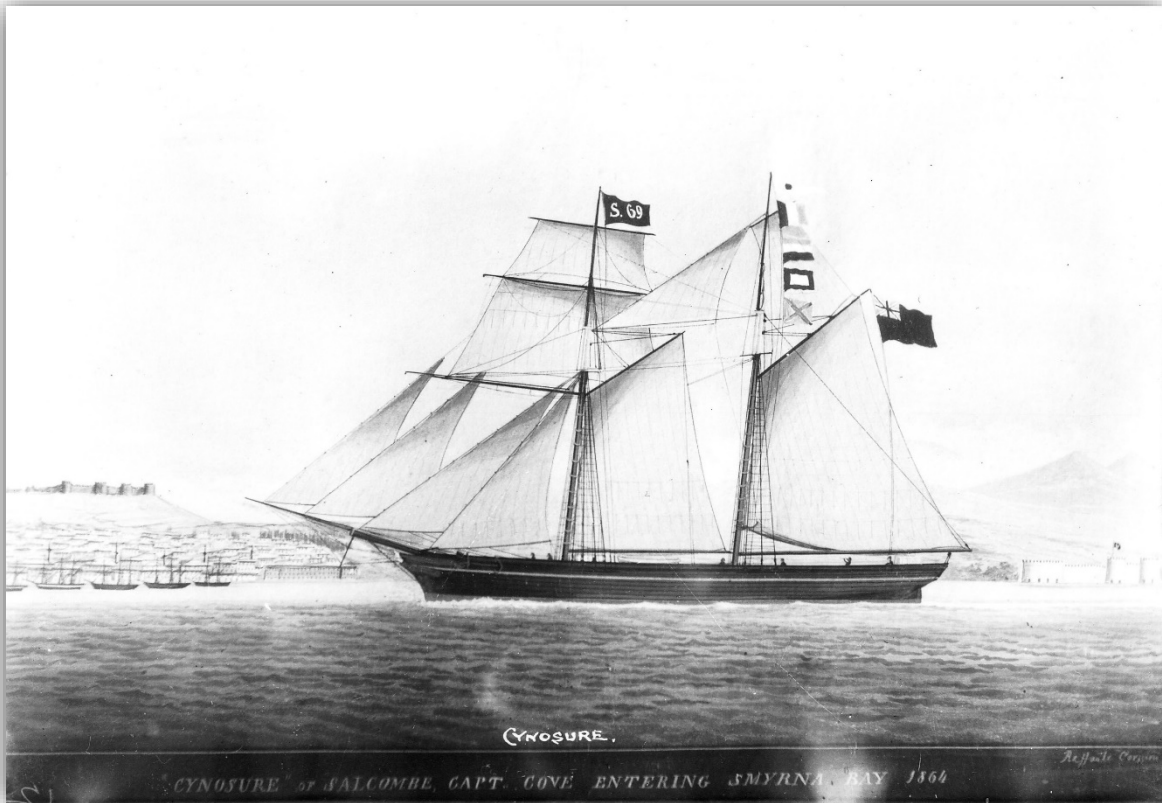


## Cynosure



**Schooner, 155 tons gross, 139 net, built in Salcombe in 1840 by William Bonker, owner Henry Grant & Co., official no. 5408**

Masters: F.Yabsley, Nathaniel Yabsley 1840, 1845, 1847, 1849-58, 1861-2, Wm. Peter Yabsley, 1853, 1855, M.P. (Michael Patey?) Yabsley 1853-4, Joseph Jarvis jnr. 1855, Henry Laphorne 1856-7, William Lambie 1857-8, Robert Witheridge 1862-3, Philip Chadder Cove 1864/5, George Wills 1865-6, Henry Crocker 1865-6

Fate: 1866 Feb. 27, Lost at Zaffi, Morocco. Crew saved

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1841: Cynosure, schooner, master Yabsley, 155 tons, 139 tons new measurement, built in May 1840 at Salcombe, owner Grant & Co., home port Kingsbridge, port of survey Dartmouth, 12 years A1 from 1840, yellow metalled 1840

