

Man Powered Boats

Abreast from the West

Representing Canada, this group of Canadian breast cancer survivors will be proudly paddling in the flotilla in their dragonboat.



ArryPaye

A 32 foot Cornish Pilot Gig named 'ArryPaye' after the infamous Poole captain Harry Paye who was regarded as a pirate.

Artemis Diana

Paddled by a group of breast cancer survivors, they paddle to demonstrate that despite diagnosis they can still lead a very active life. They can usually be found paddling on Lake Windermere in Cumbria. The vessel has a bright pink hull, the dragon's head and tail are silver, pink and blue and it is adorned with streamers.

Arthur Tisdall VC, Lieutenancy of Dunbartonshire

A Thames Waterman Cutter belonging to Her Majesty's Royal Naval Reserve unit HMS President located near Tower Bridge.

Belle Founder

A Watermen's Cutter owned by the Worshipful Company of Founders, an ancient Livery Company.

Bembridge

A Solent Galley from Langstone Cutters Rowing Club. She is a rare traditional wooden racing boat. She currently holds the trophy for the fastest time around the Isle of Wight



Bien Trouvé Lieutenancy of Moray

The Moray Gig is a small fast sail training boat built in Findhorn to give the experience of sailing and rowing a traditional wooden boat to all in Moray, especially the young and disadvantaged. Her masts will be removed on Pageant day.

Bilbo

A River Wey Navigation Hire Skiff from the early 1900s. Crewed by ladies from Dittons Skiff Club.

Breann dan

The Currach, a traditional fishing boat from the West Coast of Ireland, was built in a back garden in Lincoln. The boat is made of steamed oak lathes attached to an upper frame of soft wood with deal stringers fore and aft. The whole is then covered with canvas tarred inside and out finished with lard to make it slide through the water. The oars are long and very thin to cope with the rough Atlantic seas. The crew are all over 55 and all from Lincolnshire.

Calon Dyfi

A Celtic longboat from Aberdyfi.



Centurion

Crewed by the Port of London Authority, Centurion is one of the newest of the current fleet of Thames Waterman Cutters.

Champion

A Chinese racing dragon boat paddled by fourteen team members of Pershore Phoenix Dragon Boat Club in Worcestershire, ably guided by their helm and drummer. On 11th June 2011, the then Mayor of Pershore, John Grantham MBE, performed the ancient ritual of “Awakening the Dragon” and actually dotted the eyes of this new boat. The eye dotting ceremony is a celebration of the beginning of the paddling season and carried out throughout the world to bless the boats and paddlers. The honoree literally bows three times to the dragon head and “dots” the eyes as a symbol to awaken the spirit of the dragon. He should think good thoughts and say, “awaken, awaken, awaken” while performing the task. Red paint is used mixed with a little river water and some earth from nearby. When a boat is brand new, it is necessary to “dot” the forehead (being the wisdom eye), the tongue, the body, and the tail of the dragon.

Cherub

Camping Skiff from about 1895, representing Norfolk Skiff Club.

Christopher Jones

A Felixstowe Clayton Skiff from Titchmarsh Rowers.

Clare

A Thames Skiff from 1880 used by the Worshipful Company Of Vintners in the annual Royal Swan Upping, an event that has taken place on the River Thames since the 12th century.



Coolrunnings

Formed in 1996 in the town of St Neots in Cambridgeshire, Coolrunnings is a dragonboat with a well established team who have been racing in the British Dragonboat League for 12 years. Dragon boat racing originated in China 2000 years ago and is now an international water sport, which grows in popularity every year. In this country, the British Dragon Boat Association

is the governing body and clubs up and down the land compete in the National League. There are also GB teams for various age groups of men and women.

Cunnigar Stinger

A Celtic Longboat from Llangwm Longboat Rowing Club.



Cwch John Kerr

Recognised by Heritage Afloat as the principal rowed craft representing Wales. Pembrokeshire “Bantry Bay” Gig, *Cwch John Kerr* (The Boat of John Kerr) is one of three replica 18th Century warships’ longboats taking part in the Pageant, the others being *Bien Trouvé* and *Intégrité*. The term ‘Bantry’ stems from the only survivor of this type, which was discovered intact in South West Ireland following the French abortive attempt to invade Britain via Ireland and Pembrokeshire in 1796. These 13 crew, 10 oared rowing and sailing vessels were adopted by the international Atlantic Challenge movement to provide training in traditional seamanship for young people.

