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**SATURDAY 2 - MONDAY 4 MAY**



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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Everyone's invited to the 2015 Barclays Jersey Boat Show**

With just days to go final preparations are underway for this coming May Bank Holiday weekend Barclays Jersey Boat Show.

Taking place in and around St Helier Marina and Weighbridge Place, between Saturday 2 and Monday 4 May, the show, which is now in its eighth year, promises a wealth of great events and attractions to entertain the crowds and organisers are hopeful that this year will be even bigger and better than ever.

The show will officially be opened at 10am on Saturday 2 May and will include the hoisting of the Boat Show flag by its young designer, 9-year old St Martin's School pupil, Ellie Van de Ven, accompanied by the Harbour Master and representatives from the Royal Navy and Ports of Jersey.

"There is a great buzz around this year's show and as always we have received overwhelming support from our sponsors, participants and exhibitors", said Group Commercial Director for Ports of Jersey, Myra Shacklady. "The event has grown not only in size but popularity in recent years, attracting huge crowds and appeals not only to our large boating community but both residents and Island visitors alike".

St Helier Marina will be awash with a large number of vessels on display, ranging from super yachts to more practical water craft, which will all be open to the public to step aboard and view. Local and visiting marine traders from the UK and other Channel Islands representing some of the world's leading brands, including Sunseeker, Fairline, Princess, Jeanneau and Beneteau will also be represented on the pontoons.

In addition, the Condor Ferries 'On-Water & Active Zone' on the Albert Pier will play host to its busiest ever programme of water demonstrations and displays as well as a dedicated area for many local leisure operators offering a number of products and services, with kayaking, rowing and stand-up paddle boarding taster sessions just some of the offerings available together with Fly Boarding demonstrations from Team GB. The area is also the location for the Jersey Slackline Club who will be offering slacklining and public tuition sessions for this new and exciting sport throughout the weekend, demonstrating alongside the UK Slacklining School who already entertain the crowds at a number of major festivals and events around the country, including Glastonbury, Green Man Festival and the Royal International Air Tattoo.

For those preferring to keep their feet firmly on the ground the surrounding quaysides along the Albert Pier and New North Quay will boast numerous exhibitors, some of them appearing at the show for the very first time, offering a variety of goods and services, ranging from the latest in marine related gadgets and gizmos to leisure and lifestyle accessories, artisan crafts and 'must have' bargains. There is also a dedicated children's play zone area situated adjacent to the Steam Clock. And taste-buds are not forgotten with a multitude of catering and refreshments outlets located throughout the arena.

Musical entertainment will be provided on the Solent Stevedores Main Stage throughout the weekend, featuring appearances from many of the Island's leading performers, with some making their boat show debut. The programme includes performances from Inside Job, Take This, Parklife Choir, Jaime Boylan, Sara Strudwick and Charlie Norton, 'Jersey Young Musician of the Year 2015' Samuel Walwyn, Hot Bananas and the winners of Jersey's 'Search for a Star' competition, Kieron Brown, Aimee Noel, David Keenan and Kaiya Campbell. There will also be performances throughout the weekend from the Royal Marines Jazz Quartet.

"Barclays is proud to be sponsoring such a great event, which not only encourages visitors to our Island but also provides a fantastic festival atmosphere for us all to enjoy. With the increased support from the Royal Navy and the fantastic entertainment programme both on and off the water, there really will be something for everyone at this year's event." said Paul Savery, Managing Director for Barclays Jersey who are once again title-sponsors of the show.

No boat show would be complete without the continuing support and participation of the Royal Navy and 2015 is no exception. This year HMS Tyne will be the star attraction, making her first appearance at the show and moored alongside the Albert Pier. She will be joined by two University Ships, HMS Ranger and



HMS Puncher together with a number of Offshore Raiding Crafts (ORCs) which will all be berthed in St Helier Marina and open to the public.

Such is the ever increasing presence of the Royal Navy that organisers have once again extended the arena this year to include Weighbridge Place. This area will be home for the weekend for a static display, which will feature a Lynx MK8 Helicopter from the 815 Naval Air Squadron, the largest helicopter squadron in the world.

One of the highlights of the weekend will be the two public 'Beating Retreat' performances, which will be carried out by the 45-piece Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Collingwood. The ceremonies, which are always guaranteed crowd pleasers will be performed in Weighbridge Place on the eve of this year's show, starting at 7:30pm on Friday 1 May as well as an additional performance on Saturday 2 May at 5pm. Both ceremonies, to which members of the public are invited to view will be performed in front of His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor of Jersey who will take the salute on both evenings.

Barclays has named the British Red Cross as the beneficiary of any funds raised at the 2015 show. The choice was made to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival in Jersey of the SS Vega, the Red Cross aid ship, which provided a life-line for islanders during the Second World War. To celebrate the anniversary, a six foot replica of the life-saving ship will be on display at the Red Cross stand for the duration of the show. One of the most popular aspects of the fund-raising efforts will be the appearance of the Barclays 'Duck', whose design this year will remain a secret until the show's opening.

Other activities and events to look forward to over the weekend include the traditional Sea Sunday Service on the 3 May, which will include the blessing of the boats as well as an inspection of young Island cadets by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and presentation of the Jersey Cup to representatives from HMS Tyne.

'We can't always guarantee the weather but admission to the show is entirely free and we aim to provide everyone who visits with an enjoyable and memorable weekend", concluded Miss Shacklady. "This is one of the highlights of the year for us at Ports of Jersey and an opportunity to showcase our much valued marine leisure industry as well as the perfect excuse to blow away those winter blues and kick start summer".



Full details of all activities taking place as part of the 2015 Barclays Jersey Boat Show can be found online at [jerseyboatshow.com](http://jerseyboatshow.com) or for the latest updates throughout the weekend follow the show on Facebook and Twitter.

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