1842: damage repairs 1842, Dartmouth coaster

1844: 12 years A1 from 1842

1846: master N.Yabsley, destined voyage Liverpool Ancona, 12 years A1 from 1846, yellow metalled 1846

1848, 1850: 12 years A1 from April 1849, yellow metalled 1849, new keelson and some repairs 1849

1854, 1856: damage repairs 1851, some repairs 1853, Liverpool survey port, continuation survey 1852, 12 years A1 from 1853, yellow metalled 1851

1858: destined voyage Dartmouth Medit, special survey 1856, class AE1 12 years, damage repairs 1858, some repairs 1857, yellow metalled 1858. Listed as a snow not a schooner

1860: destined voyage Dartmouth Coaster, 12 years AE1 from 1859

1862: schooner, master R. Witheridge, some repairs 1860 and 1862, 12 years AE1 1862  
1864: master N.Yabsley, Dartmouth Medit12 years AE1, June 1863  
1865: ditto, marked wrecked

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1864: Cynosure, official no. 5408, registered at Dartmouth

#### Sailing History

1840 Dec 21 (Morning Post) Liverpool Dec 20, entered for loading, Cynosure, Yabsley, for Beyrout and Alexandretta,

1841 Jan 8 (Morning Post) Liverpool Jan 7, cleared outwards Cynosure, Yabsley for Beyrout and Alexandretta

1841 Sept 24 (Liverpool Mercury) Liverpool, entered for loading, Cynosure, Yabsley, 138, for Leghorn, G.Yates & Co.

1842 Aug 11 (Caledonian Mercury) Gibraltar, July 28, arrived Cynosure, Yabsley

1842 Aug 26 (Cornwall Royal Gazette) Falmouth, Saturday, arrived Cynosure, Yabsley from Palermo

1843 Sept 22 (Morning Post) Liverpool, Sept 21, arrived Cynosure, Yabsley, from Palermo

1843 Nov 15 (Morning Post) Liverpool Nov 11, sailed Cynosure, Yabsley for Trieste

1844 Jan 12 (Liverpool Mercury) Messina, Dec 12, Cynosure, Yabsley from Liverpool sailed for Trieste

1844 March 1 (Liverpool Mercury) Trieste, Feb 10, Cynosure sailed for the Clyde

1844 June 20 (Caledonian Mercury) , Cynosure, Yabsley at Gibraltar, from Glasgow

1844 Aug 6 (Morning Post) Custom House, London, Aug 5, entered inwards, Cynosure, Yabsley from Malta

1845 April 19 (Morning Post) Liverpool April 18, cleared outwards, Cynosure, Yabsley for Ancona

1845 May 23 (Liverpool Mercury) Cynosure, Yabsley from Liverpool, off Gibraltar 5th May and sailed for Ancona

1845 Sept 20 (Bristol Mercury) Bristol, came in, the Cynosure, Yabsley from Smyrna.

1845 Sept 27 (Bristol Mercury) Bristol Imports, in the Cynosure from Smyrna, 254 bales of skins and 26 tons of valonia for G.Whittall

1846 June 30 (Standard, London) June 5, Cynosure of Salcombe off Gibraltar

1846 Sept 29 (Morning Post) spoken with Sept 24, Cynosure of Salcombe for Liverpool, in lat 48N, long 7

1847 Feb 13 (Bristol Mercury) Bristol, came in the Cynosure, Yabsley from Zante. Bristol Imports, in the Cynosure from Zante, 74 butts, 51 caroteels and 76 barrels of currants, 2000lbs of fustic and one case of honey for Wedmore and Claypole; order 74 butts, and 51 caroteels of currants

1847 June 7 (Morning Post) Cynosure, Yabsley, arrived At Salcombe spoke with vessels in the Straits of Gibraltar on May 18

