

Newsletter, November 2007

QE2 Visit to the River Tyne



A great open day was had by all to welcome the QE2 to the Tyne. We were delighted with the interest and fun from the spectators at the NEMT workshop. The kettle was on full time, supplying hot drinks and comfort to many folk who were patiently waiting for the vessel to proceed up river to her berth at the Royal Quays.

Many thanks indeed for all kind donations received that afternoon towards the current restoration of the Henry Frederick Swan Lifeboat.

Rachel Douglas Scotland Tour

Crewed by Friends of NEMT, the Rachel Douglas, from our associated Northumbrian Fishing Heritage Trust, completed a most successful and exciting tour of Scotland.



Well turned out crew for arrival Crinan Routine maintenance to rigging at sea

The second leg of a three part tour, took the boat down through the Caledonian Canal, Loch Ness, Loch Lochy, Loch Linnhe on to Crinan for another grand Classic Boat Festival held in the Crinan basin. With stunning scenery, a splendid range of beautifully turned out wooden boats and of course a generous supply of samples to be tasted from the festival sponsors, Jura Whisky! A great time was had by all. We are now all experts at negotiating the countless locks and narrow rail bridges.

The third and final leg took us through the Forth and Clyde canal. A route demanding all the pilotage skills and team work for lowering masts and rigging when negotiating the very low bridges.

We even got a mention in the "Classic Boat" magazine!

“Royal Diadem II” BK255



We are all very excited after agreeing to a most generous offer by NEMT Friend, Chris Malkim, to take possession of “Royal Diadem II”, a historically valuable sailing Coble.

Originally built at Amble in 1948 for William and Albert Silk, she is 30 feet long with impressive sails on a 29ft mast.

The vessel has been out of the water for some months now and is in need of attention to some planking, frames and knees along with the replacement of a number of fastenings. Work has already begun in the workshop by the Friends and we shall look forward to sailing her and flying the NEMT flag early next year.