

## **ROYAL DAY FOR HISTORIC HCC BOAT, 9 September 2015:**

Members Rodney and Maura Pell aboard their historic gentleman's motor yacht Sheemaun flew the flag for Hollowshore CC when they were invited to join the Thames Procession with the Royal row barge Gloriana to celebrate the Queen becoming the longest reigning Monarch.

"Needless to say we flew our HCC burgee although it did admittedly hoist rather lower down on our hoist than our various other burgees, including the Royal Club, City of Oostende, and City of London," said Dr Pell.

The Sheemaun (pictured here off Boulogne) is kept at Ramsgate Harbour. It was built for banker Ernest Richards in 1935 at the yard of James Noble & Co in Fraserburgh, using oak frames, keel and keelson, and pitch-pine below the waterline and larch planked above with British Columbian pine deck, topped by a teak wheelhouse.

"I only wish that I had a much larger HCC burgee which is of a most splendid design and colour but it seems there is currently no such thing available," he added.

By co-incidence, the acting Queen's Master of Oar just happened to have been a Pangbourne Naval College cadet who in the 1980s served as a cadet on Sheemaun when she was the college training flagship.

Dr Pell said it will take him some time to sort out the 800 odd pictures plus videos he and Maura took, "but when eventually sorted I may be in a position to present to fellow members a reflection of what was an amazing and memorable occasion."

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