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Harbour gears up to welcome flotilla of classic boats



Plymouth Classic Boat Rally

More than a hundred luggers, ketches, pilot cutters and other historic craft are expected to be in Plymouth at the weekend for the city's annual celebration of classic boats.

Waterfront communities are gearing up for Sutton Harbour Festival and Sutton Harbour Classic Boat Rally, when traditional vessels of various sizes and vintages pack the harbour for a weekend of waterside entertainment.

This year's event runs from Friday, July 30 to Monday, August 3 and features for the first time a major shoreside boat show with up to 40 marine traders taking stalls and stands.

This is the fifth consecutive year that Sutton Harbour has hosted the classic boat rally and Nigel Godefroy, chief executive of the Sutton Harbour Group, said his organisation was delighted to be sponsoring the event once again.

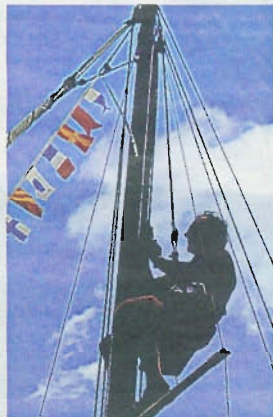
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Mr Brice said that boat owners wishing to participate with their vessels can download an entry form from www.plymouthclassicboat-rally.co.uk.

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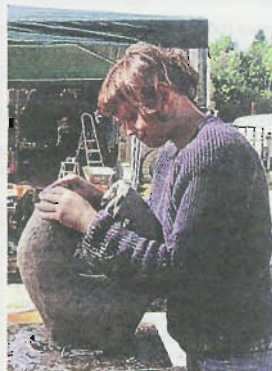
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Well known artists and tutors come from all over the UK and internationally to attend and recently included sculptor Antony Gormley, who gave a lecture about his work.

Supported by the Arts Council, West Devon Council and the Dartmoor National Park Authority, the school



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