



WATERMAN HOY

The Newsletter of The Company of Watermen and Lightermen of The River Thames

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Welcome to another Hoy and our summer season of Company events. We hope there is something that takes your fancy from supporting the Apprentice Lighterman in the Barge Driving Event on Saturday, 6th July by joining the following boat PV Golden Sunrise to processing with the Rose to Mansion House as part of the Knollys Rose Ceremony which is followed by Lunch at Watermen's Hall. If you have any queries please ask?

Forthcoming Events

MAY 2019

30th Beating the Bounds Ceremony

JUNE 2019

10th Court of Bindings

13th Admiral of the Port Challenge

14th River Thames Lunch Club

17th Knollys Rose Ceremony & Luncheon

June 25th Thames Memorial Dedication

26th Examining Committee

29th Tudor Pull starts Hampton Court

JULY 2019

2nd Quarterly Court & Luncheon

3rd-7th Henley Royal Regatta

6th Thames Barge Driving Event

8th Court of Admissions

10th Master's Installation Court

12th River Thames Lunch Club

29th Port of London Challenge

SEPTEMBER 2019

4th Doggett's Coat & Badge Wager

13th River Thames Lunch Club

14th Great River Race

21st London Open House

22nd David Pope & Steve Faldo Barge Driving Events

26th Freeman's Connoisseurs Lunch

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May 2019

Bargemasters photographed at Vintners' Hall 20th March 2019



Bargemasters from left: Tim Keech – Waterman to the City of Westminster, Paul Prentice – Vintner's Bargemaster, Bob Prentice – Fishmongers' Bargemaster, Chris Livett – Bargemaster to Her Majesty The Queen, Robbie Coleman – Watermen's Bargemaster and Jerry McCarthy – Dyers' Bargemaster.

Photo of Bargemasters, arranged by Paul Prentice and taken by Steve O'Connor, Houseman at Vintners Hall.

Thanks to Steve Marcham, General Manager of Vintners Hall for allowing the use of the venue.

NEWS

Court Assistant Annamarie Phelps CBE has been appointed chairwoman of the British Horseracing Authority. The former Olympic rower is vice-chairwoman of the British Olympic Committee and led the independent review into British Cycling in 2017. She will assume the BHA role on 1st June 2019. (The Times, Wednesday, 3rd April 2019).

Craft Owning Freeman Dan Bartlett has been elected Captain of Poplar, Blackwall and District Rowing Club.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Beating the Bounds Ceremony – (All Hallows Church, Ascension Day) Thursday, 30th May 2019

This is the traditional medieval marking of the parish bounds to show the children of the parish the limits of where they could go by beating each boundary mark with wands and praying for crops. For All Hallows one boundary mark is the centre of the River Thames. The present-day children are from St Dunstan's College, Catford. Those attending need to gather at All Hallows by the Tower Church in Byward Street by 14.45. The Master, Clerk, Bargemaster, Beadle and Doggett's Winners all take part along with other Masters and Clerks, parishioners, guests and the public at large. There is Festal Evensong at 17.30. All are welcome to witness this unusual ceremony. You are advised to dress anticipating inclement weather as the event is mostly outdoors.

Court of Bindings – Monday, 10th June 2019

Any Freeman interested in apprenticing a young person training to become a Waterman and Lighterman should contact Kelly Lesurf, Training Administrator, at Watermen's Hall.

Admiral of the Port Challenge – Thursday, 13th June 2019

Starts at 19:00 from HQS Wellington.

Knollys Rose Ceremony & Luncheon – Monday, 17th June 2019

The traditional ceremony of cutting of a rose by the Master takes place in Seething Lane Gardens. The cutting ceremony takes place at approximately 11:00. This is followed by the procession to the Mansion House and the ceremony to present the rose to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. Those attending need to be at the Mansion House by 11.30. After the ceremony, Freeman and their guests are returning to Watermen's Hall for lunch. The Luncheon is at 12.30 for 13.00 open to all Freeman, partners and guests. This is likely to be a popular event so tickets will be available on a first come basis. Dress is lounge suits.

Examining Committee – Wednesday, 26th June 2019

Any apprentices/trainees who have, or will shortly, complete their time and have their full BML with the appropriate endorsements, are invited to apply to be examined for the Freedom of the Company. Please contact our Training Administrator, Kelly Lesurf, on 020 7929 7452 (Mon-Wed) or training@watermenshall.org to make an appointment and request the application form and other requirements.

Tudor Pull – Saturday, 29th June 2019

Starting with a delightful ceremony at 0900hrs at Hampton Court, the Stele (a piece of old London Water Pipe representing Crown Jewels) is handed to Her Majesty's Bargemaster to take aboard the "Gloriana" for the voyage down to the Tower of London. The procession passes Richmond at 1000hrs with a stop for refreshments and reaches the Tower around 1730hrs. If there is sufficient interest, Court Assistant Richard Turk of Turks Launches will provide a following boat, phone 020 8546 2434 to register.

Quarterly Court & Luncheon – Tuesday, 2nd July 2019

Once Court members and their guests are accommodated, there are usually a few places available for Craft Owning Freeman who would like to attend a Court Luncheon. Please let Martin know if you would like to apply for a place on a first come, first served basis. Lunch is £75.00 per person, including VAT.

