

Broads Puzzleland

Broads Wherries

Wherries were the traditional cargo boats used on the Broads. As water-borne trade started to decline (in favour of rail and road transport) and the holiday business started to develop, some wherries were converted to leisure use in the summer months. Later, pleasure wherries and then wherry yachts were built. Only eight wherries survive, those pictured here, which all belong to trusts, and one other, a pleasure wherry called Solace, which was built in 1903.

DRAW A WHERRY

or another wooden boat you've seen



ALBION 1898 trading wherry
wherryalbion.com

When the Norfolk Wherry Trust formed in 1949, it tried to start ALBION sailing again with cargo, transporting timber, grain and sugar beet on the route between Norwich and Great Yarmouth.

pleasure wherry
wherryyachtcharter.org

The last wherry ever built, ARDEA crossed the Channel in 1958 and was moored on the River Seine in Paris opposite the Eiffel Tower, among houseboats, returning to the Broads in 2005.



ARDEA 1927



NORADA 1912 wherry yacht
wherryyachtcharter.org

Built by Ernest Collins, NORADA was designed with a more slender hull than previous wherries, to allow it to pass under the low bridges at Ludham and Potter Heigham.

trading wherry
wherrymaudtrust.org

MAUD's cargoes included timber for Jewson, timber merchants in Great Yarmouth, and it finished work carrying dredgings for river contractors JS Hobrough and then May Gurney.



MAUD 1899



WHITE MOTH 1915 wherry yacht
wherryyachtcharter.org

WHITE MOTH was the last wherry yacht built, with all the latest design features of the time. It joined Ernest Collins' hire fleet in 1921.

pleasure wherry
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Commissioned by members of the Colman family (of mustard fame) and named after the Egyptian goddess of love, HATHOR is decorated with ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics and carvings.



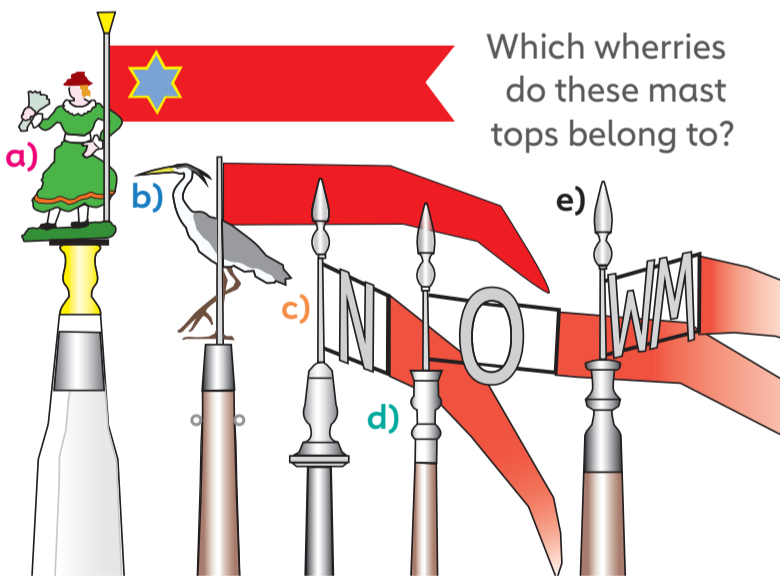
HATHOR 1905



OLIVE 1909 wherry yacht
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In 1906 Harry Blake hired a wherry from Ernest Collins and shortly after launched the first Broads booking agency. OLIVE appeared in the second issue of Blake's catalogue in 1909.

WHICH WHERRY?



Which wherries do these mast tops belong to?

Answers:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)



Remember, Competent Crew always wear life jackets for getting on and off or mooring their boat. Competent Crew never get into the water.

Competent Crew always plan ahead, listen to instructions when they arrive, follow advice and go slowly while they're boating.



1 Which broads are very close to one of the wherry bases?

- a) Ormesby, Rollesby and Filby
- b) Wroxham, Hoveton Great and Salhouse
- c) Horsey Mere, Breydon Water and Lake Lothing

2 Which bridge is closest to the other wherry bases, travelling by water?

- a) Potter Heigham Old Bridge
- b) Ludham Bridge
- c) Wroxham Bridge

3 Which wherry spends the summer at How Hill?

- a) Albion
- b) Maud
- c) Hathor

4 One wherry's name is an alternative name for a Broads bird, the heron. Which do you think it is?

- a) White Moth
- b) Olive
- c) Ardea

5 Which are the oldest and youngest wherries?

- a) Albion and Ardea
- b) Olive and White Moth
- c) Maud and Norada

6 Where is Hunter's Yard? It has wooden sailing boats from the 1930s.

- a) Lowestoft
- b) Ludham
- c) Great Yarmouth

WHICH WHERRY?

- 1. b) 2. a) 3. c)
- 4. c) 5. a) 6. b)

QUIZ ANSWERS:

- a) Hathor
- b) Ardea
- c) Norada
- d) Olive
- e) White Moth