Dancing Ledge

A Cornish Pilot Gig from Swanage Sea Rowing Club,

Deelizabeth

A Four Oared Thames Skiff from Deeside Scullers Rowing Club.

Dick Offer

A Thames Racing Skiff from The Skiff Club, the oldest skiff club on the River Thames dating back to 1895.



Dittons Skiff & Punting Club

WSPC Skiff SRA101/ SRA102 / Y2: These boats are Thames Racing Skiffs, which is a traditional clinker built wooden craft of a design unchanged for 100's of years. Skiffs have fixed rather than sliding seats, and the blades are held in thole pins at the side of the boat rather than outriggers. A double skiff is approximately 8 metres in length. These boats were built by John Cox of Eton College Boat House, to the specification laid down by the Skiff Racing Association (SRA) – the governing body of skiff racing, more than 60 years ago. Skiffs were originally used by ferry men on the Thames, then extensively as pleasure craft in Victorian and Edwardian times, popularised by Jerome K Jerome's Three Men in a Boat.

Wraysbury Dragons: The boat is a Traditional Chinese Dragon Boat, built by Champion Boats of China to an international specification. Dragon boat racing has ancient Chinese origins and its history has been traced back more than 2000 years. Today, dragon boat racing involves teams of up to twenty paddlers in a 40 foot boat with a drummer and helm. The 1st National Championships were held in October 1987 on the Serpentine Lake in London's Hyde Park, where 19 crews contested the 500m races. Wraysbury Dragons are 1 of only 2 crews still in existence that competed at these Championships. The crew has represented Great Britain at international races all over the world and most recently provided 10 members for various Great Britain Crews at the 2011 World Championships in Tampa, Florida coming back with 10 medals between them.



Easy Virtue

A Thames Double Skiff built by Sam Saunders in 1898 at his Springfield Boatyard Goring on Thames. Sam Saunders is acknowledged as one of the finest boat builders for both the river and open water. Extending his influence into aircraft and sea planes. A boat that has seen three centuries and is as good as the day she was built, Easy Virtue has been in the same ownership for over 40 years. During this time she has completed 18 trips from Lechlade to the tidal Thames, participated in the 750th Anniversary of the founding of Berlin and continues to be used enthusiastically throughout the year as a pleasure craft attending Henley Royal Regatta and many other events on the Thames.

F W Hancock

A 1930 Thames Racing Skiff from the oldest Skiff Club on the River Thames dating back to 1895.



Fear Not

A Cornish Pilot Gig from Devoran Pilot Gig Club. Fear Not was built by the late Ralph Bird who's home and workshop were in Devoran and who is widely credited with the post-war revival of Cornish Pilot Gig rowing. Fear Not is much loved and much

travelled. In addition to participation in the racing circuit round the South West coast she has been rowed the length of the Caledonian Canal in Scotland, round Ramsey Island off Wales and (when taking part in the Vogalonga) through the canals and the lagoon of Venice.

Fleetwing

A Celtic Longboat from Merioneth Yacht Club. The Club is located in Barmouth, on the edge of Snowdonia National Park giving access to Cardigan Bay one of the most picturesque sailing areas in Wales.



Francesco Querini

A Venetian Gondola from City Barge Rowing Club. The Querini's Disdatona is commanded and crewed by highly skilled and experienced Venetians to whom boats and boat handling are second nature. Venice has strong historical trading links with England. For King Charles II wedding procession two gondoli closely escorted the Royal Barge.



Fuut

A Thames Skiff from 1880 used in the annual Royal Swan Upping ceremony.

F W Hancock

A 1930 Thames Racing Skiff from the oldest Skiff Club on the River Thames dating back to 1895.

George

A Clinker Boat from the Glasgow Humane Society, the oldest practical life saving organisation in the world having had a full time officer since 1790. The George is a copy of a boat designed and built by B Parsonage MBE, the longest serving officer (61 years) and was designed specially for river rescue. Rowers will wear their Lifeboat insignia and a Glasgow Humane Society emblomed Red Ensign will be flown.



George Williams II

Thames Waterman Cutter of the Scientific Instrument Makers Livery rowed by a crew of women.



Gig Leander

A Cornish Pilot Gig from Britannia Royal Naval College. The gigs are used to give the Young Officers experience of boatmanship for recreation and competition. The Royal Naval College has a strong link with Her Majesty: her father, consort, two sons and one grandson have all trained there.

