

“70th Powerboat Squadron”

D-Day Operational Plan 5

30th May to 09th June 2014

1. OP PLAN 5 is in consideration of the requirement for the 70th PBS participants to maintain a common approach to their involvement in the D-Day Commemoration Events in France. This is a “living” plan that will be updated as the situation clarifies and matters progress, and to which contributions are welcome.

It should be borne in mind that the plans are subject to weather, operational availability, and the approval of individual Skippers/Owners.

2. Participants

MGB 81, HSL 102, HDML 1387 (Medusa) and MTB 102.

3. Purpose

To arrange a visit to the Ouistreham/Caen area to support events commemorating the 70th Anniversary of D-Day 1944.

Three of the boats - MGB 81, HDML 1387 and MTB 102 - are the last surviving operational boats out of approximately 7,000 which took part in the D-Day landings and that are still afloat today. These three boats were in the same area on the same days at the D-Day landings in 1944.

HSL 102 was not there, but many of her sister craft were present.

4. Plan (all times Local)

31st May, Saturday..

Morning. Medusa moves from Haslar to the south side of the Heritage Pontoon, astern of MGB 81. Returns to Haslar 1630.

1000 to 1600. MGB81, HSL102, MTB102 and Medusa open to the public.

1st June, Sunday.

1000. Medusa from Haslar to Flagship astern of MGB 81. 1630 Return to Haslar.

About 1200, MTB 102 berths Haslar.

1000 to 1600. MGB81, HSL102, MTB102 and Medusa open to the public.

2nd June, Monday.

0900. Medusa from Haslar to Flagship pontoon. 1630 return to Haslar.

Morning. Visit by about UK 50 D-Day Veterans, and 50 attendant family members and carers, to Flagship Pontoon. As per separate detailed programme.

Visit by 42 American Veterans and carers in 1 coach.

1010. Arrive in 3 coaches + 1 minibus at BH4. Welcome by PNBPT.

The Millin Pipes will be landed from MTB102.

The RBL 220 crosses and a wreath will be boarded onto MGB81, by Veterans.

Veterans proceed to BH7 for lunch. Depart Dockyard 1330.

1200 to 1600. MGB81, HSL102, MTB102 and Medusa open to the public.

3rd June, Tuesday.

0600 (approx). 70th PBS (3 boats - MGB 81, MTB 102 and HSL 102) depart Portsmouth.

1330. Berth on layby pontoon Ouistreham, weather permitting.

RBL crosses landed ashore to Grande Bunker.

1500. All 3 boats arrive at the lock entrance to Ouistreham.

1530. All 3 boats enter Ouistreham East locks en route to Caen. HSL 102 embark 3 passengers.

1745. All 3 boats arrive at Quai Cafarrel in the Bassin St-Pierre, Caen.

Overnight in Bassin St-Pierre.

4th June, Wednesday.

0700 Canoe participants assemble in Bassin St-Pierre, to participate in the “Le remonter le temps au fils de l’eau”. This involves 140 teenagers paddling canoes from Caen to Pegasus Bridge Museum for a presentation.

0715. All 3 boats embark passengers, VIPs and Veterans.

0815. All 3 boats ready for departure.

0845. All 3 boats depart Bassin St-Pierre,

1115. Arrive K1 berth, Pegasus Bridge.

1130 to 1600. Boats open to the public. Possible trip with Veterans on board.

5th June, Thursday.

Morning. Visit by D-Day Veterans. Possible trip with Veterans on board.

1000 to 1200. Boats open to visitors.

1200 to 1400. Visit by VIPs.

1400 to 1830 Possible visit by Mayors Benouville and Ranville.

1930. All 3 boats depart K1 berth for the West lock, Ouistreham.

2000. Berth West lock, Ouistreham. Support Music Festival. Open to the public.

2345. All 3 boats depart West lock, Ouistreham to return to Pegasus berth K1.

6th June, Friday.

No movements allowed on this day.

Ceremonial as planned.

1000 to 1600. Open to visitors.

7th June, Saturday.

1000. 3 boats depart Pegasus Bridge, K1 berth.

Possibility of Veterans on board for this trip.

1200. Arrive Basin St Pierre, quai Cafarrel, Caen berth.

About 1530 Medusa arrives.

1300 to 1600. Open to visitors.

1730 to 2000 (approx.). Jean Carteron reception, le Pavillon Normandie and 70th PBS.

8th June, Sunday.

1000 to 1600. All 4 boats open to visitors.

Time to be advised, Caen Mayoral reception, le pavillon Normandie and 70th PBS.

9th June, Monday.

0830. All four boats depart Bassin St-Pierre, Caen for home base.

0845 Bridge open at Caen

1000. Lock in at Ouistreham.

1030 Lock out of Ouistreham. 3 passengers embark .

Departure dates and times are flexible and are at the discretion of each boat.

Berthing is available at K1, in the event that adverse weather conditions prevent a safe departure.

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