



# Newsletter Summer 2023

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**At last, it is officially summertime.**

## Headline News



If you have been watching posts on our North East Maritime Trust Facebook & Twitter NEMTnews pages, you will know that the excellent work done on the 1886 South Shields lifeboat Bedford by all our members, has thankfully now been put in secure storage by South Tyneside Council.

Of course we can't say where but she's being well looked after and her future is safe.

Work started late 2017 after she was saved from an unknown future and possible destruction.

Now, we can say that the excellent work done by all our volunteers has reaped the benefit of knowing that Bedford and carriage have a unique space. We think she is the only complete example with carriage, oars and some original lifesaving equipment in the world, here in South Shields.

Grateful thanks also go to: Consortium of Trinity House, South Tyneside Council, South Shields VLB, Port of Tyne. Also thanks to The Barbour Foundation and International Paints (AkzoNobel). Without their help and support none of this would have been possible



There's more -

The summer solstice is almost here and we are pleased to say that plans are afoot for a great NEMT summer season.

Please see over -

Some of our crew enjoying warm summer days.

## **Events for Summer 2023**

We are in the process of putting together a number of events, which we hope to attend over the summer.

We already have confirmed dates for four main events as follows:-

**Tyne Rowing Event** including South Tyneside College on 23rd June - NEMT will be present with Henry Frederick Swan acting as a safety boat.

### **Hartlepool Tall Ships - 6th to 9th July 2023**

We have reserved berths for two boats at the event and have been offered the option of a stand to promote the Trust. Members of the public will be invited to come aboard the boats in the Marina at Hartlepool.

This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in the Tall Ships event and great promotion of NEMT.

### **Blyth Weekend - 21-23 July 2023**

The Old Gaffers Association (OGA) are organising a Round Britain Rally to celebrate their 60th Anniversary. This includes a weekend stop over at Blyth, which is to be hosted by Blyth Tall Ship (BTS) and the Royal Northumberland Yacht Club (RNYC).

The Trust has been invited to join the event with three of our boats. There will be a number of social events hosted by BTS and RNYC over the weekend. NEMT will be offering OGA and members the opportunity of a short sail on our boats on the Saturday.

### **Bridlington Sailing Coble Festival - 29-30 July 2023**

NEMT has again been invited to attend the Festival with one or more of our boats. The outline plan is to transport Royal Diadem II by road to Bridlington for the event and possibly to sail Henry Frederick Swan to Bridlington for the weekend.

The detailed planning for these events is still a work in progress and we will provide further details as they become available.

We are looking for expressions of interest from any member of the Trust who would like to be involved in any of these events in whatever capacity. Should you be interested please contact either Richard Branson or David Parker whose contact details are below:-

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Other events include Tynemouth Lifeboat Day on 16th July and Cullercoats Harbour Day on 12th August.

All events subject to the weather conditions of course.

**We are also looking forward to sailing Royal Diadem II and Peggy on Saturdays to about mid October, weather permitting. Please contact either Richard Branson or David Parker if you wish to join in and have some fun.**