1847 Nov 6 (Bristol Mercury) Bristol, came in, the Cynosure, Yabsley from Zante. Bristol Imports, in the Cynosure, form Zante, 3030lbs of fustic, 121 butts, 119 caroteels, 111 barrels of currants for Budgett & Co.; 20 butts of currants for B.Ogden and 3 barrels of currants, 4 boxes of lemond and 12 jars of honey for N. Yabsley (master)

1847 Dec 11 Pilchards shipped from St. Ives, Cynosure 600 hogsheads and Compeer, 600 hogsheads (Royal Cornwall Gazette, 1848 March 3)

1850 Dec 29 (Lloyd's Weekly) The Cynosure, Yabsley from Newport to Naples put into Salcombe Dec 21, leaky with about 20 tons of iron rolling about.

1852 Jan 10 (Western Times) Salcombe, put in Cynosure, Yabsley, from London for Antigua

1852 Feb 12 (Daily News) Cynosure sailed from Salcombe on Feb 10 for Antigua

1852 Oct 29 (Liverpool Mercury) Liverpool, entered for loading, Cynosure, Yabsley, 138, Corfu etc, Vianna, Jones & Co.

1853 Aug 9 (Liverpool Mercury) Cynosure, Yabsley, sailed from Trieste on July 29 for Liverpool

1853 Sept 30 (Liverpool Mercury) Liverpool, entered for loading, Cynosure, Yabsley, 138, for Venice, McNair and Datton

1853 Nov 8 (Liverpool Mercury) Liverpool, Nov 4, sailed Cynosure, Yabsley for Venice, Reaper, Archer, St. Thomas

1854 March 31 (Newcastle Courant) Newcastle imports, Cynosure, Yabsley from Carrarasar (port of Carrara , north of Florence?) with 127 tons of velonia, 35 dunnage mats, G. Angus

1854 May 11 (EFP) Marriages - April 26 at Okehampton Mr. M.P. Yabsley, master of the trading schooner Cynosure of Salcombe, to Jane Cettle, fourth daughter of Mr. John James of the former place. - is this Michael Patey Yabsley?

1855 Sept 18 (Liverpool Mercury) Liverpool, entered for loading, Cynosure, Yabsley, 138 tons, for Malta, G.Louthean and Cross

1855 Dec 27 (Belfast Mercury) Dec 25, the schooner Cynosure, N. Yabsley master, at Belfast from Girgenti (Agrigento, Sicily) with a cargo of sulphur. Wm. Bond & Sons, consignees. Clotworthy & Pinkerton, agents

1856 March 21 (Belfast Newsletter) in port at Malta, March 12, Cynosure , Yabsley from Belfast

1856 May 7 (Belfast Newsletter) Corfu, April 11, arrived Cynosure, Yabsley from Gallipoli and Belfast

1856 June 17 (Lloyd's List) Off Malaga, before June 1, arrived Cynosure, Yabsley, from Alexandria

1857 Jan 12. Cynosure on a voyage from Leghorn to Liverpool with a general cargo was partially dismasted at 7.30am, 70 miles south west of Saltees in a furious gale (wind Force 11, W to NW) and high sea which struck the ship and laid her on her beam ends. She bore up for Milford, much damaged, to discharge and repair. The vessel was insured for £700 in London (House of Commons Papers Vol 10, part 1, Reports from Commisioners, Ports of Refuge)

1857 Jan 17 (Liverpool Daily Post) Liverpool, Jan 16, arrived Cynosure, Yabsley, from Leghorn

1857 April 10 (Belfast Newsletter) at Malta, March 26, Cynosure, Yabsley from Liverpool

1859 Jan 18 (Western Daily Press) Pill and Kingroad, Jan 17, arrived and passed to Bristol, Cynosure, Yabsley, from Messina

