

The Thames sailing barge Wyvenhoe provides a chance to enjoy sailing on a 19th Century ship with the comfort and safety you would expect on a modern vessel.

Lovingly restored, she is a one of the small fleet of Thames sailing barges that have survived since the days when thousands of these craft plied their trade carrying cargo to and from London and other ports along the east coast of Britain, and across to mainland Europe.

Her authentic spritsail rig and distinctive traditional red sails are combined with her powerful auxiliary engine and modern safety equipment to make Wyvenhoe a fabulous vessel on which to sail. She is a staysail barge with five sails totalling 3,000 square feet of canvas.

Built in 1898 as a cargo carrying sailing ship she was converted to a motor coaster in 1923. She was a working motor driven cargo ship until sold in 1982 to be restored to sail again in 1984.

She is still a working ship - but instead of cargo she carries people on holiday charters sailing in the Thames Estuary and the rivers of Essex, Kent and Suffolk or (by prior arrangement) from the Solent and some South coast ports.

We provide day sails, weekend charters or longer trips for corporate guests and family sailors alike.

She is an ideal base for artists and photographers. Training in art, photography, knot tying and seamanship can be provided. Special trips are also available for bird watching and visiting areas of natural beauty. A day or weekend trip for corporate guests is a fantastic experience that guests will not forget!

Whether seasoned sailors or complete landlubbers we promise you an enjoyable trip on a beautiful ship.



Pictures taken during 2011 sailing off Harwich and Orford, the luxury saloon down below and sailing in the River Blackwater and Harwich. Pictures by Tradsail, and Bill Martin.



2013 Prices

Barge for up to 12 passengers with skipper and mate from Maldon, Pin Mill Faversham, or Chatham:

(Minimum charge is for 6 passengers)

Day sails

Self-catering: £1200 (or £100 per person)

With food and a cook: £1500 (or £125 per person)

Weekend Charters

Friday evening to Sunday evening:

Self-catering: £2200 (or £92 per person per day)

With food and a cook: £2500 (or £104 per person per day)

Longer Charters

Three days

Self-catering: £3200 (or £89 per person per day)

With food and a cook: £3650 (or £101 per person per day)

Four days

Self-catering: £4200 (or £87.50 per person per day)

With food and a cook: £4700 (or £98 per person per day)

Five days

Self-catering: £5000 (or £83 per person per day)

With food and a cook: £5600 (or £93 per person per day)

Over five days P.O.A.

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