



The keel of Constitution was laid as a 74 gun line of battleship but was launched, on Oct. 21, 1797, as a one gundeck ship and classified as a frigate.

During the war of 1812 Constitution was a problem to English shipping on account of her speed and broadside gun power. Between 16th & 20th July, 1812, she was chased by English ships Africa,

Guerriere, Belvidera, Aeolus and Shannon but made good her escape.

22. La persecución del Constitution
16-20 July, 1812

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On ~~March~~ March 3, 1769, Santísima Trinidad, the largest warship of the 18th century with four gun decks, was launched at the Royal Shipyard at Havana. She was the seventh Spanish ship to be so named since the ill-fated Spanish Armada.

On 14 Feb. 1797, Santísima Trinidad avoided capture by the English at the Battle of Cape St. Vincent but was eventually scuttled by the English in the storm following Trafalgar in 1805.

23. Santísima Trinidad:
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