

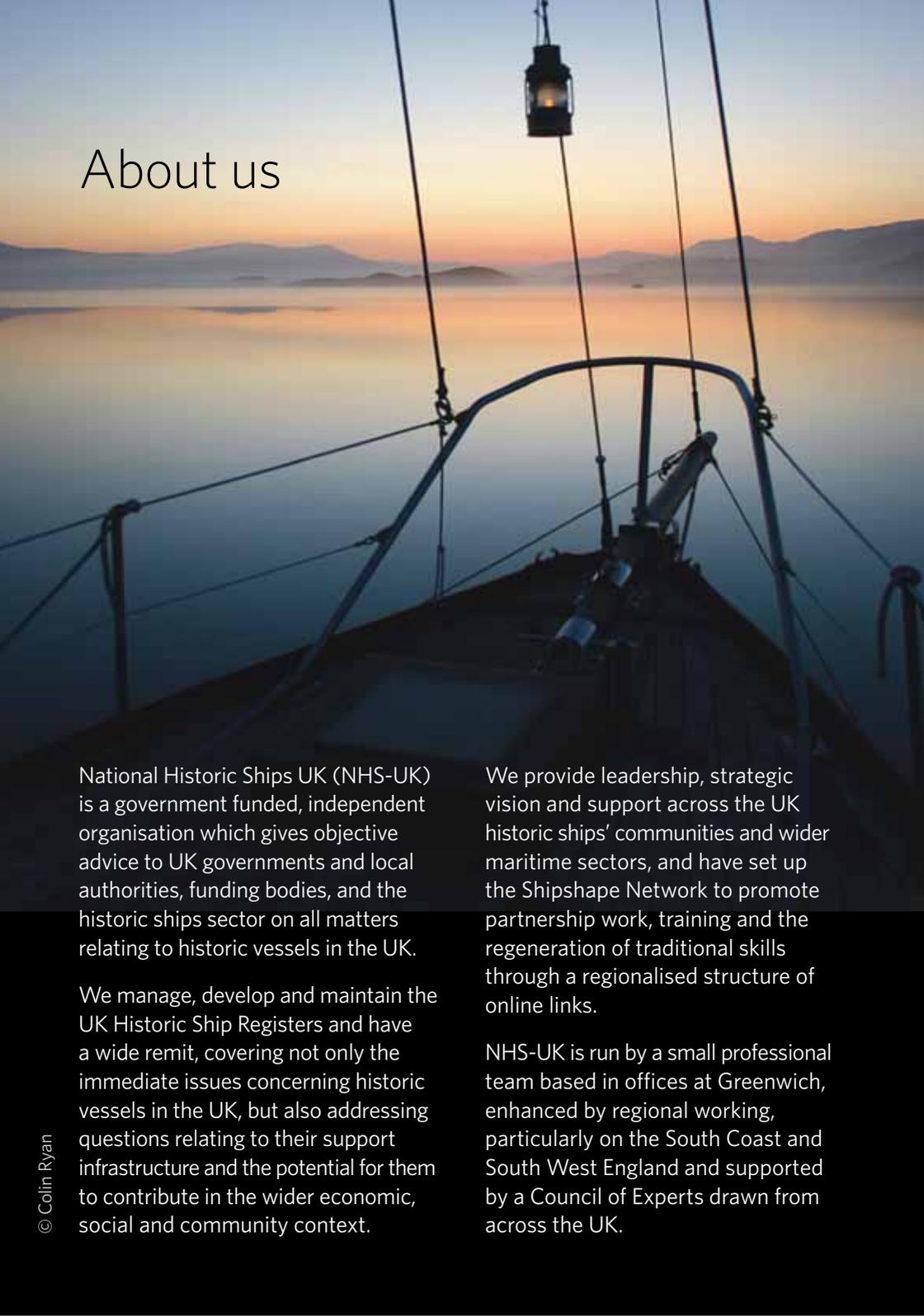
National Historic Ships UK



The official voice for historic vessels in the United Kingdom

www.nationalhistoricalships.org.uk





About us

National Historic Ships UK (NHS-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.

We manage, develop and maintain the UK Historic Ship Registers and have a wide remit, covering not only the immediate issues concerning historic vessels in the UK, but also addressing questions relating to their support infrastructure and the potential for them to contribute in the wider economic, social and community context.

We provide leadership, strategic vision and support across the UK historic ships' communities and wider maritime sectors, and have set up the Shipshape Network to promote partnership work, training and the regeneration of traditional skills through a regionalised structure of online links.

