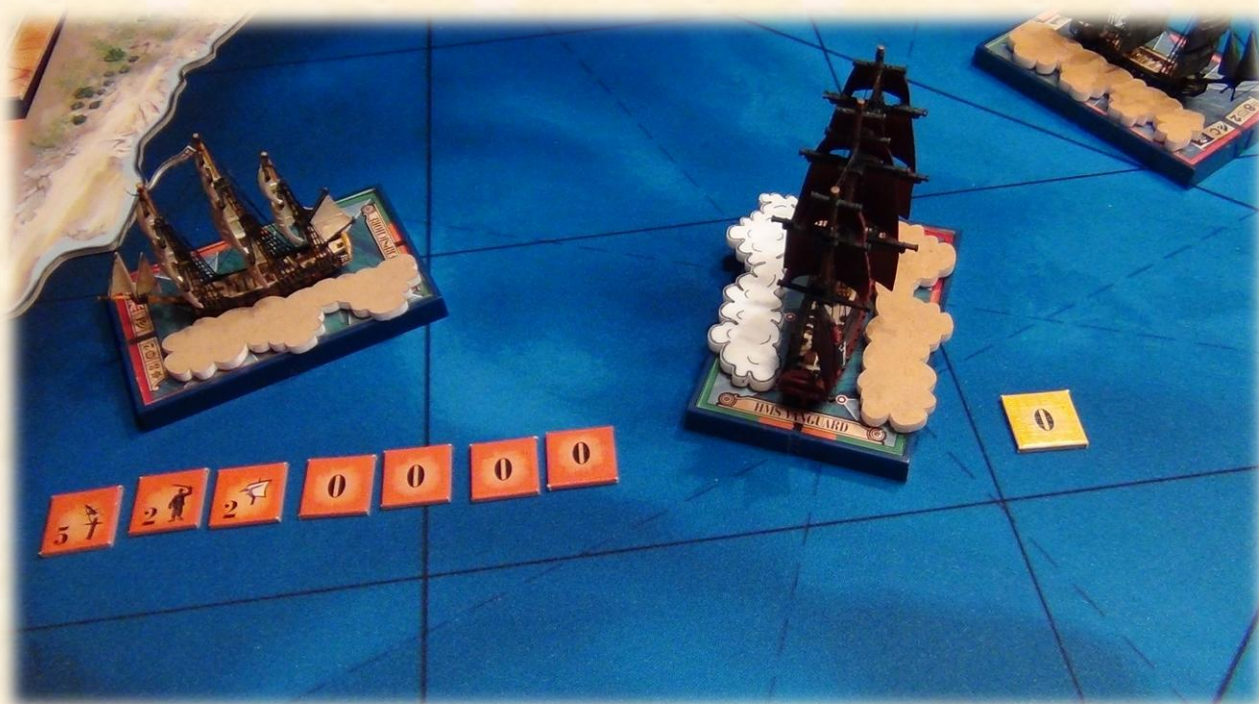
*In a series of slow calculated turns the Generaux deftly maneuvers around the two anchored ships (Turn 8-# 6; Turn 9-# 8; Turn 10-# 5; Turn 11-# 8). Captain Remington is beginning to doubt there is a third ship?*



