



Press Release

Cingalee

Scapa 100

Stromness, Orkney

21st-23rd June 2019

Cingalee is a 28' fleet launch that was in Scapa Flow, Orkney at the time of the scuttling of the German High Seas Fleet on the 21st June 1919. Cingalee is probably the oldest surviving wooden vessel that served in Scapa Flow during the First World War.

The Orkney Historic Boat Society (OHBS) acquired Cingalee in November 2017 and despite her poor condition, such is her significance to the maritime history of Orkney, and her unusual design, she merited saving. With the help of the National Lottery Heritage Fund, numerous Orkney based companies and individuals, OHBS is restoring Cingalee to her original 1905 appearance as best as can be determined. Since December 2018 OHBS volunteers have spent over 1000 hours researching the vessels history and her crew and working on the restoration. Professional assistance is being provided by Master Boat Builder Ian Richardson and Boat Builder Jeff Mackie of Stromness.

Cingalee was built in 1905 by Camper and Nicholsons of Gosport in Hampshire. After a several years operating in and around Portsmouth Harbour Cingalee moved to Orkney, arriving in Scapa Flow a few days before Great Britain entered the First World War. Cingalee served most of her life working in Scapa Flow supplying Royal Navy vessels during times of conflict, salvage vessels between the wars and latterly as a pleasure craft.

About Orkney Historic Boat Society (OHBS)

Our Vision: To preserve the boating history of Orkney for future generations.

Our Mission: To preserve historic boats and related traditional boat building skills and crafts. To collect preserve and disseminate knowledge relating to boats built in Orkney or having contributed significantly to Orkney life and to further the education and knowledge of the public in relation to historical Orkney Boats, including establishing a Boat Museum and workshop.

Orkney Historic Boat Society is a charity registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) number SC044884.

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