



St. Pancras Cruising Club

## THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE PAGEANT

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#### Introduction

1. This edition concentrates on a single issue, the accreditation of crew and passengers in West India Dock (WID).

#### Accreditation staffing levels

2. The issue is to identify the level of accreditation staff required to ensure that crew and passengers embarking on Sun 03 Jun can join their respective boats, prior to lock loading at 0730.

3. Staff levels will be based on the number of crew and passengers who require initial accreditation. To this end I'll be grateful if you will let me know no later than Fri 11 May the number of passengers/crew you plan to embark on Sun 03 Jun.

#### Form of reply

4. A simple email including your Pageant number and boat name, together with a total number of persons to be accredited is all that is required. If your crew and passengers will be on board on Sat night, no reply is necessary.

#### Latest time of arrival at WID

5. When the calculations for appropriate staffing levels have been made, it will provide the latest time your crew and passengers should arrive at WID for their accreditation, prior to boarding.

6. As previously noted, BW will impose a "no public access" area around the lock. In practice this means all loading must be complete prior to departing the moorings.

#### To finish...

7. Boats are beginning to gather for the first of the May rehearsals, though at least one is held by red boards on the Thames and may not make it to Limehouse in time. The Port of London Authority Operation Order for the rehearsal will be published on Tuesday and a BBC TV team will be filming the downstream run on Sunday. Tarnished brass, un-polished for over seven years, is beginning to show faint traces of lustre, anchor chains and warps are being minutely examined and measured, and the excitement is palpable.

Kind regards,  
Andrew