



Ships named *Discovery*

TIMELINE

The first recorded *Discovery* was owned by the East India Company in the 17th century



In 1901, perhaps the most famous *Discovery* was launched in Dundee and, under the command of Commander Robert Falcon Scott, undertook the National Antarctic Expedition of 1901–04.

She was designated a Royal Research Ship in 1925 and began the *Discovery* Investigations to enable study of the great whales in the Southern Ocean

“...the ties which bound us to the Discovery were very far beyond the ordinary...” Commander Robert Falcon Scott



RRS *Discovery II*, launched in Glasgow in 1929, continued research begun by the *Discovery* into whale populations and the chemical and hydrographical properties of the Southern Ocean.



RRS *Discovery* was launched in Aberdeen in 1962. Her 382 cruises included surveying the ocean floor, measuring ocean currents, monitoring climate change, and discovering new species. A refit in 1992 extended her life until 2012 when she departed the National Oceanography Centre in Southampton on 21 December for the last time, watched by many who had sailed on her during a half century of service to UK marine science

The present RRS *Discovery* was launched in Vigo, Spain in 2012 and named by HRH The Princess Royal on 10 October 2013.

Discovery will continue the work of her illustrious predecessors in enhancing our knowledge of the ocean