Gillian

A Thames Skiff built in 1908 by Henwood & Dean Boatbuilders Ltd. Gillian is a rarity, almost entirely original, beautifully restored and much loved and used by her current owner. She represents all that is good about the Thames boating tradition in terms of style - she was built in the Edwardian era the heyday of elegant boating - and is an extraordinary example of the fine craftsmanship that still thrives today on the Thames 104 years on!

Ginette

A Cornish Pilot Gig from Tamar and Tavy Gig Club in Cornwall. Gig racing has been a feature of life around Cornish and Devon coastline for two centuries. Originally gigs raced each other to greet incoming vessels and the first one there won the lucrative right to pilot into the harbour. Customs and Excise forbade gigs to have more than six oarsmen so they could not out row the Customs boats trying to control smuggling. Cornish Pilot Gigs are a colourful spectacle at any event. Like horses in the Grand National they wear the Club colours along with the rowers in their colourful kit. Ginette's oar tips are white and the vessel is painted West Ham colours of sky blue and claret - thanks to Brian Nobbs, the shipwright and football fan.

Glas-y-dorlan

A Pembrokeshire longboat, she is one of very few remaining Pembrokeshire longboats. These vessels were originally developed from traditional rowing craft to enable racing to take place on the Atlantic coast off Wales. They have now been superseded by Celtic longboats so interest in them has waned and they are now rarely seen. Glas-y-dorlan has been the subject of an academic dissertation at the University of Bath as an item of maritime archaeology.



Gloriana

The master craftsman behind the 90 foot Queen's Royal Rowbarge is Mark Edwards of Richmond Bridge Boathouse. Mark's team of 20 included both experienced local boat-builders and apprentices learning traditional methods - his Richmond workshop has been a training ground for many teenagers who have started with few formal qualifications, but have acquired relatively rare and valuable boat-building knowledge and skills. Gloriana's design had to take account of modern insurance and safety considerations - an engine, watertight compartments and structural design checked against computer programmes run by naval architects - but she is designed to be rowed in the traditional way by 18 oarsmen. The team of boat builders worked three shifts a day over a 20-week build period with materials including sweet chestnut from the Duchy of Cornwall, Prince Charles's private estate. The boat is decorated with £4,000 of gold leaf and a mermaid and sea serpent. Commissioned by Lord Sterling, Gloriana resembles a scaled-up version of the 19 metre Prince Frederick's row-berge, launched in 1732 and now in the National Maritime Museum. The Queen's Royal Rowbarge is an extraordinary legacy for the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant.



Golden Gear

Golden Gear was the second gig to be built for Helford River Gig Club. She was built out of Cornish elm in 1998 by Ralph Bird the well-known Cornish gig builder. Gigs were originally used to take Pilots out to vessels coming in from the Atlantic. They are traditionally made of Cornish elm, are clinker built, 32ft long with a 4ft 10in beam and shallow draft and have a crew of 6 single oars and a cox. The Gig is the 18th Century equivalent of the speed boat reaching speeds of 8-9 knots and capable of going to sea in any weather. On Pageant day, the average age of the crew will be 60 years and they all live in the Duchy of Cornwall. The gig's bow and the cox's back is decorated with the Duchy of Cornwall's coat of arms (a black shield with 15 gold bezants). A large St Piras (Cornish) flag is flown off the stern. A large diamond shape made by the local Rainbow Guide group tops the flagpole. The Rowers wear white shirts and black trousers with berets and sashes in the yellow and black Cornish tartan. Oars and flagpoles are decorated with red white and blue ribbons. The passenger beats a Cornish drum.

Gordon Hall

Thames Waterman Cutter of the Scientific Instrument Makers

Griffin

Dragon Boat from Kingston Royals Dragon Boat Club. The club was founded in 1988 and was one of the first Dragon Boat clubs to race in the UK. They are now one of the most successful Dragonboat Clubs in the country and have two racing crews. They are current national champions in Mixed Ladies & Seniors and this year have 23 paddlers from the club going to the World Championships in Tampa Florida in August 2012.



Guangzhou

A Dragon Boat from Bristol Empire Dragons. Dragonboating is included in the school sports curriculum of many London schools. A large number of ordinary people, as opposed to dedicated racing clubs, throughout the UK participate in charity Dragonboat races each year.

