



THE RACE FOR DOGGETT'S COAT AND BADGE

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'Doggett's Coat & Badge'

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The actor-manager Thomas Doggett founded the race in 1715, to celebrate King George I's accession to the Throne the previous year. It is widely held to be the oldest continually competed sporting event in the World. This year, it will be part of Totally Thames' annual season of over 100 events that celebrate the River Thames and its heritage, while illuminating the long-standing traditions and unique stories that the river holds.

Today the Race is organised by The Worshipful Company of Fishmongers and The Company of Watermen and Lightermen. This year's event is contested by individuals who have completed their river apprenticeships, and who all work on the river. There are four competitors: see page IV & V for information about them, and the facing page for the route of the Race.



2018 competitors George McCarthy and Alfie Anderson



Thomas Doggett, c. 1691



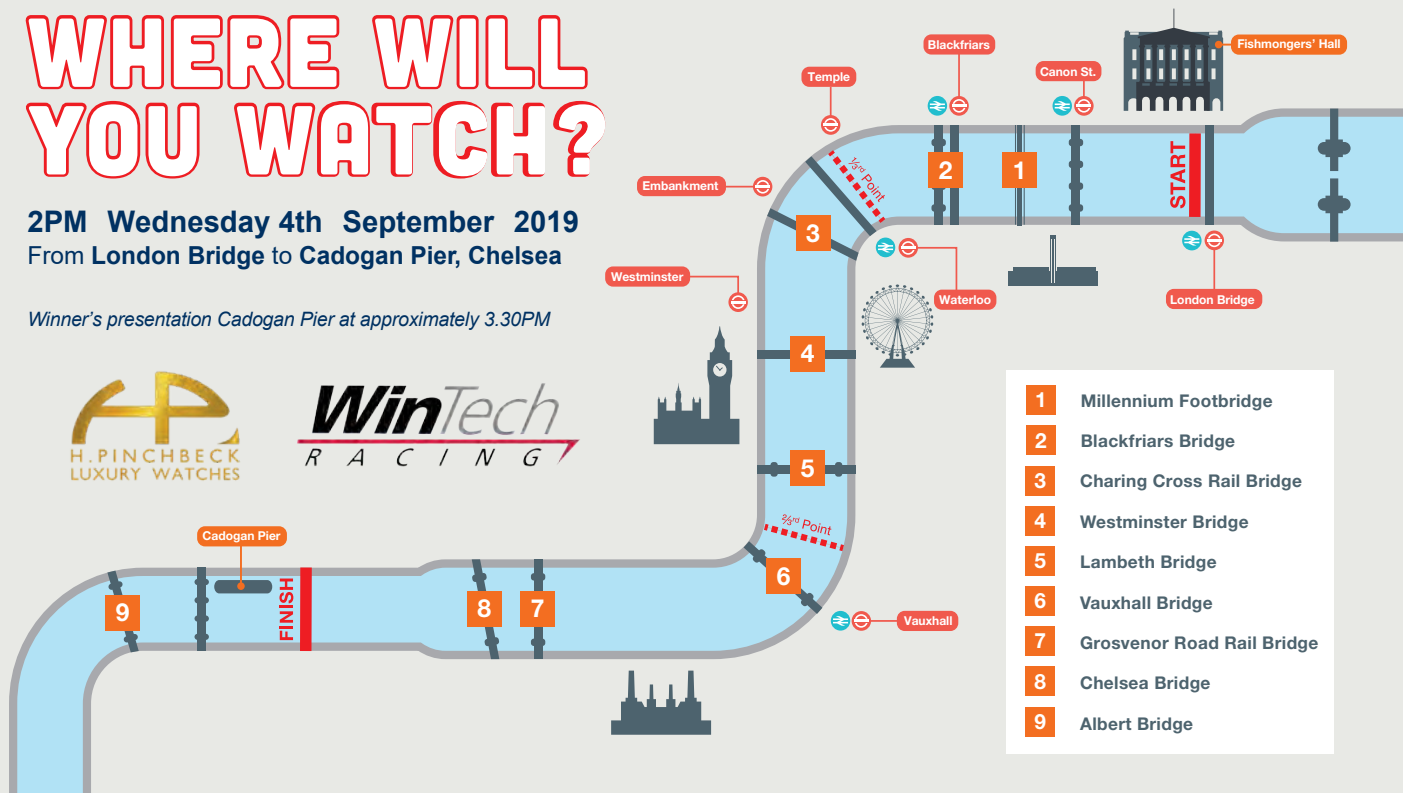
Every year since 1715
Doggett's Coat and Badge Race.
The world's *longest-running rowing challenge.*



