



East Coast Sail Trust Limited

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Sea Training for young people aboard the Thames Sailing Barge "THALATTA"

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Thames sailing barge Thalatta



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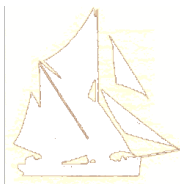
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A piece of British Maritime history returned to the water on Monday 1 August 2011 when the Thames sailing barge *Thalatta*, owned by the East Coast Sail Trust Ltd was launched at the St Osyth Boatyard following a five year restoration.



Emerging into daylight!



Thalatta – afloat at last

The restoration, which involved the replacement of the vast majority of *Thalatta's* timbers was made possible by the generous support of the **Heritage Lottery Fund** which has contributed £724,000 of the £1.1m project cost, with the Trust providing the remainder sourced mainly from donations.

Sea trials will follow in the Autumn with final fitting out over the winter months. All work will be completed in time for *Thalatta* to resume her work with the East Coast Sail Trust Ltd in the Spring of 2012.

First launched at Harwich in 1906, *Thalatta* enjoyed a long and busy career "In Trade" before being bought by John Kemp in 1967 and fitted out as a **sail-training ship** for school children, work she continued until the commencement of her refit in 2006.

Robyn Llewellyn, Head of Heritage Lottery Fund, said "This exciting restoration project is a great example of how lottery players' money can transform historic boats into living history to help people learn about our industrial heritage. I'm delighted with the results of the restoration so far and look forward to seeing the *Thalatta* back in the water in the spring to continue her long and impressive career."

Notes to editors

Using money raised through the National Lottery, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) sustains and transforms a wide range of heritage for present and future generations to take part in, learn from and enjoy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. HLF has supported over 30,000 projects, allocating £4.5billion across the UK, including £308million to over 3000 projects in the East of England alone. For more information about applying to HLF, visit our website: www.hlf.org.uk