

Can you think of anything else you might need?



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CAITHNESS

Harbours

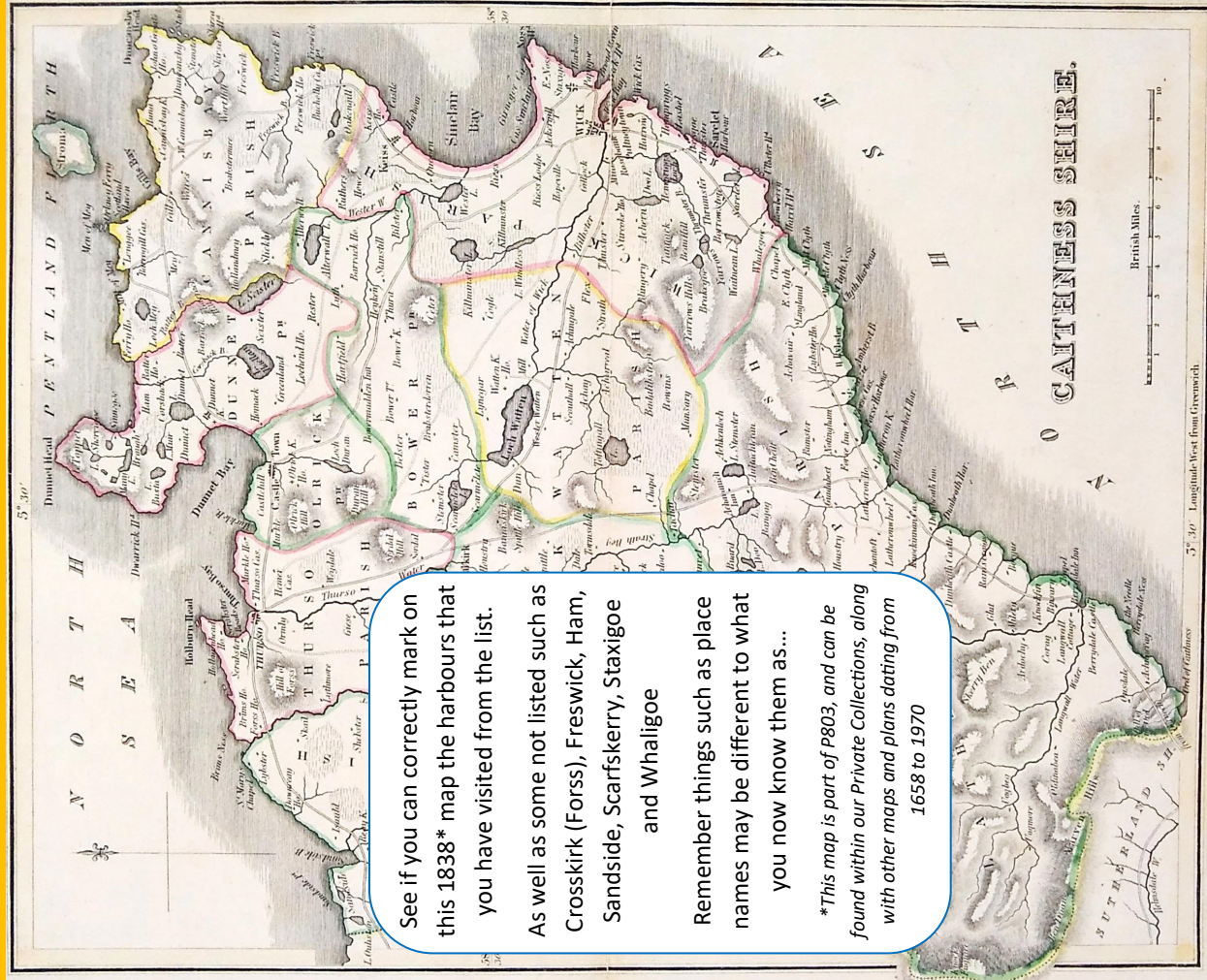
Caithness has had approximately 30 harbours, how many of them have you visited?

Below is a list of just some of the harbours in Caithness. Maybe you would like to tick them off as you visit them and record the date and/or a one word memory* of the day.

