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| 01 July | 1667 | VANGUARD (1586), galleon, raised, having been sunk as a blockship, to deny access by the Dutch warships to the upper Medway. Ref; JDC 20-7. |
| 01 July | 1702 | Admiralty Order; in time of war, the clerks to the principal officers are to be paid overtime, at the same rate as shipwrights. Ref; JDC 13-1. |
| 01 July | 1780 | LEANDER, 4 th rate, launched |
| 01 July | 1833 | As an economy measure, the Yard's working week was reduced to 5 days. JDC 3-64 |
| 01 July | 1848 | MARS, 2nd rate, launched after nine years on the stocks. |
| 01 July | 1913 | PEMBROKE, presentation of commemorative medals to sailors of Chatham manned ships, by Italian Government, for their relief work after earthquake at Messina, Sicily, 28-12-1908. |
| 01 July | 1941 | SPORTSMAN, submarine, laid down on No7 Slip. Ref; RDL. |
| 01 July | 1967 | Dockyard Chargemen (in charge of a gang of men), became Technical Supervisors; monthly salary instead of weekly wage. Peri 2-21. |
| 01 July | 1969 | Flag Officer, Medway, became responsible for area North Yorkshire to West Sussex, inclusive; similar to the old Nore Command area. Ref; RDL. |
| 01 July | 1977 | WRNS personnel became subject to the Naval Discipline Act. Ref; RDL. |
| 02 July | 1834 | Admiralty Order; when ships are brought forward for sea service, wives and families of Warrant Officers are to no longer reside onboard. Ref; JDC 9-16. |
| 02 July | 1844 | RETRIBUTION, paddle frigate, launched |
| 02 July | 1894 | Dockyard standard working week reduced to 49 hours. Ref; JDC 3-99. |
| 02 July | 1906 | 48-hour working week introduced to the Yard. Ref; JDC 3-99. |
| 02 July | 1908 | Closure of the Gunnery School at Sheerness, except the firing ranges. All courses now run from PEMBROKE. Ref; RDL. |
| 02 July | 1943 | VESPER (1917), destroyer, taken into No2 dock for conversion to a Long Range Escort; increasing bunkering and improving armament. Task complete in 2 months. Ref; RDL. |
| 02 July | 1950 | United Nations operations started in Korea. The Chatham built sloop MODESTE was one of the RN warships involved. |
| 03 July | 1707 | SALISBURY, 4 th rate, launched |

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| 03 July | 1862 | Ironworkers, building ACHILLES, went on strike over having to re-train woodworking shipwrights. Ref; JDC 3-100. |
| 03 July | 1943 | Nore Army Sea Fort completed, 3 miles NE of Isle of Sheppey. Seven towers, anti aircraft guns, 4 officers, 9 sergeants and 120 soldiers. Dismantled 1959-60. Ref; RDL. |
| 03 July | 1959 | UNICORN (1824), Chatham built frigate, restored as Drill Ship for the Tay Division of Royal Naval Reserves, at Dundee Scotland. |
| 04 July | 1787 | Contract sent to Chatham for building a new double Rope House. Ref; JDC 1-62. |
| 04 July | 1888 | SKIPJACK, torpedo gunboat, keel laid. Ref; RDL. |
| 04 July | 1888 | SHELDRAKE, torpedo gunboat, keel laid. Ref; RDL. |
| 04 July | 1966 | Rail track steam crane by South Lock exploded, blowing the boiler 150 yards away. No injuries to Dockyard personnel. Ref; report in RDL. |
| 05 July | 1649 | John Pett, ropemaker of Hoo, was convicted of buying rope stolen from warships. His punishment; return the cordage within 14 days, and have his conviction read out in the Parish churches on the following Sunday. Ref; JDC 15-14. |
| 05 July | 1913 | ATTENDANT, oil tanker, launched from No8 Slip. Ref; RDL. |
| 05 July | 1940 | WHIRLWIND (1917), destroyer, sunk by German submarine, off Lands End. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL. |
| 05 July | 1941 | TORBAY (1940), Chatham built submarine, sank the Italian submarine <i>Jantina</i> , off Iznir, Turkey. Ref; RDL. |
| 05 July | 1942 | NIGER (1936), minesweeper, sunk by mine off Iceland. Chatham manned and Recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL. |
| 05 July | 1950 | VIDAL, survey ship, keel laid on No7 Slip; ceremony performed by Mrs Moore, wife of the C-in-C at The Nore. Ref; RDL. |
