

Archive Trinity House News: 2012

Patricia Voyages Draft Itinerary 2012 Updates

The Patricia Voyages Draft Itinerary 2012 has been updated following changes to the ship's programme.

Click [here](#) to download the itinerary and view the changes.

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Trinity House and Fleetwood College - Supporting and Training Future Mariners

Captain Ian McNaught, the Deputy Master of Trinity House, welcomes the Government decision to continue supporting maritime training; announced by the Shipping Minister, Mike Penning on 23 January. The Minister has committed to providing a budget of £12 million a year for the remainder of this Parliament.



Visiting Fleetwood Nautical College today (13 February), as part of a familiarisation tour of colleges providing training to Trinity House cadets, Captain Ian McNaught commented:

“As a former cadet here myself I can fully appreciate the importance of maritime training as a solid foundation for a career at sea. The right training at the outset also teaches you how important it is to continue to learn and develop your skills throughout your working life. I believe it is vital that such support continues to be forthcoming; especially in view of the forecast national shortage of trained seafarers. I have no doubt that the seafaring industry wholeheartedly welcomes the Government’s continued investment in our future”.

Captain McNaught met with several Trinity House cadets at Fleetwood College.

The Corporation of Trinity House has been investing in cadets for many years through an award-winning Merchant Navy Scholarship Scheme. The scheme has run for over two decades and supports cadets by funding their training.

Picture: Captain McNaught (right) returns to Fleetwood College where he trained as a cadet (Picture: John Leyland)

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Trinity House fashions 2012 wedding packages

Trinity House, in collaboration with one of the event industry's most respected operators, Payne and Gunter, has announced details of a selection of Wedding Packages for 2012, offering a high degree



of versatility and value – and all prices exclusive to the House.

Located on Tower Hill just behind - and with views of - the historic Tower of London, Trinity House offers prospective wedding parties delightful views across Trinity House Gardens to the Thames and is one of London's most distinguished event venues. The elegant and spacious interiors of the House have the ambience of a grand private residence and are an impressive setting for memorable civil weddings.

Behind the building's imposing neo-classical façade, designed by Samuel Wyatt in 1794, are five graceful banqueting rooms – The Library, The Court Room, The Pepys Room, Luncheon Room and Reading Room catering for formal banqueting and weddings ranging in capacity from 10 to 130 places. The House's particularly beautiful Reception Hall, with its sweeping, twin-curved staircase, houses remarkable maritime artefacts that bear testament to the prominent role played by Trinity House in the nation's maritime history and as the current home of the General Lighthouse Authority.

The 'Tie The Knot' package, priced at £58.75 per person (weekdays) and £65.25 (weekends) plus VAT (for 100 guests) is designed for couples looking to host an informal reception immediately preceding the ceremony in The Library followed by a celebratory toast and includes:

- Trinity House venue hire for two hours
- A selection of ten hot, cold and desert canapés
- Sparkling wine reception for a two-hour period
- Dedicated wedding planner
- Staffing and equipment

The 'Just Got Hitched' package, priced at £95.00 per person plus VAT (for 100 guests) is designed for clients wanting slightly more formal reception and includes:

- Trinity House from 4pm – 11pm
- A selection of six savoury canapés, three bowl food items and one dessert canapé
- Dedicated wedding planner
- Staffing and equipment (until 11pm)
- Late night fee

The 'Wedded Bliss' package, priced from £125.00 per person plus VAT (for 100 guests) includes:

- Trinity House from 4pm – 11pm
- A selection of four canapés during the 90-minute reception
- Three-course wedding breakfast
- Dedicated wedding planner
- Staffing and equipment (until 11pm)
- Late night fee

The 'I Do!' package, priced at £134.25 per person plus VAT (for 100 guests) includes:

- Trinity House from 4pm – 11pm
- A selection of five canapés during the 90-minute reception
- Three course 'directors choice' range for the wedding breakfast
- Dedicated wedding planner
- Staffing and equipment (until 11pm)
- Late night fee



Payne and Gunter also have a variety of reasonably priced drinks packages to accompany these offers priced from an additional £16.50 plus VAT (for the Wedded Bliss package) to £27.50 (for the 'I Do!' package). They are on hand to discuss other arrangements and

requirements such as bespoke wedding cakes, floral arrangements, chair and table dressing and decoration, elevated quality of glassware and cutlery, live musicians and/or disco units and dance floors, special sound and lighting, and even children's entertainers.

