

## **QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE REHEARSAL NARROW BOAT FLOTILLA**

**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012**

### **HARBOUR MASTER (UPPER) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **1. General**

- 1.1 **Aim**: the aim of this rehearsal is to identify the issues associated with the requirement to maintain 6 knots speed over the ground and moving in a flotilla, which is critical to the success of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee River Pageant on 3rd June 2012.
- 1.2 The objective in support of this aim is to ensure that when we do the actual event on 3 June 2012, we shall have a cadre of experience to act as the nucleus of this Squadron.
- 1.3 In addition a number of Narrow Boat owners have never taken up mid-river moorings, so will practice taking up moorings that have been positioned in the river between Chiswick Ait and Dove Pier.
- 1.4 The rehearsal is being organised by the St. Pancras Cruising Club, the PLA will assist by attending the rehearsal and providing local controlled navigation where and when necessary.
- 1.5 These vessels will begin locking through Limehouse Lock from 09:20-11:00 on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May, moving down river to Margreatness and then on the early flood will precede inward bound to Chiswick to practice mooring to buoys. Following this they will move further upriver to Brentford Lock for the evening.
- 1.6 On Sunday 13th May, the narrow boats will begin locking through at 07:15-08:15, they will then move on convey to practice mooring on buoys at Chiswick. At approximately 09:00 they will be passing under Hammersmith

Birdge and the formal rehearsal will begin. Once the rehearsal is complete they will lock back into Limehouse.

- 1.7 **All vessels must keep to the starboard hand side of the channel.**
- 1.8 **If at any time the Master of any vessel becomes concerned for any reason about the manoeuvrability of their vessel and its ability to maintain its proper position within the Flotilla, then they should withdraw and inform HMU on VHF Channel 77.**

## 2. Ephemeral Data

<b>Tidal Information</b>	High Water	Low Water
Putney Bridge	08:44	14:41
London Bridge	08:13	14:10

### **Timings for QDJ 'Narrow Boat' Rehearsal Flotilla**

Hammersmith Bridge	09:00
Putney Bridge	09:15
Chelsea Bridge	09:46
Westminster Bridge	10:04
Tower Bridge	10:26
Cherry Garden Pier	10:31
Disperse Shadwell Basin	10:42

## 3. Port of London Authority Launches

- 3.1 One Middle, One Upper Harbour Service Launch, Crane and Driftwood II with two DORY's, will be required. Dress for all boat crews and staff afloat is clean uniform. Life jackets should be worn at all times when on deck.
- 3.2 **CHELSEA** is to be in the vicinity of Chiswick Ait whilst the convey practice taking up their mustering moorings on both days. On Sunday 13th May she is also to stay with them as they come downriver from Brentford Dock at approximately 08:15, she will then continue downriver with them towards Putney Bridge. It should be noted that this vessel will **not** come out of district for this rehearsal.
- 3.3 **CRANE** is to embark QDJRM from Richmond Lock at 07:00 and QDJRM to go through a familiarisation of the vessel with the Coxswain. She precede outward bound for Chiswick Pier where she will embark a Cameraman & Presenter at 08:50. As the flotilla proceeds down river, she is to stay in close vicinity of the flotilla and allow the Broadcaster to gain footage of the rehearsal moving downriver, this vessels role is predominately as a filming platform. Once the rehearsal is complete BBC cameraman is to be disembarked at Tower Pier at approximately 10:30 and QDJRM needs to attend a meeting in Victoria so will be disembarked at Westminster Pier at approximately 11:00, with the vessel return to Richmond Lock.

- 3.4 **KEW**, the duty launch in the middle district on the day of this event, is to embark HM(SMS) and Marshall's (Valentine Anisimov, Tanya Houston, Don Cockrill, John Hogan and Richard Irwin) at 07:00 at Barrier Gardens Pier. The vessel will embark HMU and DHMU1 at Tower Pier at 07:45. They are to arrive at Putney Pier for the PLA Briefing at 08:50. Once the PLA Briefing is complete she will take up station as the lead vessel moving the flotilla down river, passing underneath Putney Bridge at 09:15 and Marshall's will board one of the two DORY's.
- 3.5 **DRIFTWOOD II with 2 DORY's** is to embark various PLA Marshalls at Barrier Gardens Pier at 07:30 to arrive at Putney Pier for the PLA Briefing. Once the briefing is complete the two DORY's are to form up around the convoy and practice Marshalling. Driftwood III will follow the convoy downriver and assist as required.
- 3.6 HMU when satisfied that the rehearsal has been successfully dispersed will then release all PLA vessels to return to their duties.

