

Zwan, fireship, M, 1665; foundered later in 1665
 Zwarte Leeuw, ?? guns, A, 1667 (hired)
 Zwarte Paard, ?? guns, A, 1667 (hired)
 Zwolle, 16, M, 1665 (hired)

WAR WITH FRANCE, 1672-1678

(For 1672-74 the Netherlands were also at war with England, the “Third Anglo-Dutch War”, although the English weren’t heavily engaged in 1674.)

Commanders -

- Main fleet led by Michael de Ruyter, 1672-75
- For the 1676 campaign, the fleet was split into two portions:
 - Mediterranean Squadron - M. de Ruyter, to April 1676; Jan den Haen, April-June 1676; Philips van Almonde, June-Dec 1676
 - Baltic Squadron - Cornelis Tromp, 1676
- Main fleet reunited for rest of the war - Led by C. Tromp, 1677-78

Ship List

There is some reason to believe this list, particularly for the smaller vessels, is incomplete. By comparison with the number of ships hired or otherwise commissioned in the war years of the 1660’s and again in the late 1680’s, it seems strange that in the even more desperate struggle of the 1670’s the Dutch wouldn’t have expanded the navy to a greater extent. This is merely surmise on my part, but seems a reasonable question.

Agatha, 50, A, 1665-90

Akerboom, 60-62, A, 1664-89

Alcion, 24, U, 1676-77; prize - French vessel [per-1672] driven ashore in action

Alkmaar (Wapen van Alkmaar), 60-64, N, 1666-93

Amsterdam, 50-68, A, 1653-89

Asperen, 32-36, A, 1656-89

Bark, 24, A, 1666-92

Beschermer, 50-54, A, 1665-77; captured by French

Blauwe Reiger, 1665-90 - see Reigersbergen

Bommel, 24-26, A, 1668-88

Brak, 20-24, A, 1666-93

Brak, 34-36, F, 1666-91

Bruinvisch, 20, A, 1675-96 (finally as a fireship)

Caleb, 40-50, N, 1654-74