



THANK YOU

In February, we held our first 2014 social event at the "Slug & Lettuce".

We were delighted with the turnout, and would like to thank everyone that participated for their support; our 10% member's discounts on drinks was certainly put to good use ;-)

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again at our upcoming March events!

See below for details.



GREAT RIVER RACE – WHY NOT JOIN IN THE FUN THIS YEAR?

The Great River Race is London's largest sporting event after the London Marathon. With more than 300 crews taking part, it has become the biggest and most prestigious event of its kind in Europe.

This year the race will take place Saturday 27 September 2014

Like the marathon, it attracts all sorts of teams, from seasoned athletes to novices in fancy dress. This diversity and atmosphere has cumulated in the race becoming a unique and fantastic spectacle and a great day out for both competitors and spectators.

If you choose to fundraise for AHOY and they will provide you with the training and equipment you need whilst you raise vital funds for our work with disabled people and disadvantaged young people. AHOY have six cutters available for teams of up to 8 people (including one cox and one passenger) and they will be on hand to help each boat raise the minimum target of £5,000. The Great River Race is an unforgettable experience so why not do something fun and fantastic this year and join in.

For more information log on to <http://www.greatriverrace.co.uk> or if you would like to take part you could also contact <http://www.ahoy.org.uk/row-for-us/great-river-race/>

A WARM WELCOME TO ARTOPIA

Saturday 1st February ARTOPIA art gallery had its grand opening in Ivory House in St Katharine Docks. The gallery's inaugural exhibition 'This Wild West' was a celebration of new art with a link to Cornwall.

Their current exhibition, X-POSÉ is running until 11 March and is an extraordinary exhibition featuring XOGRAMS by Hugh Turvey.



ARTOPIA

ARTOPIA provides UK based artists with a platform for showing their work in London. Their central aim is to aid the artist's practice to flourish. The gallery is run by artists and curators and during the year they will run a diverse programme to encourage informative, engaging and thought-provoking shows. They intend to excite with the rare and the beautiful.



As well as being an artist selling her own work, Eloise has some years experience selling and promoting art. Having curated for the national trust and worked at commercial galleries around Cornwall, she brings knowledge of professional practice which is invaluable to the support of new talent.

For many years Eloise worked as a cook on board the 115ft wooden super yacht ketch, SIGNE, and she sailed around Europe, the Atlantic, West Indies and the East coast of the states. Eloise really misses boat life so spending her days at the docks is a welcome trip down memory lane.

Picture: Eloise Wall - Co-Director

The launch of the next show at ARTOPIA is due on 13th March. And we are happy to announce that **SKDBHA Members** are invited to attend the **private viewing**.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Artopialondon>

Web: <http://artopialondon.com/>

Opening hours:

12:00 – 18:00 Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

11:00 – 21:00 Thursday

12:00 – 18:00 Friday, Saturday & Sunday

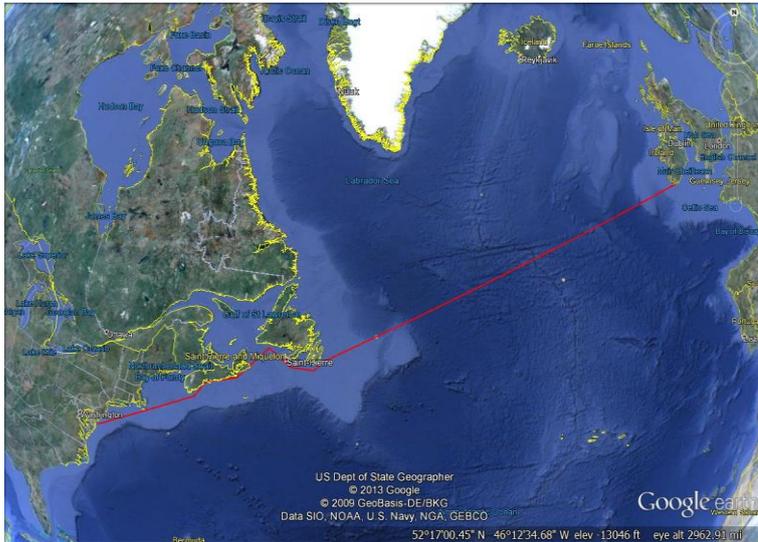
SKDBHA members receive a **10% discount** on any art purchased at any of the ARTOPIA exhibitions.