Photography - Trinity House has collaborated for over 15 years with specialist wedding photographer Mark Dalton to offer wedding parties a selection of customised services starting at £595.00 for a weekday wedding - for which clients receive an unlocked CD of clear (non-copy written) images for independent reproduction. Charges for weddings captured on the weekend start at £895.00 and include images in the church/place of ceremony up until the cake-cutting and increase to £1,095.00 to include pre-wedding preparation shots and the event up until and including speeches.

Music - The Mobile Music Company offers wedding event clients booked via the Trinity House an exclusive offer comprising £295.00 plus VAT for the 'compact space' version with modified lighting and sound systems for smaller spaces or £375.00 plus VAT for a DJ, PA system and full-effect disco lighting...PLUS a choice of free disco mirror ball with spotlights or free room up lighting or a free recording of the music played at the wedding burned onto a CD for posterity.



The Unique History of Trinity House

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In its 200 year history, the building has welcomed royalty, prime ministers and Lords of the Admiralty and is today managed by Deputy Master, Captain Ian McNaught. Reflecting the on-going patronage of the Crown, the current Master of the Company is HRH The Princess Royal, filling a role held in former centuries by, amongst others, the diarist Samuel Pepys, the Duke of Wellington, William Pitt and, more recently, The Duke of Edinburgh.

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Tightening Belts but Expanding Briefs

Trinity House has an excellent track record in terms of efficiencies while providing an aids to navigation service that is respected worldwide. We have reduced our running costs by an average of 3.3% per annum over the last six years, and Trinity House is committed to further reducing its expenditure by 25% in the next six years.

Spin Off's

Trinity House has also developed some innovative commercial services, all of which help to offset our running costs. Read more about holidays at sea [here](#), holidays at lighthouses [here](#) and weddings at lighthouses [here](#).



We are financed by Light Dues, a fee paid by ships entering UK or Irish ports. No public funds are involved in the operation of Trinity House.

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Down with Fossil Fuels

Casquets lighthouse, located on the Les Casquets rock 6.10 nautical miles (11.3 km) west of Alderney in the Channel Islands, is to go green. A two year project run by the Trinity House Project Delivery Department based in Harwich is underway with multiple objectives including reducing the amount of fossil fuels consumed by the station.



Reducing Casquets' environmental impact

Built nearly three centuries ago (1724) this lighthouse was automated in 1990 with navigation equipment powered by continuously running diesel alternators. Due to advancements in renewable technologies the station can now be powered purely by solar panels and wind turbine generation. This will reduce the requirement for fuel on station to no more than that needed for cooking and heating facilities when the station is manned during the planned annual maintenance visit.

Read about the history of Casquets Lighthouse [here](#)

The heating source for the building conditioning will be provided by combination of the solar thermal panels mounted to the roof and a new wind turbine unit. A new water capture and treatment facility will eliminate the need for water to be flown to the island.

FULL DETAIL – SEE HORIZON ISSUE 17 [click here](#)

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Trinity House Hosts Careers Day

Trinity House last week hosted a careers day for a group from Ramsden Hall School, a community residential school for boys in Langham, near Colchester. The school caters for boys who have a statement of special needs for behavioral, emotional and social difficulties aged 11 - 16.

As part of their visit to the Trinity House Depot in Harwich, the group viewed the operations of the Buoy Yard and got to see first-hand what is involved in preparing our buoys for in excess of five years at sea.

The students also got to see the state of the art lighthouse control centre where lighthouses around the coast are monitored and controlled 24 hours a day.

To top off the visit, the boys experienced life at sea aboard our Rapid Intervention Vessel, THV Alert; seeing first-hand the vital work the vessel does in keeping our shipping lanes safe.

