

## Royal Diadem II

Appears under both NEMT Boats and Other Boats because like Rachel Douglas, Favourite, Sovereign and Peggy, she came under the care of NFHT when she had first been restored:-

Name	Number	Type	Date	Preserved	Notes	Length
Henry Frederick Swan		RNLI Lifeboat	1917	2005	Being donated to NEMT	40'
Peggy	BK7	Northumberland coble	1924	2002	Owned by "Friend"	29'
Jane Douglas	BKx	Northumberland coble	1938(?)	2003	Owned by "Friend"	33'
Rachel Douglas	BK231	Ring and seine netter	1947	2002	NHFT	40'
Joan Dixon	BK92	Northumberland coble	1947	2003	Owned by "Friend"	30'
Golden Gleam	BK303	Northumberland coble	1948	2000	NHFT	29'
Royal Diadem II	BK251	Northumberland coble	1948	2001	NHFT	30'
Favourite	BK11	Seine netter	1949(or 1948?)	2006	NHFT	36'

NEMT now appear to have claimed ownership of her and it would be interesting to compare the rates charged to put her on the slipway for the removal of weed and a fresh coat of antifouling etc. with what NFHT have to pay for a similar scrub down and repaint for Peggy, a boat of similar size after they had been refused access to the only slipway in the North East, available by the current chair of NEMT, Alec Renwick.

I had no contact with him from 2011 until he returned from his travels in 2018 and then no direct contact with him until late in 2019 when he requested access to the website that I had managed since it was registered in 2014, *nemaritimetrust.co.uk* and that request was granted on the 3rd of December 2019.

I heard nothing more from him until he let others and I know of the death of the Chair of NEMT, on the day after, the 31st March 2020 and I thought to post the notice of his passing away on the website and although I never posted the notice, I discovered that all the references to the charity NFHT and the boats for which it was responsible had been removed.

As he had started using an email circulation lists to broadcast information I removed his access to the site as an administrator so that no more damage could be done to the site and anyway he could use his circulation list to let us all know of the funeral arrangements etc.

His subsequent actions regarding the site *nemaritimetrust.co.uk* have only confirmed my suspicions that the removal of all references to NFHT and the vessels they cared for, from the pages and posts on the site, up to December 2019 was no accident.

Things had degenerated since then, to such an extent that [on June the 18th this year](#), he made a threat that if I did not make him a gift of the ownership of the domain *nemaritimetrust.co.uk* he would deny access to the only suitable slipway on the North East Coast for tasks as simple as scrubbing and re-coating with antifouling any of the vessels in the care of the NFHT:-

*I simply ask all at NFHT to make Mick Dawson see sense and transfer our *nemaritimetrust.co.uk* website back to NEMT where it belongs.*

*As ever, I'm always available to talk in an attempt to end with a satisfactory conclusion. Unfortunately until that happens NEMT will not be in a position to discuss any future NFHT collaboration or plan vessel repairs on these premises.*

He knew as well as I did, that the domain belonged neither to NEMT nor himself but to me and while I have never been a trustee of NEMT, I had resigned my Trusteeship of NFHT in April after the correspondence that arose from an email he had written on the 15th March where he had falsely accused the Chair of NFHT [sending out unauthorised mail](#):-

*Mr Weightman*

*It is apparent that you, presumably acting for (NFHT), have sent an unauthorised personal letter to NEMT members which contravenes data protection laws and your previous position as Secretary of this Trust.*

Also, he swaps the ownership of the domain nemaritimetrust.co.uk to himself (NEMT), so that he can falsely accuse me of scamming my own website:-

*I also notice that Mick Dawson (NFHT) has conspired to scam our website with similar unauthorised data, blocking any input from NEMT.*

In between his false accusations of the 15th March and the threat made to the officers of NFHT he publishes the [NEMT Summer Newsletter](#) and that contained two items of misinformation, the first of which was directed at me:-

- 1. However, our new Website below will replace and be much better than the original which was very unreliable anyway. Once this horrible little gremlin has been removed we hope to be back on-line very soon with our new improved Website address as follows – [www.nemaritimetrust.org.uk](http://www.nemaritimetrust.org.uk)*
- 2. Henry Frederick Swan launch day event – This was going to be early April but unfortunately very strong winds and a big swell stopped us from launching from the NEMT boatshed.*

As one can tell from the post labelled '[Consider Urgent 2](#)' the horrible little gremlin could only have been either Mr Renwick or myself and it certainly was not I. Also anyone present on the planned launch day in April would have known that it was not stormy weather nor the swell that stopped the launch but that the bogie used for moving boats up and down the slipway had become stuck.

I had been at many launches over the years and knew that the bogie could be released by levering the bogie towards the centre of the slipway by as little as 5mm with a six foot scaffolding pole having done so myself. A Health & Safety officer might not approve but I digress.

The main point of this sorry tale is that under the Chairmanship of Mr Renwick, some of the NEMT volunteers have been able encouraged to adopt one set of values for the Henry Frederick Swan and the Royal Diadem II and a different set for the vessels in the care of the Northumbrian Fisheries Heritage Trust.

Mick Dawson 6th October 2024