Haku

A Hawaiian War Canoe from OCUK, a London-based club with local and international paddlers (a large number from Commonwealth countries). They train and compete on the River Thames (and overseas) throughout the year and also participate in the annual Great River Race.

Heart of Sunbury

A newly established Skiff Club located on the Thames just outside London. The Skiff has a long History originally built for Laleham Skiff & Punting Club by John Cox of Eton Boat Builders, she then passed to Thames Valley Skiff & Punting and then onto Wargrave Boat Club.



Henley Dragons

As a sport dragonboating attracts crowds with its brightly-coloured and visual boats and is a fun and challenging team sport steeped in history and mystery and suitable for all. Members of Henley Dragons' club represented Great Britain in the Dragon Boat World Championships held in Florida in August 2011 and deservedly came home with medals.

Hiawatha

A 1902 Thames skiff, Hiawatha has style (wooden oars, rudder, velvet cushions, cane picnic hamper etc) and masts for bunting. More importantly the cedar planking on oak ribs in Hiawatha is very unusual with overlapping and clenched edges in a clinker style but smooth surfaces giving a carvel style (achieved by chamfering the edges).



Holo Nui

A Hawaiian War Canoe from OCUK.

Honourable Artillery Company

Rowed by The Honourable Artillery Company, the oldest regiment in the British Army, celebrating its 475th Anniversary in 2012. The Queen is the Captain General. Over the past fifteen years the regiment has had men and women deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq and the Balkans. The regiment also has a ceremonial role and is responsible for providing the Gun Salutes at the Tower of London and Guards of Honour at the

Guildhall. Members of the Invasion Boat 2 will be dressed in military uniform and the regimental Coat of Arms will be displayed. Some passengers will be dressed in the veteran unit uniform of the Pikemen, Musketeers and Light Cavalry.



Integrite

A Bantry Bay Gig from Hampshire.

Internationally Abreast

Dragonboat rowed by members of International Breast Cancer Paddlers' Commission.

Invasion Boat 1

This boat featured in the 2010 Robin Hood film starring Russell Crowe. The crew range from hardened south polar explorer Will Gow (great nephew of Shackleton) to former Cambridge University Boat Club president John Carver - many of them won the Historic Ships Class in the 2011 Great River Race.



Isambard

A Cornish Pilot Gig from Bristol Gig Club. She is named after the Famous Bristol engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Cornish Pilot Gigs are built to a strict 200 year old design, making them both beautiful and historic in origin. They were the original template for lifeboats. Bristol is a relatively young club bringing Cornish pilot gig racing outside Cornwall.

Jack Charlton

A 1952 Yorkshire Coble. The boat was owned by Jack Charlton and offered to a charity to benefit young people. It has recently been restored to its former glory.

Jack Ormiston

Thames Racing Skiff from The Skiff Club, the oldest Skiff Club on the River Thames.

Jim Holt

A Thames Waterman Cutter owned by the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames. Rowed in the Pageant by the Bakers Company.



Jubilant

Built at the time of The Queen's Golden Jubilee, she is a replica of an eighteenth century ceremonial barge and was named Jubilant by The Duke of York in Isleworth in 2002. She was built Mark Edwards at Richmond upon Thames Boathouse for the Thames Traditional Rowing Association and is now managed by the Jubilant Trust. The Royal Shallop has eight oars and is 45 feet long. Her hull is painted white, with scarlet and gold gunwhales, she is a true replica of the water limousine of yesteryear.

Kaimana

Hawaiian War Canoe from OCUK.

Lady Gillet

Thames Waterman Cutter from the London Port Health Authority. The LPHA has undertaken its role since 1872, it is the largest Port Health Authority in the UK covering the tidal Thames from Teddington Lock to the Estuary.



Lady Mayoress

A Shallop representing the working Watermen and Lightermen of the tidal Thames. On Pageant day it is crewed by Doggett's Coat and Badge Winners.



Madadh Ruadh

A St Ayles Skiff from Stornoway Rowing Club, Madadh Ruadh, which literally translates as "ruddy dog", is a community built boat and is an ambassador for the sport of coastal rowing in the Western Isles of Scotland. Her whole reason for existence is to bring people together to experience the great pleasure that rowing on the open water as a part of a team can bring.

