

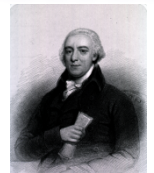


Thames River Police



1700s
Lots of crime on the Thames but no real Police.

1796
Patrick Colquhoun writes a book about a new type of policing. It is a big success.



1800
The Thames Police are so successful, Government nationalises them and they now protect all ships on the Thames.

1829
Robert Peel forms the Metropolitan Police.



1878
Princess Alice disaster. 600 lives lost.



Today Thames Division are now called the Marine Policing Unit with 70 Police Officers.

1798
The West India Committee approach Patrick Colquhoun and John Harriott and the Thames Police are formed to protect their ships.



1811
Ratcliffe Highway murders leaves local residents in fear. Thames Police patrol Wapping's streets.



1851
Charles Dickens goes on patrol with Thames Division and writes about them.

1899
Marchioness Disaster. 51 Lives lost, Thames Division on scene in five minutes.

1700s
The West India Committee suffer a massive loss of goods being stolen from their ships.



1839
Thames Police join the Metropolitan Police as Thames Division.



1914-1918 & 1939-1945
WW1 and WW2 make policing difficult work in the blackout.

