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SHIP-KEEPING WEEKEND AT CUTTY SARK

Experience and learn traditional maritime skills

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th May 2018

National Historic Ships-UK have teamed up with Royal Museums Greenwich, the International Boat building Training College Lowestoft, the Association of Bargemen and Hermitage River Projects to offer a weekend of adult learning in traditional ship-keeping skills at the *Cutty Sark* clipper ship in Greenwich. Have a go at some of the hands on practical skills used to maintain a historic vessel and experience traditional seamanship aboard a historic Thames Sailing Barge.

Activities take place between 10am -5pm and will include:

- Planking & Caulking
- Knotting and splicing of rope work
- Steaming bending and roving timbers
- Axe hewing & spar making demonstrations
- Barge sailing



The masterclasses will be delivered by tutors and instructors from the IBTC, and will take place in the dry berth of the *Cutty Sark* and in the ship keepers workshop 10 minutes' walk from the ship. This program is ideally suited to those with a keen interest in how to maintain a traditional wooden sailing craft.

Also in the weekend is an opportunity to cruise on the river Thames from and back to a local pier aboard a historic Thames sailing barge. These vessels with its distinctive spritsail rig were once a common sight on the river: however there are only around 30 left. The Association of Bargemen represents the operators and crew of these and will make a Thames Sailing Barge available during the weekend to take trips on the river and learn about operating this vessel in a traditional way.

The weekend cost is £250 and includes materials, entrance to the *Cutty Sark*, tutoring, lunch, and Thames Sailing Barge experience.

As an extra all those attending could all join a group supper on Saturday in a local pub. There is also the possibility to join the Thames barge on its 2 day journey to and from London and Ipswich. Limited capacity and weather permitting only.

To sign up or for further information please go to: info@nationalhistoricships.org.uk