OCEAN PEARL'S VOYAGE TO ST KATHARINE DOCKS

On July 2nd, 2013, the M/Y Ocean Pearl (64' Nordhavn Trawler) set off from St John's, Newfoundland to Crookhaven, Ireland approx. 1800 nautical miles (9 days). Our plan was to make an unconventional North Atlantic passage from Canada to Ireland.

The conventional route to Europe from the USA is to cross the Atlantic around the belly of the globe – USA to Bermuda, to the Azores, and enter the Mediterranean at Gibraltar. This popular route is the way we crossed in 2004 with the Nordhavn Atlantic Rally.

However; the most direct and fastest course is the Great Circle route which the airlines fly. This northern pathway is closer to the poles where the world gets smaller. Although a shorter distance there is the downside of fog, ice and generally nastier weather vs. the more southern belly routes.



As you might imagine, there's an enormous amount of planning and preparation for such an offshore passage.

In years past, we had the luxury of dividing and conquering the plotting and planning of similar long voyages with two other buddy boats.

However; this time we plan to go solo. So we've spent many months getting the boat and ourselves ready. Here's just a sample of some of the work that we've done:

Our North Atlantic crossing route

1. Some bridge modifications to include; electronics upgraded, low fuel alarm, watch commander, satellite phone up and running
2. Large spotlight installed
3. Dinghies serviced
4. Hydraulic alternators on the main engine installed; all new batteries installed
5. Boat hauled out; shaft inspected; bow thruster cleaned; keel coolers inspected and cleaned; bottom painted; the entire boat beautifully buffed and puffed(waxed)
6. Emergency life raft repacked; you can bet we had all the fire extinguishers inspected! Ditch bag packed and ready to go; survival suits purchased
7. European electrical plug adapters; electronic and paper charts ordered
8. Pumps and hoses replaced, parts upon parts ordered, inventoried and stored
9. Portable scuba hookah compressor(Brownie) for diving the boat
10. Medical kit updated

And...don't get me started on the provisioning! I'm burnin' up my vacuum sealer making ready-made meals to have on board...it's all about the food (Osso Buco, Split Pea & Ham, Chili Mac, Lasagna, etc...)!

Well, fast forward...Our nine day North Atlantic passage from St. John's, Newfoundland to Crookhaven, Ireland was a dream come true! We departed in good weather and shortly began to cross "ice alley". This alley, also known as the Labrador sea is the ocean water chute between Newfoundland/Labrador and Greenland that floats big icebergs to the south.

We posted a Titanic watch and fortunately did not see/hit any ice for the several days we were in the alley. We did experience lots of fog and by the time we made it to the half way mark (the point of no return) the weather became better. Aside from a few bumpy days we enjoyed mostly light westerly winds and calm seas the entire voyage...a real treat and very unusual for the North Atlantic Ocean.

We enjoyed a "cracker" of a summer(it was all the talk around the UK!) coastal cruising eastern Ireland to Dublin, Belfast, crossing the North Channel and cruising Scotland's Caledonian Canal. We headed south through the Irish Sea and St. George's Channel, a stop by the Scilly Isles was must and along the English coast visiting the historic English ports of choice, Dartmouth, Plymouth...home ports of explorers and adventurers such as Sir Francis Scott Drake, Sir Walter Raleigh, Charles Darwin and Captain Cook...to name a few, and ultimately we arrived in central London at St. Katharine's Dock.