#### **4. Accompanying Craft**

- 4.1 QDJ 'Narrow Boat' representative, Andrew Phasey is arranging for approximately 20 vessels to participate in this rehearsal.
- 4.3 A briefing is to be held in on Friday 11th May 2012 in the Cruising Association Club adjacent to Limehouse Lock at 19:00, which HM(SMS) and/or QDJRM will be attending with Narrow Boat Marshalls.
- 4.4 Vessels are to navigate from Limehouse Lock in small convoys on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May and spend the night off the tidal Thames in Brentford.
- 4.5 Vessels will leave Brentford Dock on Sunday morning, practice taking up mustering moorings at Chiswick and will then form a convey downriver to their dispersal site of Limehouse Lock.
- 4.6 Vessel when navigating upriver will be go line astern and Jason Rudd will be in attendance in a **PLA DORY**. When navigating downriver on Sunday they will go up to three abreast.
- 4.8 Once clear of Tower Bridge **all** craft are to proceed down river to Limehouse Lock, where this rehearsal will be dismissed by HMU.

#### **5. QDJ Rehearsal Briefing**

- 5.1 PLA Officers are to meet onboard the **KEW** for a short briefing at 08:50 at Putney Pier with HMU and HM(SMS).

- 5.2 All participating Narrow Boats are to attend a briefing with HM(SMS) and/or QDJRM with Narrow Boat Marshall's and Andrew Phasey which will commence on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2012 the Cruising Association Club adjacent to Limehouse Lock at 19:00.

## **6. Emergencies**

- 6.1 If during the course of this event a main engine or steering failure occurs, London VTS on Channel 14 should be informed and that vessel is to depart the flotilla as swiftly as is safely possible and go to anchor or local mooring outside the authorised channel.
- 6.2 If the event needs to be stopped for any reason, such as for an arch that is suddenly fouled for whatever reason, HM(SMS) will inform all vessels via the QDJ Rehearsal event VHF Channel 77, by broadcasting 'EMERGENCY STOP, EMERGENCY STOP, EMERGENCY STOP' – all vessels to stop and anchor or maintain station. On hearing this broadcast, all vessels must stop making way and immediately maintain their station so that they are effectively stopped in the water and stemming the tide.

## **7. Communications**

- 7.1 All PLA craft, safety launches and all other vessels participating in this event should guard VHF Channel 14.
- 7.2 VHF Channel 77 is to be used for working communications between PLA craft and all craft participating in the rehearsal should be on this channel for the duration of this rehearsal.
- 7.3 Vessels with dual watch VHF capability should set watch on VHF Channel 14 and VHF Channel 77.
- 7.4 Telephone Numbers

### **PLA Officers:**

HMU	Terry Lawrence	07753 775111
HM(SMS)	Julian Parkes	07711 640073
QDJRM	Darren Knight	07912 670267
LONDON VTS	Tom Southall	020 8855 0315

### **PLA Vessels:**

KEW	Paul Rickner	07711 640097
CHELSEA	Tony Handley	07711 640095
DRIFTWOOD II	David Simmons	07711 640112

DORY

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CRANE Joe Darby

### **Rehearsal Coordinator:**

Andrew Phasey 07850 753633

## **8. Post Event Reports**

- 9.1 It is requested that **all** Master/Coxswain's and PLA Officer's, participating in this event, are to submit a report to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee River Manager, by email or written report by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012.
- 9.2 All reports should either be sent by mail to:  
Port of London Authority, Bakers' Hall, 7 Harp Lane, London EC3R 6LB  
or via email to [darren.knight@pla.co.uk](mailto:darren.knight@pla.co.uk)

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Queen's Diamond Jubilee River Manager  
9<sup>th</sup> May 2012

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