1859 Feb 2 (Western Daily Press) Pill and Kingroad, Feb1, sailed Cynosure, Yabsley, for Newport

1859 March 31 sailed from Salcombe to Cardiff.

1859 Aug. 13 arrived at Smyrna.

1859 Dec 6 (Caledonian Mercury) Palermo, Nov 23, sailed the Cynosure, Yabsley, for the Clyde

1860 Feb 7 (Liverpool Mercury) Liverpool, Feb 2, sailed Cynosure, Yabsley for Lisbon

1860 Feb 22 (Morning Post) spoken with Feb 13, Cynosure of Salcombe, outward bound, at 47N, 10W

1860 July 7 (KG)Salcombe, arrived July 3, Cynosure, from Newcastle

1861 Feb. 23 (KG) On Wednesday night during a fearful storm 'Idea' dragged her anchors (in Salcombe harbour) and fouled the 'Cynosure' carrying away her jib boom.

1861 April 6 Ships in Salcombe on census night: Cynosure 138 tons, registered Salcombe, Capt. Nathaniel Yabsley, coaster.

1861 July 3 (Public Ledger) Custom House, London, entered inwards, July 2, Cynosure, Yabsley, from Mazegan, in the River, broker Hurrell

1861 August 26 (Public Ledger) Salcombe, Aug 21, sailed the Cynosure, Yabsley for Labrador

1862 March 28 (Public Ledger) Custom House, London, entered inwards, March 27, Cynosure, Yabsley, from Smyrna, Canning Dock, broker Hurrell

1862 July 12 (KG) Salcombe, sailed July 5, Cynosure, for Wales

1864 unknown date – picture (see page 1) of 'Cynosure of Salcombe, Capt. Cove entering Smyrna Bay, 1864'

1864 July 16 (Liverpool Mail) Liverpool, sailed July 14, Cynosure, Cove, for Harbour Grace NFL

1865 March 4 (Public Ledger) Custom House, London, entered inwards, March 4, Cynosure, Cove, from Leghorn, Katherine Dock, broker Griffiths

1865 July 1 (KG) June 21, Cynosure sailed from ? For Porto?, Sardinia

1865 Sept 2 (Liverpool Mail) Cynosure from Porto Torres at Gibraltar  
1865 Oct. 14 (KG) Shares for sale. 4 of the 64 shares in the schooner Cynosure register 138 tons n.m., in good condition, well-found and new metalled. Now on voyage from Morocco. Mr. G. Wills, master.

1866 March 17 (KG) The Cynosure has been lost at Zaffi and the wreck sold. The crew are all saved and on their way home. Nothing more known. Ship insured by Salcombe Club for £400 and is the first vessel the Club has lost this year. (Another report says she was in ballast).

1866 June 30 (KG) at the annual meeting of the Salcombe Shipping Club it was reported that 'the club had been very fortunate during the past year, having lost but one vessel, the Cynosure, for which it is liable to the extent of £306, but about half of this will be recovered by the sale of the wreck'.

#### CYNOSURE - 1855

Master: Captain N. Yabsley

Rigging: Snow; sheathed in yellow metal in 1851; fastened with iron bolts

Tonnage: 153 tons using old measurements and 138 tons using new measurements

Construction: 1840 in Salcombe; new keelson & some repairs in 1849; repairs to damages in 1851; some repairs in 1853

Owners: Grant & Co.

Port of registry: Salcombe

Port of survey: Liverpool

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Cynosure was painted by the Italian ship portrait artist Giovanni Luzzo in 1853 leaving the port of Venice. Ship portrait: John Luzzo of Venice (fl.1855-75) The topsail schooner Cynosure leaving the Port of Venice' signed, inscribed and dated 'John Luzzo of Venice/1853/Schooner Cynosure Michael Yabsley Master Leaving the Port of Venice' pencil, pen, black ink and bodycolour 14½ x 22in. (37 x 56cm.)

Also painting Feb 1864 by Michele Funno owned by G. Maynard