NHS-UK is run by a small professional team based in offices at Greenwich, enhanced by regional working, particularly on the South Coast and South West England and supported by a Council of Experts drawn from across the UK.

What we can do for you

NHS-UK provides support for the historic ships sector and maritime community in the following ways:

- maintaining the UK Historic Ship Registers
- giving small grants to owners of vessels on the National Register of Historic Vessels as sustainability grants covering conservation, maintenance and training
- giving technical advice on conservation, governance, business planning and fundraising
- providing guidance publications on conservation through our major publication *Conserving Historic Vessels*, and, on recording and deconstruction techniques available free on-line
- providing free downloadable reference sources and technical papers
- raising awareness of historic vessel activities through our website, newsletters and social media outlets
- maintaining a Calendar of Events for related maritime activities
- promoting the historic vessel and maritime communities to the wider world through annual awards featuring our national photography competition, Marsh Volunteer and Flagship of the Year awards
- representing the historic vessels sector at conferences, workshops, seminars and events
- providing an online forum for vessel owners and the maritime community to share ideas and exchange news
- promoting the NHS-UK house flags and national ensigns for vessels on the National Register of Historic Vessels and the National Historic Fleet
- maintaining the National Directory of Skills & Services listing maritime craftsmen, suppliers and training organisations
- encouraging networking, partnerships and regional growth through the Shipshape Network – www.shipshapenetwork.org.uk

National Register of Historic Vessels (NRHV)

The NRHV features over 1,000 vessels, providing an overview of the UK's extant historic vessels and can be used to identify and prioritise significant vessels that should be conserved, provide guidance to decision-makers on the allocation of funding, and give an early warning of ships 'at risk'. To qualify for inclusion, a vessel must:

- be at least 50 years old
- have demonstrable and significant associations with the UK
- be based in UK waters
- be more than 33 ft (10.07 m) in length overall (length OA) measured between the forward and aft extremities of the hull overall excluding any spars or projections
- be substantially intact

The online database contains details of designer, builder, dimensions, construction, propulsion, service and subsequent history, current location and ownership, as well as images of many of the vessels. Statements of Significance are being developed over time for all vessels, concentrating initially on those in the National Historic Fleet. Confidential information about ownership is always kept secure and is not made publicly accessible.

The National Historic Fleet (NHF)

The NRHV contains a sub-group of vessels - those which comprise the National Historic Fleet. There are some 200 vessels in the Fleet which are distinguished by:

- being of pre-eminent national or regional significance
- spanning the spectrum of UK maritime history
- illustrating changes in construction and technology

- meriting a higher priority for long-term conservation.

The National Historic Fleet may also include vessels from the National Small Boat Register which are a minimum of 50 years old and which fit the above criteria.



National Archive of Historic Vessels (NAHV)

The NAHV was set up to hold information on vessels previously on the NRHV which have now been broken up, lost, or whose owners have been out of contact for a considerable period. The NAHV also contains details of

some vessels which do not fit the NRHV criteria (in particular the age criterion) but which nevertheless have the potential of joining the NRHV at a later date because of exceptional historical significance.





Overseas Watch List (OWL)

OWL is comprised of vessels which fall into one of the following two categories:

1 Vessels of UK significance abroad

OWL features significant vessels which were built (and in some instances operated) in this country and sold abroad.

Being outside the UK they do not qualify for registration, but holding information on these and similar vessels is important as we are often consulted on them.

2 Vessels previously registered on the NRHV

OWL also includes vessels previously registered on the NRHV which have now migrated abroad or have left the UK for a period in excess of 3 consecutive months.

Owners are asked to let us know of any relocation of this kind so we can amend the status accordingly, and to notify us when vessels have returned to the UK after a period abroad.

UK Replica List

The UK Replica List provides an overview of all replica vessels which have been built in the UK or abroad to a UK design.

This List is entirely independent of the NRHV, but is intended to identify replica craft for the purposes of research, public interest, filming or charters and to promote the traditional skills involved in building and sailing these vessels.

Vessels on the UK Replica List are classified using the following definitions as set out in our guidance publication *Conserving Historic Vessels*:

- True Replica
- Hull Replica
- Operational Replica
- Hypothesis
- Operational Hypothesis
- Representation

When applying for inclusion on the UK Replica List, owners are asked to make an assessment as to which category of replication their vessel falls into.



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