**One word memories are where you record just one or two words that sum up your experience and act like trigger words to help you remember that memory. For example, maybe it was hot that day and you had a picnic, so the memory would read 'sunny picnic.'*

	<input type="checkbox"/> Ackergill	<input type="checkbox"/> Keiss	
	MEMORY:	MEMORY:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Castlehill /Castletown	<input type="checkbox"/> Latheronwheel	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Dwarwick	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrabster	
	MEMORY:	MEMORY:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Gills Bay Pier	<input type="checkbox"/> Thurso	
	MEMORY:	MEMORY:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> John O'Groats	<input type="checkbox"/> Wick	
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CAITHNESS SHIRE.



See if you can correctly mark on this 1838* map the harbours that you have visited from the list.

As well as some not listed such as Crosskirk (Fors), Freswick, Ham, Sandside, Scarfskerry, Staxigoe and Whaligoe

Remember things such as place names may be different to what you now know them as...

**This map is part of P803, and can be found within our Private Collections, along with other maps and plans dating from 1658 to 1970*



Did you know...? Wick was the busiest harbour/port in all of Europe during the height of herring fishing in the 19th Century. In fact it was rumoured that at one point you could walk from one side of the harbour to the other without touching the water, there were that many vessels crammed in. In 1862, 1100 vessels alone were recorded as being based there for the season.

The Fishing Boats Register was created to keep track of the boats and crews of all fishing boats registered due to the Sea Fisheries Act 1868. The port letters and numbers had to be marked on each vessel, boats registered in Wick were given a **"WK"** registration.

We hold registers for Wick under our Customs and Excise Collection from 1869-1989 (CE113/11). See the listing for the boat "Maggie" from **CE113/11/12** below.

**When it was built
and who owned it**

**Registration
Number**

**Reason for
Removal from Register**

A.

Port Wick

Letters ✓

Name of Boat Maggie (If other than Letters of Port.)

Registered Number.			Port or Place to which Boat belongs. When and where built.	Description of Boat.		If Registered under Merchant Shipping Acts.		Length of Keel.	Lea
1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.		How propelled, Rig and Sail used.	Mode of Fishing.	Official Number	Port Number and Year.		
		243	Dunnitt	Sailing Lugger. Sprit sail and jib	Lines and nets			12'	16
			Unknown						
Names, Residence, and Description of the Owners and Number of Shares held by each Owner.			Alexander Sutherland of Ness, Dunnitt, in the county of Caithness, Crofter and Fisherman						

B. BILLS OF SALE, MORTGAGES, AND TRANSMISSIONS.

Col. 1.		Col. 2.	Col. 3.	Col. 4.	Col. 5.	Col. 6.
No. of Transaction with it a Mortgage Letter denoting same.		Date of Record.	No. of Shares Transferred.	Name of Person from whom Title derived.	Nature and date of Document or Transmission.	Name and description of person by whom Title acquired.
No.	Letter.					
		Boat unseaworthy. Ceased use. Registry closed. Certificate surrendered and cancelled J. Wallace Rgr 4/6/1934.				

Register

Go to a Harbour and see how many boats you can see—look carefully and see if you can find any with a **WK** registration.

Write down their **registration number** and **name** on the boats below.



Below is a wordsearch containing the names of some Caithness Harbours. Can you find them all?