Madog

A Celtic Longboat from Madoc Yacht Club Rowing.

Marie Louise

A Home Counties Gig from the 4th Streatham Sea Scouts. The riverside HQ of the Group is at Putney. They are also part of the Wandsworth Youth River Club and are Royal Navy Recognised.

London Youth Rowing

The Peter Boat and the Shackleton Gig are the two vessels manned by London Youth Rowing staff and young people. LYR is UK's largest charities dedicated to getting young people active through indoor and on the water rowing.



Marisa Cristiano

A traditional black 'tourist' gondola, Marisa Cristiano, was made in Venice in 1985 by Gioponi, a famous boat-builder of the time, now sadly dead. Her gondolier used her to ply the canals of Venice for hire for 17 years until he retired in 2003. She was then sold to a man who owned an Italian restaurant adjacent to the canal in Birmingham. The waiters were taught to row by the gondolier in the famous cornetto advert of 25 years ago. After the restaurant closed, Marisa Cristiano was bought by City Barge, an interestingly different rowing club, dedicated to rowing beautiful and sometimes, historic boats. The club is based at Long Bridges Boathouse on the River Isis (or Thames) in Oxford. She is available to give rides on the River Thames and the River Cherwell. Marisa is one of only three working gondolas in the UK.



Mabel

A Gravesend Clayton Skiff from Langstone Cutters Rowing Club. Mabel is the boat used for all new rowers to experience the Great River Race. It regularly introduces many rowers to the joy of traditional rowing in a safe and secure vessel.

Marjorie

A Thames Skiff built on the Thames by Mark Edwards at Constables' Hampton, one of the boatyards (now defunct) closest to the route of the Pageant. She is a fine example of the Thames skiff-builder's craft. She has taken part in half a dozen Great River Races as well as being skiffed the length of the non-tidal Thames from Lechlade to Teddington - and some of the non-tidal Seine above Paris!

Maroro

A Hawaiian War Canoe from Outrigger Canoe UK. Based in Chiswick, they are the largest outrigger canoe club in the UK.



Mermaid

Trinity House has a long history of escorting the Royal Yacht with the monarch embarked. THV Patricia the flagship of Trinity House preceded HMS Endurance at the International Fleet Review in 2005. 'Mermaid' their gig was built onboard ship by officers and crew and has taken part in two Great River Races.



Messing About

A Salter Skiff from Pangbourne Water Rats used to celebrate the pleasures found by families up and down the Thames who enjoy messing about on the river.

Molly

An American Whaleboat from The Henley Whalers. Molly is a replica of a New Bedford Whaleboat and is thought to be the only one in Europe. She regularly participates in sail-and-oar events in the UK and Europe and is probably the most successful competitor in these events over the last 5 years.



Myrto

Felixstowe Clayton Skiff from Stour Sailing Club. The crew of Myrto are absolutely delighted to be taking part in the Jubilee pageant. The crew, The Manningtree Oars, are also the owners of the boat. Since starting to row as a hobby, the crew has taken part in a number of rowing events.



Nicolotta

Nicolotta is the flagship of the Venetian boat fleet in the UK. She was made by a master builder Gioponi in Venice in 1976 and imported to Oxford in about 1996 by Richard Norton. Her normal berth is in Henley and she appears several times at Henley Royal Regatta each year as well as at many other special occasions. Her hull shape is that of a gondola but she is arranged as a ceremonial vessel called a balotina. She is immaculately maintained and is indeed a graceful sight. The standing rowers are identically dressed in appropriate costume and hats.



Old Balliol Lieutenancy of Gloucestershire

Members of Gloucester Rowing Club, one of the oldest established boat clubs in existence, will be rowing in this replica 1829 boat race gig. The rowers and cox will be dressed in 1829 rowing kit and their blades will be painted in the club colours of red, black and white.

Old Harry

A Cornish Pilot Gig from Swanage Sea Rowing Club.



Orca

This celtic longboat from Neyland Yacht Club in Wales carries a provincial tribute to The Queen by harking back to Henry Tudor who sailed in Pembrokeshire before winning the Battle of Bosworth and becoming Henry VII. Orca carries a Henry with an escort of beautiful maidens in 15th Century finery with regal head dresses pulling the oars. The boat is decked in flags and bunting and a silver horn bearing the flag of Wales will be sounded to announce his arrival. The freeboard of the hull is painted in heraldic splendour with the great Tudor Rose resplendent. The boat will glisten with golden oars worthy of it's royal passenger.

