



thames festival river parade/ saturday 11 september 2010

invitation to boats and boat owners

The Mayor's Thames Festival River Parade is an annual event celebrating the Thames and all who sail upon it. From pleasure cruisers to sailing barges, luxury yachts to oyster smacks, the River Parade swells the Thames with big boats, small boats, old boats and new boats. With a healthy disregard for pomp and pageantry, the River Parade combines exceptional historic vessels with everyday working boats, bringing the past and present users of London's oldest landmark together on the water to have a jolly good time. If a river boat's worth its salt it will be there with bells on.

This year the River Parade will be heralded by the Charmborough Ring, whose peal will be echoed by riverside churches from Greenwich to Lambeth. Entrants are encouraged to add their own acoustic dimension to the parade with bells, horns and music on board.

All river users are welcome whether commercial or private. All entrants will be featured on the Thames Festival website and in the Parade commentary.

You can enter one of the following categories:

- Passenger Vessels** sell tickets for the River Parade via a link from the Thames Festival website
- Commercial Vessels** let the public see how you use the river and display your green credentials
- Club Entries** clubs can enter as a group
- Private Entries** no matter how large or small there's a place for you in the River Parade

Times

- 14.00** Muster at QEII Pier by the O2 at North Greenwich
- 14.45** Parade commences
- 15.40** Oar-powered boats join at Tower Bridge
- 16.05** Turn at Millbank Pier
- 16.45** Parade disperses to moorings at Cherry Garden Pier
- 17.00–23.00** Supper and Party at St Katharine Docks

After the Parade, entrants and their guests are invited to join the Thames Revival Supper and Party. This Thames Festival event at St Katharine Docks celebrates vintage glamour, classic boats and the golden days of sailing. Get into the spirit of things by dressing to suit your favourite maritime era.

To enter

Please send details of your boat and the category you would like to enter to Nicky Petto by Tuesday 31 August. Email n.petto@thamesfestival.org or call the Thames Festival office on 020 7928 8998.

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