## News From the Workshops.

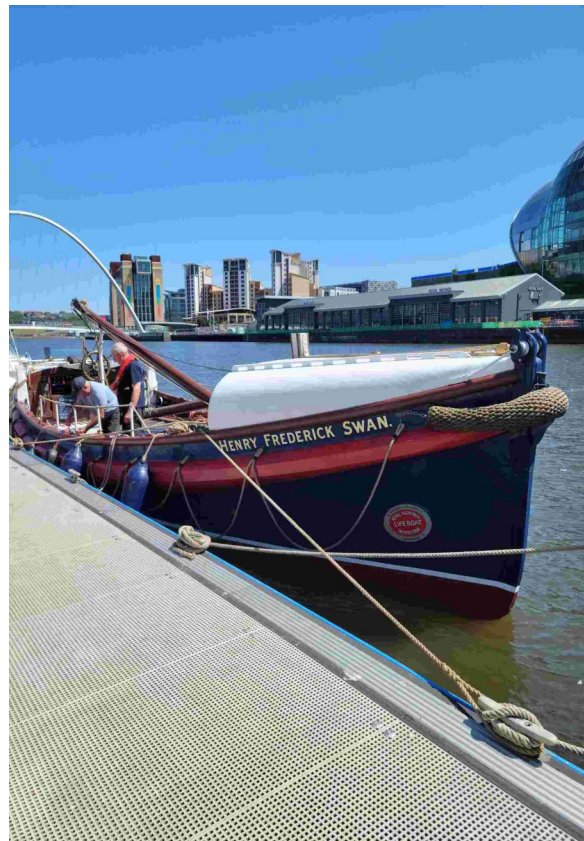
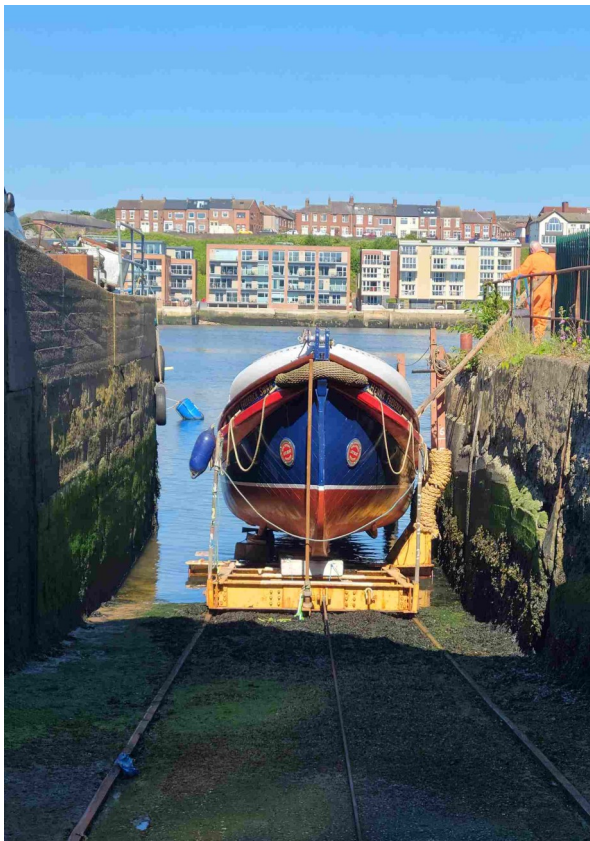
## Spot The Web!

As previously reported here and on our Facebook 'North East Maritime Trust' page and @NEMTnews Twitter page, a great deal of repair and updating work along with an MCA-required survey has been completed for Royal Diadem11 (RD2). She is now back in the water and on her moorings.



After Royal Diadem left the building, repairs and maintenance to the slip carriageway before Henry Frederick Swan (HFS) could enter, had to take place.

After which, HFS had entered the boatshed successfully for some updating including painting and repairs for the busy summer schedule ahead. She's now back in the water and safely tied up at her moorings at the NE1 Quayside in Newcastle.



## The Boatyard Bistro



A first for NEMT - after a lot of work to get everything ready, we will be opening our new small, but perfectly formed cafe to initially serve tea and coffee to our potential customers in the future.

We'll be accepting donations for the refreshments on offer.

So any help you can offer with that will be gratefully appreciated. Simply email or just call in to volunteer.

### Membership

Despite current reporting of charities suffering vastly reduced memberships and volunteering by up to 1/3rd, we are pleased to say that NEMT is proving to be an exception to this trend with membership reasonably stable but, hands-on volunteering has reduced slightly, so we need you to come along.

On that note, it's that time again for a substantial number of our members to update their June membership and a reminder will soon follow. So please remember to keep your membership active, it really is so important for our Trust and this region's maritime heritage and culture.

### Health and Safety

Health and Safety is a main concern for any premises and we are soon to be tidying up the workshop areas to address some issues which we have identified. Help with these tasks will be appreciated and welcomed.

### Exterior Works

Some painting of the exterior wooden walls has been undertaken and continues in earnest, any help with this will also be appreciated.

### Administration

As before, this is a big ask but anyone with admin experience who might be able to help in any way will be greatly appreciated. Please just call in or phone to speak.

If you feel that you might be able to help with any of the above, please send an email to: [nemaritime2020@gmail.com](mailto:nemaritime2020@gmail.com)

You can also call - 0191 4478814 Please leave a message if we don't answer.

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