Teacher Lee Firmin commented; "This has been a wonderful experience for our students, enabling them to see first-hand the varying roles within the Trinity House organisation. I would like to thank all who gave up their time so readily to work with our students, giving them experience of the Buoy Yard, Operations Centre, lights laboratory and a once in a lifetime trip aboard the THV Alert. It was a school trip that we will never forget, and one that will hopefully inspire our students to make the very best of their opportunities in school, giving them ideas for future training and a focus for careers".



Above: Students got to learn how to weld as part of the day.

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GLAs launch two important plans

Today sees the launch of two plans for the future of marine aids to navigation: the General Lighthouse Authorities (GLA) Radio Navigation Plan and the GLA Visual Aid to Navigation (AtoN) Plan. These documents describe how the GLA will employ evolving technologies to provide the most cost-effective service to all mariners. The plans support the GLA Strategy document “Marine Aids to Navigation 2025 & Beyond”,

The Radio Navigation Plan focuses on the role of radionavigation in the overall AtoN service provision mix, particularly in support of future e-Navigation services. This will assist the service user in planning deployment of equipment and manufacturers in their new business development.

Essential elements of the Plan are to:

- Support and encourage deployment of Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) and their recognition by IMO. These will include modernised GPS, as well as Galileo, GLONASS and Compass;
- Maintain the GLA Differential GNSS service until 2020. Its continuation beyond that will depend on user needs and alternatives that are available;
- Evaluate complementary technology to GNSS. The performance of eLoran will be proved in trials and its general adoption promoted;
- Encourage the development and adoption of a European Radio Navigation Plan, providing resilient positioning, navigation and timing across all sectors;
- Support the development and international harmonisation of AIS AtoNs, including synthetic and virtual; and
- Support an international strategy for the future of Radar Beacons (racons), taking account of changes in radar technology.

The Visual AtoN Plan sets out the GLA direction for lighthouses, beacons, major floating aids, buoys and day-marks. The document indicates the level of service the GLAs will provide to all users, taking advantage of technological and operational improvements. It shows the mariner what they can expect in the GLA areas of responsibility and gives manufacturers guidance on the products they might wish to develop.

Essential elements of the Visual AtoN Plan are to:

- Exploit developments in light sources (especially Light Emitting Diodes) to improve the performance and cost-effectiveness of visual AtoNs;
- Use the most efficient means of generating optical gain to deliver the required performance;
- Model the properties of visual AtoN to select appropriate solutions for enhancing conspicuity, taking into account atmospheric conditions and background lighting;
- Continue a common, justified approach to service levels for visual AtoN; and
- Contribute to continuing national and international discussions on the development of visual AtoN, their deployment and measurement.

The plans can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

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The General Lighthouse Authorities

The General Lighthouse Authorities (GLAs) of the United Kingdom and Ireland are Trinity House, the Northern Lighthouse Board and the Commissioners of Irish Lights. Together, they have the statutory responsibility for the provision of marine aids to navigation (AtoN) around the British Isles. The GLAs' joint mission is the delivery of a reliable, efficient and cost effective AtoN service for the benefit and safety of all mariners.

For more information please contact Vikki Gilson, Public Relations Manager for Trinity House, via vikki.gilson@thls.org or by calling 020 7481 6900.

HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

It won't have escaped your attention that this weekend marks 60 years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. Trinity House is very proud to be participating in two national celebrations: the River Pageant and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons.

On Sunday 3 June over 1000 vessels will take to the River Thames to participate in the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant. This event will be one of the largest ever to have taken place on the River Thames and Trinity House is honoured to have three vessels in the procession.



In the man powered boats section we will have our Thames Waterman Cutter *Trinity Tide* and the SVS built gig *Mermaid*. We are also highly honoured to be able to exercise our traditional role of escorting the reigning Monarch when at sea in territorial waters, and *Trinity House Number 1 boat* (pictured right) will precede *The Spirit of Chartwell*, *The Royal Barge* in the Royal Squadron section. On board *Trinity House Number 1 boat* will be HRH The Princess Royal, Master of Trinity House.

Also included in the pageant are 55 Trinity 500s, crewed by Sea Cadet units from all across the UK. The vessels are named in recognition of Trinity House, as the Corporation donated £250,000 to the Sea Cadets to allow them to purchase these vessels, in celebration of our quincentenary.

