

# WHITE UNIFORMS of the ROYAL NAVY



## No 1 DRESS

1AW

1BW

1CW

FORMAL DRESS/ UNDRESS



OFFICERS

WARRANT  
OFFICERS  
& SENIOR  
RATINGSJUNIOR  
RATINGS

Description

When worn

Notes

## No 2 DRESS

2AW

2BW

2CW

FORMAL EVENING DRESS/ UNDRESS

NO  
EQUIVALENT  
RIGNO  
EQUIVALENT  
RIGBall dress with  
white waistcoat  
(cummerbund for  
female officers)  
with miniature  
medals.Occasions of  
major ceremony  
when evening  
dress is  
appropriate.Mess undress  
worn with  
cummerbund/  
miniature  
medals.

Mess functions.

Red sea rig.

Informal  
evening wear in  
ships and  
establishments.

## No 3 DRESS

3AW

3BW

3CW

GENERAL DUTY RIG

Short sleeve  
shirt, long white  
trousers white  
shoes.Semi formal  
day rig.Short sleeve  
shirt, shorts,  
shoes &  
long socks.Informal  
day rig.

Working rig.

Usually only  
worn at sea.

## No 4 DRESS

4W (I)

IAWD

Improved Action  
Working Dress  
(IAWD)  
(Fire Retardant).AWD will be worn  
as directed and  
with jersey HW  
as required.Collars may be  
worn up or down  
as required.

## No 5 DRESS

5W

WORK

Illustrative  
working rigs  
worn at sea and  
ashore.

Captains (male officers) and above may optionally wear gold laced/plain blue mess trousers.  
Mess undress optional for WO/SRs. (alternative is No 1CW).  
Female personnel may optionally wear skirts ashore.

Normal daily Working Rig ashore; may be worn at sea, as directed. Female personnel may optionally wear skirts ashore or white tropical dresses ashore.