

# Prince of Wales Sea Training School

Royal Approval

HRH The Prince of Wales 1921



HRH The Queen Mother 1968



## PWSTS History

The Prince of Wales Sea Training School (Hostel) was founded in 1920 at Limehouse in London. The PWSTS was used to train boys for service as Deck Ratings in the Merchant Navy and was operated by the British Sailors Society. The PWSTS moved to Stalham in 1940 and eventually transferred to Dover in 1953 until its closure in 1976. During the Limehouse period HRH The Prince of Wales paid special interest in the hostel and its running. A total of 4,900 boys were trained at the school during its operation.

The future was bright for any boy who received his training at the Prince of Wales School, which had a splendid record of boys becoming Master Mariners, Marine Superintendents, Harbour Masters and Marine Instructors. All the boys were put to sea under the personal supervision of an officer and contact was kept with them throughout their career by the Society's Missionaries and Representatives in any port of the world.



The patron HRH The Prince of Wales 1926

On the 21st November 2003 His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales sent his best wishes to all members of the Prince of Wales Sea Training School Society.

Throughout the history of the school numerous visit and inspections have been made by the Royal Family. These include HRH the Prince of Wales, HRH Prince George, The Queen Mother, HRH Prince Arthur of Connaught KG, HRH Princess Margaret, HRH Princes Marina, HRH The Duke and Duchess of Kent, HRH Duchess of York and the Marchioness of Zetland. HRH the Prince of Wales was the patron in 1920, after which 1937 HRH Duke of Kent and in 1942 HRH Duchess of Kent.

HRH The Prince of Wales 1927



HRH The Duke of Kent 1938





Marchioness of Zetland 1963



HRH Prince George 1933



HRH The Princess Marina 1968



HRH Princess Margaret 1972



Lord Radstock



HRH Princess Marina 1967





HRH Princess Marina 1965



HRH Duchess of York 1934



Duchess of Gloucester 1954



Duchess of Kent 1955





HRH Princess Margaret 1956



Duchess of Kent 1968



Duchess of Gloucester 1955



Lord Mayor of London 1975

