

Sails into Silloth on Stormy Seas for an entertaining break in the Silloth Dock

intervals, during opening hours.

"Grand Turk" alias "Bounty" was built in 1997 at Marmaris, Turkey, using local labour. Constructed from timber, her hull is made from Oroko, an African hardwood, whilst her mast sections are made of Douglas Fir from the Forest of Dean. Costing then £3.5m, she is in fact, externally, a true replica

of the British 6th Rate, 22 gun frigate "Blanford", of 1795.

With a crew of 28, she is measured at 314 Gross Registered Tonnes, she actually weighs approximately 750 tonnes, has an overall length of 43 metres, a beam of 10.2 metres and a maximum draft of 3.25 metres. As well as her three masts, nine and a half miles of rigging and



Photo by: Eric Stanwix

her sails, she is propelled by two Kelvin TSA-8 Diesel engines and a

small bow thruster unit, to help her manoeuvre in light winds and in

confined waters.

She sailed from Silloth on Saturday 18th June, to

Maryport, where she was again open to the public for two days. She then headed south, to take a major role of honour in the "Trafalgar 200" event, (the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar) at Spithead anchorage, off Portsmouth Dockyard.

There will be a Queen's Review of 182 British and foreign warships on 28th June, when the "Grand Turk" will take on the role of Lord Nelson's flagship "Victory", inspecting the assembled fleet as she sails up and down the lines of today's modern warships.

At Silloth, large sailing ships are becoming rather like buses. We don't see one for over 80 years, then two come along within three years of each other! ("Phoenix" 2002).



Photo & Report by: Capt. Chris Puxley



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Abbeytown WI Road Run Tea



The ladies of Abbeytown WI certainly had a busy day when they provided tea and refreshments to the participants in the Road Run and the

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