



Thames Sailing Barge Trust



Charter Sailing 2009

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Charter sailing on the Thames Sailing Barge Trust's barges is provided by the Trust's wholly-owned trading subsidiary TSBT Sailing and Charters Limited. This is a non-profit company and all fees are used to maintain and restore the barges and meet their operating expenses.

The Skippers and Mates who sail for TSBT Sailing and Charters Limited are suitably qualified volunteer Trust members who give up their time at weekends and from their holiday entitlement from work, to do so. They are paid expenses but otherwise give their time free of charge.

They enable the TSBT to fulfil two of its important aims: to preserve and maintain on commission its two barges and to

encourage participation and enjoyment in sailing for all.

For operational reasons we may occasionally have to engage qualified Skippers or Mates from outside the volunteer team, to enable us to meet charter bookings.

To enable us to organise our sailing programme and to avoid disappointment, it would be appreciated if you could make your bookings as early as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss your requirements.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE

www.bargetrust.org

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Terms and conditions will apply and all sailings are dependent upon our safety policy being complied with. You will be sent a charter contract containing our terms and conditions. Although a provisional charter booking can be made it is only confirmed when you have signed and returned a contract and deposit. You will also receive a copy of the safety policy for you to give to each member of your party.



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The Thames Sailing Barge was the main form of cargo transport on the East Coast for over two hundred years.

The Thames Sailing Barge Trust (TSBT) owns and sails two of these traditional craft, s.b. Centaur and s.b. Pudge.

Centaur pictured above and right was built in 1895 by J.H. Cann of Harwich and was acquired by the Thames Sailing Barge Club, latterly Trust, in 1974.

Pudge was built in 1922 in Kent by the Rochester Barge Co. Ltd. and is one of the last sailing barges constructed.

Both sailing barges are sprit-sail rigged with a sail area of around 3,000 square feet, and both carry auxiliary diesel engines. Following their days in trade they have had the cargo space converted for leisure sailing with a comfortable saloon and galley with sleeping accommodation in two and four berth cabins.

Centaur can be chartered from May to October for groups of up to a maximum of 12 persons (to comply with Government regulation).

Members of the Thames Sailing Barge Trust are offered a discount on the standard Charter Fee; see 2009 Charter Fee Rates on the opposite page.

We encourage all members of charter crews to join the TSBT and to be part of helping to preserve this important aspect of Britain's maritime heritage.

Pudge is not available for charter in 2009 as she awaits the final phase of restoration of her hull/stern.

The Trust will provide a Skipper and a Mate. We may also provide a Third Hand to assist the Mate and to undergo training as a future Mate.

Further information about chartering and sailing Thames Sailing Barges is available from the Charter Secretary.



Centaur will also be used for a series of two-day sails for individuals. For more details of these please contact Andrew Berry on 0239 246 9139 (before 21.00 hours please) or email crewing@bargetrust.org

Trips will start and finish at Maldon on the River Blackwater, Essex and from Ipswich Dock on the River Orwell, Suffolk. From these ports you can also explore the Rivers Colne, Stour or time permitting, the Deben and Ore. South lie the Rivers Roach and Crouch. Across the Thames in Kent are the Medway and Swale.

CHARTER RATES 2009

Period	Charter Fee	Member's Price (10% discount)
Weekend	£1250	£1125
Weekend plus one day	£1800	£1620
Weekend plus two days	£2239	£2015
Weekend plus three days	£2622	£2360
Weekend plus four days	£2917	£2625
Weekend plus five days	£3128	£2815
One Day (midweek)	£561	£505
Two Days (midweek)	£961	£865
Three Days (midweek)	£1417	£1275
Four Days (midweek)	£1683	£1515
Five Days (midweek)	£2044	£1840

Please note that locking fees/ harbour dues will be charged in addition to the Charter Fee.

A third deposit is payable to confirm a booking. The balance must be paid no less than 28 days before the charter start date.

Where the barge can go will depend upon the weather and tides and the time you have. If you have a specific objective in mind you should inform the Charter Secretary at the time of booking, but please remember where you sail will always depend on the Skipper's judgement of the prevailing conditions. Our sailing area broadly extends over the Thames Estuary within defined limits set out in the Government regulations that will not permit our barges to sail outside that area with passengers aboard. Our insurers also confine us to the same area. We are sorry, but we are not allowed to sail across the Channel or the North Sea to foreign ports, even if you are able to charter the barge for long enough to do so!

We actively encourage participation by charterers and you may pull on ropes, help weigh the anchor and have a go on the helm in the right sailing conditions, under the direction of the qualified Skipper and Mate.

Hand if carried) in the arrangements. Both barges have well-equipped galleys. Advice on catering is available on request.

To book a charter please contact our Charter Secretary, David Gibson (details below) who will be able to discuss available dates and help you with any other queries.

Cruises are self-catering and you should include the Skipper and Mate (and Third

HOW TO CONTACT US

For sailing as an Individual member please contact the Crewing Secretary, Andrew Berry on 0239 246 9139 or email crewing@bargetrust.org

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