



UK Ship Preservation Network: Update

On 17 September, National Historic Ships held an update meeting for the Solent area on board its flagship ss *Shieldhall* in Southampton. This was attended by a good cross-section of representatives from boatbuilding companies, training & education facilities, insurance groups, heritage projects and historic vessels in the area.

The Solent will become one of four pilot networks being launched by National Historic Ships in spring 2010. The areas of Solent, Mersey, Bristol and Medway have been chosen as key networks, because they demonstrate a natural grouping of facilities or skills and a high concentration of historic vessels. National Historic Ships will shortly be revealing the official name and logo for the UK ship preservation network and is currently working on a dedicated website, which will cover the whole country, as well as providing pages for each pilot area.

The ship preservation network offers a unique opportunity for vessel owners, businesses, heritage organisations and all those with an interest in high quality maritime craftsmanship to communicate with each other. It will provide a marketing framework for the sector, as well as forging partnerships between those with similar aims, thereby promoting funding opportunities and achieving results in a way that would not be possible on an individual basis.



If you have skills or services which could contribute to the Network, please sign up for a free entry in our online Directory of contacts at:

<http://www.nationalhistoricships.org.uk/pages/directory-of-skills-and-services.html>

Alternatively, contact National Historic Ships to learn more about our aims, or watch this space for further information coming soon on the launch of the ship preservation network.

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