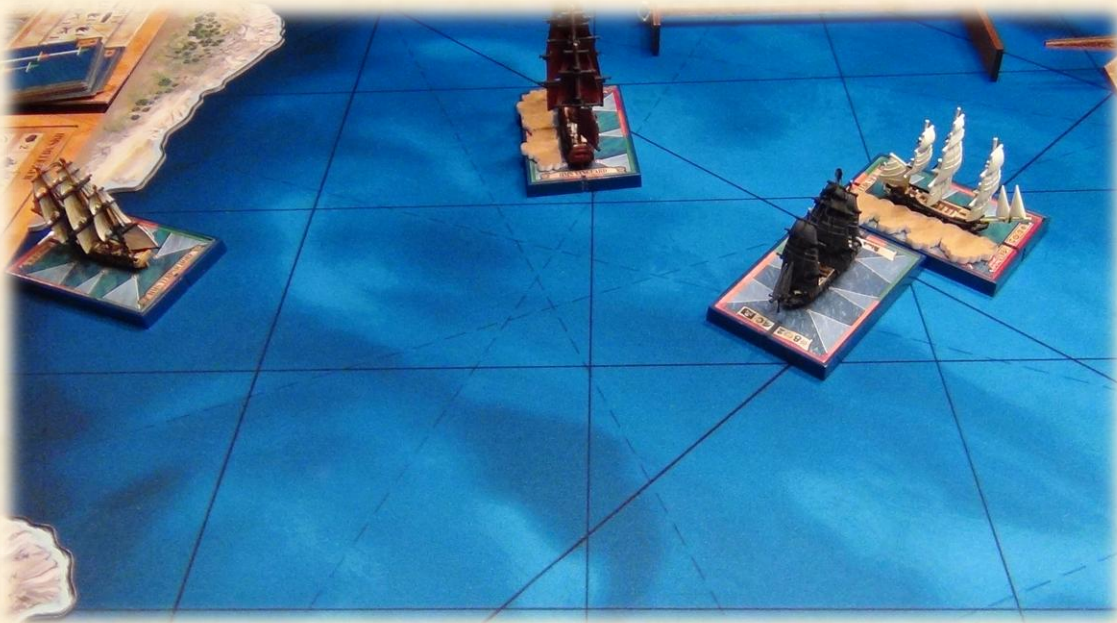
*Finally the Generaux spots the last ship (Turn 12-# 8). It is HMS Terpsichore. Roll 1, ship is left abeam. Now Captain Remington must decide to withdraw or elect to wreck as much destruction as he can.*



*Confident in his ship and crew and with a choice broadside on HMS Meleager Remington opens fire. (Turn 12-Combat). HMS Meleager is denied return fire, but the Black Pearl and HMS Terpsichore return fire on the Genereux.*



*Genereux continues a turn to port and unleashes a full broadside on HMS Terpsichore. It is not as effective as Remington had hoped. HMS Meleager still reeling from the broadside gets off a weak and ineffective broadside (Turn 13-#8).*



*Turn 14--Generaux continues to maneuver for best shot (#3), firing on the Black Pearl (6,4,3,2c) while the Black Pearl fires on Generaux (4, 4, c, c). HMS Terpsichore fires on Generaux (3) and then runs aground.*



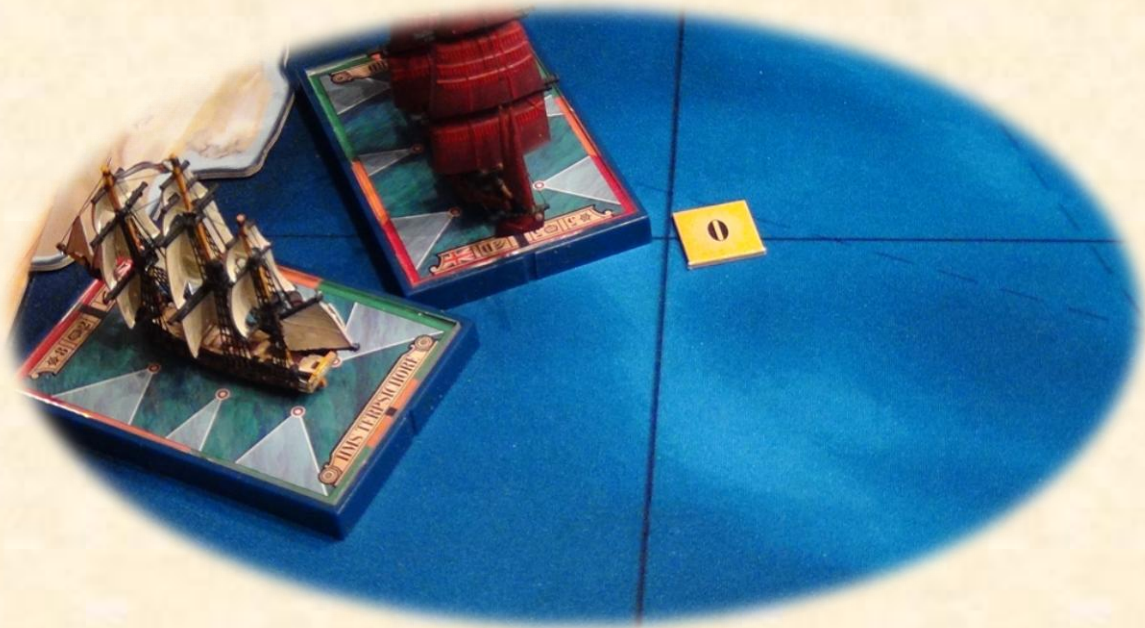
*Turn 15--Generaux lines up another broadside on HMS Terpsichore (4,3,3,1), which takes one B hit damage draw of (3). HMS Terpsichore blows up and burns on shore.*



