



NATIONAL HISTORIC SHIPS UK

The official voice for historic vessels in the United Kingdom

PRESS RELEASE

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National Historic Ships UK announces FLAGSHIP OF THE YEAR AWARD

Following eight successful years of very different kinds of vessels from around the UK winning this award, National Historic Ships UK has again extended the scheme for 2017.

This year, National Historic Ships UK decided the applications more strongly represented Regional rather than National event programmes and it was decided to award four Regional Flagships to recognise the commitment that many vessels give to their home cruising grounds.

In announcing this further extension of the scheme Hannah Cunliffe, Director of National Historic Ships UK, said:

“I am delighted that we are able to offer these Awards once more and publicise the range of cruising programmes which these vessels are planning for the coming season. Our four 2017 Regional Flagships have all shown their enthusiasm for raising the profile of UK maritime heritage at the events they are attending and we look forward to working closely with them in the months ahead.”

The Award criteria requires vessel owners to come forward with seasonal programmes to engage the public through festivals, demonstrations, on-board cruises, quayside visits, educational programmes, participation in races and similar activities. Flagships are expected to promote actively the role of National Historic Ships UK by distributing associated PR material and flying the flag as our ambassadors.

The four Regional Flagships will each receive a grant of £250 to be spent on the vessel, along with a special Regional Flagship Broad Pennant denoting the year in which the award was made.

The 2017 Regional Flagship Awards have been given to:

Caronia (Regional Flagship of the Year 2017 for the Solent) - for her commitment to education and engagement with maritime heritage involving an intensive series of visits from her current home port in Chichester to her historic home port of St Ives, via Yarmouth, Falmouth, Penzance, Plymouth and Dartmouth.

Daniel Adamson (Regional Flagship of the Year 2017 for the North-West) - for her commitment to education and engagement with the North-West's maritime heritage

involving an intensive series of visits extending to Ellesmere Port, Liverpool, and Lymm. <http://www.thedanny.co.uk/>

Our Daddy (Regional Flagship of the Year 2017 for the South West) - for her commitment to education and engagement with the South West's maritime heritage involving an intensive series of visits extending to Brixham, Looe, Falmouth, Dartmouth and the Isles of Scilly.

Reminder (Regional Flagship of the Year 2017 for East Anglia) - for her commitment to education and engagement with East Anglia's maritime heritage involving an intensive series of visits extending to Maldon, the Medway, and London. <http://www.top-sail.co.uk/>

Pictures available on request. Please note that each Flagship will be presented with its broad pennant by a member of the NHS-UK team. For photo-call dates or further information about National Historic Ships UK, contact:

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Notes for Editors:

Details of all the winning vessels can be found on our National Register of Historic Vessels. Go to <http://www.nationalhistoricships.org.uk/>

National Historic Ships UK advises the Department of Culture, Media & Sport and a range of grant giving organisations on priorities for ship conservation and is the official voice for historic vessels in the UK. It maintains the National Register of Historic Vessels, which lists over a thousand significant historic vessels.