

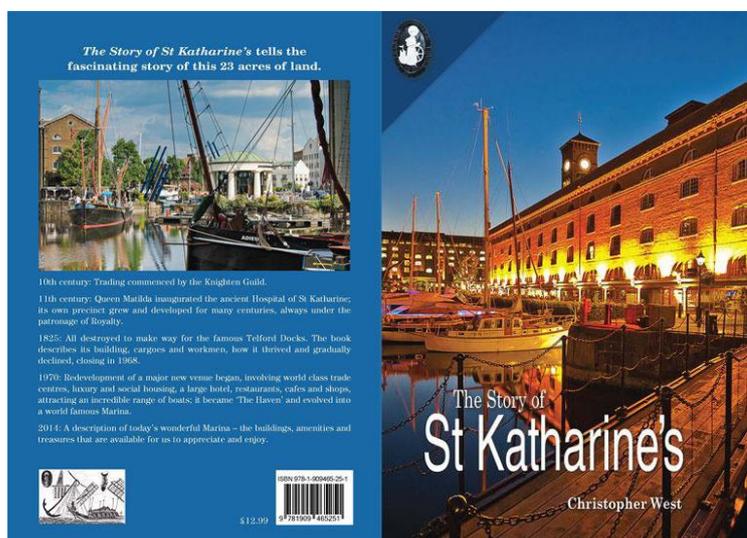


THE STORY OF ST KATHARINE DOCKS

APRIL MEMBERS SOCIAL EVENING

After many years in the making Chris West's book "The Story of St Katharine Docks" has now been published and we are very proud to announce that our April Social event will incorporate a talk and book signing by the author.

The event will take place **Monday 28th April at 19:30** onboard the wonderful (and featured in the book) Thames Sailing Barge Lady Daphne. We all know that St Katharine Docks is an amazing place but now is our chance to understand more about its remarkable history. Chris says about the writing of his book



"Living close to St Katharine Docks has become a love story. From the first day I adored the nearness of the Thames, witness to our history down the ages, the inspiration offered by Tower Bridge and the elegance and vibrancy of the Marina. Does any other community have a more interesting set of neighbours than Wapping and the Tower of London?"

I then heard about the ancient Royal Hospital and Church, here from 1148, and the old ways of nearby London Docks and its dockers, which led me to wonder how St Katharine Docks came about.

I recalled visiting it forty years ago but how did it transform into what it is today? Finding these answers was fascinating, and so I decided to write it all down, simply because no one else had done so.

10th century: Trading commenced by the Knighten Guild.

11th century: Queen Matilda inaugurated the ancient Hospital of St Katharine; its own precinct grew and developed for many centuries, always under the patronage of Royalty.

1825: All destroyed to make way for the famous Telford Docks. The book describes its building, cargoes and workmen, how it thrived and gradually declined, closing in 1968.

1970: Redevelopment of a major new venue began, involving world class trade centres, luxury and social housing, a large hotel, restaurants, cafes and shops, attracting an incredible range of boats; it became 'The Haven' and evolved into a world famous Marina.

2014: A description of today's wonderful Marina - the buildings, amenities and treasures that are available for us to appreciate and enjoy."

If you would like to join us for this interesting and informative evening please RSVP by Monday 14th April to skdbha@dknz.net

2014 AGM

The first Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at Zizzi on Thursday March 27th where the Chairman reported on the various activities since the inaugural meeting. A proposal was to offer visiting boat owners monthly membership was passed. There being no other nominations the existing committee was unanimously re-elected.

AROUND THE DOCKS – FRIDAY GOOD FOOD MARKET

Shepherds Markets is a small family business dedicated to providing London with the highest quality food markets while also encouraging the growth of small businesses through the Startisan Campaign.

Founded in 2008 Shepherds Markets now has over 15 regular markets across London which are not only popular but also recognised to be sustainable, ethical and community building.



The Good Food Market at St Katharine Docks was the second Shepherds Market to be founded and has gone from strength to strength since its establishment. In 2012, The Good Food Market took part in the Tower Hamlets Food for Health Award Scheme where the stalls were acknowledged and received awards for their nutritional Foods.

Among the Good Food Market's present traders, the Fish and Chip Stall, 'Fins and Trotters', recently won the award for Street Food Vendor of the Year 2013 at the London Lifestyle Awards and the Peruvian Stall, 'Panka', has been shortlisted for the Food stall of the Year Award in the Latin UK Awards (LUKAS). The Good Food Market is held every Friday 11:00am-14:00 and you'll find a wide range of local and international, classic and innovative specialities. A flavour for every taste!

