



Old Hands on Deck at Britannia

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY – Monday 11 to Thursday 14 May 2026
Former Royal Yachtsmen available for media interviews & photographs.

The Royal Yacht Britannia, Tripadvisor's No.1 Attraction in the World, will welcome a very special crew this May as more than 50 former Royal Yachtsmen return to the ship for the annual reunion known as **Yotties' Week**, taking place from **11-14 May**.

Affectionately known as "Yotties," the former crew will once again don their bright white overalls and work alongside Britannia's Maintenance team to help care for the iconic vessel. Over four days, they will undertake essential conservation tasks including painting, scrubbing, sanding and polishing - ensuring Britannia remains in immaculate condition for visitors.

Yotties' Week is both a working party and a homecoming. During Britannia's years in Royal service, more than 220 crew lived and worked on board, travelling over one million miles around the world. For many, returning to the ship brings back powerful memories of life at sea and the close-knit camaraderie that defined service on the Royal Yacht.

Throughout the four-day event, visitors to Britannia will have the opportunity to meet the former crew, hear first-hand accounts of Royal voyages and daily duties, and discover what made the Royal Yacht so special to those who served on her.

Chief Executive Franck Bruyère describes the atmosphere during Yotties' Week as unforgettable. "There's a real buzz when the Yotties are back on board," he says. "It's a wonderful reminder that this ship is as much about people as it is about history."

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