The Pageant, which starts at 1400, will be broadcast live on the BBC, ITV and Sky. More information about the pageant can be found at: <http://www.thamesdiamondjubileepageant.org/>

On the evening of Monday 4 June over 4000 beacons will be lit across the UK in commemoration of Her Majesty's 60th year. Fourteen of the beacons will be lit at Trinity House locations by our colleagues. Those locations are:



Longstone

Flamborough
Harwich Pier
North Foreland
Portland Bill (pictured left)
St Catherine's
Berry Head
Lizard
Heugh Hill
Lundy South
St Ann's Head
Bardsey
South Stack
St Bees

The first beacons will be lit at 2200. Our beacons, plus those of the Northern Lighthouse Board and Commissioners of Irish Lights, will be lit at 2224, and the event concludes with Her Majesty lighting the last beacon in central London at 2230.

More information about the beacon lighting can be found at: <http://www.diamond-jubilee-beacons.buzzsites.co.uk/>.

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Lighthouse Photography Competition 2013 Winners Announced

The winners of the 2013 Lighthouse Photography Competition have been announced. Trinity House lighthouses including Anvil Point and Orfordness will be included in the 'Lighthouses' Calendar which will go on sale later in the year.



The full list of winners is:

Andy Farrer, Mirek Galagus, Matthew Clarke, Peter Hearn, Anthony Blaney, Peter Puddiphatt, Ian Cowe, Stephen Squirrel, Paul Chambers, Gurkan Gur, Sue Wilson and Tracey Brown.

The television personality Martin Clunes chaired the judging panel and it is hoped that a presentation will be arranged to honour the winners later in the year.

The 2014 Competition is Now Open

You can see a gallery of the winning images, as find details of how to enter the 2014 Photography Competition by clicking [here](#).

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LED lights to replace light exhibited from Godrevy lighthouse

Every five years the General Lighthouse Authorities of the UK & Ireland carry out a formal review of the aids to navigation they provide. The last review was in 2010. This, along with a full user consultation, found that the main and sector lights at Godrevy Island could safely be reduced to 8 nautical miles. The new superior LED lights will be exhibited adjacent to the existing building and will have no effect on the current lighthouse structure or the daytime conspicuity of this important aid to navigation.

The safety of the mariner will always be our primary consideration in assessing the ongoing requirements for aids to navigation around the coast, it is also essential that we consider those who pay for the service and remain mindful of the costs involved. After very careful research, the new light at Godrevy Island is the most cost effective solution in this case.

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Top tips to aid wedding venue selection

Trinity House, located on Tower Hill behind the historic Tower of London, has been the preferred venue for stylish weddings for decades. To assist prospective bridal parties and wedding planners, the venue's management team has compiled a list of Top Tips to consider when selecting a wedding venue.

- Is the venue located near a church of a suitable size and denomination to facilitate the easy transfer of the wedding party from the ceremony to the venue i.e. think walking in high heels! (Trinity House is located in proximity to St Olave's – one of the oldest medieval buildings in the City).
- When selecting a venue, ask the manager what is kept in storage that can be incorporated in the decor on a complimentary or reduced cost basis – this might include impressive candelabra and other table silverware; place-seating card holders; table linen; chair covers and embellishment; wedding cake stand and ornamental knife (or ceremonial sword – complimentary at Trinity House) etc.
- As flowers can prove such a costly element of the budget, review with the venue management ideas for room and table decoration that minimises the need for extravagant displays – often if the venue is inherently opulent (as at Trinity House), elaborate centre-pieces can prove counter-productive to the overall effect.
- Is there a suitable cloakroom at the venue and does this need to be manned at all times – eliminating the need for a full-time attendant can save £100
- Does the venue offer the services of an experienced Toastmaster for free (as at the House) – this can save up to £400 and is considered an essential service for larger weddings (over 150).
- Does the cost of the venue include the services of an in-house events manager on the day (or just the facilities) and/or provide a list of preferred wedding planners to assist new brides with pre-planning details and ensure the smooth running of the event on the day?
- Does the venue offer presentation menu covers/place seating cards and/or a printing/design office so that menu inserts and place cards can be produced in-house at reduced costs?
- Check with the venue whether they will charge corkage (do *not* ask this of the catering company)....most venues, such as Trinity House, do not charge corkage (but might exert a minimal charge for use of the kitchen if a preferred caterer is not contracted).
- Discuss with the venue manager the selection of a caterer – most prominent venues will have a list of preferred caterers for the simple reason that they are reliable, professional and, most important of all, know intimately the venue's kitchen and facilities lay-out. This often proves an effective cost-saving decision and ensures peace of mind.
- Check out availability of the venue's in-house lighting and sound systems, such as a standard microphone and speakers, which *should* be incorporated as part of the facilities for free (a saving of £400 - £500). Trinity House even offers free use of an iPod with speakers which can be monitored by the best man or usher ensuring bespoke music special to the couple is played all night for no extra cost.