*Turn 16--Desperately turning to avoid running aground the Genereux cannot manage the maneuver so close to shore. She takes one B damage chit (3). The Black Pearl takes advantage of the Genereux's situation and fires a broadside at A range (1). HMS Meleager is finally coming back into the fight, but is far from the immediate action.*



*Turn 17--Genereux uses a taken aback maneuver to clear the shore. Black Pearl runs aground and takes one B damage draw (crew). HMS Meleager moves forward but is still out of range.*



*Turn 18--Genereux now free of the shore can't quite clear the hulk of HMS Terpsichore and collides with the smoldering wreck. Black Pearl clears the shore and fires on the Genereux a clear miss.*



*Turn 19--Genereux fires a full broadside on the Black Pearl (2,1,0). The Black Pearl is taken aback and runs aground once again, drawing one B damage chit (0). HMS Meleager back in the battle fires a forward arc broadside at B range (4). Musketry fire between the two ships causes no casualties on the Genereux, but 2 crew and 0 are drawn for HMS Meleager. The crew on board the Genereux cheers as they spot the Black Pearl sinking beneath the waters.*



*Turn 20--Bolstered by the sinking of the Black Pearl and his crews enthusiasm Remmington orders an attempt at boarding HMS Meleager. It is successful and Captain Remmington orders 3 crew to the heavily damaged ship as a prize crew. (Boarding draws: Gen|Mel: (0,c)--(c,c)--(c,-)--(0,-)--(c,-)).*



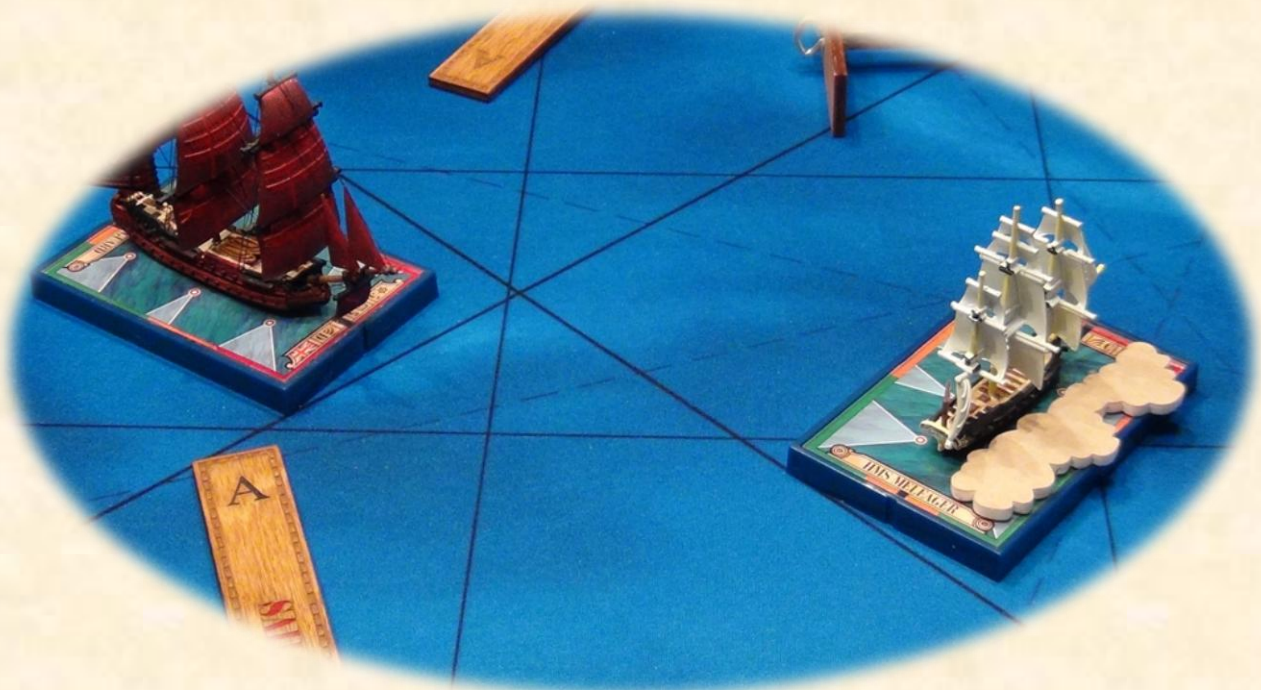
*Turn 21--While confidence on board both ships is high the task at hand and the dangers represented by the two shore batteries is utmost in Remmington's mind. A labor intensive series of tacking maneuvers takes up a huge amount of time. Turns 22 through 31 have both the Genereux and HMS Meleager slowly edging towards the eastern section of the bay. { Beginning on Turn 27 I started using the standard rules for taken aback maneuvering; 1 or 2 single hourglass maneuvers followed by a single 2 hourglass maneuver }*



