



### **THE THAMES SAILING BARGE**

was the workhorse of coastal transport until well into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Barges are still sailing today as supreme examples of our maritime heritage of traditional working sail. The highly efficient spritsail rig, with over 400sq m (4,000sq ft) sail area, enables fast passage-making and needs only 2 working crew. The flat-bottomed hull and lifting leeboards allow access to even the shallowest creeks and swatchways. The tall topsail provides both windward performance and manoeuvrability in harbours and sheltered waters.



### **SB REPERTOR**

*Repertor* was built in 1924, by Horlocks, bargemasters based in Mistley, on the River Stour, in Essex. She was their first steel barge and could load 140 tons of cargo, equal to 4 HGVs today. Nowadays, she carries people.

*'Repertor'* is Latin, meaning "discoverer; explorer; inventor; innovator; or deviser".

Join us for a cruise or a race and discover the skills of traditional working sail; or explore the rivers, creeks and harbours of the East Coast and North Kent; or sail up the London River to the heart of the City. Or let us devise for you a party or a team-building event in an unusual but memorable venue.



### **CRUISING**

Come with us for a daytrip, weekend or longer cruise under sail. You can join in and practise (or learn!) traditional sailing skills - or just relax and watch how it's done. We usually sail from Faversham, Whitstable or Queenborough, or we can provide trips from your port of choice along the East Coast and from London.

### **RACING**

Barges can be fast and exciting to race - *Repertor* is usually competitive and has been Champion Barge in several recent years. 9 Sailing Barge Matches (races) are held in most years, sometimes with up to 10-15 barges taking part - a magnificent sight!



### **CHARTERS & FUNCTIONS**

Under sail, we can take up to 12 passengers - as individual bookings or as group charters. For quayside events we can accommodate up to 60 guests - for private parties, business functions, exhibitions, etc.

### **CATERING**

We provide catering to order, ranging from good home-style cooking to gourmet meals - or you can self-cater.

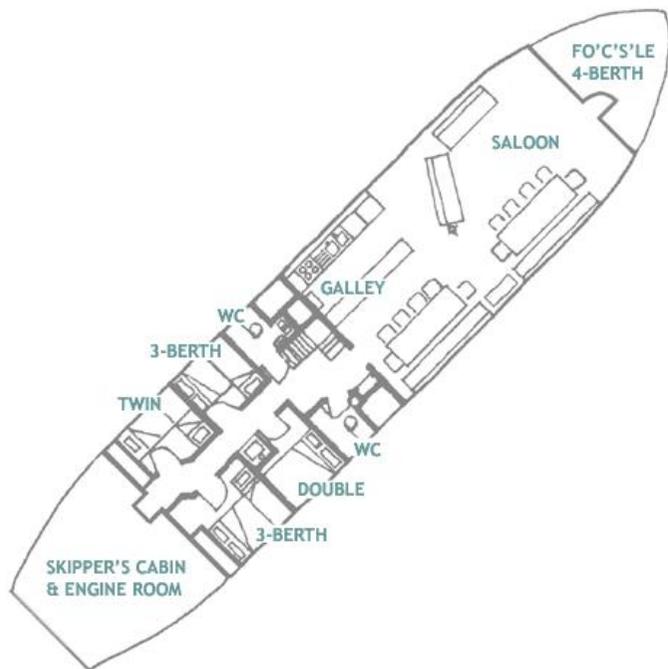
## ACCOMMODATION

Full standing headroom below decks.

Saloon - 55 sq m (600 sq ft); open-plan galley with range cooker and fridges; seating for up to 24 diners or standing buffet for up to 60.

5 sleeping cabins - one 4-berth in fo'c's'l + two 3-berths + one double + one twin berth; plus sofa-bed and hammock in saloon.

2 heads, one with shower. Skipper's cabin.



## SPECIFICATION & SAFETY

Length 26m (86ft); Beam 5.7m (18ft 9ins); Draught 1.1m (3ft 9ins), (4m (13ft) with leeboards down); Sails - Mainsail + Topsail + Mizzen + Foresail + Jib + Staysails - total sail area over 4,000 sq ft.

Engine - Gardner 6LXB; Generator; Inverter VHF radios; GPS & Compasses; Depth-sounder Bargeboat; SOLAS Liferaft; Lifejackets; Liferings; Firefighting & First Aid Equipment

## MAIN SAILING AREAS

Southwold to Gravesend to Ramsgate



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## SAILING CHARTERS

for up to 12 passengers

## PARTIES & FUNCTIONS

at the quayside - for up to 60 guests