

Coastal Motorboat Heritage Trust.

As our website has not been updated for a while, we have asked the BMP Team for assistance in this respect.

MGB 81 and HSL 102.

Over the last month we have continued with our assistance to MGB81 and HSL102, and I had the privilege to crew HSL102 to her berth at Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth, on the 23rd October 2009.

MGB81 arrived at her berth on Gunwharf Quays on Sunday the 25th October.

The future of these two boats will be confirmed shortly.

We have met with the Marina Manager, and have promised to update him with the history of both boats

The Marina is anxious to be in touch with any who served on these boats during the war.

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RASC 34 Garth.

During August, **Garth** sailed the 50 miles from Canvey Island to attend the Maritime Festival at Sandwich in Kent.

On arrival Pegwell Bay, we anchored whilst awaiting a pilot for the passage up the Stour River, to our berth in the beautiful town of Sandwich.

The Maritime Festival was a 4 day event, but, due to adverse weather conditions in the English Channel, we stayed 11 days.

During our stay, hundreds of people came to visit the boat, and each evening we put out tables, and served wine and snacks to visitors.

Chatham Trip.

We were regrettably unable to undertake this trip, due to adverse weather conditions.

MTB 102 (mtb102trust@btinternet.com) however, did succeed in making the trip from Lowestoft.

Garth has subsequently been removed from the water at Smallgains Marina, The Point, Canvey island, for repairs to her steering gear, bearings, radio, anchor winch and pumps.

This work was all carried out by JJ Engineering (Southampton), with many thanks.

Future events.

5th November 2009.

Firework party and "Burn an old Boat Bonfire" (Not ours!)

Meet at the Clubhouse Smallgains Marina, The Point, Canvey island Essex at 1800.

A glass of mulled wine for all who attend, as well as tea, coffee and snacks.

24th November 2009.

RASC 34 Garth returns to the water.

27th November 2009.

Shake down trip, **RASC 34**, up the Thames to Beale Park, Reading. Stay overnight at Teddington Lock and Windsor.

Return via Hammerton Ferry Richmond, then back to Canvey.

22nd December 2009.

RASC 34. Proceed Canvey to Ramsgate for overnight.

Next day up the Stour River to Sandwich in Kent. This is the only Town in England in which every building is listed.

Reception alongside Sandwich, on Christmas Eve and Boxing Day.

Return to Ramsgate, overnight, then home to Canvey.

Special trip to Oostvoorne and Dunkirk

27th May 2009. **Garth 34** will depart Canvey for an overnight stay in Ramsgate.

28th May proceed from Ramsgate to Oostvoorne, on the Dutch coast. Stay overnight.

John Thomas Cook DSM, RN. KiA, is buried in the cemetery at Oostvoorne.

His body was washed ashore at Oostvoorne, his ship, HMT Cayton Wyke having been torpedoed by surface craft on the 8th July 1940.

This was five weeks after he had rescued 605 men from the beaches of Dunkirk.

30th May 2009 sail from Oostvoorne with destination Dunkirk, and overnight Dunkirk.

31st May depart Dunkirk bound for Ramsgate.

We intend to stop **Garth 34** at the point where J.T Cook's ship was lost.

A prayer will be read and a wreath will be cast into the sea.

Proceed to Ramsgate.

1st June 2010.

Change crew in Ramsgate, for a trip to Deal and Sandwich.

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