

Kingswear Castle river paddle steamer



Kingswear Castle - Britain's last steam powered river paddle steamer

Paddle Steamer Kingswear Castle, known affectionately by her initials KC, is Britain's last coal burning river paddle steamer. She was built by Philip & Son of Dartmouth, Devon, in 1924 for the River Dart Steamboat Company Limited for service on the River Dart.

She was withdrawn in 1965 then purchased by volunteers in 1967 who painstakingly restored her to operating condition over 10 years, entering service on the Medway and the Thames in 1985.

In 2012 she returned home to the Dart.

Her main sailings are 90-minute Dartmouth Harbour cruises.





Kingswear Castle, the last remaining operational coal fired paddle steamer in the UK, is owned by the Paddle Steamer Kingswear Castle Trust, a registered charity which takes care of the ship in association with the Paddle Steamer Preservation Society.

Kingswear Castle is listed in the National Historic Fleet by National Historic Ships UK.

