

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2008

LONDON BOAT SHOW 2008

Another year and another London Boat Show has been and gone! All reports indicate a successful event. Over 127,000 people visited the Show, and many exhibitors were reporting strong sales.

RoDMA were again closely involved with the visits of vessels, both for display inside the exhibition halls, and those moored in the marina in Royal Victoria Dock, fronting the halls. 22 boats were locked in to be lifted out, and 20 for display in the marina. An innovation this year was a colourful display of 15 narrow boats on the dockside, along with the usual impressive display of Sunseeker, Princess and other yachts and cruisers. A RNLI Lifeboat again attended.



The Navy was represented by HMS Exeter, a Type 42 Destroyer. The fifth ship to carry the name, she was built by Swan Hunter Shipbuilders Ltd, launched in 1979 and commissioned in 1980. She has seen service in the Falklands in 1982, the Gulf, and visited most areas around the World.



ROYAL VICTORIA DOCK FOOTBRIDGE

Most people around the Docks will now be well aware that the operating hours for the Royal Victoria Dock Footbridge have been extended, opening at 7.00 am and closing at 10.00 pm. Security patrols have been introduced from 6.00 pm to closure, and the CCTV coverage has been extended and improved. We had a limited response to the questionnaire on usage that was distributed, most perhaps understandably being against the then limited opening hours that then prevailed, and for diverse but nonetheless interesting reasons. RoDMA is grateful for the interest shown, and believe the new system is proving generally `satisfactory.



The RoDMA I workboat hoisted onto dry land for her biennial re-painting of the hull and superstructure.

MARCH	KING GEORGE V DOCK	ROYAL ALBERT DOCK	ROYAL VICTORIA DOCK	Notes
15 th -18 th	Vessels transit in bound to RVD	Vessels transit in bound to RVD	Vessels transit in bound	Oceanology
18 th -20 th			Vessels berthed alongside northern quay; displays on water	
20 th -21 st	Vessels transit out bound from RVD	Vessels transit out bound from RVD	Vessels transit out bound	Oceanology
APRIL				
24 th -27 th			London Golf Show	Golf Show
MAY				
7 th -11 th		Docklands/Poplar Regattas		
14 th -18 th		John Groom Dragons		
20 th -22 nd	Vessels transit in/out bound to/from RVD	Vessels transit in/out bound to/from RVD	Vessels transit in/out bound	Wine Fair
JUNE				
3 rd -7 th		London Youth Games		
8 th		Hong Kong Economic Trade Office Dragon Boat event		
18 th -22 nd		FINA Swim		
24 th -28 th		London Youth Games	28 th -London Youth Games	
JULY				
2 nd -6 th		London China Lions Club		
5 th	London City Airport Family Day	London City Airport Family Day		
7 th -11 th		Anthony Nolan Trust Dragonboat Regatta		
12 th -13 th		London Triathlon		
10 th -31 st	Vessels transit in/out bound to/from RVD	Vessels transit in/out bound to/from RVD	Vessels transit in/out bound	British Motor Show
24 th -26 th		BDA Dragon Boat Event		
AUGUST				
2 nd -3 rd			London Triathlon swim section	
SEPTEMBER				
6 th			Sea Cadet Regatta	
12 th -14 th		BDA Dragon Boat Event		
17 th -21 st		NSPCC Dragons Alive		
12 th		The Organisation Dragons		
9 th		Docklands Small Boats		
10 th -13 th	Vessels transit in/out bound to/from RVD	Vessels transit in/out bound to/from RVD	Vessels transit in/out bound	World Travel Market
DECEMBER				
18 th -24 th	Vessels transit in bound to RVD	Vessels transit in bound to RVD	Vessels transit in bound	Boat Show 2009