



Steam Pinnacle – Newsletter – June 2022

Boathouse 4 Pontoon Open Days 14 & 15 May



(Left) **A sunny Saturday** on the Heritage Pier behind Boathouse 4 - the crew members in their smart uniforms wait for visitors to show around the pinnacle. Pinnacle dressed overall.
Photo by David Griffiths.

Visitor numbers onboard were 140 Saturday and 60 on Sunday.

There are further Open Days planned on:
25th and 26th June; 23rd and 24th July
13th and 14th August; 1st and 2nd October
29th and 30th October.
The pinnacle will be involved as far as her other programme events permit.

(Below) **A bright Sunday** morning looking out along the pierbut are those dark clouds threatening? Oh yes they were! Not long after opening at 1000, the rains descended.



...and the rain rained!!!!



(Above) Ellie from the Boathouse 4 team kept up spirits (no Frank, no rum involved) with coffees and teas – the umbrella colour choice is a genuine coincidence and not a topical political comment.



(Above) The NMRN Steam Pinnacle crew waterproof jackets come in handy. Umbrellas don't go with naval uniforms.

Sunday photos by the editor.



(Left) MOD Apprentice Keenan Smith on his final Day Release onboard the Pinnacle – with Paul and Frank - 27 April 2022.

Exhausted crew member in the background?



“Pinnace Graeco-Turkish war” – was the eBay caption. Frank Fowler noted: This is SP 742 - a 45 foot Admiral’s Barge built By JT Crampton at Portsmouth in 1918. She was delivered to Portsmouth Dockyard on 5th September 1918. She was appropriated to HM Ships Queen Elizabeth, Warspite, Resolution, Barham, Royal Sovereign, and the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean Barge. Looking at the photo - the bottom border has obscured most of the name of the ship to which it belongs. The top of the letters HMS R SOV are visible. The Cox’s cap tally shows a ship with a long name - HMS Royal Sovereign. She was Sold Out of the RN in 1947.

The Steamboat Association of Great Britain has announced events in June and July that may be of interest to readers to view. Some are too far for a day trip from the Portsmouth area where the bulk of readers live, but in case you are in the area:



1. Fal Steamboat Rally 10 Jun -12 Jun, Mylor Yacht Harbour near Falmouth
<https://allevents.in/falmouth/fal-steamboat-rally-falmouth/200022285684216>
2. There are events on Windemere from 12 and 26 June.
<https://steamboatassociation.co.uk/page-1039467>
3. Evesham River Festival on Saturday 9th July
<https://theeveshamriverfestival.uk/>
4. Puffing a-Wey to be held once again at Dapdune Wharf in central Guildford on 9 July.
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events/f6e7a504-a5b5-4f26-8f85-3e22e4874a3b/pages/details>
5. Steamboats @ Bristol Harbour Festival – it’s FREE! 15-17 July
<https://www.bristolharbourfestival.co.uk/>
6. Thames Traditional Boat Festival, Fawley Meadows, Henley-On-Thames 15-18 July
<https://www.tradboatfestival.com/>

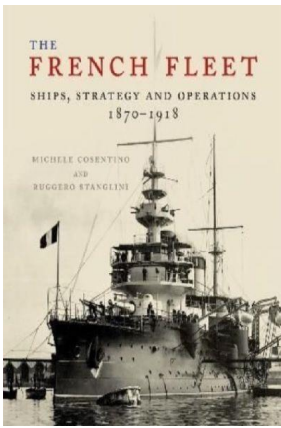
Model RAF Seaplane Tender (former RN Steam Pinnacle) 1/24 scale

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBmLjN4XMe4>

Converting a Land Rover to steam power! Something for the extreme enthusiast!