A	J	F	G	M	R	I	I	X	Q	T	O	D	U	N	B	E	A	T	H
H	I	U	W	G	Z	D	B	W	N	V	N	P	W	J	S	E	L	G	T
A	C	D	L	A	T	H	E	R	O	N	W	H	E	E	L	X	Q	S	A
M	R	D	I	C	P	X	L	E	K	E	E	M	C	B	S	E	G	K	O
B	O	A	C	K	E	R	G	I	L	L	I	F	J	T	I	R	P	E	N
C	S	R	W	X	Y	S	U	C	E	D	W	W	I	P	E	K	T	I	S
F	S	E	H	G	T	D	L	C	H	G	I	G	J	G	T	Y	X	S	Z
K	K	U	A	S	E	Z	Y	A	G	O	M	T	S	C	O	G	I	S	A
M	I	M	L	C	M	I	B	S	Q	L	F	H	V	Q	C	P	Y	C	L
U	R	O	I	R	G	M	S	T	H	Y	R	U	S	B	V	J	B	C	C
V	K	W	G	A	Q	Q	T	L	Q	X	C	R	C	K	N	D	I	N	V
S	Y	V	O	B	G	H	E	E	J	F	U	S	A	W	W	E	O	Q	E
A	D	O	E	S	E	P	R	H	Q	J	R	O	R	T	T	Q	M	U	X
N	W	O	D	T	A	Y	Z	I	U	J	H	E	F	N	N	T	R	L	V
D	A	A	C	E	B	L	C	L	L	N	L	B	S	G	K	H	K	F	I
S	R	K	G	R	S	X	C	L	E	L	O	R	K	W	P	W	I	C	K
I	W	Y	L	X	Q	O	N	E	O	S	H	M	E	S	I	D	Q	E	X
D	I	F	Z	J	G	F	L	O	T	M	F	U	R	X	E	C	D	B	V
E	C	X	A	U	C	H	S	Q	D	F	Q	F	R	F	C	F	K	V	M
G	K	H	B	B	X	Z	B	Q	O	H	I	U	Y	B	H	U	I	G	T

Ackergill

Castlehill

Crosskirk

Dunbeath

Dwarwick

Freswick

Ham

Keiss

Latheronwheel

Lybster

Sandside

Scarfskerry

Scrabster

Thurso

Whaligoe

Wick

Did you know...? That at Nucleus: The Nuclear and Caithness Archives centre, we hold thousands of records, dating back as far as 1469, including maps, diaries, manuscripts, photographs, and much more. Many of these items are related to Caithness and its many harbours, as well as the fishing industry. In fact we hold the Customs and Excise records for the port of Wick, and the Wick Harbour Trust records, to name just a few.


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Boardgame

Information and Instructions



What is a Harbour Master...?



A harbour master is an official responsible for enforcing the regulations of a particular harbour or port.



What are the Harbour Master Log Books...?



The harbour master log books are an endless source of official declarations, of harbouring and passing ships, of social unrest in the town, of tragic deaths at sea and on land, of unthinkable violent storms and gales.



Here at **Nucleus: The Nuclear and Caithness Archives**, we hold the annual log books for the years 1849-1890 in their entirety. These years saw the peak of the herring fishing trade, particularly in Wick, and its subsequent decline as depleting fish stocks and emigration made their mark. Moreover, this was the time of great seasonal emigration, with people coming from inland or from over the sea (such as the Western Isles and Hebrides).



This influx of people coming from different backgrounds, with different cultures and languages, at times caused emotions to run high. This can be seen in the riots such as the War of the Orange in 1859 (which started over a piece of fruit) and the Trawler Riots of 1885. The sea itself will stand mountainous within the entries of 1872, along with the failed attempts of the Stevenson's to tame the mighty waves with their repeatedly destroyed breakwater.



Each day has an entry, some extremely short, perhaps simply noting the sighting of a passing steamer or the quality and quantity of herring caught. Others are very lengthy



Want to know more about the Harbour Master Log Books or see some digital copies....? Then why not visit the Nucleus website: Stories from the Archive Blog, The Harbour Master Log Books 1859, 1872 & 1885, <https://www.highlifehighland.com/nucleus-nuclear-caithness-archives/stories-from-the-archive-ii/>

