

The Dutch Naval Strength 1 January 1788

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In 1788 a list was published of the Dutch naval strength and in fact made known to the entire world including potential enemies what the condition was of our navy. For more information about individual ships or (earlier) lists see on this weblog. The information dealing with the smaller vessels in the list below wasn't always clear if those ships were built or bought. Regarding other notes most of them were bought.

Willem de Eerste, 70 guns, admiralty of the Maze, built 1785, new
Staaten Generaal, 70 guns, admiralty of the Maze, built 1786, lying at Rotterdam, new
Admiraal Generaal, 70 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, lying in the Oude Veer, useless, not able to go to sea anymore
Vryheid, 70 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1782, lying in the Oude Veer, [returned from a voyage?]
Jupiter, 70 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1782, lying in the Oude Veer, [returned from a voyage?]
Neptunus, 70 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1783 lying at Amsterdam, new
Prins Maurits, 70 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1783, lying at Amsterdam, new
De 7 Provinciën, 70 guns, admiralty of the Noorderkwartier, built 1783, lying at Amsterdam, new
Vriesland, 70 guns, admiralty of Friesland, built 1783, lying at Harlingen, new
Stad en lande, 70 guns, admiralty of Friesland, built 1783, lying at Harlingen, new
Prins Frederik, 68 guns, admiralty of the Maze, built 1777, lying at Helvoet (=Hellevoetsluis)), good condition
Cortenaar, 68 guns, admiralty of the Maze, built 1780, lying at Helvoet (=Hellevoetsluis)), good condition
Hercules, 68 guns, admiralty of the Maze, built 1781, lying at Helvoet (=Hellevoetsluis)), good condition
Prins Willem, 68 guns, admiralty of the Maze, built 1781, lying at Helvoet (=Hellevoetsluis)), good condition
Wassenaar, 68 guns, admiralty of the Maze, built 1782, lying at Helvoet (=Hellevoetsluis)), good condition
Rotterdam, 68 guns, admiralty of the Maze, built 1782, lying at Helvoet (=Hellevoetsluis)), good condition
Dordrecht, 68 guns, admiralty of the Maze, built 1783, lying at Helvoet (=Hellevoetsluis)), good condition
Amsterdam, 68 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1764, lying in the Oude Veer as guardship
Admiraal de Ruyter, 68 guns, built 1779, admiralty of Amsterdam, lying at Amsterdam, good condition
Gelderland, 68 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1781, lying at Amsterdam, being repaired
Utrecht, 68 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1781, lying at Amsterdam, being repaired
Overijssel, 68 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1781, lying at Amsterdam, being repaired
Cerberus, 68 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1784, lying at Amsterdam, new
Haarlem, 68 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1785, lying at Amsterdam, new
Leyden, 68 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1786, lying at Amsterdam, new
Gouda, 68 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, on stocks 1787
Zuid-Beveland, 68 guns, admiralty of Zeeland, built 1747, lying at Flushing as guardship