Paul Satow

Thames Waterman's cutter representing the Salter's Company.



Penelope

A Thames Waterman Cutter of the Port of London Authority. She is one of the first of the current fleet of Thames Waterman Cutters to be built.

Peter Holmes

A Sandola from Westminster School Boat Club. On 23 August 1662, when King Charles II and Queen Catherine of Braganza were greeted by an extravagant pageant on their arrival at Whitehall from Hampton Court, there were Venetian boats mixed in with the Thames Shallops, Wherries and Cutters.

Poppet

A Thames Skiff from Vesta Rowing Club. Poppet is a classic boat and is pleasing to the eye, she put people in mind of the book Three Men in a Boat.



Poppy

A Thames Skiff from City Livery Yacht Club.



Settemari

A Venetian Gondola from City Barge Rowing Club. Both Settemari and Francesco Querini will both be arriving by road from Venice. They are the flagships of two of the rowing clubs in Venice. They will both be rowed in the Vogalonga in the week prior to the Pageant. This is a 32 km marathon where 1,500 manpowered boats row around the Venice Lagoon.

Sgian Dubh

A Four Oared Thames Skiff from the Thames Traditional Boat Society, she is an impressive vessel with decorative lute boards and flags reminiscent of 18th century ceremonial craft.

Shackleton New Zealand

The Shackleton Gig is a heritage vessel in that it has been used for the training of young people since the 1960s. The crew have travelled from New Zealand for the Pageant and represent uniformed youth organisations.

Silverwing

A Dragonboat from Hurricanes Dragon Boat Club, The Chinese dragonboat is a colourful spectacle which will be crewed by a mixed gender team ranging in age from 18-60 to show unity across the generations.

Red Lotus

A Dragon Boat from Raging Dragons, a team which was born in London but whose members come from all corners of the world. Their team spirit is very strong, striving for personal excellence for the net benefit to the team. They train hard outside of water, training out of our own accord. However they are not just a racing team – their members regularly partake in charity events around the world raising thousands of pounds in the process. More recently they have developed links with local schools and businesses to promote not only the sport but also to encourage teamwork and fitness whilst having loads of fun!



Rosalind

The Thames Skiff of The Queen's Swan Uppers. The vessel is used during the annual event of Swan Upping that has taken place on the River Thames since the 12th century. The skiff flies the crown and cypher of The Queen from the stern and all crew wear Swan Upping uniform.



Sir Harry

A Bursled Gig from Netley Sea Scouts, they represent one of the oldest Sea Scout Groups in the country being registered in 1908. The rowers of the gig will be selected from the Trinity House Flagship THV Patricia. Patricia has many connections with the Thames Estuary maintaining buoyage from Sea Reach 1 outwards.



Ska'la'vagr

The Shetland Yawl 'Ska'la'vagr' is owned by Neil Christie and Peter Hartman, President and past President of Kingston Grammar School Veterans Boat Club. The KGS Vets boat club operates to introduce parents of KGS pupils to the joys of fine boat rowing. The club currently has 45 members (who generally have found rowing rather later in life) and a number of boats of various sizes.

Having competed in the Great River Race in borrowed boats, Neil and Peter were on the lookout for a suitable boat of their own that they could use to experience a different type of rowing. Ska'la'vagr turned up in Scalloway on Shetland where it had been one of a series of specially built traditional craft designed for coastal racing. Peter undertook the long drive north to collect it and bring it back to a new home on the Thames.

'Ska'la'vagr' is a traditional 6 oared Shetland Yawl of a type that has braved the harshest seas off Shetland in search of fishing for centuries. Incredibly seaworthy, the design harks right back to the boats used by Viking raiders.



SRA 1-11

All Thames racing skiffs from the most successful club on the River Thames, Dittons Skiff & Punting Club. They have six Guinness World Records for long distance rowing, some of the scullers are in the crews.



SRA 20 'Sandy'

Thought to be the only one of its kind – a skiff with four skulling positions, a coxes seat and a passenger seat. It was built in the 1890s at Styles of Datchet, legend has it, for a clergyman and his family who enjoyed sculling outings together.

In the early 1920s it lived at Messums of Richmond where local gentlemen used it as a means of transportation for social occasions upstream in Thames Ditton. It later moved to Hobs of Henlet from where in 1948, Dittons Skiff Club purchased it.