WHERE WILL YOU WATCH?

2PM Wednesday 4th September 2019
From London Bridge to Cadogan Pier, Chelsea

Winner's presentation Cadogan Pier at approximately 3.30PM



Patrick Keech

Station 1: Red

Patrick comes from a family of Doggett's competitors, his brother having won the race in 2017.

He has sailed and rowed from a young age, and was the UK national youth sailing champion in 2015 and sails for GB.

Patrick is a member of the Tideway Scullers Club, and graduates this summer with a First Class honours degree in Marketing from Portsmouth University.



James Berry

Station 2: Light Blue

James is also from a family of Doggett's competitors, his brother having competed in the race in previous years.

He is a newcomer to rowing, having only taken up the sport in 2018.

James is a master captain with MBNA Thames Clippers. He is a member of the King's School Boat Club, loves traveling and is experienced in Brazilian jiu jitsu.



George Gilbert

Station 3: Green

George is an experienced rower, having been to Henley when he was younger.

He has worked on the river for six years, previously working at City Cruises and now working at Capital Pleasure Boats (CPBS), based at Temple in central London.

George is a member of the Globe Rowing Club.



Jack Finelli

Station 4: Dark Blue

Jack will be the first person in his family to compete in this historic race.

He is relatively new to rowing, but loves it and spends most of his free time on the water.

A member of the Globe Rowing Club, Jack works for Thames tug operators GPS, on the busy tug boats.



Limited Edition Celebration Watches

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Supporter and Official Watchmaker to The Race for Doggett's Coat and Badge

We are honoured to be a supporter of, and Official Watchmaker to, The Race for Doggett's Coat and Badge. Not only does this enable us to present a special watch to the race Winner; we are also delighted to offer you a very special Limited Edition of Harold Pinchbeck watches to celebrate the race.

All will be hand built in England. They will not only be treasured mementos of a glorious and historic event, but enduring watches to enjoy for many years to come.

Within the limited edition there are two watches: the Lambeth Reach and the Chelsea Reach. Further details can be found on pages X and XI.

There are few businesses today that can claim family links to the same trade after 300 years. Our most celebrated forebears were the two Christopher Pinchbecks, father and son. In the 18th century they had premises in Clerkenwell, Fleet Street and Cockspur Street, so may well have watched the Doggett's races of their day. The younger Christopher was King's Clockmaker to George III, and his magnificent four sided astronomical clock still keeps time in Buckingham Palace.

Today's company is named after watchmaker Harold Pinchbeck (1890 – 1957), grandfather of current director Paul Pinchbeck, and is based in a 14th Century building in the shadow of Lincoln Cathedral. We are committed to making high quality watches and giving superlative service. Our range includes 'ready to wear', as well as 'bespoke' watches.



Harold Pinchbeck in 1914



2015 Winner Louis Pettipher sports his prize Lambeth Reach watch.

The Fishmongers' Company

The Fishmongers' Company is one of the Twelve Great Livery Companies of the City of London, and among the most ancient of the City Guilds. For over 700 years, as well as fostering fellowship among its members, it has upheld standards in the trading of fish and shellfish and supported the fisheries industry – roles it still plays today.



Core activities include support for a number of fish and fisheries-related organisations, including the UK Marine Biological Association, the Salmon & Trout Conservation UK and the Shellfish Association of Great Britain, all of which it helped establish.

The Fishmongers' Company also supports a range of charities, notably Gresham's School in Norfolk, the City and Guilds of London Art School and the Billingsgate Seafood Training School at the heart of the country's largest – and oldest – fish market.

