



National Historic Ships
The official voice for historic vessels in the UK

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National Historic Ships and Review of Public Bodies

DCMS has recognised the value of the work carried out by National Historic Ships and wishes to see it continue. The announcement to ‘de-classify’ us made last Monday by the Secretary of State will give the opportunity for us to continue operating as the focal point for historic vessels in the UK through a new relationship with DCMS and the historic ships sector. National Historic Ships offers expert advice on all aspects of historic ships and ship preservation to the national and devolved governments and a range of grant-giving bodies, including the Heritage Lottery Fund and the PRISM Fund. We maintain the National Register of Historic Vessels, vessel archive lists, and the Overseas Watch List on historic vessels abroad with significant UK associations. Crucially, we promote the regeneration of maritime skills and facilities across the UK. National Historic Ships is now working closely with DCMS to look at the most efficient way to continue offering and developing these services.

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Read DCMS Ministerial Statement:

www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/100726MWS_DCMSarmslengthbodies.pdf