

The Mayor of Maidstone Court of Survey Cruise

Saturday 11th June 2022

High Water: Allington Lock: 11.10pm

Morning Programme

The Mayor of Maidstone Cllr. Derek Mortimer accompanied by Mrs Sally Mortimer, propose to sail over that part of the River Medway which lies within his Charter Jurisdiction, assisted by members of the Hampstead and Yalding Cruising Club, on SATURDAY 11th June 2022. **Departing Jubilee Wharf at 9.30 am.**

Official Vistors Meeting at 9.15 am Jubilee Wharf for a departure time of 9.30 am.

An out line of the day's programme is as follows:

- 9.15** The Mayor, Cllr. Derek Mortimer and Mrs Sally Mortimer, will be greeted by Jack Guntrip, the Commodore of the Hampstead and Yalding Cruising Club and Bob Tuthill the Cruise Organiser and Past President of the HYCC Bob Tuthill.
- 9.15** The official visitors, having being greeted by the President, Mark Smurthwaite of the Hampstead and Yalding Cruising and Flag officers of the HYCC will board their vessels, and ships horns will be sounded marking the start of the cruise.
- 9.30** The Mayors Barge, Solitaire V, will take position at the head of the escort vessels and proceed down river to the cut at Allington Lock, to arrive around 10am and lock through at the first available locking.
- 10.30** The Mayor's Barge will take position at the head of the escort and proceed down river from Allington Lock, to Hawkwood Stone, the Mayor of Maidstone's boundary.
- 11.45** Arriving at Hawkwood Stone, the Mayor of Maidstone will greet The Mayor of Medway (if in attendance, accompanied by any boats from RCC), as this marks the boundaries between the two Mayors, this arrival will be marked by vessels sounding their ships horns.
- 11.50** The Mayor's Barge will proceed at a normal pace back to Allington Lock with escorting boats from the HYCC.

Please note: The order of the Convoy back to Allington is:

- 1. Solitaire V - Mayor of Maidstone Cllr. Derek Mortimer and Mrs Sally Mortimer, Bob Tuthill, Cruise Organiser HYCC, and the Mayor's Cadet. The Mayor's Civic Officer, Russell Esgate.**
- 2. Solstice - Mark Brattle (Swanmaster), Mike Reed, Mary and Dave Board.**
- 3. Lorena Joy - Mo Clayton, Past President HYCC. and two private guests.**
- 4. Asha -The Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr Gordon Newton & Mrs Carole Newton, + Ian Tucker**
- 5. Misty II - The Mayor and Mayoress of Tonbridge and Malling, Cllr Sue Bell and Mr Dave Bell - 2 Sea Cadets.**
- 6. La Sorciere - The Ashford Folk Band.**
- 7. Golden Joy - Cllr David Naghi and Angela Vincent (Lib Dem Group)**
- 8. Beryllium - Cllr John Perry and Mrs Jan Perry (Con. Group)**
- 9. Bourne Voyage - Cllr Martin Cox and Leonie Joy (Independant Group) + PO Sea Cadets Stephen Pilkinton and 2nd in Charge Bryan Newbury.**
- 10. Lady Eleanor - Cllr Dan Wilkinson and Joanna Burns (Labour Group) 2 Sea Cadets.**

- 12.50 to 13.00** The Mayor's Barge will lock through at Allington and will take up position at the head of the convoy and proceed up the river to Maidstone - Jubilee Walk for a short break of 30 minutes.

Picnic lunch break to be taken on board respective vessels.

Afternoon Programme

- 13.30** The Mayor's convoy will proceed up river to East Farleigh Lock
- 14.15** Arriving at East Farleigh Lock, the Mayor may be greeted by the Chairman of East Farleigh, and the Chair of Barming and Tovil Parish Councils if in attendance and ships horns will be sounded marking the inner limit of the Mayor's Charter jurisdiction. (The convoy after locking through will render assistance to the next locking)
- 14.45** The Mayor's convoy will proceed up river to Teston Lock.
- 15.15** The Mayor's Barge with escorting boats will lock into Teston Lock where she will be welcomed by the Chairmen of West Farleigh, Teston and Nettlestead Parish Councils if in attendance.
- 15.45** The Mayor's Barge with escorting boats will lock through Teston Lock and wait for second locking, if necessary **before** proceeding up river to Wateringbury.
- 16.00** The first of the Convoy arrives at Medway Wharf Marina, Wateringbury, when after a short comfort break the Mayor of Maidstone, the Mayor of Tonbridge and Malling and the Mayor of Medway can observe the Swanmaster proceeding with the possibility of ringing some swans, this will allow time for the whole convoy to arrive at Medway Wharf, the Mayor of Maidstone will be welcomed by the President of the Hampstead and Yalding Cruising Club, Mark Smurthwaite and other HYCC flag officers in attendance.
- 17.00** The remainder of the Convoy arrives at Medway Wharf Marina, Wateringbury, where an official buffet reception will be held and there will be a welcome from the President and a small speech from the Mayor of Maidstone, the President and The Commodore. The Swan Master will give his report on the Swans and general wildlife on the river. All Club Members and their guests on the cruise are cordially invited to attend the official reception which will finish about 18.30 or thereabouts. Although all crews are welcome to stay and enjoy each others company after the official reception.

Buffet Reception of 1.5 hour.

Please Note: All timings are approximate for the up-river stage and may vary slightly to fit in with other river users. All vessels will be advised during the cruise on VHF Channel 6.

Directions by the Commodore or Cruise Organiser on board Solitaire V.