



## THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE PAGEANT

### NARROWBOAT NEWS – ISSUE NUMBER 9, DATED SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012.

#### Introduction

1. This edition provides some details for our section's move to West India Dock (WID) on Fri 01 Jun, a follow-up on accreditation prior to boarding on Pageant Day, a few miscellaneous points and further information about the final rehearsals.

#### Accreditation

2. From your emailed responses the section has a total of 113 persons to be accredited on Sun 03 Jun. This has been passed to the Pageant authorities. I have also asked them to let me know at what time these people should arrive at the accreditation facility to enable boarding to take place prior to the 0730 lock loading.

#### Dispersal from WID on Mon 04 Jun

3. From your various communications and changes of plan I have booked lock capacity as shown:

a. For Limehouse Lock, total 10.

111	ORLANDO	42	LEO NUMBER 2
93	HAZELL NUT	578	MORPHEUS
942	SHROPSHIRE LASS II	1000	SHROPSHIRE LAD
831	BLACKJACK	924	OH BE JOYFUL
948	PIRATE PRINCE	851	CENTENARY

b. For Bow Lock, or 3Mills and City Mill Locks, total 15.

332	DORIS KATIA	510	BARROGILL
884	ARTHUR DENT	187	SCHOLAR GYPSY
342	DRAGONFLY	553	ERNEST
644	GALATEA	374	LORD TOULOUSE
493	LOTUS NO 10	583	INDIGO DREAM
462	FRANCES ANNE	243	HELIX
120	TARPORLEY	878	KETURA
1222	QUERCUS		

c. For Teddington Lock, total 5.

1109	BEATTY	1634	NANSHE
1416	SWINGBRIDGE 2	579	GORT
162	MADAM		

d. For Thames Lock, Brentford, total 8 (+1). (Lock staffed from 1330 -1730.)

1167	PIED PIPER	1434	BARELY A – WAKE
806	BREAM	1300	MARIE CELESTE
530	MR DAVID	464	PRESIDENT (& KILDARE)
1102	FULBOURNE	102	MOUNTBATTEN CRUSADER

e. For Limehouse Lock, p.m., under own arrangement.

1707 RED WATCH



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- f. To remain in WID.  
1437 Waterscape

4. Locks have been booked. There remains some flexibility in the system, but not much and not for long. If you wish to change, please let me know asp.

#### **Transit to West India Dock on Fri 01 Jun 12**

5. The section is expected at WID at 1100+/- for the scheduled locking. Lock capacity has been booked through Bow, City Mill and Three Mills Locks. British Waterways have been conducting free flow trials on Waterworks River at CML to speed the locking process. The trials have been successful and both sets of gates at CML will be open to allow through passage to 3ML.

6. There are some navigation restrictions in place; these are:

- a. Through passage is water level dependent. The final decision will be made 24 hrs prior to our departure. If the levels do not favour free flow, then normal locking will take place.

- c. Air draught under Cooks Road bridge is limited to 2 metres. If your air draught exceeds this, please let me know asp.

- d. Because of an underwater obstruction above CML, broad beam and deep draught narrowboats will be discharged through Bow Lock. (I have been provided with this information from your original on-line applications.) Boats with air draught greater than 2 metres will be discharged through Bow Locks.

7. Locking will commence at 0700, which will dictate an early(ish) departure from Limehouse Basin. The Olympic security authority will be present throughout the locking process.

#### **Anchors, chain and warp**

8. Issue No 7 of Narrowboat News provides information on this topic. I've recently seen Pageant boats with about 2 metres of chain and 10 metres of warp. This does not meet the requirement. I mention this so that you are not disappointed during the scrutineering process in WID.

#### **French speaking boater**

9. Simon Judge is seeking a French speaking boater to take part in a telephone interview on Pageant day, for a live three hour programme for Swiss TV. More details from Simon.

#### **Overnight accommodation**

10. I'm seeking overnight accommodation for a lady Pageanteer on Fri 26 & Sat 27 May, during the period of our final rehearsals. If you're able to help, please contact me by 'phone on 07850 753633.

#### **Narrowboat section website**

11. Simon has added a new section containing key operational notices; it's worth visiting at: <http://pageant.judgefamily.org.uk/#operational>.



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**To finish...**

12. Sixteen boats participated in our rehearsal on Sat 12 May and seventeen yesterday. The past two weekends have been characterised by good boating in excellent company and the weather has been more than kind to us. Yesterday's run downstream was simply sparkling and earned unsolicited praise from the POLA marshal who was on our narrowboat. He was minded to say that he thought the marshals were out of a job, so well did you all do. I'm grateful to you for the enthusiasm and commitment you display.

13. We have 26 boats for the coming week-ends boating, nine of whom will be new to our rehearsals. On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> we gather in the Cruising Association, adjacent to Limehouse Lock, at 1900, for our customary safety brief and supper. Saturday will see a run through the Barrier to Margaret Ness on the ebb. We'll return on the start of the flood, to take up our moorings off Chiswick Ait and thence to Brentford to overnight above the Gauging Locks. Moorings will be organised by Louis Jankel, from whom we'll take our directions. With a very early start on Sunday, hopefully on an empty river, to practice our synchronised boating 5 abreast, we should return to Limehouse in time for a late breakfast.

14. The Estuary and Upstream guides, together with the Generic Passage Plan, will be helpful at our safety briefing and on the river. Please have them to hand; they're all available via Simon's website.

Kind regards,  
Andrew