*Turn 32--H.M.S. Meleager leading the Genereux begins its approach on the batteries. Meleager is clearly going to attempt to thread a way between the ranges of both batteries. Genereux holds back so as not to crowd the newly acquired ship. Shore batteries on both sides of the bay open fire, but their shots fall short.*



*Turn 33--Just when H.M.S. Meleager thought it was clear the shore battery fires at A range. Damage to H.M.S. Meleager is (2,c,0). Meleager returns fire, but it falls short of doing any damage. H.M.S. Meleager cannot afford another series of hits as the crew is desperately repairing and pumping as best they can.*



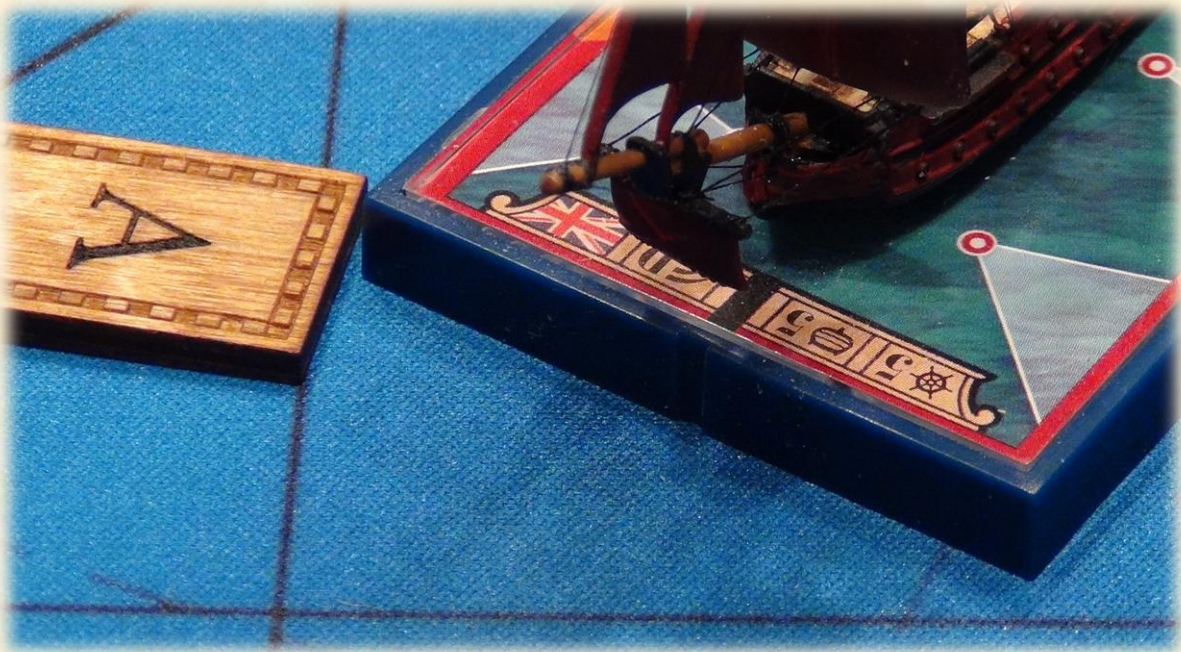
*Turn 34--HMS Meleager is now confident that it has cleared the range of both batteries, but remains cautious and conservative in maneuvers. Genereux now approaches and will attempt to follow the same path Meleager did.*