In the photograph are generations of the Dwan family (all Royal Watermen) rowing at HRR.



St George

Thames Waterman Cutter of the Vineyard Voyagers.

St Helena

A skerry, designed by Mark Edwards, derives from ancient crafts on the Thames combining the speed of the skiff and the comfort of the wherry.



St Michael's Mount State Barge

From Marazion in Cornwall and dating back to 1740, she is the oldest vessel in the Pageant.

Stella

A Thames Skiff from the Sons of the Thames Rowing Club. The crew is dressed in period costume.



Swiftsure 1

The original Swiftsure, a Whaler, was built in Tasmania in Australia and came to New Zealand in 1863. She started whaling in 1864 out of Picton and was replaced by motor launches in 1911. Whaling was the first industry and a very important part of New Zealand's Maritime history. Swiftsure 1, a replica vessel, was built between 2008 and 2010 by Ron Perano, for the Picton Clinker Boat Club.

Taffey

A 1916 Edwardian Thames Skiff from the Thames Valley Skiff Club.



Te Hono ki Aotearoa New Zealand

The Waka is a traditional canoe from New Zealand. It will be dressed with feathered eyes at the bow of the canoe and streamers attached to the stern post of the canoe. The paddlers will also be wearing traditional cloaks when paddling. The Waka has represented New Zealand at various events around the world including the San Francisco 2005 Americas World Cup Regatta, in Valencia 2007 and Holland 2010.

Thames Dragons

A Dragonboat from Thames Dragon Boat Club. Thames Dragons are proud to be a London club and have in their crew members from all over the world.

Thames Guardian

A Thames Waterman Cutter from the River Thames Society. The club is based at Putney and is made up of four users groups: the 4th Streatham Sea Scouts, Frobisher Sea Rangers, the 16th Battersea Sea Scouts and the 5th Putney Sea Scouts.



Thames Triple Skiff

Built in the early 1900s as a hire boat and recently rebuilt by its owner Richard Carless.

The Alice Whittington

The Alice Whittington, a Thames Waterman Cutter, was built for the Mercers' Company before being donated to the Docklands Sailing and Watersports Centre. The Alice will be ceremonially decked out with the Company of Mercers' banner, its ornate canopy and the symbol of the Company the Mercer's Maiden. The Mercers' Company is the Premier Livery Company of the City of London. The Company and its associated charitable trusts make substantial grants to support education general welfare, church and faith and arts and heritage. A network of almshouses and other homes for the elderly are managed by the charitable trusts associated with the Company. The Company is closely involved with 17 schools across the country and supports them primarily through the appointment of governors. The Company funds its activities from income derived from its investments mainly property in London's West End and the City. The Company has a 700-year old history which it keeps alive by continuing its own traditions and as premier Livery Company fully participating in the civic life of the City of London.



The Guardian

An Atlantic Race Boat from Totnes in Devon. In December 2011 Row For Freedom were the first all female crew of six to row the Atlantic unaided. Their campaign is to raise awareness about the horrendous crime of human trafficking.



The Blue Launch

Royal Navy Cutter from the Historical Maritime Society, The HMS Blue Launch and its crew represent The Royal Navy at the peak of its historical prowess at the time of Trafalgar.

The Cream of Cornwall

A Cornish Pilot Gig from Cotehele Quay Gig Club, based on the Tamar River.

The Dove

The Thames Waterman Cutter of the Worshipful Company of Tallow Chandlers, a City of London Livery Company.

The Farringdon Mermaids

A group of ex- University College oarsmen or women.



The Hereford Bull Lieutenancy of Herefordshire

The vessel was built specifically for the Pageant to the traditional design of a River Wye Trow. For two centuries, River Wye trows played a vital part in the prosperity of the region by carrying cargoes along the river arteries of Herefordshire until the advent of railways. None remain in existence. This vessel displays the county emblem of a Hereford bull on the hull and on an ensign. The oarsmen and passengers wear uniforms that also show the emblem.

The John Disley

A Thames Rosalind Skiff from the Judiciary of England and Wales.

The Master Glazier

The Thames Waterman Cutter of the Worshipful Company of Glaziers and Painters of Glass. The Master Glazier is used by the AHOY Centre to train and teach the disabled and disadvantaged of South East London.



