

## Mudford Smugglers' Run Audio Trail Transcript

### 8. THE PHOENIX – AND A SEA BATTLE OFF THE ISLE OF WIGHT

[Sound of the sea, choppy, men yelling, gunfire, explosions]

JOHN Get down! Do you want the French to blow your brains clear from your head?! The Phoenix has sixteen guns but it won't stop incoming fire!

[JOHN fires a gun] Gah! A near miss!

I am not a man who gives up easily. When the government seized the Phoenix for having a bit of brandy and baccy on board, I couldn't pay the £55 to reclaim her. Absolute fortune! I had to become a privateer to make money. [To enemy vessel as he fires] take this!

[JOHN fires a gun]

I got an Admiralty licence to go after enemy ships. Attack and capture. I did, until I had the money to buy back the Phoenix and arm her! Hang on – [to enemy vessel] get a load of this!

[JOHN fires a gun. Then hoots triumphantly]

Yes! Let's bring the Phoenix in closer. See the white flag they wave.

It's over for them. C'mon, friend! Let's take that ship back to Poole and claim the Admiralty prize – that award's my ticket home to Mudford.