

FAVERSHAM CREEK TRUST

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Trust helps restore Centaur

The Faversham Creek Trust is pleased to confirm that it is supplying apprentices to help restore the 1895 Thames Sailing Barge Centaur.

The Centaur, owned and managed by the Thames Sailing Barge Trust is now the subject of a £100,000 refit in Tim Goldsack's dry dock at Oare Creek Faversham. She is being worked on over the next few months by a team of local craftsmen which includes the Faversham Creek Trust's first apprentice, Tom Browning

Tom achieved his level 2 apprenticeship with Simon Grillet during the Cambria restoration at Standard Quay, Faversham in 2011. He will commence his level three training through work experience on the Centaur combined with technical training at the Purifier Building starting with the lofting of the Mayhi.

Lofting is the skill of drawing up plans of a vessel at full scale using methods to correct errors in the shape.

We are delighted to support the Thames Barge Sailing Trust in their restoration and outreach programmes that do so much to keep alive our local maritime traditions.

Note for Editor:

Centaur was built by John and Herbert Cann and launched at Gashouse Creek, Harwich on February 15th 1895 when the Thames and the Medway froze over and the temperature dropped to 30° below freezing!

She went on to an active commercial life until 1955 when she and her sister ship Mirosa (who now charts from Iron Wharf) ceased trading. In 1974 Centaur started her new life succeeding Westmoreland as the flagship of the Thames Barge Sailing Club, later to become the Thames Barge Sailing Trust.



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