3rd-7th Henley Royal Regatta – Wednesday, 3rd to Sunday, 7th July 2019

Thames Barge Driving Event – Saturday, 6th July 2019

Contact Anne Robinson to book your tickets on anne_gps@hotmail.com

Court of Admissions – Monday, 8th July 2019

Master's Installation Court – Wednesday, 10th July 2019

River Thames Lunch Club – Fridays 12th July & 13th September 2019

Open to all, both Craft Owning and Journeymen Freeman, Apprentices/Trainees, their guests and members of the public. A five-course tasting menu with matching wines for £57.50 per person, including VAT. Book with our inhouse caterers, Cook and Butler on 020 7620 1818 or cookandbutler@btconnect.com

Port of London Challenge – Monday, 29th July 2019

Doggett's Coat & Badge Wager – Wednesday, 4th September 2019 - Save the date.

Great River Race – Saturday 14th September 2019

Always a spectacle, view from anywhere along the River between Millwall Slipway, opposite Docklands Sailing Centre, Westferry Road, London E14 3QS (first boats away 10:50am) and the finish at Ham, Richmond.

London Open House – Saturday 21st September 2019

Entry by booked, timed ticket only.

David Pope & Steve Faldo Barge Driving Events – Sunday 22nd September 2019

Freemen's Connoisseurs Lunch – Thursday, 26th September 2019 - Save the date.

Apprentices/Trainees Upriver Training Trip Friday, 29th March 2019



32 Apprentices and Trainees enjoyed the Up-River trip to Teddington. We were lucky enough to have fabulous weather, which allowed the apprentices to complete their worksheets outside. We chose to go up on the ebb to allow the apprentices more time to complete the worksheet requirements. Freeman were also in attendance and each completed 2 points of CPD. We must say a big thank you to Danny and John Collier who provided the vessel 'Queen Elizabeth' for the trip.

Alex Hickman, Training Officer.

Photo: Alex Hickman

Apprentices Barge Driving Event – Saturday, 11th May 2019

Results: 1st – Balfour, Skipper: Graeme Faulkner, Assistant Skipper: Dave Benneyworth, Crew: Tom Costin (youngest apprentice), Paul Metcalf, Riess Ballard, Leon Britton and Lucas Britton

2nd – Apprentice Lighterman, Skipper Aaron Hammond, Assistant Skipper: Louis Pettipher, Crew: Sarah Rolles, Scarlett Barnett-Smith, Jowita Dec, Charlene Peck and Michael Hammond

3rd – Blackwall, Skipper: George Williams, Crew: Ben Brown, Harley Williams, Max Carter-Miller, Glen Coombs and Lucas Ansbro-Bennett

Photo: John Adams



Master's River Inspection - Monday, 29th April 2019



Photo (from left): Court Assistant George Hammond, the Master Barber, the Master Dr. Iain Reid, Hon Court Assistant Graham Barnard, Court Assistant Ted Manning, Past Master Jeremy Randall, Past Master Emeritus Ken Dwan OLY, Senior Warden Master Elect Tony Maynard, Court Assistant Ted Gradosielski, Junior Warden Gina Blair, Hon Court Assistant Richard G Turk, Hon Court Assistant Brian Lamden and the Master Spectacle Maker.

Apprentices/Trainees Down River Training Trip Thursday, 9th May 2019



The Master joined captain Steve Woollacott, guests and 26 apprentices and trainees for the down river trip to Gravesend on the “Pride of London”. Steve gave a fantastic commercial traffic and local knowledge talk on the journey down whilst worksheets were completed by all.

On the return journey toolbox talks on collision regs and meteorology were given in small groups. A great day. Many thanks to Steve from all who attended, your generosity is much appreciated.

Alex Hickman, Training Officer

Thames Memorial Dedication

You are cordially invited to the
Dedication of the

Thames Memorial

*for those who have lost their lives
in the River Thames*

Tuesday 25 June, 3pm

at

All Hallows by the Tower
Byward Street, London EC3R 5BJ

www.ahbtt.org.uk

followed by refreshments

RSVP to parish@ahbtt.org.uk

Hatches, Matches & Dispatches



Journeyman Freeman **George Alexander Cole** passed away 1st April 2019 aged 94 years. George was born in Mile End in 1924 and bound to the Company on 13th February 1940. His Master was Edward Thomas Saville. George gained his Freedom of the Company on 8th July 1947.

Photo: George celebrating his 90th birthday in 2014

George's brother *Journeyman Freeman* **James Joseph Cole** passed away on 3rd June 2003 aged 77 years. He was born in West Ham on 7th February 1926 and also bound to Edward Thomas Saville, a sailing boat skipper, on 11th August 1942, gaining his Freedom on 8th June 1948.

Journeyman Freeman **John Samuel Baker** passed away 10th May 2019 aged 96 years. Jack was born on 1st December 1922 in Bermondsey and bound on 14th September 1937. His Master was George Arthur Baker. Jack gained his Freedom on 12th May 1945 and went on to become a River Pilot.



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