This part of the trip up the Thames was thrilling...especially for us Yanks! We passed by Greenwich, a World Heritage Site and home of Greenwich Mean Time and the Meridian Line. Also the historic Cutty Sark, the National Maritime Museum, the Royal Observatory, and Sir Christopher Wren's Old Royal Naval College. Big time maritime! Then, soon in the distance, Tower Bridge...yahoo! St. Kates is a wonderful end point to another memorable ocean passage, terrific cruising and touring of Ireland, Scotland and England...and especially the new friends we made along the way!

Written by Tina Jones (Ocean Pearl)



The sun sets on Ocean Pearl, Tina & Braun Jones, two seafarers at historic St. Katherine's Docks

DATES FOR THE CALENDER

MARCH 6TH

PLACE: ARTOPIA
TIME: 18:00 & 19:00
ATTENDEES: Open to all
EVENT: At 18:00 the artist Hugh Turvey, who is currently exhibiting be giving a talk. 19:00 the film *Et Soudain Tout le Monde me Manque* will start screening. We are all invited to bring a bottle.

MARCH 13TH

PLACE: ARTOPIA
TIME: 18:00 – 21:00
ATTENDEES: SKDBHA Members and special invitees
EVENT: Private Viewing of their new Exhibition titled *wonderland*

MARCH 26TH

PLACE: Café Rouge
TIME: 19.30 - 22:00
ATTENDEES: Open to all
EVENT: **Jazz Nights** After the success of February's jazz evening Café Rouge has booked another evening with The London Lounge performing a mix of classic and modern Jazz accompanied by Bass & Piano. SKDBHA Members can use their **30% food discount** even at this special event.

MARCH 27TH

PLACE: Restaurant Zizzi
TIME: 19:30
ATTENDEES: SKDBHA Members Only
EVENT: Annual General Meeting

BRAVAS TAPAS – IS OPENING!



We are very excited that Bravas Tapas is not only days away from opening, but that we were lucky enough to have a sneak preview and it looks absolutely amazing!

Bravas is no doubt going to be “the local” for many with a relaxed Spanish atmosphere, comfortable and stylish seating and what promises to be a fantastic food experience too!

Bravas Tapas <http://www.bravastapas.co.uk> opens Friday 7th March with a soft launch until March 17th (for walk-ins only). There will be 50% off food during that period.”



This is what [Hot Dinners](#) said about them:

“Very much developing into a trend this year is an influx of Spanish restaurants into London (note - we see this as “A Good Thing”). The latest addition is Bravas Tapas, coming to St Katharine Docks from restaurateur Bal Thind and chef Victor Garvey.

It's interesting in part because Thind was the original investor in Hakkasan, Yauatcha and Busaba - all successful brands, while chef Garvey has worked at many Basque restaurants, including doing stages at both Mugaritz and Akelarre, before setting up his own restaurant Acacia in Puerto Banus.

As for the menu, it's already sounding pretty damned enticing including:

- Jerusalem artichoke canelone with Medjool dates, grapefruit and beurre noisette,
- Seared Mediterranean seabass fillet with Donostiarra sauce
- Iberian tuna tartare (sashimi grade tuna, topped with organic Rio Frio caviar with a ponzu sauce infused with Valencian orange and Mojama)
- Foie gras crema Catalana (foie gras custard, caramelised with vanilla sugar and topped with cherries, bitter cocoa nibs and Serrano ham, accompanied by a brioche).
- Plus tapas staples tapas croquetas, chipirones and patatas bravas and whipped to order aioli

The foie gras crema Catalana and the tuna tartare dishes both sound well worth a try.

Alongside this, George Matzaridis, previously at Hakkasan, has created Spanish-themed cocktails. There will also be Spanish wines, sangrias and craft beers and plenty of sherry.”

ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

The SKDBHA was formed in 2012 by boat owners for boat owners with the aim of forming a close working relationship with the Marina Management for the benefit of long term berth holders, visitors and St Katharine Docks generally. We want St Katharine Docks to enjoy a community spirit where we all help each other not only in practical ways but also in simple ways such as keeping an eye out for strangers on the pontoons or boats – any genuine visitors will not object to being asked – or loose mooring ropes on unattended boats.