SKDBHA MEMBERS - MARATHON BREAKFAST

PERKIN REVELLER 

WE ARE OPEN FROM 9AM-11PM MON-SAT, SUNDAY 9AM-5PM. MENU AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

Perkin Reveller Breakfast (for 2 to Share) £30
Including tea or coffee & breakfast shake

Full English

Treacle cured streaky bacon, smoked ham rump, giant Cumberland sausage, welsh black pudding, tomato, corned beef hash mushroom & doorstep wedge

Baked Goods

Crumpet £3.50 / croissants £2.50 / blueberry muffin £3

On toast

Homemade nutella / strawberry jam / orange marmalade £4

Cheddar & onion jam £4

Roasted field mushrooms £4

Duck egg, Trealy farm black pudding £6

Scrambled egg, avocado £5.50

Breakfast

Warm grapefruit half, homemade sloe gin syrup £4

Skinny egg white omelette

- home smoked salmon £8.50
- Spinach, tomato £7

Porridge, banana, London honey £5

Homemade buttermilk pancakes

- Banana, chocolate, maple syrup £6
- Bacon, sausage, maple syrup £5

Smoked pork rump & eggs £7.50

Eggs benedict £5.88 royal £6.19 Florentine £5.88

Sides

Bacon £2 / Sausage £2.50 / sautéed potatoes £2 / beans £1.50

Join us for a relaxing member's breakfast before the festivities and hard work commences for this years London Marathon. (clapping can be a very physical affair)

We should be able to see the front runners crossing over Tower Bridge on their way to Canary Wharf whilst we tuck in to an enjoyable breakfast. Then for exercise walk 'or run!' up to the East Smithfield to see them run past again this time on their way to the finish in The Mall

**09:00 Sunday 13th April
at Perkin Reveller**

Click on the adjacent menu to see online version

This is a members social event but feel free to invite your friends and family and of course fellow "boaties" and don't forget that as a SKDBHA member you receive

20% discount on food at Perkin Reveller

RSVP: Wednesday 9th April to skdbha@dknz.net

WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THE AVAILABILITY OF TABLES OR SEATING ON OTHER ALLEGES. PLEASE ADVISE A NUMBER OF SEATS IF YOU HAVE ANY PARTICULAR DIETARY REQUIREMENTS.

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AN OPTIONAL 12.5% SERVICE CHARGE WILL BE APPLIED TO YOUR BILL

THAMES SAILING BARGE (S.B.) LADY DAPHNE

Thames Sailing Barges were an essential part of commerce and trade on the Thames for two centuries from 1750 to 1950, a fact not immediately recognisable when you see them now calmly moored up in the West Dock.

They could navigate in as little as one metre of water making them ideal for navigating the shallow waters of the creeks, inlets and tributaries of the Thames estuary and with their flat-bottomed hulls remained level instead of keeling to one side when loading and unloading their cargo. They were highly economical because of their ability to use the tides, sailing only with 'a man, a boy and a dog' whilst carrying up to 200 tons of goods. Thames barges lowered their mast to pass under the many bridges and were also able to sail empty, without the need for ballast, which saved both time and money. At their peak there were more than 2000 trading on the river and their distinctive rusty red sails can be observed in the many paintings depicting London and the Thames in the 18th and 19th century.

Thames Sailing Barge (S.B.) Lady Daphne has been in St Katharine's since redevelopment in the early 1970's. She is known as "lucky Lady Daphne" after an extraordinary incident. On Christmas Day 1927 in thick snow driven by a north easterly gale the skipper was washed overboard and lost. The two crew desperately burned improvised flares which were



finally spotted by the Lizard signal station and in the early hours of Boxing Day the lifeboat managed to rescue the exhausted crew. Lady Daphne careered off into the blackness guided only by the skipper's canary that had been left on board. She sailed herself through the rocks of the Scilly Isles, also avoiding the sandbanks before coming to rest on a few yards of safe sand.

Lady Daphne was commissioned in 1921 to be built by Short Bros on behalf of David and Stanley Bradley of Thomas Watson (Shipping). They had a tradition of naming vessels prefaced by 'Lady'. So when the

barge was launched in 1923, David named her after his newly born first child, Daphne. The Lady Daphne was transferred to Lillian Bradley on the death of her husband David in 1928 and in 1937 Lillian sold Lady Daphne to R&W Paul, the Ipswich maltsters. While technically going through a number of R&W Paul companies, Lady Daphne was with the maltsters till her sale to Taylor Woodrow and St Katharine's Yacht Haven in 1973.

Taylor Woodrow acquired her and two other barges (which have long since disappeared) to lend some character to the then still derelict St. Katharine Docks that they were planning to rebuild. Presumably, this makes her the longest serving vessel in the docks today. In 1996 Lady Daphne was bought by Elisabeth and Michael Mainelli who raise funds to maintain and restore her to her original condition by chartering.

Elisabeth arranges both sailing charters on the Thames and occasional static events in St. Katharine Docks. Tower Bridge lifts on a regular basis to allow the barge and her passengers to come through, stopping the local traffic on the way (hopefully without inconveniencing any of our readers!). Clay shooting in the Barking Reach area is also a popular event as are, gentle afternoon or evening cruises.