| 06 July | 1865 | Act of Parliament passed for the Regulation of Dockyard Ports. Ref; RDL. |
| 06 July | 1940 | SHARK (1934), Chatham built submarine, scuttled and crew captured after crippling attacks by German aircraft and warships, off Skudesnaes, Norway. |
| 06 July | 1971 | CAVALIER (1944), destroyer, took part in a challenge race against RAPID (1942) in the North sea. The last two wartime destroyers. Ref; Peri.6-69p7. |
| 07 July | 1690 | Resident Commissioner to Navy Board; it was reported earlier today that the French in large |

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| | | numbers were landed in Romney Marsh, so astonishing our people that they are in great confusion. We have something to do to keep the workmen of the Yard quietly at their business. We have swords, powder and shot, but no firearms. Ref; JDC 15-21. |
| 07 July | 1943 | AVON VALE (1940), destroyer, towed into Dockyard for major repairs, having been mined in the Mediterranean and lost all her bows and forecastle. Ref; RDL. |
| 07 July | 1969 | Captain of the Dockyard, title changed to, Captain of the Port. Ref; RDL. |
| 07 July | 1972 | CAVALIER (1944), destroyer, de-commissioned for the last time, at Chatham; to be prepared for disposal. Ref; RDL. |
| 07 July | 1972 | Trade Unions officials called for a walk-out today (Friday), as a demonstration against current wages negotiations. Ref; RDL. |
| 07 July | 1983 | PEMBROKE; final Wardroom Mess Dinner. Ref; RDL. |
| 08 July | 1808 | OPOSSUM, brig-sloop, launched at Muddle's shipyard, Gillingham; fitted out at HM Dockyard and served until 1819. Ref; RDL. |
| 08 July | 1944 | DRAGON (1917), cruiser, damaged by German submarine and sunk as a breakwater off Normandy beaches. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL. |
| 08 July | 1944 | PYLADES (1943), minesweeper, sunk by German midget submarine off Normandy beaches. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL. |
| 08 July | 1954 | HRH Duke of Gloucester presented Queens Colours to the Nore Command. Ref; RDL. |
| 09 July | 1699 | Navy Board to Resident Commissioner; no shipwrights or others to be entered in HM Dockyard who are not Protestants. Strict enquiry to be made to find Papists and cause them to be discharged. Ref; JDC 15-17. |
| 09 July | 1861 | RATTLESNAKE, corvette, launched from No1 Slip. |
| 09 July | 1883 | MERSEY, cruiser, keel laid on No6 Slip. Ref; RDL. |
| 09 July | 1958 | Admiral Sir Robin Durnford-Slater KCB appointed as the last Commander-in-Chief, The Nore. He flew his flag at PEMBROKE. Ref; RDL. |
| 09 July | 1960 | Chatham sailors' final Field Gun Competition runs at a Royal Tournament. Nore Command teams won the Inter Command Challenge Cup six times, 1907- 1960. Ref; RDL. |
| 10 July | 1697 | FLAMBOROUGH, 5 th rate, launched |
| 10 July | 1835 | WANDERER, brig-sloop, launched |

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| 11 July | 1882 | ALEXANDRA (1875), Chatham built battleship, flagship of the Mediterranean Fleet when they bombarded Alexandria, to subdue nationalism in Egypt, which threatened our interests in the Suez Canal. |
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| 11 July | 1940 | ESCORT (1934), destroyer, sank in the Western Mediterranean three days after being torpedoed by enemy submarine. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. |
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| 12 July | 1794 | UNICORN, 5 th rate, launched |
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| 12 July | 1966 | No2 Slip cover/roof, destroyed by fire, along with the figurehead of Lord Nelson from VANGUARD (1835). Ref; JDC1-83. |
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| 12 July | 1992 | OCELOT (1962), submarine, returned to Chatham to stay. Ref; RDL. |
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| 13 July | 1711 | Navy Board Order; the numbers of apprentices to shipwrights are not to exceed one sixth of the whole number of workmen and apprentices. Ref; JDC 4-4. |