Materials Required

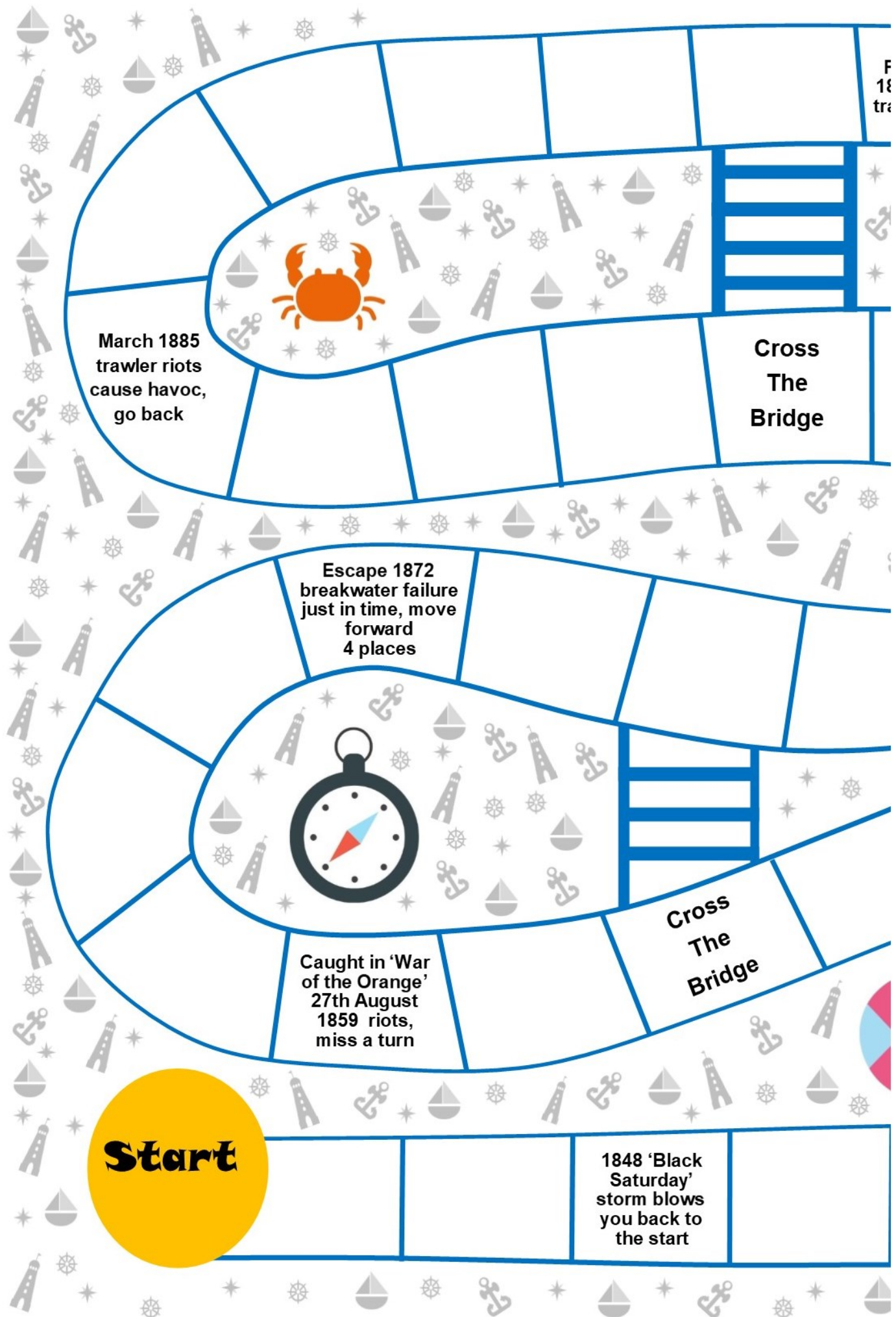
To play you will need the following:

- The boardgame template (see over the page)
- A dice (just one should suffice)
- Some game pieces-You can carefully cut out and use our boats from the Fishing Boat Registry activity (or consider using different coloured buttons or coins)

How to Play

Start by rolling the dice to see who rolls the largest number; they will be the player who goes first. Then going clockwise around the players, each person takes a turn by rolling the dice and moving their counter the appropriate amount of places. If you land on a square with writing be sure to follow the instructions on it. First to the finish line is the winner!





Herring
fisheries Act
1889, unable to
awl, go back 5
places

Make the boardgame
personal by colouring
it in

Finish

Norse
giantesses
hold you in
their Swilkie
whirlpool,
miss a
turn

Helped by the
Ollrig selkie,
move forward
3 places

Cross
The
Bridge

