



**NEWS RELEASE**

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### **HMS Kent to visit Jersey during Boat Show**

The Royal Navy frigate, HMS Kent is to visit Jersey during the Jersey Boat Show. The Class 23 frigate will arrive in Island waters on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and will stay until Monday 6<sup>th</sup>.

HMS Kent was commissioned in 2000 June and is the latest in a long line of warships that have carried the name, which dates back to the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. Over its distinguished history, HMS Kent has earned 16 battle honours and served in a variety of campaigns.

During its time in Jersey, the ship's crew and officers will come ashore and take part in the boat show, helping with some of the safety provisions on the water and providing other supporting activities. Weather permitting, public visits will be allowed using a 'liberty boat' to shuttle people to HMS Kent's anchorage. A full programme of events is being organised which will include a number of VIP receptions on board, and a variety of receptions in support of the Boat Show.

Jersey Harbour Master, Howard Le Cornu, said: "Supporting Trade and Industry is a key role of the modern Navy, and we are especially delighted that HMS Kent is visiting Jersey during the Jersey Boat Show and just before the Liberation Day celebrations. As a Class 23 Frigate, HMS Kent is a vital element of the Royal Navy and it will be an honour to welcome the ship to the Island."

Commander Simon Hopper, HMS Kent's Commanding Officer, said: "HMS Kent's officers and crew are looking forward to visiting Jersey and are particularly pleased that the visit coincides with the Jersey Boat Show and start of the Liberation Day celebrations."

Jersey Boat Show 08 is being organised by Jersey Harbours in partnership with Collins Stewart and supported by Economic Development.

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## **Notes to Editors**

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More information about HMS Kent can be found at: <http://www.royal-navy.mod.uk/server/show/nav.1521>

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