N.B. If additional lighting or sound is required, it is always advisable to be guided by the venue's preferred list of professional suppliers as their familiarity with the property often proves safer and more cost effective

- Check with the venue manager whether loud (dance) music will be a problem for local residents for evening events and what is their procedure to alert neighbours
- Is there an obvious area – or areas – both out and inside for official photography freely available for use?
- Is the venue connected in any way to/with other organisations, associations or liveries/guilds that might facilitate special flourishes (trumpet fanfares/military band/sword archway/fireworks/river transport etc.)?
- Is the venue associated with any charity or environmental concern which will benefit from the proceeds of the wedding booking? This is the case of Trinity House.

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For more information and relevant Terms and Conditions click [here](#). Bookings of the Trinity House Wedding Packages and support services and benefits are valid in 2012 and 2013, subject to availability.

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Trinity Tide selected to escort Olympic Flame

Trinity Tide, the Thames Waterman Cutter owned and managed by the Corporation of Trinity House, home to the General Lighthouse Authority, has been selected as one of the 20-craft convoy to lead the last leg of the escort of the Olympic Torch Relay on the River Thames from Chelsea Harbour to Tower Bridge on the 27 July. The Cutter will be captained by Joe Lane (Stroke) and manned by Craig Sparling (Cox), Toby Gould, Stuart Turner, Eddy Heisterkamp, Nir Barak and Trinity House's Events Manager, Edgar King – a multi-national crew comprising English, Dutch, Irish, Norwegian, South African and Israeli nationals.

Trinity Tide also honoured to participate in the spectacular Royal Diamond Jubilee Flotilla on the 3 June.

It will be the 70th and final day of the epic journey of the Olympic Torch which commenced on 19 May at Land's End. Once the convoy reaches Tower Bridge, the Olympic Torch will make its way to the Olympic Stadium and the famous lighting ceremony viewed by millions around the world.

Trinity House enjoys delightful views across Trinity Gardens to the historic Tower of London and the River Thames and is one of London's most distinguished private event venues. Located on Tower Hill and easily accessed by car or the underground, the elegance and airy spaciousness of the House possesses the ambience of a grand private residence with five rooms providing an impressive setting for social and corporate occasions and memorable civil weddings. The history of the House is omnipresent and throughout the building, valuable paintings and antiques bear out the nation's remarkable nautical heritage. This chronicle began in 1514 when a young Henry VIII granted the charitable guild of mariners a Royal Charter to regulate the water traffic on the River Thames, their powers later extended by Elizabeth 1 to include the sea-markers around the English coastline.

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Trinity House is national house of Austria for Olympics and Paralympics

“Willkommen bei Trinity House” will be the cry round Tower Hill this summer as Trinity House transforms in to The Austrian House of Tirol for the duration of the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics.

The forecourt of the 250-year old building is being converted in to a summer and winter wonderland allowing visitors to experience the Austrian Tyrolean mountains while relaxing and enjoying traditional Austrian food from the Tirol region and beer from Stiegl in the centre of London.

Visitors will also be able to see some of Trinity House’s hidden treasures as they are welcomed in to the Austrian Lodge and information centre within the building.

The Austrian House of Tirol opens on the afternoon 26th July and will remain open thereafter from 10:00 to 23:00 daily up to 12th August.

