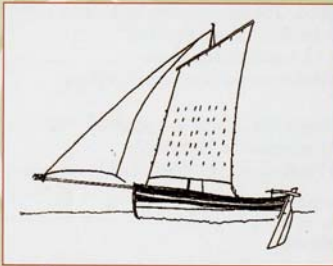


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What of the future?

Will Bridlington ever have a marina?
Will the Harbour Commissioners always be there?
What will happen to Bridlington's heritage in the future?

Who Knows? One thing that is certain is that the Three Brothers must not be allowed to slip into obscurity. She is the oldest remaining example of a long past craft, and in fact the oldest sailing coble that was built in Bridlington still in existence in her original form.

The Society are determined that she will remain as a living example of these historical vessels.

However, this cannot happen without a massive amount of help, both in skills required to maintain her in a seaworthy condition, and cash to pay for the ever spiraling costs of materials and equipment.



Bridlington Harbour full of cobs

We have been lucky in the past with kind donations from various sources. However, with the best will in the world, we have, lately, only just managed to keep our heads above water on a year to year basis.

We are actively engaged in seeking funding from local and national grants, and have recently been awarded charity status.

We now run "Harbour Heritage", a small museum & art gallery on the harbour giving a potted history of Bridlington Harbour.

We would love to hear from prospective sponsors particularly local businesses or organisations.

We have developed our own web site, (www.BSCPS.com) with links to other similar associations and societies.

As well as all this, we need your help, be it a financial gift, a donation in kind, or just come along and "get your hands dirty".

Please fill in and send off the attached form.

Contact the secretary for information.

Tell your friends about us.

If we, as a society are forced to fold, then we will lose a most wonderful piece of history forever. The Three Brothers will sail off into obscurity!

The Three Brothers



Historic Sailing Coble



Bridlington Sailing Coble Preservation Society

www.BSCPS.com
Registered Charity Number 1095946

Brief History

The Three Brothers was built in 1912 here in Bridlington by Baker and Percy Siddall, in their workshop in Bow Street. She is now the last of these sailing cobles built in the town, and is unique in her design - having less "sheer" than usual. This meant she is much flatter than usual to allow for beam trawling. She has a ram length of 27 feet - the 'ram' being the continuing central keel from the end of the stem to the overhang of the square stem. The overall length is 40 feet with her bowsprit shipped. Excluding her sails and iron work, Three Brothers cost £75 to build, taking about six months to complete. The main sail has an area of about 110 square yards. The jib sails varied from around 15 square yards for a small storm jib, to about 90 square yards.

After WW1 Three Brothers was fitted with an engine and worked out of Bridlington until 1946. She was then sold to a firm building a bridge across the River Tyne, and used as a ferryboat. She was later traced to Whitby, but returned to Bridlington in 1961 in the ownership of Neil & Arthur Newby.



After restoration in 1983 by the Harbour Commissioners

The Harbour Commissioners purchased her in 1983 and restored her to her original sailing condition under the general supervision of the Harbour Master, and shipwright Frank Taylor.

The standing rigging, running gear, wooden blocks and other fittings were made at the harbour. A new keel was fitted with a new bottom. The hull is painted white as were other cobles of her day. The Three Brothers is a reminder of the importance of this type of fishing boat, and of the part that they played in the growth of Bridlington as a sea-side town and resort. She is now towed by a boat with an engine to make her passage within the crowded harbour, but once under sail the tow is dropped and she returns to her original splendour.

Preservation Society

The Bridlington Sailing Coble Preservation Society was set up in the 1980's by the Harbour Commissioners when they acquired the Three Brothers.

The objectives of the society include the general promotion of the history of local cobles, also the provision of sea-going experience to interested members and organisations.

The Three Brothers is comprehensively equipped with standard safety equipment, as well as that required under schedules for navigation and seamanship. Sailing conditions are carefully monitored, and the whole authority rests upon the Harbour Master, and the technical sailing committee of the society.



Members of the Society and some CCF cadets

The sailing is restricted to daylight hours only, and confined to a restricted area within Bridlington Bay.

The society also exists to maintain and crew the Three Brothers. Membership of this society needs to grow to continue the valuable work in preserving a unique part of Bridlington's seafaring heritage. The Three Brothers requires towing to sea before sailing, and the Society has the continuous loan of a Royal Navy Cheverton Champ, kindly provided by the R.N. Section of Bridlington School Combined Cadet Force. This is a reciprocal agreement whereby Cadets are welcomed to sail on Three Brothers.

Both these vessels have to be cleaned and maintained regularly, and funds have to be raised for fuel, safety equipment etc.

A member of Bridlington Sailing Coble Preservation Society is entitled to get hands and knees (and any other part of their anatomy) dirty, paint with careless abandon, mess about in boats, and, weather permitting, take a voyage in Three Brothers, experiencing a trip into history.

Friend of Three Brothers

You are invited to become a

Friend of Three Brothers

The Society urgently needs goods in the form of tools, timber and paint as well as items of a maritime nature: new sails, replacement wooden blocks, sheets, a hand-held compass, VHF radios and a first aid kit. We also need to cover the cost of printing forms such as these, giving us valuable publicity.

I would like to become a member of The Bridlington Sailing Coble Preservation Society. My annual subscription of £5.00 is enclosed. The subscription includes a copy of the booklet "Three Brothers."

I would like to donate in finance/goods for Three Brothers.

I would like to help in a practical way:

- Organisation Publicity
- Fund-raising Repair and Maintenance

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone/fax.....

E-mail.....

(Note that you can also join by completing the application form on our web site at www.BSCPS.com)

The Bridlington Sailing Coble Preservation Society has been generously supported by Bridlington Harbour Commissioners and The Lords Feoffees and their Assistants, Bridlington.

