

# The Marine Society & Sea Cadets

## Message from CSC - Trinity 500

The Trinity 500 is reaching the final stages of its development. I have already seen it on the water with cadets onboard and am certain this will be a great step forward for the Sea Cadet Corps, long awaited, much needed and well deserved. Most importantly I think the cadets will love it and when the general public sees our cadets in it and on the water, it will be a great advert for the Corps and present us as a modern youth organisation with close association to the modern Royal Navy.

The Trinity 500 will come in 2 variants.

Mark 1 - Certified for use in MCA Category A and B waters available now.

Mark 2 - Certified for use in MCA Category C waters available shortly (estimated to be in about one month from now) - The Mark 2 will be capable of de-rigging to enable it to operate as a Mark 1 so ensuring a level playing field in competitions.

The pricing policy is being finalised but the Chief Executive's intention is that the price of the first boat to Units will be subsidised by 50% for the first 200 boats at a cost of £1250 per boat. Boats for the national training centres and area facilities will not be subsidised and will be charged at full cost, ensuring maximum subsidy from MSSC fundraising to Sea Cadet Units.

The first batch of 40 Mark 1 boats, have been ordered. According to the contract, delivery will be in 4 weeks, but this may in reality be 6 to 8 weeks. So the Corps can expect to see boats arriving in early April 2010.

The intention is to proceed with the new T500 at the national regatta as directed by my predecessor Captain Jonathan last year.

Patrick Balfour - the MSSC Staff Officer Operations, will be in touch with individual Units to establish their requirements for Mark 1/Mark 2 boats based on the above information.

This represents the culmination of a lot of hard work on behalf of the Corps. I look forward to seeing our cadets on the water in their new Trinity 500 pulling boats and consider this to be a major step forward for the Sea Cadet Corps.