“We are looking forward to welcoming many visitors to the Austrian House of Tirol,” said Dr Peter Mennel, General Secretary for the Austrian’s National Olympic Committee. “Our visitors will be able to relax and enjoy traditional food and beer while absorbing the experience of being in the Austrian Tyrolean mountains.”

Said Graham Hockley, Secretary at the Corporation of Trinity House, “We are used to hosting all size and manner of prestigious events but this is the first time we have ever been transformed in to a part of the Tirol. We are very happy to be able to welcome them to Trinity House this summer, and wish them a successful sporting and marketing campaign.”

The money raised from the hire of the building will be paid in to the Corporation’s charitable funds which provides care and support for mariners and their dependents; work which is financed entirely through its registered charities.

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1. Trinity House on Tower Hill

Trinity House enjoys a superb location overlooking the Tower of London and the River Thames. Behind the building’s imposing neo-classical façade, designed by Samuel Wyatt in 1794, are some of London’s most elegant banqueting and conference rooms.

Its location, the elegance of the building and the versatility of its rooms make Trinity House an extremely desirable venue for social and corporate events.

For more information about the venue please visit http://www.trinityhouse.co.uk/venue_hire/index.html

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For more information about Trinity House please contact Vikki Gilson on 020 74871 6960 or via vikki.gilson@thls.org.

3. The Austrian House of Tirol

The Austrian House of Tirol opens on the afternoon 26th July and will remain open thereafter from 10:00 to 23:00 daily up to 12th August.

The café is family friendly, is free to all visitors and pre-booking is not necessary.

For more information about the Austrian House of Tirol please email london@advantageaustria.org.

Trinity House gift wrapped for Corporate Xmas parties

Trinity House, located on Tower Hill behind the historic Tower of London, is extending a special venue hire offer over the busy Christmas period to assist stretched end-of-year corporate budgets. Any festive event booking for all or part of the elegant Georgian House for the dates of **Monday or Tuesday, 3 or 4, 10 or 11, or 17 or 18 of December** will automatically receive a **25% discount** off normal venue hire charges. This represents savings of up to **£925** which can be allocated to other more fluid expenses. There is no booking deadline and the offer is valid up to the respective dates if there is availability.

Trinity House offers delightful views across Trinity Gardens to the Thames and is one of London's most distinguished event venues. The elegant and spacious interiors of the House have the ambience of a grand private residence and are an impressive setting for memorable corporate occasions. Indeed, for the duration of the 2012 Olympic Games, Trinity House is proud to be the London home of the Austrian Olympic Committee.

Behind the building's imposing neo-classical façade, designed by Samuel Wyatt in 1794, are five graceful banqueting rooms (some inter-connecting) – The Library, The Court Room, The Pepys Room, Luncheon Room and Reading Room - catering for corporate events ranging in capacity from 10 - 130 places (seated) and up to 180 for a reception. The House's particularly beautiful Reception Hall, with its sweeping, twin-curved staircase, houses remarkable maritime artefacts that bear testament to the prominent role played by Trinity House in the nation's maritime history and as the current home of the General Lighthouse Authority.

In its 200 year history, the building has welcomed royalty, prime ministers and Lords of the Admiralty and is today managed by Deputy Master, Captain Ian McNaught. Reflecting the on-going patronage of the Crown, the current Master of the Company is HRH The Princess Royal, filling a role held in former centuries by, amongst others, the diarist Samuel Pepys, the Duke of Wellington, William Pitt and, more recently, The Duke of Edinburgh.

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Engineering work to begin on Nab Tower

Work to secure the future of a vital aid to navigation in the Solent is set to start this summer. The Nab Tower's structure has been gradually deteriorating following almost a century of battling the elements and in recent years this deterioration has increased to an unacceptable and dangerous degree. At present the helicopter pad is off-limits to helicopter landing and boat access is almost untenable due to the poor condition of the external superstructure.

Trinity House has commissioned a project to extend the structure's lifespan by at least 50 years, by reducing the structure's height, removing all external steel and cladding the existing concrete sub-structure in gun-applied concrete.

Nab Tower is located in the eastern approaches to the Solent (50 Deg 40.075' N, 000 Deg 57.155' W). Originally built as a defensive structure in Shoreham for the Admiralty in 1918, it became redundant when the First World War ended.