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| 13 July | 1770 | KINGFISHER, sloop, launched |
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| 13 July | 1900 | BARFLEUR (1892), Chatham built battleship, sent sailors to quell Boxer rebels at Tientsin, China. Midshipman Basil Guy of BARFLEUR won the VC that day. |
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| 14 July | 1813 | LIVELY, 5 th rate, launched |
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| 14 July | 1936 | STERLET, submarine, laid down on No7 Slip. Ref; RDL. |
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| 15 July | 1604 | King James I visited his ships at Chatham, accompanied by the French Ambassador, the Count de Beaumont. Ref; Harris. |
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| 16 July | 1703 | Admiralty letter; authorising the re-building of Commissioner's House; as requested by Captain George St Lo, Resident Commissioner. Ref; JDC 1-27. |
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| 16 July | 1795 | Shutter telegraph started to carry signals from the Admiralty to Chatham. Time taken fifteen minutes, if the weather was fine. Ref; RDL. |
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| 16July | 1825 | HARPY, brig-sloop, launched |
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| 16 July | 1905 | RN Hospital, Gillingham, opening ceremony performed by King Edward VII. Ref; JDC 12-9. |
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| 16 July | 1931 | ROCHESTER, sloop, launched from No4 Dock, being named by Mrs Jenner, wife of the Mayor of Rochester. Ref; RDL. |
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| 16 July | 1940 | IMOGEN (1936), destroyer, sunk in collision with the cruiser GLASGOW, in fog off |

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| | | Duncansby Head. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL. |
| 17 July | 1795 | VILLE de PARIS, 1 st rate, launched |
| 17 July | 1832 | ROVER, sloop, launched |
| 18 July | 1716 | CHATHAM, commissioner's yacht, launched. |
| 18 July | 1748 | SOMERSET, 3 rd rate, launched |
| 18 July | 1959 | OBERON, submarine, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent. Ref; RDL. |
| 19 July | 1845 | ACTIVE, 5 th rate, launched: never commissioned for active service, but spent 20 years as a Drill Ship for Reservists at Sunderland and then Leith. Ref; RDL. |
| 19 July | 1919 | WRNS disbanded. Ref; RDL. |
| 19 July | 1941 | UMPIRE (1940), Chatham built submarine, accidentally rammed and sunk by one of our armed trawlers in North Sea; only six months after launching. |
| 20 July | 1841 | GROWLER, paddle sloop, launched |
| 20 July | 1916 | MOHAWK (1907), destroyer, completed re-build, mainly in No7 dock for a year, following mine damage in the North Sea. Ref; RDL. |
| 20 July | 1968 | EXMOUTH (1955), frigate, commissioning ceremony following two-year conversion to gas powered turbine engines, to be followed by extensive trials. Peri 3-34p10. |
| 21 July | 1853 | CRESSY, screw ship, launched, being named by Miss Percy, daughter of the C-in-C at The Nore. Vice Admiral The Hon. Josceline Percy CB. Ref; RDL. |
| 21 July | 1860 | ATLAS, 2 nd rate, launched from No6 Slip. Never completed or commissioned. Lent instead to Metropolitan Asylum Board, until scrapped. Ref; RDL. |
| 21 July | 1948 | Visit by King George VI to Dockyard and naval personnel at Chatham. Ref; RDL. |
| 22 July | 1616 | Enquiry into affairs of the Chatham Chest; finding that great sums of money have been collected and yet many sums of not small amount have been lent out. Ref; JDC 17-2. |
| 22 July | 1674 | Letter from Admiralty, authorising increase of salary to Phineas Pett, master shipwright, and a grant of £500 in consideration of his extraordinary services in the past. Ref; JDC 5-15. |
| 22 July | 1935 | SUNFISH, submarine, laid down on No7 Slip. Ref; RDL. |

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| 23 July | 1757 | HUSSAR, 6 th rate, launched |
