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Royal Navy Strengthens its Maritime Links with Jersey

For the eighth consecutive year the Royal Navy will have a strong presence at the 2015 Barclays Jersey Boat Show, which takes place in and around St Helier Marina and Weighbridge Place over the Bank Holiday weekend of 02 – 04 May.

Among the naval vessels confirmed for the three-day show is the appearance of HMS Tyne. A first time visitor to the Island, the 79-metre River Class Offshore Patrol Vessel, which is deployed primarily to undertake the vital role of fisheries protection, will be berthed alongside the Albert Pier and will be open to the public throughout the weekend.

She will be joined by two university ships – HMS Ranger, a P2000 Archer Class Patrol Vessel for Sussex University Royal Navy Unit and HMS Trumpeter, a P2000 sea-based training vessel for Cambridge University Royal Naval Unit. Both vessels will be moored in St Helier Marina and will be open to the public. Alongside them will be four Offshore Raiding Crafts (ORCS), which are designed for commando insertion and fire support missions along coastlines and river networks.

Following successful appearances in recent years, the Royal Navy has also confirmed that 815 Naval Air Squadron, the largest helicopter squadron in the world will be flying in a Lynx MK 8 helicopter especially for the show and will be located in Weighbridge Place as part of a static display. . The helicopter operates from Royal Navy Frigates and Destroyers, regularly conducting surveillance and reconnaissance missions using its dazzling array of sensors, cameras and recording equipment.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the visiting Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Collingwood, which will be performing two public 'Beating Retreat' ceremonies in Weighbridge Place on the evening of Friday 01 May and late afternoon on Saturday 02 May. This military ceremony, which is a guaranteed crowd pleaser dates back to the 16th century and was used to recall nearby patrolling units to their castles. As part of the Liberation 70 International Music Festival later that week the band will also be performing at a concert at Jersey's Opera House on Thursday 07 May, featuring military sounds, big band hits and popular showstoppers. Tickets are now on sale from the Box Office on telephone (01534) 511115 or online at jerseyoperahouse.co.uk

Group Commercial Director for Ports of Jersey, Myra Shacklady, said: "The Royal Navy has given us its full support since our inaugural boat show in 2008 and we are delighted that during this 70th anniversary year of the Island's liberation we will also be welcoming Jersey's affiliated war ship HMS Iron Duke as well as many other navy vessels. Not only will their presence at the show add an exciting element for both locals and visitors, but it is a valuable reminder to us all of the vital work the Royal Navy does in safeguarding our seas."

Other Navy elements of this year's show include performances from the Royal Marines Jazz Band, which will be performing throughout the weekend as part of the Solent Stevedores Main Stage entertainment programme.

Weighbridge Place will be the setting for the traditional presentation of the 'Jersey Cup' on Sunday 03 May by the Island's Lieutenant Governor, General Sir John McColl to the crew of the visiting fishery patrol ship, HMS Tyne for its efficient and effective service over the past 12 months. Prior to this His Excellency will undertake a formal inspection of Jersey's young cadets before joining Lady McColl, invited guests and members of the public for the traditional Sea Sunday Service. Led by the Dean of Jersey, the service will include a blessing of the boats together with readings and musical entertainment by the Royal Marines Band. The morning's activities will conclude with a stirring rendition of 'Beautiful Jersey', sung by Sadie Rennard.

As the largest free-entry event in the Channel Islands, the Barclays Jersey Boat Show gives residents and visitors alike the opportunity to dip their toes into all things nautical and discover at close quarters the wealth of maritime activities and services available in the Island.



A fascinating mix of aspirational and practical watercraft on the pontoons will mix with a varied programme of activities, demonstrations and entertainment both on and off the water as well as exhibitor stalls and catering outlets along the quayside. Whatever the weather, the show promises something for all the family to enjoy.

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