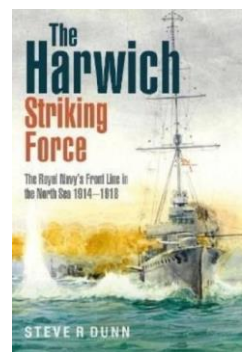
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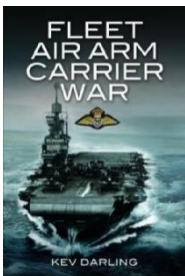


The French Fleet - Ships, Strategy and Operations 1870 - 1918 Ruggero Stanglini & Michele Cosentino; • Seaforth Publishing 2022; 320 pages; ISBN-10 : 1526701316 ISBN-13 : 978-1526701312. At the end of the 1870-1 Franco-Prussian war, the French Navy began to reconstruct its fleet, replacing old generation warships with steam-powered and iron-hulled men-of-war. The establishment of the Third Republic led to a long period of political and economic instability which affected naval and shipbuilding policy. French naval yards and private shipyards were committed to build a fleet of ironclads, cruisers and minor vessels and led France to become the second European naval power, at least quantitatively. The rise of the 'Jeune École' strategic naval concept in the early 1880s then changed shipbuilding priorities, and emphasis was given to coastal torpedo boats and cruisers while the construction of battleships was slowed. As a consequence, the French Navy implemented the dreadnought concept later than other European naval powers, namely Great Britain and Germany.

The Harwich Striking Force : The Royal Navy's Front Line in the North Sea 1914 1918 Steve Dunn; Seaforth Publishing 2022; 320 pages; ISBN-10 : 1399015966 ISBN-13 : 978-1399015967. Under a charismatic and aggressive leader, Reginald Yorke Tyrwhitt, U-boats, German cruisers, destroyers and light craft all met their ends at the hands of the Force, as did enemy seaplanes and Zeppelin airships. The Harwich ships were at sea almost daily throughout the war, haunting the German coast and the Friesian Islands, pioneering aerial attack from the sea, developing naval carrier aviation and combined air/sea operations, and hunting for enemy submarines and minelayers in the North Sea. The Harwich Force also took part in major naval battles alongside the Grand Fleet's battlecruisers.

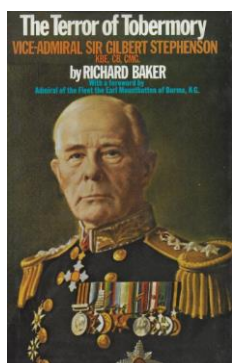
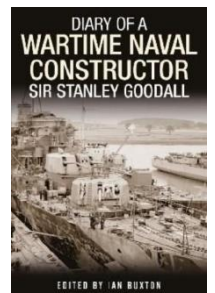


Fleet Air Arm Carrier War Kev Darling; Pen and Sword Military 2022; ISBN:



9781399075008' This is the story of British naval flying from aircraft carriers, from its conception in World War One to the present day. It includes the types of aircraft and the men who flew them, the carriers and the evolution of their designs, the theatres of war in which they served and their notable achievements and tragedies. It traces navy flying from the early days of the biplane, through the rapid developments during World War Two to the post-war introduction of jet-powered flight.

Diary of a Wartime Naval Constructor - Sir Stanley Goodall Editor - Ian Buxton; Seaforth Publishing 2022; 272 pages; ISBN-10 : 1399082701 ISBN-13 : 978-1399082709. One of the most significant warship designers of the twentieth century, Sir Stanley Goodall rose through the ranks of the Royal Corps of Naval Constructors to become its head in 1936. His private diary was never intended for publication - indeed it seems to have been a vehicle for venting some of his professional frustrations - so his opinions are candid and unrestrained. Dr Ian Buxton, a well-known authority on British shipbuilding, has edited the entries covering Goodall's war years, identifying the various personalities and ships referred to while setting out the context in a number of introductory essays.



The Terror of Tobermory: Vice-Admiral Sir Gilbert Stephenson, KBE, CB, CMG Richard Baker; Birlinn Ltd. 2002; Paperback : 196 pages; ISBN-10 : 1841581976 ISBN-13 : 978-1841581972. Tobermory and the Western Isles were a theatre in the Battle of the Atlantic and Gilbert Stephenson knew well the responsibility he faced in training up raw and inexperienced crews into a trained and effective ship's company. His methods were directly responsible for the sinking of over 130 U-boats and the shooting down of 40 enemy aircraft. Behind his ferocity lay a marvellous sense of humour and a deep humanity. This is the story of his life.