

Course title EXPLORING THE RIVER: Learning with the Environment Trust

2. Boats and Boating: Traditional Timber Boats of the Thames

Tutor Mark Edwards

Location Bridge Boathouses, Richmond (on the towpath by the bridge)

Day & time Saturdays, 9.30am to 12.30pm (session 2 9am to 1pm)

Start and end dates 25 April 2009 to 16 May 2009 (three sessions - please note there is no

session on 2nd May)

Fee £45 (Environment Trust members £40)

Entry requirements Open to anyone aged 16 or older

Course overview The course aims to give you an overview of the history, construction

methods and uses of the traditional wooden boats built and used on the Thames, together with practical experience of construction and a session

rowing a Thames shallop

Course content Your course is a practical introduction to all aspects of the traditional

wooden boats built and used on the Thames, held at the boathouses

owned and run by the course tutor. You will learn about:

the development of boats from log boats to present day craft

their different and changing uses through history

constructional types and forms

construction methods, with practical examples for you to try out

You will also have an introduction to rowing, with the opportunity to experience rowing the Royal shallop 'Jubilant', a traditional Thames

shallop (www.jubilant.org.uk)

Additional information Non-swimmers and those requiring DDA access are welcome for all

sessions, including boating, but please inform us before the course

Bring to first class Warm, comfortable clothing and flat shoes

