

Queens Diamond Jubilee Pageant, Sunday 3 June 2012

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen up to a thousand boats will form one of the largest flotillas seen on the River Thames in central London. Powered and unpowered vessels will be participating to include a contingent of kayaks.

The pageant organisers are keen for a nationwide representation in this event and have requested the BCU to assist in circulating information. As a major event in the lead up to the Olympics, the Port of London Authority along with the commercial and recreational boating sectors are working closely with the organisers project team. Currently it is proposed that up to eighty kayaks will participate.

Full details of the event and an entry registration form are available from the web site <http://www.thamesdiamondjubileepageant.org/eventinformation.htm>.

Closing date for registrations **31 October 2011**.

Please note that registration places applications in the pageant organisers selection process.

Kayak Requirements

Following a series of rehearsal exercises, the organisers have determined that single and double type sea /touring kayaks over 4.3 M (14ft) in length, and fully fitted out for "moderate" water conditions are suitable vessels to take part. The Marine Coastguard Agency classify the Thames Tideway as Category C waters with a wave height up to 1.2m.

The registration form details the conditions of entry and guidance for the standards of ability required on these tidal waters. Kayaks will have to maintain a speed of 4 knots through the water (6 knots assisted by the tide) over the 10 mile route.

Joining and Leaving the Pageant.

Details are still in preparation and may require an arrival in London on Saturday 2 June. More information will be available from the organisers following the close of registration.