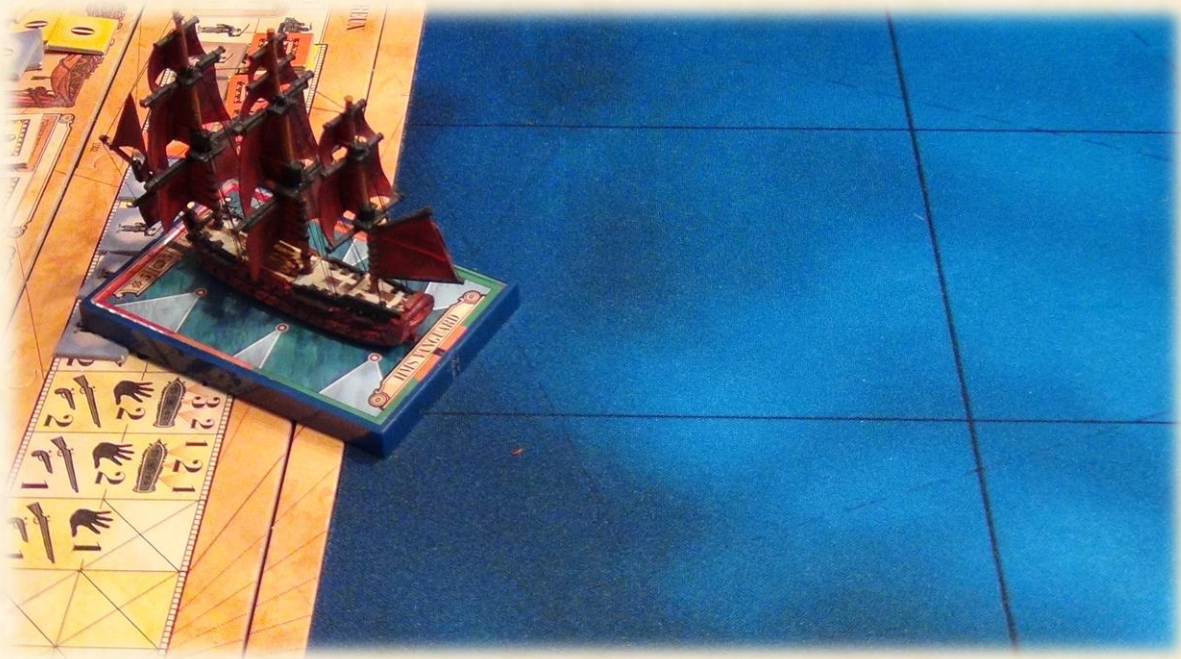
*Turn 35, 36--Genereux is unable to slip past the batteries and falls victim to the opposite shores fire. Fortunately for the Genereux the darkness provides some protection as damage is comparatively light (4,0,0). Genereux returns fire on the battery. Fatigue is setting in and the damage to the shore battery is nominal (2, c, 0, 0, 0).*



*Turn 37--H.M.S. Meleager escapes. Genereux follows behind, but is having trouble maneuvering and the ship swings perilously close to the other shore battery.*



*Turn 38--A good ship and excellent crew prevents potential disaster. Captain Remington is beginning to think the worst is over. Gauging distance and range in the darkness is difficult, but it does appear that the sky is lightening in the east. He takes this as a good sign.*



*Turns 39 through 42--Having finally cleared the range of both shore batteries, their guns fall silent. As the horizon lightens even more the Genereux escapes off the map.*



*Damage to the Genereux*



*Damage to the South Battery*



*Damage to the North Battery*



*Damage to the Black Pearl*



*Damage to HMS Meleager*



*Damage to H.M.S Terpsichore*