

## Port of London Challenge Rowing Race 2010

The ladies of the Poplar Blackwell Rowing Club represented the Water Conservators in the Port of London Challenge Rowing Race 2010 - and did us proud.

The Company cutter, 'Water Forget-me-not', resplendent with its Company standard, was a sight to behold as it raced the 4.4 miles from HQS Wellington to Chelsea Harbour, a distance that the crew achieved in a breathtaking 33 minutes and 14 seconds.

Having won the race 7 times already, Bargemaster John Dwan decided to give the other teams a chance this year by entering an all-female crew. Pitting themselves against five other cutters (one ladies, two mixed and three men's crews), our team still managed to beat decisively all but the burly all male team from the Port of London Authority, who completed the course in just 31 minutes.

On this occasion our oarswomen were:

Natasha Fenby  
Sharon Wheeler  
Elaine Maughan  
Jenny Lewis  
Cathy Molyneux; and  
Anne Campbell

Our cox was Steve Sale and (curiously) we had one passenger: Karin Taylor.

Bargemaster John Dwan arranged our participation in the event – and gave both practical and vocal support to the crew.