

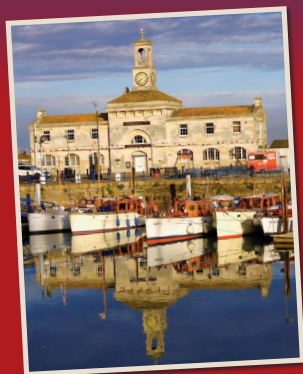
SOUVENIR PROGRAMME OF FREE EVENTS

MAY 16TH – 26TH 2025

THE DUNKIRK LITTLE SHIPS

RETURN TO RAMSGATE

THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF OPERATION DYNAMO



COME AND MAKE HISTORY!

Join us on the piers to cheer the ships!

***Ships **DEPART** for Dunkirk
on 21st May at 6am ****

***Ships **RETURN** to Ramsgate
on 26th May at 4pm ****

**Weather, Channel conditions and marine forecast may alter times*



SUPPORTED BY



10 DAYS OF FREE EVENTS IN RAMSGATE - MAY 2025

THU 15TH – SUN 18TH

Arrival of the Dunkirk Little Ships*

The Dunkirk Little Ships, including the Medway Queen, will be arriving in the Royal Harbour over several days to commemorate the 85th anniversary of Operation Dynamo. All days*, Ramsgate Royal Harbour, CT11 8LP. **A**

FRI 16TH – MON 26TH

Standing with Giants: The Story of the Return of the Dunkirk Little Ships

Ramsgate Tunnels and the Royal Temple Yacht Club have worked with artist Dan Barton to tell the story of the return of the Dunkirk Little Ships to Ramsgate, in a series of new artwork panels. Sponsored by Fujifilm. Displayed along Marina Esplanade and Military Road. **A – C**
more details: ramsgatetunnels.org

Operation Dynamo Displays at The Tunnels

Discover the story of Ramsgate's part in Operation Dynamo; the role of the Ramsgate branch of the Women's Voluntary Service and the evacuation of local children; and the part played by the RNLI in Operation Dynamo. 10am – 4pm Ramsgate Tunnels, Marina Esplanade CT11 8FH. **D**

The Medway Queen

Explore the Medway Queen and discover the story of her participation in Operation Dynamo. *Please note, fee payable to board the ship. **K** Commercial Quay, West Crosswall. 10am – 4pm

The Tommy Trail

Look out for the silhouettes of Tommy and scan the QR codes to find out about the rescue and subsequent evacuation of soldiers and children. Throughout the Town **A – F**

The Little Ships at St George's Church

See the Dunkirk Memorial stained glass window and an installation of over 3,000 little paper boats made by local volunteers. 10am – 4pm St George's Church, Church Road, CT11 8RE. **F**

FRI 16TH – SUN 18TH

Children's "Little Ships" Town & Harbour Trail

Find all the "Little Ships" hidden in shop windows to win an exclusive badge! Trail maps available in participating shops around the Town and Harbour. 10am – 4pm (opening times may vary) **A – F**

FRI 16TH – SUN 18TH

Fun Fair at Harbour Parade Circle

Traditional rides, stalls and amusements for all! (free entry, purchase tokens for individual rides) From early Friday evening to Sunday evening. Harbour Parade Circle, CT11 8LS. **A**

Queen's Head: Live Music at the Royal Harbour

Bands and vocalists on the outside stage on the harbour side. Afternoons onwards. Harbour Parade opposite Queens Head, CT11 8LS. **A**

Royal Harbour Projections

Friday & Sunday at sundown; projection of wartime news reels onto the Clock House. **A**

Launch of the Royal Harbour Illuminations

Saturday at sundown, the launch of new Royal Harbour Arches and Obelisk Illuminations – a spectacular light-show in and around the Royal Harbour and Harbour Parade, CT11 8LS. **A – C**

SAT 17TH – SUN 18TH

Decorate a "Bon Voyage" Horseshoe

Children's workshops, painting wooden horseshoes to hang on the harbour railings to wish the Little Ships crews 'Bon Voyage'. 10am – 4pm at Harbour Parade, CT11 8LS. **A**

Pier Yard Markets

Saturday: Ramsgate Handmade & Vintage Fair, with vintage treasures and handmade products.

Sunday: Artisan Craft & Makers' Market, with unique gifts and finds, curated by Pickle Pop-Ups. 11am – 4pm at Harbour Parade, CT11 8LS. **A**
more details: ramsgatehandmadefairs@yahoo.com

The Children's Little Ships

Installation of paper boats, decorated by over 400 Ramsgate primary school children.

