



NEWS RELEASE

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Jersey Boat Show to host St Helier's Sea Sunday Service

Jersey Boat Show is to host a "Sea Sunday" Service. This special act of worship will take place at 10am on Sunday 3 May.

It will be the first Sea Sunday Service to be held in the Parish of St Helier and will take place adjacent to the Maritime museum, at the heart of the Show.

Led by the Dean of Jersey it will be attended by the Constable of St Helier and his officers, representatives of the Royal Navy and members of the congregation of the parish of St Helier. A warm welcome is also offered to members of the public and Show visitors.

Following the service the Dean will visit the marina pontoons to bless individual boats and their owners.

A number of the parishes of Jersey have long held Sea Sunday services which celebrate Jersey's maritime heritage and ask God to watch over those people who make a living working at sea.

Jersey Harbours Chief Executive Howard Le Cornu said "The Boat Show is held at the start of the boating season and I am particularly delighted to invite the St Helier boat

owners to attend the service and to have the opportunity to receive a blessing from the Dean as they prepare their boats to go to sea again”.

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Note:

Boat owners wishing to be included in the blessing should contact the Show organiser, Sara Felton.

Should the “heavens open” prior to the service it will be held at the Town Church, adjacent to the Royal Square in St Helier.

Notes to Editors:

For further information, please contact Sara Felton on telephone (01534) 447745 or 07797 787 872.

- The Jersey Boat Show is organised by Jersey Harbours, a government department of The States of Jersey.
- The event is a vital showcase for the local maritime industry, an integral part of the Island’s tourism offering and an opportunity for broadening overseas marine connections.
- The Show highlights the Port of Jersey as it continues to provide the Island’s lifeline, the valuable input of the Jersey Coastguard in promoting safer and cleaner seas and the role of Jersey Harbours in overseeing both these and Jersey Marina services to ensure their development and long term viability.
- Some of these features/attractions may not go ahead in the event of severe weather - Jersey Harbours has a wet weather contingency plan in place.