



85th Anniversary of Operation Dynamo, Ramsgate

**16 to 26 May, 2025
Programme**

Join us for ten days of
events to commemorate and
celebrate the heroic
achievements of the Dunkirk
Little Ships

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Friday 16th to Monday 26th May

- Arrival of one of the largest Little Ships, The Medway Queen (weather dependent) which will be open for visitors over the ten days. 10am – 4pm
- Ramsgate Tunnels will be hosting a series of displays and tours with support from RNLI and the Royal Temple Yacht Club. 10am – 4pm
- Visit the Operation Dynamo commemorative stained glass window and an installation of over 3,000 mini paper boats inside St. George's Church. 10am – 4pm
- Storyboards from Standing With Giants along the lower promenade at Marina Esplanade and Military Road
- The Tommy Trail throughout town (look out for the 3ft silhouettes of Tommy and scan the QR codes, detailing different stories about the rescue and subsequent evacuation of soldiers and children.

Friday 16th, Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th May

- Arrival of over 70 Little Ships (weather dependent)
- Live music on stage opposite Queens Head pub by Ramsgate's Royal Harbour.
- Funfair from Friday evening to Sunday evening
- Replica Spitfire on the West Crosswall. You can sit in the cockpit!

Friday 16th May

- Children's Trail in shop windows to win an exclusive badge.
- Projections onto the Clock House of Pathé News reels and stills from 1940 courtesy of Illumiscape at sundown.
- Live music on stage at Ramsgate's Royal Harbour from 6pm
- Funfair in Harbour Parade from 6pm.

Saturday 17th May:

- Ramsgate children's art installation of 400 Little Ships at Albion Gardens.
- Children's Trail in shop windows to win an exclusive badge.
- Handmade fair featuring locally sourced and handmade products 11am – 5pm
- Live music on stage at Ramsgate's Royal Harbour from 12pm
- Children's workshops, painting wooden horseshoes to hang on the harbour railings to wish the Little Ships crews 'Bon Voyage'. 10am – 4pm
- Launch of the new Royal Harbour Light Show - Harbour arches and obelisk light installations at sundown

Sunday 18th May:

- Town Parade from Sailors' Church from 10.30am to St. George's Church, followed by a public service featuring The Big Sing Choir.
- Ramsgate Children's art installation of 400 Little Ships at Ellington Park's

May Fayre.

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- Handmade fair featuring locally sourced and handmade products. 11am – 5pm
- Children's workshops, painting wooden horseshoes to hang on the harbour railings to wish the Little Ships crews 'Bon Voyage'. 10am – 4pm
- 'Little Ships in Concert' at the Harbour at 5.30pm. A live performance with opera singers calling to the Little Ships.
- Live music on stage at Ramsgate's Royal Harbour 3pm – 9.30pm
- Projections onto the Maritime Museum of Pathé News reels and stills at sundown
- Live 40s music at Royal Temmple Yacht Club 7pm – 9pm

Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st May:

- The Little Ships Film Festival, hosted at The Granville Theatre. Doors open at 5.30pm, screening starts at 7pm. Held at the Granville Theatre, screening historic and cinematic tributes to Operation Dynamo. 600 seats available each night operating on a first come, first served basis. Donations welcome for RNLI Ramsgate.

Tuesday 20th May:

- Parade featuring the Royal Marines Band from Ramsgate's East Cliff or Ramsgate Tunnels (TBC) from 11.30am to the Sailors' Church followed by a short air display from the only surviving airworthy Fairey Swordfish aeroplane dating from WWII.
- Unveiling of the restored Operation Dynamo monument 12.30pm

Wednesday 21st May:

- Departure of 70 Little Ships and over 100 supporting boats around 6am to 7.30am. A call to (early bird!) locals to wave them off will be done via social media.

Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th

- The Lost Ships of Dunkirk – a short film rolling throughout each afternoon with wartime soundtrack of the sonar images of wrecks sunk close to Dunkirk during Operation Dynamo. Royal Temple Yacht Club 1pm – 5pm

Monday 26th May:

- Return of the Little Ships from Dunkirk from 4pm with pipers, standard bearers and cheering crowds
- Live music at royal temple yacht Club



The last surviving airworthy Fairey Swordfish Biplane

QUEEN'S HEAD

JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND LONG
STREET PARTY TO CELEBRATE THE

85TH ANNIVERSARY OF OPERATION DYNAMO



LIVE MUSIC ON OUR OUTSIDE STAGE

FRIDAY 16TH MAY

JED • 6PM

LOFTY HARRIS • 9PM

SATURDAY 17TH MAY

SILVERS DANCE SCHOOL • 12PM

SOME VOICES CHOIR • 1PM

HOTSY TOTSY -
THE GIRLS ARE BACK!! • 3PM

THE JIVE GUYS • 6PM

FREAK 90 • 9PM

SUNDAY 18TH MAY

THE MIXTAPE COLLECTIVE • 3PM

THE CITY SUITS • 6:30PM



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