Should any of us boaties look to charter another vessel, she has offered a 15% discount on their charter rates. Feel free to contact her for a quote: emainelli@lady-daphne.co.uk

THAMES BARRIER BREAKS CLOSURE RECORD

The Thames Barrier broke their closure record by closing for a record 50th time this winter, making it the busiest period in its history. Since the barriers opened in 1984, it has closed a total of (at the time of writing) 174 times.



It is not entirely surprising as this winter has been the wettest since records began, with the South East receiving double the amount of rainfall expected in a normal winter.

The closure on the morning of 9 February was the 150th flood defence closure of the barrier. The Environment Agency called this year's number of closures a "blip". The morning closure on 10 February recorded the highest flow since the barriers became operational.

The barrier's operation manager Andy Batchelor said to the BBC: "The long term plan for the barrier recognises that we will use it on average

more frequently year-by-year and we are still forecasting not to need a replacement until 2070." The above is an image tweeted by Tower RNLi to illustrate the effect it could have on London if we did not have the Thames Barriers.

Image source: <https://twitter.com/TowerRNLi/status/432799527897423872/photo/1>

ANGEL LOUISE - SKD TO SKD VIA A CIRCUITOUS ROUTE

On Monday 24th we were treated to a fantastic multimedia presentation by Ed & Sue Kelly as part of their SKD: GO AWAY! Dinner Party. Everyone attending enjoyed their amazing tail and Ed & Sue were send-off in great style. We all thank them for a wonderful evening and wish them fair winds and following seas!



Ed and Sue's journey is chronicled in a four-page spread that will be featured in the May Issue of the UK's popular magazine, PRACTICAL BOAT OWNER. It was the subject of a paid lecture at the Cruising Association where it was proclaimed to "set a new standard" by those in attendance at the humorous and informative show....Here a little taste of the evening for the boaters who were unfortunate enough not to be able to attend the event!

Between May of 2012 and September 2013 Captains Ed and Sue Kelly took their boat USSV ANGEL LOUISE from St Katharine Docks to St Katharine Docks via a circuitous route. On their English Built Catalac Catamaran they travelled 6,200 miles to become the first recorded sailboat to go all the way around Europe via the International Rivers.

Starting at SKD they travelled from the North Sea to Amsterdam, up the swollen Rhine River, past Lorelei Rocks and the Rhine Gorge, through the Main River, and the EUROPA CANAL, and down the Danube to the Black Sea. They continued through Turkey, and proceeded through the Aegean Sea, through the Corinth Canal, across the Ionian Sea, and along the Med via Sicily, Malta, Tunisia, Sardinia, and the coasts of Spain, Portugal, and France to Return to St Katharine Docks for the past winter. Along the way they lost 2 engines and went through many trials to complete the journey.... The alternate title could have been 6,200 miles, 494 days, 2 new engines, 1 snake and a Lot of New Friends!

ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

The SKDBHA was formed in 2012 by boat owners for boat owners and boat enthusiasts 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://www.skdbha.org.uk/sign-up>

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 log onto the website <http://www.skdbha.org.uk/Resources> to share with your fellow members.

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
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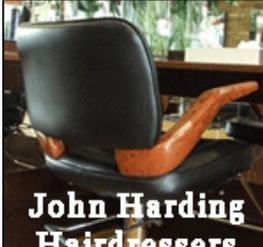
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LOYALTY SCHEME

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.

CAFÉ ROUGE	30% OFF FOOD	 Kiliskya's Turkish Deli & Food Hall	30% OFF FOOD *see T&Cs
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<i>The Slug and Lettuce</i>	25% OFF FOOD OR DRINK 10% OFF	 INDIVIDUALLY ITALIAN Zizzi Restaurants - SINCE 1999 -	25% OFF FOOD
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 John Harding Hairdressers	20% OFF ALL SERVICES	STRADA	20% OFF FOOD *see T&Cs
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PERKIN & REVELLER	20% OFF FOOD	 Lady Daphne	15% OFF CHARTER RATES	 the Kitchen	15% OFF TOTAL BILL
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 Mala Indian Restaurant & Wine Bar	15% OFF FOOD	 The Diverse Flavours of London Shepherds Markets info@shepherdsmarkets.co.uk	10% OFF TOTAL BILL	ARTOPIA	10% OFF ALL ART
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 ARON SPECIALIST DRY CLEANERS	10% OFF ALL SERVICES	 PUMBLECHOOKS Fully Licensed, selling wines & beer deli café	10% OFF ON FINAL BILL	 St. Katharine DOCKS CAFE EVERY THURSDAY	10% OFF TOTAL BILL
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 KATYPEL	10% OFF	 SKD HAIR & BEAUTY	10% OFF ALL SERVICES	 LAGOON	5% OFF Dry Clean & Wash
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