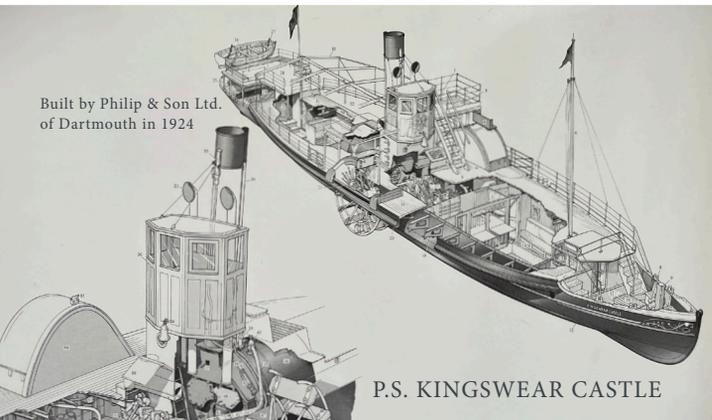


2026

NATIONAL HISTORIC SHIP

"KC" is now 102 years old! After the recent completion of a major rebuild, 2026 sees her in service at Dartmouth in rejuvenated form, once again running harbour cruises and in conjunction with the steam railway. A pleasure trip on this historic ship (listed in the National Historic Fleet) offers everyone the opportunity to experience the delights of sailing back in time aboard a real steamship from another age. Her rebuild will safeguard a long future for her here on the River Dart. Thank goodness!

Built by Philip & Son Ltd.
of Dartmouth in 1924



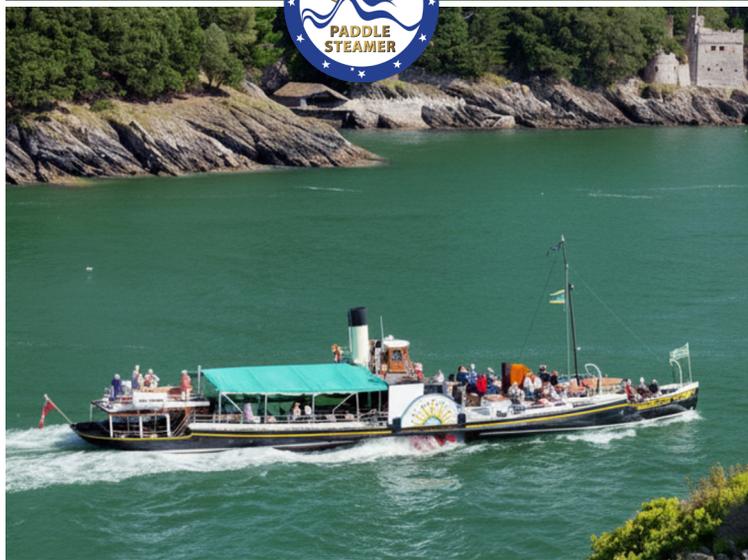
P.S. KINGSWEAR CASTLE

She was built by Philip & Son of Dartmouth in 1924, specifically for service on the stunning River Dart. She was the last paddle steamer to be built for service on the river and was a replacement for an earlier Kingswear Castle that had been built in 1904. The engine of the previous steamer was recycled into the current ship and is still in use!

The ship had major structural work towards the end of her first career on the River Dart in 1960. She was largely rebuilt before returning to service on the River Medway in Kent in 1985. The next overhaul started back here in Devon in 2021 which saw much steelwork and woodwork being renewed throughout as well as the decks from amidships to the stern - all of which has given added strength to the overall structure of the ship. And amongst all the detailed work one lovely touch is the new varnished aft section replicated from the original in the railway carriage workshop in Paignton.

Visit kingswearcastle.org for a more detailed history (including a history of her operation in Kent on the River Medway), news articles and library of images.