Saturday 10am – 2pm at Albion Place Gardens, CT11 8HQ, and then **Sunday** 12pm – 4pm at Ellington Park May Fayre, CT11 9TL. **L & E**
more details: ramsgateworkinghistory@gmail.com

SAT 17TH – MON 19TH

Spitfire and 1940s Vehicles Display

Replica Spitfire from RAF Manston Museum, and 1940s vehicles from Invicta Military-vehicles Preservation Society. 10am – 6pm from the Tunnels to the Harbour CT11 8LP.

more details: www.rtyc.com **A, D & K**

SUN 18TH

Dunkirk Little Ships Town Parade

Military & public parade from the Sailor's Church to St. George's Church. Starts 10.30am, Sailor's Church, Military Rd, CT11 9LG. **A – D**

Dunkirk Little Ships Service at St George's

Public commemorative Service for the 85th Anniversary of Operation Dynamo, featuring a concert of sea shanties and 1940s songs by The Thanet Big Sing Community Choir. 11am, St George's Church, Church Road, CT11 8RE. **F**

The Little Ships in Concert - World Premiere

Live performance with choir, musicians & opera singers calling to the Dunkirk Little Ships in the Royal Harbour - who will respond with their horns and whistles! 5.30pm – 6pm, Harbour Parade & Piers, CT11 8LS. **A, WP & EP**

Live music at the Royal Temple Yacht Club

Entertainment with a surprise guest and 1940s vocalists and music. From 6pm. Royal Temple Yacht Club, 6 Westcliff Mansions, CT11 9HY. **B**

MON 19TH – WED 21ST

The Little Ships Film Festival at The Granville Theatre

Three contrasting Dunkirk-themed blockbuster films showing over three days. Doors open 5.30pm for a 7pm start. 600 FREE seats on a first come, first serve basis each night. The Granville Theatre, Victoria Parade, Ramsgate, CT11 8DG.
more details: www.thegranvilletheatre.com **G**

TUE 20TH

Royal Marine Corps of Drums and Air Display

The Band of the Royal Marine Corps of Drums parade from Pier Yard to the Sailors' Church, plus a Navy Wings air display* over the sea in the oldest surviving airworthy Fairey Swordfish in the world. 11.30am, Harbour Parade, CT11 8LS and in and around the Royal Harbour.

more details: www.rtyc.com **D, C & A**

Dunkirk Memorial

Unveiling of the restored Operation Dynamo Memorial in the Royal Harbour. 12.30pm at Harbour Parade, CT11 8LS.

more details: www.ramsgate-society.org.uk **A**

KEY: **A** = see location map on back page.

*NOTE: Some events and times may alter due to the weather and maritime forecasts, or other unforeseen circumstances. Please follow Visit Ramsgate on Facebook for any changes to locations, schedules or last minute alterations, or contact individual event organisers directly.



WED 21ST

THE CROSSING TO DUNKIRK*

Line the piers and harbour-side to witness over 70 Dunkirk Little Ships, 10 escort and 100 supporting boats as they set off for Dunkirk. 6am – 8am* (weather dependent), Harbour Parade, CT11 8LS and along the West and East Piers.
more details: www.rtyc.com **A, WP & EP**

FRI 23RD – SUN 25TH

The Lost Ships of Dunkirk

Short film, with wartime soundtrack, of the sonar images of wrecks sunk close to Dunkirk during Operation Dynamo, taken from the 2023 seabed survey by Historic England and French Ministry of Culture. 1pm – 5pm (shown on a loop) Hold Bar, Royal Temple Yacht Club, 6 Westcliff Mansions, CT11 9HY.

more details: www.rtyc.com **B**

MON 26TH

THE RETURN TO THE ROYAL HARBOUR*

Come and welcome the Dunkirk Little Ships as they return from Dunkirk – with pipers, Queens Regiment Association Corps of Drums, standard bearers and a cannon salute. From 3pm*, Harbour Parade, CT11 8LS and along the West and East Piers.

more details: www.rtyc.com **A, WP & EP**

Live Music at the Royal Temple Yacht Club

Live music in the main bar. From 4pm, Royal Temple Yacht Club, 6 Westcliff Mansions, CT11 9HY. *more details: www.rtyc.com* **B**

Ramsgate Town Council would like to thank the Captains and Crew of the Dunkirk Little Ships, and all the organisations and volunteers who have made this event possible.





Visit Ramsgate
The UK's only Royal Harbour



RAMSGATE RAILWAY STATION



EVENT LOCATIONS

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| A Royal Harbour Pier Yard | E Ellington Park |
| B Royal Temple Yacht Club | F St George's Church |
| C Sailor's Church | G The Granville Theatre |
| D Ramsgate Tunnels | K Commercial Quay (Medway Queen) |
| WP West Pier (The Lighthouse) | L Albion Place Gardens |
| | EP East Pier (The Brasserie) |

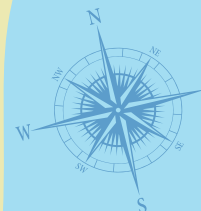
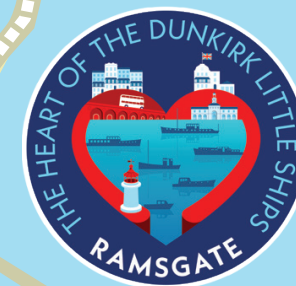
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