



Media Release

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Barclays Jersey Boat Show Celebrates its 10th Birthday – and everyone's invited!

With just days to go final preparations are well underway for this Bank Holiday weekend's Barclays Jersey Boat Show.

Taking place in and around St Helier Marina, Weighbridge Place and Marina Gardens, between Saturday 29 April and Monday 01 May, the show is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year and promises a wealth of great activities and activities to entertain the crowds.

St Helier Marina will be awash with vessels on display, ranging from super yachts to more practical water craft, which will 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, Jenneau and Beneteau will also be present on the pontoons, which are open daily from 10am.

The 'Outdoor & Active Zone' on the Albert Pier, sponsored by Condor Ferries, will play host to a busy programme of water demonstrations and displays both on and off the water as well as a dedicated area for local leisure operators offering a number of

products and services, including kayaking, rowing and stand-up paddle boarding. Battle Zone Archery together with Laser combat sessions will also be offered up in Weighbridge Place by local leisure provider, Les Ormes and there is an enlarged Kids Play Zone located in Marina Gardens (above waterfront car Park), which will feature something for all ages.

Local talent will once again be showcased on the Solent Stevedores Main Stage throughout the weekend with performances from many of the Island's leading musicians. The varied programme includes appearances from crowd-favourites Inside Job, Take This and The Jersey Bounce alongside Hot Bananas, Lauren Ivy & the Engine, Backbeat Jersey and No Strings Attached.

The Royal Navy plays such an important role in the annual show and 2017 is no exception. This year, HMS MERSEY will be the star attraction accompanied by two visiting University Training Ships as well as Offshore Raiding Crafts. Weighbridge Place will be the setting for a military village and there will also be a public Beating Retreat ceremony on late Saturday afternoon, 29 April by the visiting band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Commando Training Centre from Lympstone, East Devon. As a conclusion to the boat show's 10th anniversary the Royal Marines Band will also be performing a free public concert in the Great Hall, Victoria College on the evening of Monday 01 May.

Three Jersey charities, chosen by title sponsors, Barclays will benefit from fund-raising during this year's show. In keeping with the anniversary, the three charities represent the letters TEN – Teenage Cancer Trust, EyeCan and the NSPCC Jersey. Each of the charities will be allocated one of the days over the weekend to raise their own profile and fund-raising efforts, which will include a public performance on the Main Stage by the EyeCan Choir on Sunday 30 April.

Other highlights include a return visit to Jersey waters by the world-renowned yacht, Gipsy Moth IV, in which Sir Francis Chichester sailed around the world in 1966 as well as Christiana, a former Norwegian rescue boat which is stopping off in Jersey on its way to Istanbul as part of a 12-month Seed Journey, a project set up by the internationally

renowned artist collective Future Farmers. Both vessels will be open to the public during the weekend.

Whether you are looking for the latest in maritime and lifestyle related gadgets and gizmos, advice and assistance in taking to the water, picking up a Genuine Jersey product from one of our local artisans, trying your hand at on water activities or simply looking for a quirky gift then you'll find it all at the show with over 80 exhibitors showcasing their products and services along the quaysides. And your taste buds will be in for a treat with an abundance of catering and refreshment concessions throughout the arena.

On behalf of Ports of Jersey, Myra Shacklady who founded the annual Jersey Boat Show and is responsible for the overall organisation of the event, alongside local events specialists, 3D Events, says, "Whether you're an experienced mariner or not, the show promises something for everyone. It's great chance to blow away those winter blues and get set for summer – whatever the weather! We have had fantastic support from our exhibitors, sponsors, participants and the local community over the years and I am delighted that as we approach our 10th birthday we're still going strong".

The 2017 Barclays Jersey Boat Show is open between 10am and 6pm on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 April and between 10am and 5pm on Monday 01 May. Entry is free.

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