



## Charter these boats.

The PNBPT collection is kept in working condition so that future generations can appreciate the skill that was required to design, build and operate these craft.

The vessels are available to the public for charter, film work, corporate activity, educational and commemorative events.

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## The Forgotten Craft.

From the earliest campaigns to the present day and in to the future, the armed forces have always relied on small craft. From mounting amphibious operations, to air sea rescue, from clandestine landings to frontline fighting, small boats have played a vital role.

The PNBPT collection of Forgotten Craft illustrates the wide range of tasks and specialities these craft were built to undertake.

Included in our collection are frontline offensive weapons like MGB81, built to attack marauding German torpedo boats; heroic RAF launches, built to rescue downed airman and service flying boats; mundane yet crucial service launches for the ferrying of equipment and personnel and landing craft used as recently as the Falklands campaign.

The collection represents the full spectrum of tasks undertaken by small boats in time of war and of peace. Without them the armed forces would simply not be able to function.

The Portsmouth Naval Base Property Trust seeks to maintain these craft in working condition so that their stories can be better told and future generations can appreciate the skills required to design, build and operate these forgotten craft.



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## Motor Gun Boat 81



MGB 81 was commissioned and accepted 1942. Capable of 42 knots, MGB 81 and her sisters were involved in action in the English Channel, attacking enemy torpedo boats and landing secret agents on occupied soil. She was later involved in D Day operations.

In 2017 MGB 81 will be prepared for passenger use offering a unique experience at high speed.

## RAF Seaplane Tender I 502



Built by the British Power Boat Company and inspired by the work of Aircraftsman T.E. Shaw (Lawrence of Arabia). The boat's duties were as a seaplane tender, range safety duties and air sea rescue. Restored and with new engines, STI 502 is coded for passenger carrying and is an ideal boat for exploring Portsmouth Harbour and the Solent and commemorative events.

## Picket Boat "Green Parrot"



Originally the official barge of the Commander in Chief, she was modified for use by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as her Royal Barge when visiting the Royal Navy in Portsmouth. Since then she has undergone a programme of maintenance and conservation.

Ideal for exploring the harbour in style, Green Parrot will be available in 2018 for public use.

## RAF High Speed Launch 102



HSL 102, commissioned in 1936, is the only 100 class high speed launch to survive. Capable of a speed of up to 40 knots, HSL 102 took part in the Battle of Britain and together with her fellow launches, rescued more than 13,000 airmen from the sea.

HSL 102 is fully coded for passenger carrying and can take 9 people for a speed experience that cannot be beaten.

## Harbour Launch (Diesel) 49



HL(D)49 is one of the last of a maid of all work type. She and her ubiquitous sisters were once a common sight in the harbour. Her principal use was the transport of dockyard workers and Naval personnel, and small craft towage within the harbour and basins.

A favourite with our volunteers, she continues to be valuable as a harbour ferry and in the Solent

## Other projects



The PNBPT collection is ever changing and growing. With around 25 boats in total there is always something going on. The boats that we do not keep afloat are stored and displayed in Boathouse 4 in the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.

Boathouse 4 is free to visit to view the restoration and maintenance of the collection and to learn more about the Forgotten Craft.