PADDLE STEAMER DARTMOUTH

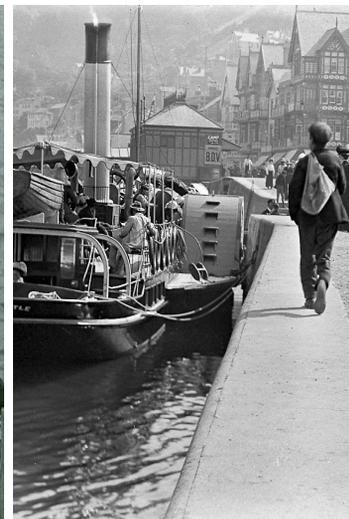
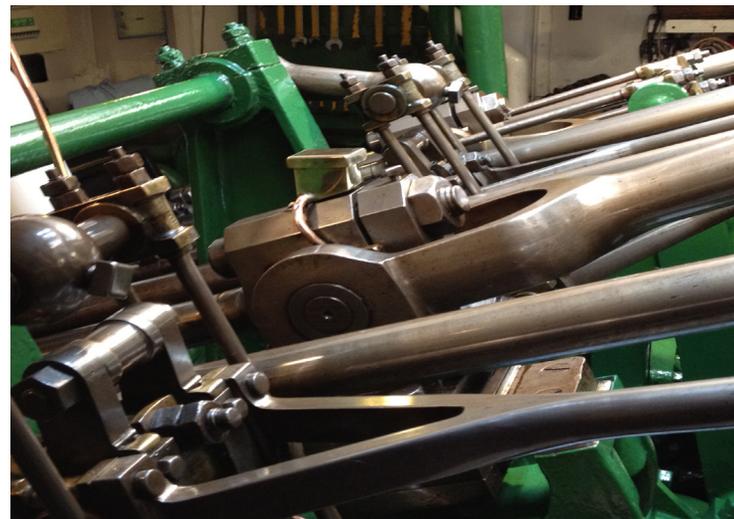


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RIVER DART CRUISES

Enjoy a nostalgic **RIVER DART CRUISE** on the last remaining coal fired paddle steamer in the UK (operating on her home waters on the lower reaches of the River Dart). The sounds and smells of this historic ship only enhances your relaxing cruise from Dartmouth which passes by Bayards Cove, Warfleet Creek, both Dartmouth and Kingswear Castles, Britannia Royal Naval College and Noss Boat Yard and also viewing the quaint village of Dittisham and, conditions allowing, the Greenway Estate (home to the late Dame Agatha Christie). Duration c.1hr.

Alternatively, the fascinating **STEAM & CRUISE TRIP** combines the River Dart Cruise described above with a return steam train for an all day excursion. It is simply the perfect day out for those that love all things steam! The ticket includes a return steam train between Paignton and Kingswear, the return passenger ferry crossing from Kingswear to Dartmouth and the River Dart Cruise.

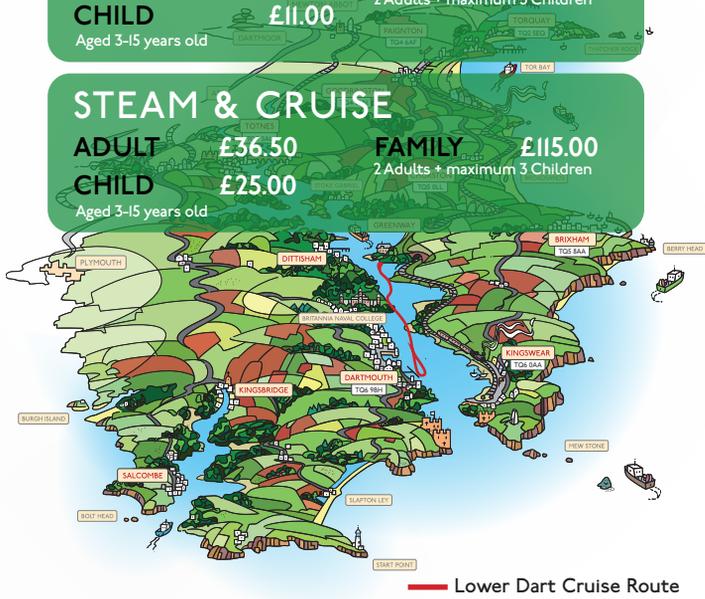


RIVER DART CRUISE

ADULT £13.00 **FAMILY** £42.00
 2 Adults + maximum 3 Children
CHILD £11.00
 Aged 3-15 years old

STEAM & CRUISE

ADULT £36.50 **FAMILY** £115.00
 2 Adults + maximum 3 Children
CHILD £25.00
 Aged 3-15 years old



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