Zeelandia, 68 guns, admiralty of Zeeland, built 1782, lying at Flushing, new
 West-Friesland, 68 guns, admiralty of the Noorderkwartier, built 1783, lying at Medemblik, new
 Noord-Holland, 68 guns, admiralty of the Noorderkwartier, built 1783, lying in the Oude Veer at
 Hoorn, good condition
 Hoop, 68 guns, admiralty of the Noorderkwartier, built 1783, lying in the Oude Veer, new
 Verwagting, 68 guns, admiralty of the Noorderkwartier, built 1783, lying in the Oude Veer, new
 Herstelder, 68 guns, admiralty of the Noorderkwartier, built 1783, lying at Hoorn, new
 Pluto, 68 guns, admiralty of the Noorderkwartier, built 1783, lying at Medemblik, new
 Admiraal de Vries, 68 guns, admiralty of Friesland, built 1783, lying in the Oude Veer [returned
 from a voyage?]
 Oostergo, 68 guns, admiralty of Friesland, built 1784, lying at Harlingen, new
 Westergo, 68 guns, admiralty of Friesland, built 1784, lying at Harlingen, new
 Zevenwolden, 68 guns, , admiralty of Friesland, built 1784, lying at Harlingen, new
 Schiedam, 50 guns, Admiralty of the Maze, built 1745, lying at Helvoet (=Hellevoetshuis),
 unsuitable for sea duties
 Admiraal Tromp, 56 guns, admiralty of the Maze, built 1777, lying at Helvoet (=Hellevoetshuis),
 good condition
 Delft, 56 guns, admiralty of the Maze, in service 1782, good condition
 Brakel, 56 guns, admiralty of the Maze, in service 1782, good condition
 Glinthorst, 56 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1754, lying in the Oude Veer, useless
 Princes Louisa, 56 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1768, in the Dutch East Indies
 Admiraal Piet Hein, 56 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1774, lying in the Noorderdiep
 Batavier, 56 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1779, lying at Amsterdam, being repaired
 Goes, 56 guns, admiralty of Zeeland, built 1781, lying at Flushing, good condition
 Alkmaar, 56 guns, admiralty of the Noorderkwartier, built 1781, lying at Hoorn, good condition
 Beschermmer, 56 guns, admiralty of the Noorderkwartier, built 1781, in the Dutch East Indies
 Castor, one gundeck, 40 guns, admiralty of the Maze, built 1781, good condition
 Pollux, one gundeck, 40 guns, admiralty of the Maze, built 1781, good condition
 Centaurus, one gundeck, 40 guns, admiralty of the Maze, built 1781, good condition
 Zuyleveld, 2 gundecks, 44 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1775, lying in the Noorderdiep,
 hospital ship
 Medea, one gundeck, 40 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1782, lying at Amsterdam, good
 condition
 Hector, 2 gundecks, 40 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1784, lying at Amsterdam, good
 condition
 Tholen, 40 guns, admiralty of Zeeland, built 1782, lying at Flushing, new
 Monnikendam, 40 guns, admiralty of the Noorderkwartier, built 1782, lying at Enkhuizen, good
 condition
 Pallas, 40 guns, admiralty of Friesland, built 1781, lying at harlingen
 Harlingen, 40 guns, admiralty of Friesland, built 1782, lying at Harlingen
 Ceres, 36 guns, admiralty of the Maze, built 1766, in the Dutch East Indies
 Jason, 36 guns, admiralty of the Maze, built 1770
 Briel, 36 guns, admiralty of the Maze, built 1786, lying at Helvoet (=Hellevoetsluis), new
 't Hof Zouburg, 36 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1767, in the Mediterranean
 Amphitrite, 36 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1768, in the Dutch East Indies
 Amazone, 36 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1768, lying in the Noorderdiep, good condition
 Zephier, 36 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1786, new
 On stocks, 36 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, 1788 at Amsterdam
 Brunswyk, 36 guns, admiralty of Zeeland, 1761, lying at Flushing
 Wilhelmina, 26 guns, admiralty of Zeeland, 1788 on stocks at Flushing

