

Dear

25th March 2008

Having commenced our Merchant Navy careers in 1962 on the River Thames at the Thames Nautical Training College, HMS Worcester, moored off Greenhithe, Kent, Julian Thorogood and Brian Cushing intend to mark the last 46 years of their involvement in British Seafaring by rowing, (sculling), back up it.

The Voyage, of 20 miles, is planned to take place on Friday, April 25th departing St. Katharine's Pier, (Tower Bridge, North Side), at between 1230 and 1300 hrs with an estimated time of arrival (ETA), at the Teddington Boundary Stone of 1900 hrs that evening. A simple chart is attached. We are most grateful to the Port of London Authority who have allowed us to do this and will be monitoring our progress

Messer's Thorogood and Cushing will be sculling ' Megen ' a Thames skiff built by Hobb's Bros., of Henley in 1888, and now owned by Mr. Mark Edwards of the Richmond Boat Yard.

In our efforts to mark this ' retirement row ' we are supporting the Richard House Children's Hospice situated close to where we joined our first ships as apprentices at Albert Dock in the Royal Docks complex. A letter of explanation and some fundraising details are attached. If your Company or Group could support this extremely worthy cause we would both be delighted.

Key times on April 25th are:-

1230 – 1300 depart St. Katharine's Pier, Tower Bridge...heading upstream!

1445 – 1515 somewhere near Wandsworth Bridge

1645 – 1715 somewhere near Richmond Bridge


1845 Teddington Boundary Stone

1900 The White Swan, Twickenham, or possibly the Teddington Royal Infirmary.....

All are welcome either to see us off at St Katharine's Pier or welcome us home at the Pub! Or both...



Julian Thorogood



Brian Cushing

