

## **London RIB Voyages confirmed to take part in the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant**



London RIB Voyages, the original Thames speedboat experience, voted “Five ★★★★★ Stars” by *Timeout London*, is proud to announce their participation in this year’s Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant, taking place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012.

The event will see a thousand boats gather on the river Thames in celebration of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. A total of five boats owned and crewed by London RIB Voyages have been selected. “The Thames Challenger” is one of the RIBs (Rigid Inflatable Boats) that will be travelling within this momentous flotilla.

The pageant itself will be the largest seen in modern times on the river Thames, with rowing boats, working boats and pleasure vessels of all shapes and sizes, all beautifully dressed with streamers and Union Jacks, stretching for an estimated twelve and a half miles through the heart of the city.

London RIB Voyages is delighted to have been selected by the pageant organisers and representatives from the river community, to take part in an event that has proved extremely popular, with three boats competing to apply for each and every place. The careful selection process considered safety, fitness-for-purpose and range of vessel type as well as exploring whether the vessel was of historical significance or had an interesting story to tell.

Owner Charlie Matheson is thrilled that his boats have been selected and said:

**“London RIB Voyages is honoured to be taking part in this much anticipated event. As the fastest way to travel on the river and as the Thames’ first speedboat operator we would have been incredibly disappointed not to be involved in such a classic moment in history. Our team who will be dressed top to toe in regal attire cannot wait to set sail in the parade onboard our patriotic boats decorated from seat to seat with sparkling royal pride. British anthems will play in the background as we proudly lead the Class V vessels in the flotilla of the century.”**

Every vessel will proudly take its place in the flotilla alongside Her Majesty the Queen and other members of the Royal Family aboard the Royal Barge, *The Spirit of Chartwell*. It will be a once in a lifetime moment for all of us aboard as part of this glorious moment in our rich royal history.

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