

The Marine Society & Sea Cadets

Message from CSC -

TRINITY 500 – PROJECT SITREP

Since my last sitrep, the RYA now advise that the boat being certified for Design Category D with a full crew of up to 10 onboard, means that the boat may be used when the actual and forecast conditions are those which equate to the definition of this Design Category, which are a wind speed not exceeding Force 4 and Significant Wave Height not exceeding 0.5 metres. In these conditions, the boat may be used in the AOLO of any Unit or Boat Station, regardless of the MCA Category of their water. MOD has still to confirm that the RYA advice is applicable to Sea Cadets' boating.

For this reason, work on developing a Mark 2 variant of the Trinity 500 has been suspended pending the MOD decision, as a Mark 2 may not be necessary.

If MOD confirms that it accepts the RYA advice, Units which have already ordered and sent deposits for Coastal boats will instead be provided with the basic variant of the boat, unless they wish to cancel their order. Any Unit which has ordered a Coastal boat and which cancels its order before 12 March will have its deposit refunded in full.

The donation of £200,000 to part-fund Unit, District and Branch Trinity 500s has been confirmed. This money has been most generously donated by Sir Donald Gosling. So as to share it fairly within the Corps, each Area will be allocated part funding for the following number of boats, at £1,250 a boat:

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| Eastern | 14 |
| Northern | 16 |
| North West | 14 |
| Southern | 17 |
| South West | 19 |

As a result of London Area receiving funding from The London Marathon Trust towards the purchase of Trinity 500s, London Units should place orders directly through their Area Office as promulgated by LATM 19/10 and not via HQ. London Area will therefore not be included in Sir Donald's generous donation.

Within the allocation for each Area, the part funding will be applied on a "first ordered first served" basis. If the number of boats ordered by Units, Districts or Branches in any Area by 1 May 2010 is less than the Area allocation, the allocation will be given to any Unit coming forward for a boat on a first come first served basis. Only one boat per Unit, district or branch will be allocated at the subsidised rate.

The remaining £100,000 of Sir Donald's donation will be allocated on a first come first served basis but, still with the restriction of one subsidised boat per Unit, district or branch.

90 boats have now been ordered from the factory. Units, Districts and Branches have ordered a total of 96 boats.