We also want to develop our community both through regular social events and by helping each other with advice and recommendations - as any boat owner knows a good contact for an electrician, engineer, shipwright... etc. is sure to come in very handy sooner or later.

For SKDBHA to succeed **we need your help**, so make sure you come along to our social events, share any news and of course spread the word. Tell everyone you know about SKDBHA and encourage them to join in, the more members we have the more fun and help we will all enjoy.

JOIN US!

It is simple and as a member of SKDBHA you will receive

- Invitations to Social Events, where you can share experiences, knowledge and stories and generally just have a good time.
- A membership card giving you fantastic discounts at, amongst others, a number of our local restaurants & bars.
- Boat owners recommendation network
- Regular News Letters
- The benefits of an RYA Affiliated Club

For full details of discounts, events etc. please have a look at www.skdbha.org.uk. We continually work to improve and expand the benefits available to our members and we always welcome input, suggestions and particularly member to member recommendations. If you would like to join us please fill in the application form at <http://skdbha.org.uk/membership>

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

RECOMMENDATIONS

As every boat owner knows a good contact for an Electrician, Engineer, shipwright etc. is sure to come in handy so please let us know who would you recommend?

If you have someone that you have been happy with please share with fellow members. Just log into the below link.

<http://www.skdbha.org.uk/Resources>

HINTS AND TIPS

We want to hear your hints and tips that make boating easier and more fun so please let us know what you've learnt that isn't in the text books. Send us your suggestions for an event, comments about the Association, an idea to improve boating or just a picture or story that you would like to share. Just email them to skdbha@dknz.net or share on with us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/skdbberthholdersassociation>



St Katharine Docks Berth Holders Association - Committee

Chairman David Morris (Gwaihir)

Treasurer Julia Frazer (Watchmaker)

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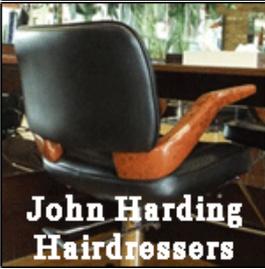
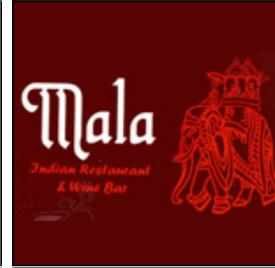
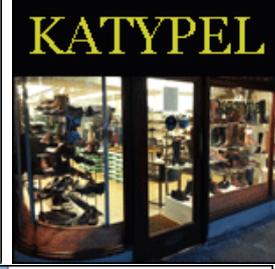
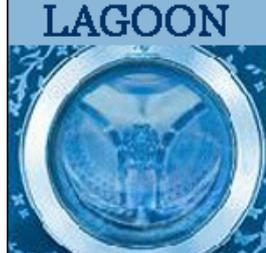
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Members Charlie Andersen (Citizen Kane)

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LOYALTY SCHEME

Thank you to all the wonderful local business who has so kindly signed up to the SKDBHA loyalty scheme and a special thank you to the newly signed up businesses as well as those making their discounts to us even better.

	<p>30% OFF FOOD</p>		<p>30% OFF FOOD *see T&Cs</p>
	<p>25% OFF FOOD OR DRINK 10% OFF</p>		<p>25% OFF FOOD</p>
	<p>20% OFF ALL SERVICES</p>		<p>20% OFF FOOD *see T&Cs</p>
	<p>15% OFF TOTAL BILL</p>		<p>15% OFF FOOD</p>
	<p>10% OFF ALL ART</p>		<p>10% OFF ALL SERVICES</p>
	<p>10% OFF TOTAL BILL</p>		<p>10% OFF</p>
	<p>5% OFF Dry Clean & Wash</p>		