Trinity House occupied part of the tower from 1920 onward, installing a light to replace the Nab lightvessel, with the structure remaining under the control of the Ministry of Defence (MOD). The station was staffed as an offshore lighthouse, with three keepers who were relieved monthly, until the lighthouse was automated in 1983. The MOD built the helicopter deck and internal reinforced concrete caisson prior to Trinity House acquiring the freehold in 1984.

The Nab Tower was conveyed by the Secretary of State for Defence to Trinity House by deed on 21 May 1984.

The Trinity House Examiners' navigational requirements as at 2010 specified a need for a fixed main light of a 12 nautical mile range, a fog signal range of two nautical miles, AIS and a RACON.

The remodelled structure will support the requirements of the aid to navigation into the future and result in reduced maintenance costs as the station will be able to be attended by Trinity House vessels without the need for a helicopter.

The work will complete in the summer of 2013 with a break over the winter to avoid the seasonal weather.

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Trinity Tide's 100 mile charity row

Trinity House's Thames Waterman Cutter will be rowed 100 miles in September to raise funds for the King's College Hospital Charity. The hospital saved the life of Trinity House's Assistant Functions Manager, and Trinity Tide's best ever coxswain, Zoë Richards, at the beginning of the year.

The message below is from Trinity Tide's captain, Joe Lane.



What are we up to?

On 14 September 2012 the Trinity Tide crew will embark on a grueling 100 mile row on the Thames, culminating on the 15 September with the 21 mile [Great River Race](#). The Great River Race is London's River Marathon; a spectacular boat race up the Thames that attracts over 300 crews from all over the globe.

Why are we doing it?

Trinity Tide's best ever coxswain Zoë Richards profoundly inspired the crew with her determination to get through the worst of times when she fell very ill at the end of 2011. Zoë spent many months undergoing numerous operations and enduring an intolerable amount of pain in the care of King's College Hospital neurology department.

Thankfully Zoë is continuing to recover well and in the not-too-distant future may even be up for coxing us again! Zoë's sheer strength of will to get through the worst of times inspired the crew to take on a challenge of their own, and to raise money to help King's College Hospital treat other people who find themselves in need in the future.

How, where and when?

We will launch our challenge early on the 14 September departing from Purley on Thames (upstream of Reading) and rowing 58 miles to Ham – the finish point of the Great River Race. If we make good time we'll catch a couple of hours sleep under the stars before departing again at 4am to row to the

start of the Great River Race in Greenwich. Another couple of hours rest at Trinity Tide's home (the [AHOY Centre](#)) should set us up well for the punishing 21 mile race back upstream to Ham!

Four of Trinity Tide's crew will row the full 100 miles with other crew members rowing sections along the route to maintain six oarsmen throughout. It was too difficult to chose who would take part so this setup enables all of the crew to do their bit, while maximising the challenge for the four core rowers.

Who?

Joe Lane (Captain), Stuart Turner, Toby Gould, and Eddy Heisterkamp will row the full 100 miles.

We hope most if not all of the rest of Trinity Tide's inspirational crew will do their part by rowing or coxing marathon length stints along the route; Edgar King, Zoë Richards, Kevin Botting, Calum Sillars (YB), Nir Barak, Steve Terry, Craig Sparling, Alun Vincent, Alex Franklin, and Mick (I'm all wet).

If you would like to sponsor our rowers and help Kings College Hospital to save more lives please visit <http://www.justgiving.com/Trinity-Tide>



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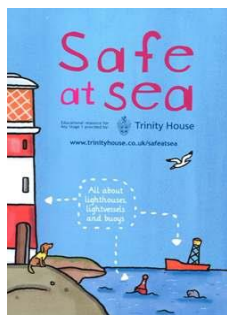
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New KS1 resource free to primary schools

Education and learning are very important to Trinity House which is why we have taken the time to share our knowledge and experience to compile a Key Stage 1 education resource.



The key stage 1 education resource is called Safe at Sea. The colourful resource introduces 5 to 7 year olds to the concepts of lighthouses, lightvessels and buoys with the assistance of three loveable characters: Dan the dog, Sammy the seal and Sarah the seagull. It also helps children develop their literacy and numeracy skills.

