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500th anniversary of Henry VIII's accession



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When Henry VIII arrived in Portsmouth in 1545 to see his King's Fleet defend the shores from what was the greatest foreign threat of his reign, little did he know that almost 500 years later millions of visitors would still travel to Portsmouth to remember the occasion.

His destination was Southsea Castle, which was built in haste for the King just one year earlier in 1544, to defend Portsmouth. He feared an attack by the French and this was to become a reality in July 1545.

As the King looked on from the Castle, leading his fleet was his favourite warship Mary Rose. She was a Portsmouth-built ship, commissioned in 1509 just as the young King took to the throne and had served him faithfully for many years.

What happened next shocked the King and country. On her way to engage with the French in battle, the ship was to sink in full view of the King. It was a national tragedy and a severe blow to Henry's ambitions.

Since then, Southsea Castle and the Mary Rose have been inextricably linked.



'Mary Rose sinking' -
a highlight from the Cowdray engraving.



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*1/2 PRICE entry voucher to Southsea Castle is available on 1 of 4 tickets purchased at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. Please specify at the time of purchase if you wish to claim this offer.

Opening Hours: Southsea Castle and Mary Rose are open everyday from 10am - 5pm (Apr - Oct). Last admission is 30 mins before closing.

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