Medemblik, 36 guns, admiralty of the Noorderkwartier, 1779 in service
 Jager, 36 guns, admiralty of the Noorderkwartier, 1786 built, lying at Hoorn, new
 Eensgezindheid, 36 guns, admiralty of Friesland, built 1779, lying at Harlingen
 Orange Zaal, 20 guns, admiralty of the Maze, built 1751, in the Dutch East Indies
 Arend, 20 guns, admiralty of the Maze, bought 1768
 Scipio, 20 guns, admiralty of the Maze, built 1781, in the Dutch East Indies
 Venus, 24 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1768, lying at Amsterdam, good condition
 Waakzaamheid, 24 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1769, lying in the Noorderdiep, good condition
 Valk, 24 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 17670, in the Dutch East Indies
 Alarm, 24 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1774, lying at Amsterdam, good condition
 Dolphyn, 24 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 17674, in the Mediterranean
 Zeepaart, 24 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 17680, in the Mediterranean
 Thetis, 24 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1785, in the Dutch West Indies
 Walcheren, 24 guns, admiralty of Zeeland, built at Flushing 1787, in good condition
 Minerva, 24 guns, admiralty of Zeeland, on stocks at Veere 1788
 Hoorn, 24 guns, admiralty of the Noorderkwartier, built 1779, in the Dutch East Indies
 Enkhuyzen, 24 guns, admiralty of the Noorderkwartier, built 1779
 On stocks, 24 guns, admiralty of the Noorderkwartier, 1787 on stocks at Enkhuizen
 Sirene, 24 guns, admiralty of Friesland, built 1787, lying at Harlingen, new
 cutter Brak, 18 guns, admiralty of the Maze, bought 1781
 Sperwer, 20 guns, admiralty of the Maze, bought 1782
 Weesp, 20 guns admiralty of the Maze, bought 1784
 Phanter, 20 guns, admiralty of the Maze, bought 1784
 brigantine Beschutter, 20 guns admiralty of the Maze, bought 1784
 brigantine Leeuw, 20 guns admiralty of the Maze, bought 1784
 brigantine Beschermmer, 14 guns, admiralty of the Maze, bought 1784
 brigantine Kempphaan, 12 guns, admiralty of the Maze, bought 1784
 hooker Raaf, 12 guns, admiralty of the Maze, bought 1784
 hooker Maasnymph, 12 guns admiralty of the Maze, bought 1784
 hooker Zeehond, 12 guns, admiralty of the Maze, bought 1784
 hooker Looper, 12 guns, admiralty of the Maze, bought 1784
 hooker Vigilantie, 12 guns, admiralty of the Maze, bought 1784
 advice yacht Posteljon, admiralty of the Maze, bought 1782
 bomschuyt Schiltpat, admiralty of the Maze, bought 1787
 snow Zwaluw, 12 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1772, lying at Amsterdam, good condition
 frigate Havik, 18 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1783, lying at Amsterdam, good condition
 frigate Lynx, 12 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1782, in the Dutch East Indies
 cutter Mercuur, 16 guns, admiralty of Maze, built 1781, lying at Amsterdam, in good condition
 brig Pyl, 16 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, built 1785, in the Dutch East Indies
 Rheebok, 20 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, bought 1783, lying at Amsterdam, useless
 brig Vliegende Vis, 20 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, bought 1783, lying at Amsterdam, useless
 bark Post, 20 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, bought 1783, in service
 cutter Salamander, 18 guns, admiralty of Amsterdam, bought 1783, lying at Amsterdam, in good condition
 De twee schepjes, admiralty of Amsterdam, Lying at Amsterdam, built or bought 1788?
 2 gunboats, admiralty of Amsterdam, bought 1785, lying at Amsterdam, good condition
 2 luggers, admiralty of Amsterdam
 brig Meermin, 16 guns, admiralty of Zeeland, bought 1784, lying at Flushing
 schooner Dolphyn, 10 guns, admiralty of Zeeland, built 1781, lying at Flushing

cutter Zee Meuw, 8 guns, admiralty of Zeeland, built 1781
Galathe, 16 guns, admiralty of Zeeland
Flora, 10 guns, admiralty of Zeeland
Diana, 10 guns, admiralty of Zeeland
Expeditie, 20 guns, admiralty of Noorderkwartier, bought 1781
cutter Snelheid, 12 guns, admiralty of Friesland, lying at Harlingen

Source: *Nieuwe Nederlandsche jaarboeken of vervolg der Merkwaaardigste geschiedenissen, die voorgevallen zyn in de Vereenigde Provincie, de Generaliteits landen, en de Voortplantingen van den Staat*, part 23, P. van der Eyk and D. Vygh at Leiden, 1788, p. 74-78.

20 March altered the number of guns for the Venus, must be 24 instead 124 guns.