



NATIONAL HISTORIC SHIPS UK  
The official voice for historic vessels in the United Kingdom

# Funding raised by The National Lottery

and awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund



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## **National Historic Ships UK secures full National Lottery grant for skills training project**

National Historic Ships UK (NHS-UK) is to receive a National Lottery grant of £403,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Skills for the Future Programme for its Shipshape Heritage Training Partnership 2 project, it was announced today. Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players, this project will build on a previous project supported by HLF, developing traditional skills and techniques in young people, focusing on the conservation, handling and maintenance of historic vessels at a time when these skills are in serious decline.

Hannah Cunliffe, Director of NHS-UK, said: *"I am delighted that the Heritage Lottery Fund has supported this scheme with a full grant. The funding will help young people learn the practical skills essential to the survival of the UK's historic vessels. The project also includes the development of a series of short films to document skills in action, ensuring a lasting legacy which will benefit the wider sector."*

Stuart Hoble, Head of HLF London, said: *"It's fantastic that money raised by National Lottery players can be used to support National Historic Ships and open up these valuable training opportunities for people across the UK. This project will provide comprehensive, paid placements to pass on traditional seamanship skills to the next generation and involve a wider range of people."*

The project will host 16, 12-month training placements with the following partner organisations: Scottish Fisheries Museum, Anstruther; Excelsior Trust, Lowestoft; Sea-Change Sailing Trust, Maldon; Dauntsey's School Sailing Club, Solent; Trinity Sailing Foundation, Brixham. Pioneer Sailing Trust, Brightlingsea; Cutty Sark, Royal Museums Greenwich; and HMS Warrior, National Museum of the Royal Navy, Portsmouth. Trainees will be working with a variety of historic vessels at these sites, receiving specialist training in the significance of traditional craft and how to operate them safely and

effectively. Starting in the Autumn, the first eight trainees will begin the programme at sea school in Cornwall, followed with a tailored course in historic vessel maintenance at the International Boatbuilding Training College, Lowestoft.

National Historic Ships UK (NHS-UK) is a government funded, independent organisation which carries a wide remit, looking not only at the immediate issues concerning historic vessels in the UK, but also addressing their support infrastructure. NHS-UK maintains the National Registers which identify and promote some 2,000 vessels of historic significance to the UK and is the initiator and manager of the Shipshape Network, which was set up to promote the regeneration of traditional maritime skills, encourage regional activities and improve communication amongst heritage training schemes.

## Notes to editors

### About National Historic Ships UK

National Historic Ships UK is a government funded, independent organisation which gives objective advice to UK governments and local authorities, funding bodies, and the historic ships sector on all matters relating to historic vessels in the UK. It maintains: the National Register of Historic Vessels which lists over a thousand significant craft; the National Archive of Historic Vessels for those craft now destroyed; the UK Replica List, and the Overseas Watch List which tracks vessels of outstanding significance outside the UK.

[www.nationalhistoricships.org.uk](http://www.nationalhistoricships.org.uk)

### About the Shipshape Network

Shipshape Network is supported and initiated by [National Historic Ships UK](http://www.nationalhistoricships.org.uk) - the official voice for historic vessels in the United Kingdom. The Network is a nationwide project to bring together historic and high value vessel owners, skilled craftsmen, businesses, heritage organisations, training bodies and all those with an interest in Britain's maritime heritage and ship conservation.

[www.shipshapenetwork.org.uk](http://www.shipshapenetwork.org.uk)

### About Shipshape Heritage Training Partnership (SHTP)

The SHTP was formed to deliver this Skills for the Future project and comprises the following organisations:

National Historic Ships UK (lead partner) – [www.nationalhistoricships.org.uk](http://www.nationalhistoricships.org.uk)

Scottish Fisheries Museum Trust - <http://www.scotfishmuseum.org/>

Dauntseys School Sailing Club - <http://www.dauntseys.org/adventure/jolie-brise>

Sea-Change Sailing Trust - <http://www.seachangesailingtrust.org.uk/>

Excelsior Sailing Trust - <http://www.excelsiortrust.co.uk/>

Trinity Sailing Foundation – <http://www.trinitysailing.org>

Pioneer sailing Trust - <http://pioneerck18.org>

Cutty Sark, RMG - <https://www.rmg.co.uk>

Warrior, NMRN - <https://www.nmrn.org.uk>

Lynher of Cremyll Sea School - [lynher@tamarbarge.org.uk](mailto:lynher@tamarbarge.org.uk)

IBTC Lowestoft - <https://www.ibtc.co.uk>

### About the Heritage Lottery Fund

Thanks to National Lottery players, we invest money to help people across the UK explore, enjoy and protect the heritage they care about - from the archaeology under our feet to the historic parks and buildings we love, from precious memories and collections to rare wildlife.

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