The resource is to be used in conjunction with the [Safe at Sea](http://www.trinityhouse.co.uk/safeatsea) website, on which there are games, videos and downloadable worksheets and a digital version of the teachers' notes. It can be used independent of the printed material.

The pack, which supplements the website, is available from September 2012. It contains teachers' notes, stickers, a poster and two packs of flash cards. The folder also opens out to form a backdrop for creative play. The pack can be pre-ordered now by emailing enquiries@thls.org and providing the correspondence details of the school.

The website is <http://www.trinityhouse.co.uk/safeatsea>.

This education resource has been prepared to meet the National Attainment Targets and Curriculum requirements of Key Stage 1. Our aim has been to bring to younger children some of the key concepts of our work, with material that is easy to use for teachers and visually appealing for children.

Other available education resources can be found here: http://www.trinityhouse.co.uk/news_info/education/education_resources.html.

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**ACCSEAS first annual conference: Pioneering safer maritime access for the North Sea with e-
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*'Pioneering safer maritime access for the North Sea with e-
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is announced as the theme of the

ACCSEAS

FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

to be held in

Flensburg, Northern Germany

5th to 7th March 2013.

The first annual conference of the ACCSEAS (Accessibility for Shipping, Efficiency Advantages and Sustainability) project will examine how to address significant current and future issues which may impact on safe navigation in the North Sea and western Baltic Sea by pioneering safe regional access through the use of e-Navigation.

Themes for the March 2013 Conference will include:

- Defining regional e-Navigation for safe and efficient access to ports in the North Sea;
- Providing an innovative approach to North Sea accessibility and efficiency challenges; and
- The use of e-Navigation as a sustainable way forward for improving navigational safety within our region.

A recent ACCSEAS project workshop in the Netherlands in December 2012, which was attended by representatives from major North Sea ports, well known shipping companies, navigation authorities and equipment suppliers, identified significant issues which may interfere with safe navigation in the North Sea and the neighbouring area of the Western Baltic.

The issues identified by the workshop that can be further explored within the conference included:

- Implications of renewable power generation, particularly the proliferation of wind turbines and potential reductions in navigable “sea room”;
- The prediction that an increase in ship size, particularly amongst container vessels, is unlikely to reduce shipping traffic densities;
- The need to recognise the complexity of bridge systems in the training of seafarers;
- Questioning by mariners of their trust in the accuracy of existing onboard navigation systems;
- Provision of a navigational back-up in the event of failures, jamming or “spoofing” of vulnerable satellite based systems;
- Identifying the need to provide better links between mariners and policy makers at national, European and International levels;
- Better provision of information between ship and shore personnel, particularly with respect to routing and weather information.

The conference will also include the establishment of the first North Sea e-Navigation Forum to bring together users, stakeholders and navigation authorities and provide a voluntary arena for discussing and advising on the future implementation of e-Navigation in the region.

The ACCSEAS Project, which seeks to improve maritime access to the North Sea Region of Europe, is run by a partnership of navigation and maritime authorities, academic institutions and industry from Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and United Kingdom.

Within this area, ACCSEAS aims to implement and demonstrate a practical test-bed for e-Navigation prototype services in order to demonstrate proof-of-concept solutions to existing and potential navigation issues within the region.

Commenting on the ACCSEAS Project and the first annual conference, Roger Lockwood, Chief Executive of the Northern Lighthouse Board, stated:

“The ACCSEAS project is an exciting opportunity to put the maritime community at the centre of future innovation in navigation safety for efficient access to North Sea ports.”

Further information on the Conference Programme can be found [here](#). Additionally, further information on the project can be found on the ACCSEAS website:

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For further information concerning the project, please see www.accseas.eu . This includes the full list of partners and briefing leaflets and technical information download.

ACCSEAS is a three year project under the North Sea Region Interreg IVB Programme. For further information about the programme and other projects it funds, please see: <http://www.northsearegion.eu/ivb/home/>

Developed by the IMO, e-Navigation is defined as *the harmonised collection, integration, exchange, presentation and analysis of maritime information onboard and ashore by electronic means to enhance berth to berth navigation and related services, for safety and security at sea and protection of the marine environment*

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