

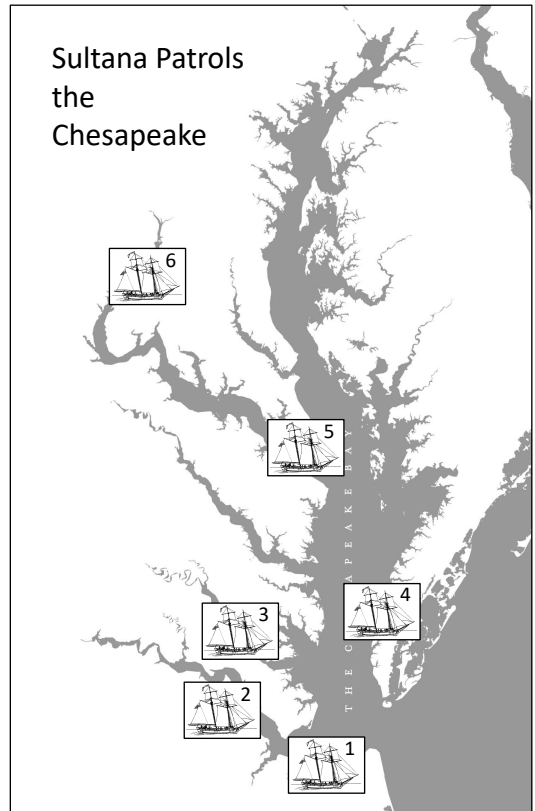


## Sultana Patrols the Chesapeake

The schooner Sultana spent nearly a year patrolling the Chesapeake Bay for smugglers while enforcing the Townshend Duties. Most of the schooner's time was spent near the mouth of the Bay, where the ship often anchored in Norfolk, Virginia. This was the perfect place for Sultana to be stationed, as crew members could easily spot ships leaving and entering the Chesapeake from this position. Other areas patrolled by Sultana included Williamsburg, Yorktown, Cape Charles, Mount Vernon, and the mouth of the Potomac River.

In the 18th century, ships from all over the world sailed into the Chesapeake to deliver imported goods to Maryland and Virginia. Sultana's logs from 1769-1770 show that crew members regularly searched incoming ships from England, Scotland, Portugal, and other countries in Europe. These vessels brought manufactured goods such as furniture, weapons, tools, wine, clothing and tea to the colonies. The logs also record incoming ships from Barbados, Jamaica, Antigua, and other islands in the West Indies. These boats brought products like sugar, molasses, raisins, and slaves to the Bay. Other ships entering the Chesapeake came from ports within the colonies such as Boston, Philadelphia, and New York. Many of the ships searched by Sultana were leaving the Bay with cargo bound for ports all over the world. Goods sent from Maryland and Virginia to ports overseas were called exports. Some of the major exports from the Chesapeake region during this time were corn, grain, tobacco, and lumber. It is interesting to note that corn and grain are still two of the most important items in the economies of these two states today.

After a year of hard work in the Chesapeake, Sultana was badly in need of repairs and fresh food. On August 11, 1770, the schooner set sail and headed north for a Royal Navy post in Halifax, Nova Scotia where the rigging and sails were repaired, and the ship was supplied with food and water. Except for a brief return in October 1770, Sultana never sailed in the Chesapeake Bay again.



Areas where Sultana patrolled the Bay included:  
1) Norfolk, 2) Williamsburg, 3) Yorktown, 4) Cape Charles,  
5) mouth of the Potomac River, and 6) Mount Vernon



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### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

DIRECTIONS: Read the text on the previous page, then answer the following questions in complete sentences. Write your answers on the lines provided.

1. Where did Sultana spend most of her time in the Chesapeake Bay? Why?

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2. What were some other areas that Sultana patrolled?

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3. What were some items imported to the Chesapeake Bay from Europe?

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4. Where were some items imported to the Chesapeake from the West Indies?

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5. What were four items exported from the Chesapeake in the 18<sup>th</sup> century?

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