



The Company and the Sea Cadets

The Lord Mayor's Show 12th November 2011

In accordance with a tradition established in 2006 The Master and Wardens marched with the London Area Sea Cadet float in the Lord Mayor's Show an experience which they found enjoyable if exhausting. As usual we sponsored the float which is in the military section of the Show, as this is to the mutual advantage of both parties.

Royalist Regatta 16th May 2012

This year the organisers decided that each boat should have a yacht company representative acting as a professional adviser to the skipper to minimise insurance costs so we fielded a crew of seven, six of whom were company members, plus one son. Once again PM Patrick McHugh skippered in his own inimitable style.

He said a big thank you to the crew for being so friendly and competitive. His final summary was "From the rather windy conditions on Tuesday afternoon when we shook down the boat to the rather more benign conditions and six races on Wednesday you all put in a 100% effort and it showed in our racing. I reckon we did 15 asymmetric hoists and drops and 12 gybes with some 60 tacks so it was not surprising we all felt knackered at the end."

Sadly our success in winning the Shipwrights Award in 2011 was not to be repeated despite this fine effort and we finished in eleventh place.

Spring Gala Dinner 17th May 2012

London Area Sea Cadets supported the Spring Gala in magnificent style. Junior Sea Cadets provided a Hornpipe Dance at the reception in the Art Gallery followed by the swinging of Clubs & Cutlasses. Later, in the Crypt there was Synchronised Weapons Drill. Cadets lined the staircase and acted as runners for the silent auction at dinner. Proceedings were expertly controlled by WO1 (SCC) James Bryan who acted as Master of Ceremonies.

More importantly the SCC arranged five of the auction prizes including the evening's star prize which was a battle training day on a warship during a fleet exercise. The winning bid realised £5200 and the proceeds have been donated to the Royal Navy and Royal Marine benevolent funds. £1200 was bid for a day on TS ROYALIST and the proceeds will contribute to the replacement vessel now being designed. A further £5000 was donated to London Area.

Bursaries to London Area

24 bursaries were distributed to individual cadets to enable them to book a week on TS ROYALIST in June 2011. A further 40 bursaries were given to individual cadets in support of Summer Camp activities, which included water skiing, water sports, kayaking and a day trip to Belgium. The annual grant of £1000 to support adventurous opportunities was used to assist with the cost of Exercise Bavarian Surprise, a week of mountain based activity in the Bavarian Alps.