

THE THAMES SAILING BARGE

was the mainstay of coastal transport until well into the 20th Century. Barges are still sailing today as supreme examples of our maritime heritage of traditional working sail. The highly efficient spritsail rig, with over 400sq m (4,000sq ft) sail area, enables fast passage-making and needs only 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 at sea and manoeuvrability in harbours and sheltered waters.



SB REPERTOR

100th ANNIVERSARY YEAR: 1924 - 2024

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

Repertor was built in 1924, at Mistley in Essex, by Horlocks, as their first steel barge. First Registration: 23 October 1924: Harwich She could load 140 tons of cargo, equal to 4 of today's HGVs. Nowadays, she carries passengers.

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 let us devise for you a party or a team-building event in an unusual but memorable venue.





CRUISING

Come aboard for daytrips, weekends or longer cruises under sail. You can join in and practise traditional sailing skills or just relax and watch how it's done. We usually sail from Faversham or Queenborough, subject to tides, or we can often provide trips from your port of choice around the East Coast.

RACING

Barges can be fast and exciting to race -Repertor is often competitive and was Champion Barge in 2022 and in 5 other recent years. 8 Sailing Barge Matches (races) are held in most years, sometimes with up to 10-15 barges taking part - a magnificent sight!



CHARTERS & FUNCTIONS

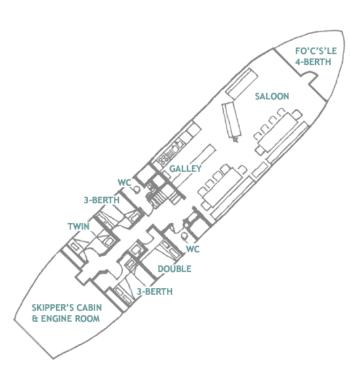
Under sail, we can take up to 12 passengers as individual bookings or as group charters. For quayside events we can accommodate up to 60 guests - for private parties, business functions, exhibitions, etc.

CATERING

We can 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); open-plan galley with twin-oven cooker and fridges; seating for up to 24 diners or standing buffet for up to 60. 5 sleeping cabins - one 4-berth in fo'c's'l + two 3-berths + one double + one twin berth; plus sofa-bed and hammock in saloon. 2 heads, one with shower. Skipper's cabin.



SPECIFICATION & SAFETY

Length 26m (86ft); Beam 5.7m (18ft 9ins); Draught 1.1m (3ft 9ins), (4m (13ft) with leeboards down); Sails - Mainsail + Topsail + Mizzen + Foresail + Jib + Staysails total sail area over 4,000 sq ft. Engine - Gardner 6LXB; Generator; Inverter VHF radios; GPS & Compasses; Depth-sounder Bargeboat; SOLAS Liferaft; Lifejackets; Liferings; Firefighting & First Aid Equipment



PROGRAMMES, BOOKINGS & CONTACTS

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SAILING CHARTERS for up to 12 passengers

PARTIES & FUNCTIONS at the quayside - for up to 60 guests