



Accomplish More

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News from the Company85 Global Challenge

## Accomplish More in Thames Pageant



Artist's depiction of the Royal Barge By Tower Bridge - Joseph Bennett

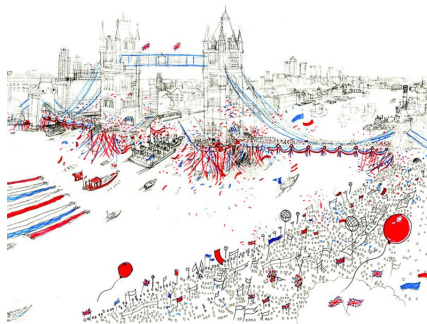
**It has to be something of a record. There will be 1,000 boats taking part in the Queen's Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant on the 3rd June. But with the exception perhaps of the Royal Barge itself, Accomplish More is the only boat to be taking part not actually yet in the water.**

Needless to say we were surprised, delighted and very honoured to have been asked to be part of the 700-strong flotilla of boats which will process along the River Thames from Putney to Tower Bridge to celebrate 60 years of Her Majesty's reign.

### Eye-catching

The organisers expect at least a million people to line the river banks, and with TV coverage going world-wide, the global audience is expected to be in excess of 300 million. In honour of this very special occasion, Accomplish More will appear in a livery created solely for her appearance in the Thames Pageant. No clues beforehand as to what that will be, but we promise you won't miss it!

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Flotilla illustration - Josh Knowles

### Building the boat: Update

The last couple of months have been fairly static as far as building the boat is concerned, but by the time you read this, work will have started on her once again in earnest.

Accomplish More is probably 70 to 80% finished, with just the topsides and wheelhouse to complete the hull. We already have the engines, and we're awaiting delivery of the massive Castoldi waterjets.

Over the last few months, Accomplish More skipper Alan Priddy has been amassing all manner of items which will go into the boat's fit-out. They include things like water tanks, pumps and water purification equipment, along with a complete galley, seats and beds.

"I'm looking forward to getting all this fitted," says Alan, "so I can actually reclaim some of this space for myself!"

Once the hull is complete, the next major milestone will be the complex task of preparing and painting it, completed in a number of stages in order to arrive at the final mirror-finish red. Even so, we've already been thinking about the point which will hopefully arrive around the end of April, when the finished boat comes out of the factory unit in Dudley, and is driven south to her base at Port Solent Marina, on the outskirts of Portsmouth.

Just getting Accomplish More out of the factory unit will require a spot of demolition, with the removal of one end wall. And with the boat on an enormous trailer, towed by a multi-wheel tractor unit, it'll be a slow and steady overnight journey south complete with police escort. And while Dudley is very conveniently situated close to the motorway network, it's possible we may have to arrange for the temporary removal of one or two lamp posts in order to give ourselves clearance for really tight turns.

Clive Tully

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# 10 years ago...

This time 10 years ago, Alan Priddy, Jan Falkowski and Clive Tully were preparing themselves to take the Rigid Inflatable powerboat Spirit of Cardiff around the world. Sadly, Jan's occupation as a consultant psychiatrist would take him out of the crew just a few weeks before departure, but at the beginning of February 2002, he was looking forward to the trip as much as the rest of them.



Spirit of Cardiff in Penarth Marina. All pictures: Clive Tully

Not having been used since the previous year's transatlantic, Spirit was being refitted. At the same time, Alan Priddy was making final arrangements with numerous people around the world for over 30 refuelling stops (we're so pleased all that has been taken out of our hands this time round!)

And even at this stage of the game, there were still last-minute deals to be done with sponsors. The arrangement with the South Wales Echo came quite late in the day, providing us with a very useful



Spirit about to come out of her shed in Cardiff Docks.



Alan "one take" Priddy doing yet another TV interview.

platform for getting our message out to a wide audience, and in many cases being the catalyst for further news coverage.

## Going green

"It's not easy bein' green" sang Kermit the frog. And while his conundrum was more a question of identity rather than environmental friendliness, it's still a phrase with an awful lot of resonance.

We've been asked many times about the environmental impact of what Accomplish More is set to do. The big one - why don't we use bio-fuel - is for us quite straightforward. If it was a case of using recycled cooking oil, there might be some merit in it, but of course that isn't what it's all about. Bio-fuel comes from crops which in many third world countries have replaced food for the population. That has to be cracked first.

We see the way forward as much more responsible use of existing fossil fuels, which is why Accomplish More has been built to be amazingly fuel efficient. That incredibly long and narrow wave-piercing bow isn't there just for speed.

We also have one or two secret weapons up our sleeves in the form of fuel additives, which could see us get an extra 10 to 15% of mileage out of our fuel. It may take an entire road tanker to fill up Accomplish More's fuel tank, but it's going to go an awfully long way!

We're also very mindful of our environmental impact on the sea itself. I've written previously of our concern about the possibility of floating debris damaging the boat, but we certainly don't want to add to it what's in the water already. So all our rubbish will be bagged up for disposal when we arrive in port, where the tanks for the toilets will be pumped out at the same time.

We'll be saying a lot more about the environmental side of Accomplish More over the coming months, when we publicise a "Clean Seas" initiative in partnership with one of our major sponsors.

## Pageant update

We were digesting the news that we have been honoured with a place in the Queen's Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant when the organisers contacted us to ask whether Accomplish More would be able to host a couple of members of the press.

Even though space for people on board for this particular day is going to be at a real premium, skipper Alan Priddy was nevertheless happy to oblige.

When he asked "why us?" they replied "because Accomplish More is a very special boat." Needless to say the journalists we'll be hosting will be "high value", so we can expect more coverage than simply by being seen on television all over the world!

## Still time to join Club85

Sponsorship packages of varying sizes are selling steadily, but there is an upper limit on numbers, hence the name Club85. Check out the partners page on the Company85 Global Challenge website at [www.company85globalchallenge.com](http://www.company85globalchallenge.com), or telephone 07802 237125 for details.