

A One-Day Short Course – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014

## Britain's Oldest True Police Force: Policing the River Thames

Led by security expert Professor Chris Bellamy, Director of the Greenwich Maritime Institute, this course tells the tale of protecting life and property and preventing crime from the foundation of the Marine Police in 1798. Now known as the Metropolitan Police Service Marine Policing Unit (MPU), it inspired Robert Peel's creation of 'The Met' in 1829, and was incorporated into it ten years later.

Today, the MPU is still based on the site of its original headquarters at Wapping, and is responsible for 47 miles of the river Thames and 250 miles of canals, lakes and inland waterways within the capital. They are now supported in their rescue duties by RNLI lifeboats, a London Fire Brigade fire boat, and Coastguard services.

This course will look into the history of the MPU, the challenges it faced and its development into the force we see patrolling the River Thames today.

### What will you study?

- The River Thames: A highway and a dagger
  - The creation of the Marine Police
  - How is marine policing different?
- Policing the Port of London, 1839-1967
  - Securing the Olympics, 2012





## Key Facts

### Location and Duration of the Course

This course will take place from 9.30am – 4.30pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at the University of Greenwich, Queen Anne Court, Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, London, SE10 9LS.

### How to Apply

The cost of the course is £90 per person and will include course materials, lunch, refreshments and a certificate of attendance.

All places must be booked in advance by Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2014. Please use our booking website <http://tinyurl.com/oevq4ds>