| 23 July | 1759 | VICTORY, 1 st rate, keel laid in old single dock. Ref; JDC 1-53. |
| 23 July | 1888 | BLAKE, cruiser, keel laid on No7 Slip. Ref; RDL. |
| 23 July | 1959 | Oak tree planted near Admiral's flagstaff; a direct descendant of one of Admiral Collingswood's acorns. Tree planted by Admiral of The Fleet Sir George Creasy GCB CBE DSO MVO on 200 th anniversary of Victory's keel lay. Ref; JDC 1-56. |
| 24 July | 1685 | Clerk of the Chest's reply to Pepys with rates of relief. £6 for an arm or leg lost, plus annual pension of £15. £13 for both limbs plus pension. £4 per year pension for each eye. All to be assessed at the surgeon's discretion. Ref; JDC 17-10. |
| 24 July | 1735 | STRAFFORD, 4 th rate, launched |
| 24 July | 1929 | RAINBOW, submarine, laid down on No7 Slip. Ref; RDL. |
| 24 July | 1944 | MOORSMAN, mooring vessel, launched from No2 Dock. Ref; RDL. |
| 24 July | 1944 | MOORSPOUT, mooring vessel, launched from No2 Dock. Ref; RDL. |
| 25 July | 1842 | GOLIATH, 3 rd rate, launched from No1 Slip, being named by the Duchess of Buccleuch, wife of the Lord Privy Seal. Ref; RDL. |
| 25 July | 1842 | VIRAGO, paddle sloop, launched from No4 Slip, being named by the Hon. Mrs. Grey. |
| 26 July | 1820 | TRAFALGAR, 1 st rate, launched from No1 Slip, after 7 years of building. Ref; RDL. |
| 26 July | 1875 | CORMORANT, sloop, keel laid on No3 Slip. Ref; RDL. |
| 26 July | 1906 | Horse drawn vehicle left Dockyard with apparently empty barrels. When stopped it was found to contain 1.5tons of metal. Two guilty policemen and the receiver jailed. Ref; JDC 15-19. |
| 27 July | 1906 | Statement in House of Commons by Parliamentary Secretary to Admiralty; "In the new shipbuilding programme, that includes 8 submarines, the Admiralty will build some of them in their own Dockyards, and they will have to go to Chatham. Ref; Hansard. |
| 27 July | 1944 | SUNFISH (1936), Chatham built submarine, sunk off Norway in error by an RAF Liberator, whilst on loan passage to Russia. Ref; RDL. |
| 27 July | 1981 | Royal Wedding cake left PEMBROKE Cookery School by car for Buckingham Palace. The work of Chief Cook David Avery RN. The wedding of HRH Charles, Prince of Wales, to Lady Diana Spencer, was two days later. Ref; RDL. |

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| 28 July | 1942 | TORBAY (1940), submarine, unique ceremony at Buckingham Palace of decorations to captain, officers and ratings. Ref; RDL. |
| 29 July | 1717 | NEWARK (1695), 2 nd rate, re-launched, having been rebuilt and enlarged. |
| 29 July | 1803 | Parliamentary Bill passed, ordering the removal of the Chatham Chest, and its administration, from Chatham Dockyard to Greenwich Hospital. Ref; JDC 17-18. |
| 29 July | 1871 | RIFLEMAN, gun vessel, keel laid on No3 Slip. |
| 29 July | 1912 | LOWESTOFT, cruiser, keel laid on No8 Slip. Ref; RDL. |
| 30 July | 1715 | Navy Board circular; deploring the acceptance of defective timber, so that it could be used for fires in officers houses. Ref; JDC 3-27. |
| 30 July | 1768 | BARFLEUR, 2 nd rate, launched from No2 Slip. Ref; RDL. |
| 30 July | 1808 | First Service in Dockyard Church. Ref; Peri 5-52p11. |
| 30 July | 1825 | MERMAID, 5 th rate, launched |
| 30 July | 1891 | HOOD, battleship, launched from No7 Dock, being named by Viscountess Hood, wife of Francis 4 th Viscount Hood. Ref; RDL. |
| 30 July | 1951 | HMS XE12 (1945), midget submarine, visiting Chatham Dockyard for one week. Ref; RDL |
| 30 July | 1970 | Last issue of daily rum ration to sailors, ashore and afloat. Sunk with due ceremony in PEMBROKE and ships in commission in Yard. Ref; RDL. |
| 31 July | 1951 | VIDAL, survey vessel, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Mrs Poland, wife of the Admiral Superintendent, Rear Admiral Albert Poland. CB.DSO*.DSC. Ref; RDL. |
| 31 July | 1971 | Closure of Chatham Dockyard Technical College; student education transferred to Local Authority Colleges. Ref; JDC 4-90. |