

# 70<sup>th</sup> Powerboat Squadron

## 70th D-day Commemoration, Ouistreham / Caen

3rd June to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014

### MGB 81.

Based at HMS Hornet, Portsmouth, Motor Gunboat (MGB) 81 took part in the D-day landings, acting as one of the lead boats for the British and Canadian troops, on the approaches to Sword beach. (This boat had been re-designated as MTB 416 at that time. PNBPT has retained her in her MGB 81 markings.)



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HSL 102

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HSL (High Speed Launch) 102 is an Air Sea Rescue launch attached to the Royal Air Force. The purpose of this class of boat was to rescue downed airmen, from the sea. HSL 102 was credited with many such recoveries. She did not attend D-day herself, but many of her sister boats were involved.

## **HDML 1387 (HMS Medusa)**

HDML (Harbour Defence Motor Launch) 1387, was on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 1944, ordered to a position in the English Channel, from where she acted as the Channel Marker for Omaha Beach. This gave direction, for the advancing invasion boats, to reach their correct landing beach positions. On completion of this duty she went into Arramanches.



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MTB 102

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MTB (Motor Torpedo Boat) 102 carried Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and General Eisenhower, on a review of the ships and boats assembled for the D-Day invasion, off the South Coast ports. She attended D-day in a supervisory role, covering the ships and boats as they crossed the Channel to France. At that time she was designated as RASC Vimy.

These are the only known remaining operational boats, of the 7000 which took part in the D-day landings.