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Strong Royal Navy Presence at 2016 Show

For the ninth consecutive year the Royal Navy will have a strong presence at the 2016 Barclays Jersey Boat Show, which takes place in and around St Helier Marina and Weighbridge Place over the Bank Holiday weekend, 30 April – 02 May.

Among the navy vessels confirmed for the three-day show is the appearance of **HMS Severn**. The 79-metre River Class Offshore Patrol Vessel, which is deployed primarily to undertake the vital job of sea fisheries protection, is no stranger to island waters, having previously visited in 2014 and 2011. She will be berthed alongside the Albert Pier and will be open to the public during the weekend.

She will be joined by two university ships, **HMS Blazer**, a P2000 Archer class patrol vessel, based in Portsmouth and attached to the Southampton University Royal Navy Unit as well as **HMS Exploit**, attached to Birmingham University Royal Naval Unit. Berthed alongside them in St Helier Marina will be four Offshore Raiding Crafts (ORCS), which are designed for commando insertion and for support missions along coastlines and river networks.

Following previous successful appearances at the show, the Royal Navy has confirmed that a **Lynx Wildcat Helicopter**, based in Yeovilton, Somerset will be flying in for the show and will be located in Weighbridge Place as part of a static display. The Wildcat is the largest generation of multi role helicopters procured to operate from Royal Navy Frigates and Destroyers.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the visiting **Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Plymouth**, which will be performing two free entry public 'Beating Retreat' ceremonies in Weighbridge Place on the evening of Friday 29 April (7:30pm) and late afternoon of Saturday 30 April (5:30pm). This military ceremony, which is a guaranteed crowd pleaser dates back to the 16th century and was used to recall nearby patrolling units to its castles. The following week the Band will be performing at a concert at Jersey Opera House as part of the annual Liberation International Music Festival.

On behalf of the show's organisers, Ports of Jersey, Group Commercial Director, Myra Shacklady said: "The Royal Navy has given us its full support since our inaugural show in 2008 and this year is no exception. We are delighted to welcome a number of its vessels to Jersey waters, some of which have been here before and some which are newcomers to the Island. Their presence adds another exciting element to the show but is also a reminder to us of the vital work the Royal Navy does in safeguarding our seas".

Weighbridge Place will also be the setting for the traditional presentation of the 'Jersey Cup' on Sunday 01 May by the Island's Lieutenant Governor, General Sir John McColl to the crew of the visiting fishery patrol ship, HMS Severn for its efficient and effective service over the previous 12 months. Prior to this, His Excellency will undertake a formal inspection of Jersey's young cadets before joining Royal Navy guests and members of the public for the traditional Sea Sunday Service, which will be led by the Dean of Jersey.

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 lifestyle services available in the Island.

A fascinating mix of aspirational and practical watercraft on the pontoons mix with a varied programme of activities, demonstrations and entertainment both on and off the water as well as exhibitor stands and catering outlets along the quayside. The show, which opens daily from 10am promises something for everyone – whatever the weather!

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