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WATCHMAKERS

# THE RACE FOR DOGGETT'S COAT AND BADGE

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, and it illuminates the long-standing traditions and unique stories that the River Thames 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, all of whom 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.



Winners James Berry (2020) with Patrick Keech (2019).

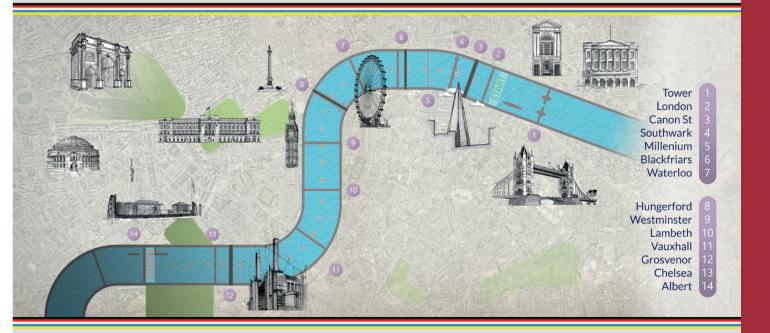


Thomas Doggett, c. 1691



# The Doggett's Coat and Badge Wager Since 1715





# 8 September 2021

From London Bridge to Cadogan Pier, Chelsea

#### **Coran Cherry** Station 1: Red

Coran, 27, rows for the Globe Rowing Club.

This is his second time racing the Wager, having competed alongside Max and George in the 2020 race.

He started rowing so that he could take part in the Wager, and had only been rowing for eight months before the last race.



Coran is the first of his friends and family to take part.

He works for Thames Clippers.

### Lucas Brittan Station 2: White

Lucas is 23 years old. He rows for Poplar, Blackwell and District Rowing Club.

This is his first time racing the Wager - he started sculling again recently so that he could take part, having previously taken part in the sculling weekend run by the Company of Watermen and Lightermen for apprentices.



He is the first among his friends and family to enter.

Lucas works for Cory Riverside.

## Max Carter-Miller Station 3: Light Blue

22-year-old Max rows for Poplar, Blackwell and District Rowing Club.

This is his second time racing the Wager - having been inspired to take part by his grandad, who also competed.

He came second in 2020, having led the first part of the race.



Max works for Thames Marine Services.

### George Gilbert Station 4: Black

George is 24. He rows for Poplar, Blackwell and District Rowing Club.

This is George's third time racing the Wager - he came third in the 2020 race.

He's the first in his family to compete, and works for Capital Pleasure Boats.



## 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 Wherrymen 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

2020 Winner James Berry receives his prize Lambeth Reach watch from Nick Pinchbeck.

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 fiveyear apprenticeship to become qualified Watermen and/or Lightermen (now the Boat Master's Licence).

## 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 industryroles it still plays today.



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Core activities include support for a number of fish and fisheries-related organisations, including the UK

Marine and Biological Association, the Salmon and Trout Conservation UK and the Shellfish Association of Great Britain, all of which it helped establish.

The Fishmongers' Company also supports a wide range of organisations and charities, particularly across the field of education, mental health and food and nutrition all of which are working to help people improve their lives for the long term.

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



#### HAROLD PINCHBECK LTD: WATCHMAKERS

There can be 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 (where this longcase clock was made, c. 1725) and Cockspur Street, so may well have watched the Doggett's races of their day. The vounger Christopher was King's Clockmaker to George III, and his magnificent four-sided astronomical clock still keeps time in Buckingham Palace.

Today our company is named after the watchmaker Harold Pinchbeck (1890-1957), whose grandson Paul Pinchbeck is currently a director, while great-grandson Nick is our London representative. We are based in a 14th-century building in

the shadow of Lincoln Cathedral, and we believe that no other watchmaker in the world operates from such historic premises!

We are committed to making high-quality watches and giving superb service. Many of our watches, including those made for the Race for Doggett's Coat and Badge, are limited editions (our latest timepiece, the Orpheus (right) will be launched later in 2021. and will incorporate artwork in the caseback).





#### Limited Edition Celebration Watches

Made in England by Harold Pinchbeck Ltd. 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.



2015 Winner Louis Pettipher sports his prize Lambeth Reach watch.



Harold Pinchbeck in 1914

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 an 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.
- £4,999.00

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