

Captain Thomas WILLIAMS: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Williams_\(Royal_Navy_officer\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Williams_(Royal_Navy_officer))

In 1804 he moved to *HMS Neptune* and in 1805 commanded a unit of *Sea Fencibles* at *Gosport*, returning to *Neptune* in 1807. In 1809, Williams was promoted to rear-admiral and sailed in *HMS Venerable* and *HMS Hannibal* in the *Channel Fleet* and then at *Lisbon*. In 1811 he returned to Britain and took command of *HMS Royal George* and became *Commander-in-Chief, The Nore*. He remained in that position until 1814, retiring as a vice-admiral and establishing the *Naval Female School* as his final act, donating £1,000 to the school's endowment (the equivalent of £70,500 as of 2020).

https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/A_Naval_Biographical_Dictionary/Williams,_Edward_Richard

WILLIAMS. (CAPTAIN, 1827. F-P., 14; H-P., 29.)

EDWARD RICHARD WILLIAMS entered the Navy, in May, 1804, as a Volunteer, on board the NEPTUNE 98, Capt. Sir Thos. Williams, in which ship he was for 12 months employed in the Channel.

HMS Neptune: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Neptune_\(1797\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Neptune_(1797))



HMS *Neptune* was a 98-gun *second rate ship of the line* of the *Royal Navy*. She served on a number of stations during the *French Revolutionary* and *Napoleonic Wars* and was present at the *Battle of Trafalgar* in 1805.

Neptune was built during the early years of the war with *Revolutionary France* and was launched in 1797. She almost immediately became caught up in the events of the *mutiny at the Nore*, and was one of a few loyal ships tasked with attacking mutinous vessels if they could not be brought to order. The mutiny died out before this became necessary and *Neptune* joined the *Channel Fleet*. She moved to the Mediterranean in 1799, spending the rest of the French Revolutionary Wars in operations with Vice-Admiral *Lord Keith's* fleet. After refitting, and spending time on blockades, she formed part of *Lord Nelson's* fleet at the Battle of Trafalgar, and was heavily involved in the fighting, sustaining casualties of 10 killed and 34 wounded.