



## The Beverley Barge Preservation Society

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### AN OPEN LETTER FROM IAIN CAMPBELL - CHAIR

Dear Member

#### Request for Involvement.

As you may be aware the Society is a voluntary organisation with no paid employees. We recruit those who carry out functions from within the membership, a process that to date has served the Society extremely well. With greater regulation of activities such as those we undertake an extra strain has been placed on the Society to adapt so that it has members available with the correct knowledge or qualification (or both) to comply.

#### Skippers Syntan

Within the last two years, in order for us to take passengers on Syntan we have had to ensure training of three skippers, a time consuming and potentially costly exercise. We have a commitment to look to train additional skippers into the future, but we anticipate that this process takes about two years to complete, requiring an experience log, practical and theoretical testing and a medical. ***If you would like to be considered for this please let me know and we will discuss the matter in detail.***

#### Crew Members Needed

However this is not the only work that requires volunteers. Alongside the skipper on Syntan trips we require 2-3 crew members. Furthermore within 2 years we hope to have our second vessel, Sun, completed, and while this may need a lower level of qualification for a skipper if just working in Beverley Beck and the River Hull we will still need to crew the vessel. Members have also taken considerable care with the enhanced display material available on Syntan, and have worked with the Museum Service to ensure its quality. This will be wasted time if we do not have the means to ensure people see the displays, and we will be failing in one of our aims "to educate the public".

***We have never, to my knowledge, asked our members what skills or time they can offer to the Society, but that is the purpose of this letter. I know that many people lead busy lives and do not have uncommitted time and I fully understand this. But if you do have a little time each month which you would be prepared to offer I would be grateful if you could let us know.***

In addition to crewing the barge which requires a commitment of around eight hours in one day, we are also looking for people to act as guides to Syntan. We are hoping to open the vessel to the public on Fridays and perhaps Sunday afternoons and would look for commitments of half days to assist with this. Duties would involve collecting keys and opening the barge, being available to help visitors and locking up at the end of the session. ***We would hope to have two members on together to do this. In addition the regular workgroup on Sun on a Sunday morning at Beverley Shipyard would welcome people with all levels of skills, or even just a willingness to wield a paintbrush. Training would be provided for any of these roles.***

If you are able to help, please contact me on 01482 871282 to discuss what you would like to do. Equally Joyce Gillyon, our Hon Secretary, would be pleased to hear from you on 01482 862404, or put a note in the mailbox by Syntan. We would then be able to plan our activities and produce rotas.

Thank you for reading this letter and I hope we may be able to move forward with these plans involving more of our members.

Iain Campbell