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Three charities to benefit from Jersey Boat Show 10 year celebration

The Barclays Jersey Boat Show celebrates its tenth anniversary in 2017 and in order to mark this milestone, Teenage Cancer Trust - Jersey Appeal, EYECAN (Jersey Blind Society) and the NSPCC Jersey have been chosen as the Show's charity beneficiaries.

The three charities, partly chosen to represent the letters TEN to mark the tenth anniversary, will each be allocated one day of the Show to carry out their own fundraising. They will also join the Barclays team to promote charitable awareness in the Show's hospitality marquee on Sunday 30th April. Barclays intends to match the funds raised from this year's Show which will be divided equally between the charities.

The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity (RNRMC), which is also celebrating its ten year anniversary, will also benefit from money raised at other events across the bank holiday weekend.

2017 will be Barclays' eighth year as title sponsor of the Jersey Boat Show. Since their involvement in 2010, over £52,500 has been raised for a variety of charities, who have also used the Show as a platform to promote awareness of their individual causes.

A firm favourite attraction for visitors is the 'hook a duck' game which has become an icon of the Barclays Jersey Boat Show and its largest fund raiser since its first appearance in 2010. In the past seven years more than 20,000 ducks have been claimed by locals and visitors alike with some returning each year to update their collections.

Managing director of Barclays in Jersey, Paul Savery, said: "We take a great deal of time and care in choosing the charities for the Barclays Jersey Boat Show each year. Barclays is passionate about supporting the local community and our work in this area complements our Shared Growth Ambition programme which provides access to financial and digital empowerment and employability initiatives.

"The Royal Navy has also been a big supporter of the Show over the years and we look forward to welcoming them back in 2017. It is therefore fitting that we continue to support their charity, the RNRMC, as they also celebrate their tenth anniversary."

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The Teenage Cancer Trust runs 28 specialist units and teams of expert nurses and youth support staff in NHS hospitals across the UK, including at Southampton General Hospital to provide the best cancer support and care for young people, whenever and wherever they need. Over the past seven years the Jersey Appeal Committee have organised fundraising events, raising the profile of the charity. The Jersey Appeal is focussing its fundraising efforts on an education and awareness programme for Jersey schools to increase knowledge of cancer in young people and help reduce the delay in diagnosis. The Barclays Jersey Boat Show donation will contribute to this programme.

EYECAN (Jersey Blind Society) is a local charity which supports sight impaired islanders in Jersey. The money raised from the Barclays Jersey Boat Show will help fund tailored support, activities and social events that people of all ages can benefit from so they can live more independently with sight loss.

A share of the Boat Show funds will also go towards a number of services undertaken at the local NSPCC centre at The Gower Centre. It has been set up to support children and vulnerable families in Jersey.

The Barclays Jersey Boat Show will take place from Saturday 29 April to Monday 1 May 2017.

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