At the centre of the Company is the magnificent Fishmongers' Hall with its distinguished riverside location, very close to where the Doggett's Coat and Badge Race starts.





The Company of Watermen and Lightermen

From ancient times the Thames has been a main highway for moving people and goods from the Estuary to London and beyond. The use of wherries was the only link across the River before the building of the first London Bridge by the Romans.

Evidence of the importance of the River was provided by Stow, who in his survey of 1598 related that some 40,000 men earned a living on or about the River. The Act of 1514 passed by Parliament regulated the fares charged on the Thames. However, the Watermen who carried passengers continued to act independently, and an Act of 1555 appointed Rulers of all Watermen and Wherryemen working between Gravesend and Windsor; thus the Company was born. The Act of 1555 also introduced apprenticeships for a term of one year for all boys wishing to learn the watermen's trade and this was extended to seven years

by a further Act in 1603. The Lightermen joined the Company in 1700. Watermen carry passengers, whilst Lightermen carry goods and cargo.



In 1827 the Company was incorporated by a further Act of Parliament, thus ensuring its independence. Since then it has been governed by a Court of Assistants, which includes an annually elected Master together with four Wardens.

The Company's principal activity is that of a working guild, providing services to its Freemen, facilitating an apprenticeship scheme, acting as trustee for its charities and participating in the traditions of the City of London. The Company has over 390 craft-owning Freemen, and some 500 Journeymen Freemen who have completed a five-year apprenticeship to become qualified Watermen and/or Lightermen (now the Boat Master's Licence).

Made in the Square Mile

Paul's cousin Robin Pinchbeck had been looking for a Christopher Pinchbeck clock for some years, until this very special example came up for sale in 2014, billed as the star lot of Cumbria auctioneers Mitchell's sale. Bidding raced past the pre-auction estimate of £12-18,000 but Robin prevailed, to secure what is now a treasured family heirloom.

The magnificent walnut-cased astronomical longcase clock was made in c.1725 by Christopher Pinchbeck I in his Fleet Street workshop - only half a mile or so from the route of today's race.

A masterpiece of complexity, and beautifully engineered, its various dials show the phases of the Moon, as well as high tide at 30 sea ports, signs of the zodiac to which the Sun points, "*Sun's Place in y Ecliptick & Southing of 24 Stars*", and the month and days of the week.



2018 Winner Alfie Anderson is presented with his prize Lambeth Reach watch by Paul Pinchbeck





LAMBETH REACH

To guarantee the exclusivity of this superb watch no more than 270 will be made.

Its contemporary case, in stainless steel, is a happy marriage with the traditional dial and hands.

Your Lambeth Reach watch will be delivered in a presentation box, with a commemorative plaque and signed certificate, and the back of each watch will be laser engraved with its name and number, and the words 'The Glory of the River'.

Your own number may be reserved in advance, subject to availability. The leather strap is individually crafted by Devon craftsman Tanner Bates.

- Stainless steel case, 41mm diameter and 13mm thick.
- Convex scratch resistant sapphire glass.
- ETA 2824-2 25-jewel Swiss made automatic movement, visible through exhibition sapphire.
- 5 ATM water resistance.
- £2,995.00.



CHELSEA REACH

The Chelsea Reach is even more exclusive. Limited to just 25 examples, its rarity gives it the potential to become a collector's piece. Understatement is the keynote, enhanced by the discreet inclusion of 18 carat gold embellishments. The stainless steel case is of a more classical design than that of the Lambeth Reach.

For example, the gold ring between the glass and the dial will be hand engraved with details of the year's race, and the case back is inset with a 18 carat gold disc, engraved with that watch's individual number (your own number may be reserved in advance, subject to availability).

Your Chelsea Reach watch will be delivered with a commemorative plaque and a signed certificate.

- Stainless steel case, 40mm diameter and 12mm thick.
- Flat scratch resistant sapphire glass.
- ETA 2824-2 25-jewel Swiss made automatic movement
- 5 ATM water resistance.
- £5,995.00



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