



## THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE PAGEANT

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#### Introduction

1. This edition includes, amongst other items, details of sources of information available for you and a request for information from you.

#### Passage planning

2. For those of you planning a tideway transit to Limehouse, outside the organised convoys and escorted boat movements, there are some excellent sources of information available to help plan a safe and enjoyable passage.

3. Written by Jeremy Batch, a Limehouse Lock Keeper, there are a series of up to date guides available for download from Waterscape, the British Waterways public-facing website, at: [www.waterscape.com/things-to-do/boating/useful-downloads](http://www.waterscape.com/things-to-do/boating/useful-downloads)

4. The guides are:

- a. [London Tideway Handbook 2](#) Downstream: Teddington & Brentford to Limehouse.
- b. [London Tideway Handbook 3](#) Estuary: Thames Barrier to Limehouse.
- c. [London Tideway Handbook 1](#) Upstream: Limehouse to Brentford & Teddington.

5. Information on tidal lock availability (both pages are required) can be downloaded at: [Tidal lock availability information](#) and [Tidal lock availability 2012 - Q2](#)

#### Visiting London

6. If you plan to spend some time on the Capital's waterways the BW guide can be downloaded at: [London by the water](#)

7. Details of The Cruising Association, in Limehouse Basin, where the safety briefing will be held at 1900 on Thu 31 May, for the Fri 01 Jun transit to West India Dock, can be found at: [www.come-ashore.co.uk/home](http://www.come-ashore.co.uk/home)

#### Pageant Flag

8. Work is progressing on the design of the Pageant Flag, to be flown by all participating vessels. The Flag will be issued to skippers following successful completion of the scrutinizing process to be held in West India Dock on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June. The proposed design can be seen on the attached PDF. It is provided with a health warning, the design and colour have still to be "signed off" so some details may change. (Purchase of the burgee shown on the PDF will not be pursued by the Pageant authorities.) The plan is to order sufficient of each size, the size being determined by you, as the most suitable for flying on your boat. (Note that skippers are obliged to ensure that the vessel's sightlines are not impeded.)

9. The suggested size range, length x width, in centimetres, is:

- a. 50 x 25
- b. 90 x 54
- c. 120 x 72
- d. 180 x 108



St. Pancras Cruising Club

**Canal and River Trust**

10. For those of you who would like to show their support for the Canal and River Trust, there is the opportunity to fly the Trust's flag and synthetic bunting. Both forms of decoration will show the Trust's logo. This can be viewed at:

[www.waterscape.com/features-and-articles/features/introducing-the-canal-and-river-trust](http://www.waterscape.com/features-and-articles/features/introducing-the-canal-and-river-trust)

11. Your mission, should you decide to accept it, is to let me know, as soon as you can, the following information:

- a. The size of Pageant Flag you prefer.
- b. The size of Canal and River Trust Flag you prefer.
- c. The length, in metres, of the Canal and River Trust synthetic bunting you would like.

12. Please reply by email, including in the Subject Line, your Pageant ID and boat name.

**Barrier closure**

13. Made public today, the news item can be viewed at:

[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-17266139](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-17266139)

**To finish...**

14. Following the September 2011 rehearsals, a 39 page document of feedback and lessons identified was published. I thought you might like to see this quote from the report: "***The Canal Barge owners were very impressive, 4 abreast, tightly formed, 4 or so lines.... obviously skilled mariners.***" This generous praise proves the value of the rehearsals and trials we conducted prior to the event.

15. More news in the coming days.

Kind regards,  
Andrew