The Royal Thamesis

A Shallop of the Drapers' Company. This historic traditional river craft is a replica of the last Royal Barge that was seen on the Thames. The Royal Thamesis was inspired by Queen Mary's Shallop of 1689. Built of Brazilian cedar she is light (780kg) with just six rowing positions and a somewhat foreshortened stern. She is only 36 feet long, yet has a full complement of 15, which makes for a compact, lively party. She carries six passengers in great style and comfort. Shallops were the limousines of the Lower Thames in the 17th and 18th centuries. On Pageant day she flies flags of the Drapers' Company and the City Corporation. The crew wears the Company Livery and the Passengers are robed and wear Tudor hats.

The Skerry

A Skerry from the Environment Trust for Richmond upon Thames. The Skerry is a new design by Mark Edwards of Richmond Bridge Boathouses primarily intended for use in the annual Great River Race. It combines features of the traditional skiff and wherry and this model is the first of two built so far. It can be easily modified for family use and summer picnics.

Tiger

A Pilot Gig that has been used for London to Paris to London Rowing Challenges.

Torrent

A Cornish Pilot Gig from Boscastle & Crackington Gig Club. She is three times winner of the Robert Bulgin Trophy for the first Cornish Pilot Gig to finish in the Great River Race.

TRC Yole

A privately owned Yole whose crew hope to help pay tribute to Her Majesty the Queen on her Diamond Jubilee year!

***Tristan* Lieutenancy of Dorset**

Five Dorset Gig Clubs have been asked to represent the County of Dorset with young persons aged from 16 to 20 as crew.

Trinity Tide

A Thames Waterman Cutter from the Corporation of Trinity House.

Typhoon Dragon Boat

Typhoon Dragon Boat Club is a not for profit club located in the heart of London with over 80 members. As a crew they were fortunate enough to represent Great Britain over in the Far East this summer and closer to home host a wide range of community events for the people of London.

***Ulla* Lieutenancy of Ross and Cromarty**

Ulla is the first of four St Ayles Skiffs to be built in Ross-shire and has led a resurgence in community involvement in coastal rowing. This boat was built by the club and repaired after extensive damage last winter.



HMS Victory Cutter

She represents the Flagship of the Royal Navy and is the official launch of the Second Sea Lord. She is manned by the only volunteer crew in the Royal Navy. On special occasions they wear the No1 boat rig as worn in the time of Admiral Lord Nelson. The crew are dressed in the period sailors uniforms of 1805. They fly the White Ensign by right.

Viking

A 1904 Ship's Lifeboat from the Harland & Wolff built 1700 ton steamer 'Worcestershire'. Viking is rowed by a crew from the 14th Richmond Scout Boating Centre.



Vital Spark

A Viking Long boat from the Isle of Man.

Watch & Pray

Cornish Pilot Gig from Clevedon Pilot Gig Club, (the only Pilot Gig Club in Somerset) a relatively new Pilot Gig Club with a membership drawn from both sexes and all ages from 17 - 70. Watch & Pray was only launched last year and has generated a vast amount of interest in the local area.

Water Forgetmenot

The Thames Waterman Cutter of the Company of Water Conservators.



White Foreland Lieutenancy of Renfrewshire

This Gig belongs to Royal West of Scotland Amateur Boat Club in Greenock, one of the only boat clubs to hold a Royal Charter and represents an area that has strong connections with the sea trade and the Royal Navy.



William Riley of Birmingham & Leamington

A 1909 Ten Oared Lifeboat from Whitby Historic Lifeboat Trust. This vessel, built in London, represents the heroism of the crews of the RNLI in the first part of the twentieth century. The lifeboat was involved in the Rohilla rescue in 1914 in which more medals were awarded by the RNLI than any other rescue. It is the classic rowing lifeboat that served around the shores of Great Britain until motor lifeboats appeared. The coxswain will be a retired RNLI medal winning Whitby lifeboat cox.



Willow

A Deben Skiff from Bawdsey Haven Yacht Club on the River Deben in Suffolk.

Winspit

A Cornish Pilot Gig from Swanage Sea Rowing Club in Dorset.



Wosname

Intervening interests, activities and friendships conspired to muster Wosname's crew and having rowed together for many years, all four members have been busy honing their skills in preparation for the Pageant on the River Severn.



Worcester Busters

A Dragonboat from the Worcester Busters breast cancer survivors' dragon boat crew.