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Royal Navy “proud to be supporting the Jersey Boat show for the second year running”

Jersey Harbours, organisers of the Jersey Boat Show, are delighted to confirm that the Royal Navy will have a significant presence in direct support of this year's Show which runs from 2-4 May.

Thanks to some excellent liaison between the Royal Navy (the 'Senior Service') and The States of Jersey, and with enormous help and co-operation from the Port of Jersey and Condor Ferries, HMS YORK, will actually be berthed alongside for the duration of the Show.

Assistant Minister Senator Paul Routier comments “I am delighted by the team work and cooperation of all port users who have worked together to make the visit of HMS YORK possible, berthing the ship alongside will provide visitors to the Jersey Boat Show the chance to get onboard this magnificent ship.”

For the first time a Type 42 destroyer will enter the Elizabeth Harbour East Berth allowing easy access to the Ship for Show visitors and invited guests.

HMS YORK was the last of the Type 42 destroyers to be built for the Royal Navy. Launched in 1982 and accepted into service in March 1985, she is the twelfth ship in the Royal Navy to bear the name. The Ship's motto 'Bon Espoir' means Good Hope and

was the motto of Edmund Langley, the First Duke of York 1341-1402, who was the fifth son of Edward III.

Visitors to the Jersey Boat Show can obtain free invitations to tour the ship from the Royal Navy stand at the Show. The tours will operate on a first come first served basis.

Commander Price, Commanding Officer says "HMS YORK is pleased to be able to support the Jersey Boat Show. This is the Ship's first port visit since a multi-million pound refit and we are looking forward to showcasing our capabilities and of course, meeting the good people of Jersey".

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