



THE THAMES SAILING BARGE

was the workhorse of coastal transport until well into the 20th Century. Barges are still sailing today as supreme examples of our working maritime heritage.

The highly efficient spritsail rig, with up to 4,000 sq ft of sail, enables fast passage-making and can be handled by just 2 working crew. The flat-bottomed hull and lifting leeboards allow access to even the shallowest creeks and swatchways. The tall topsail provides both windward performance and manoeuvrability in harbours and sheltered waters.



SB REPERTOR

Repertor was built in 1924, by Horlocks, bargemasters based in Mistley, on the River Stour, in Essex. She was their first steel barge and could load 140 tons of cargo, equal to 4 HGVs today. Nowadays, she carries people.

'Repertor' is Latin, meaning "discoverer; explorer; inventor; innovator; or deviser".

Join us for a cruise or a race and discover the skills of traditional working sail; or explore the rivers, creeks and harbours of the East Coast and North Kent; or sail up the London River to the heart of the City. Or let us devise for you a party or a team-building event in an unusual but memorable venue.



CRUISING

Come with us for a daytrip, weekend or longer cruise under sail. You can join in and learn the traditional skills - or just relax and watch how it's done.

We usually sail from Faversham or Whitstable, or from London, but we can organise trips from your port of choice around the East Coast.

RACING

Barges can be fast and exciting to race - Repertor is usually competitive and has been Champion Barge in several recent years. 9 Sailing Barge Matches (races) are held every year, with up to 10-15 barges taking part - a magnificent sight!



CHARTERS & FUNCTIONS

Under sail, we can take up to 12 passengers - as individual bookings or as group charters. For static quayside events - business functions, exhibitions, private parties etc - we can cater for up to 60 guests.

CATERING

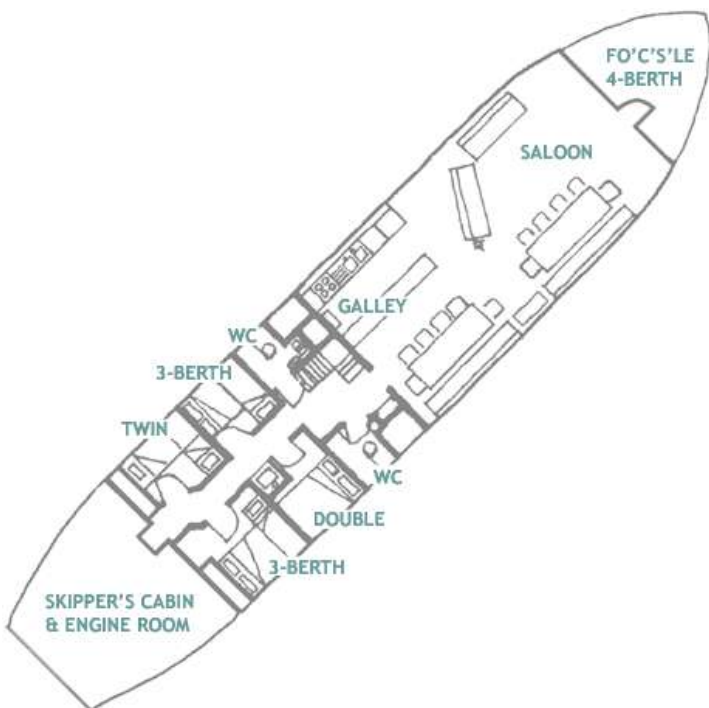
We provide catering to order, ranging from good home-style cooking to gourmet meals - or you can self-cater.



ACCOMMODATION

Full standing headroom below decks.
Saloon - 55 sq m (600 sq ft) with open-plan galley; seated dining for up to 24 or standing buffet for up to 60.

5 sleeping cabins - one 4-berth in fo'c's'l; two 3-berth; one double; one twin berth; + sofa-bed and hammock in saloon; and stern cabin. Two heads - one with shower.



SPECIFICATION & SAFETY

Length 26m (86ft); Beam 5.7m (18ft 9ins); Draught 1.1m (3ft 9ins); 4m (13ft) Leeboards; Sails - Mainsail; Topsail; Mizzen; Foresail; Jib; and Staysails - total sail area up to 4,000 sq ft

Engine - Gardner 6LXB; 5 KVA generator
VHF radios; GPS & Compasses; Depth-sounder
Bargeboat; SOLAS Liferrafts; Lifejackets;
Liferings; Firefighting & First Aid Equipment

MAIN SAILING AREAS

Southwold to Gravesend to Ramsgate



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SAILING CHARTERS

for up to 12 passengers

PARTIES & FUNCTIONS

at the quayside - for up to 60 guests

