

# **The Association of Dunkirk Little Ships**

Hon. Admiral: H.R.H. Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO

**50 'Little Ships' will be sailing to Dunkirk on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the evacuation of 338,000 British and Allied troops from the Beaches and Port in 1940**

Every five years the English Channel witnesses an extraordinary sight as the small armada of 'Little Ships' commemorates one of World War II's most dramatic operations.

The Admiralty named the evacuation Operation Dynamo. 338,000 British and Allied troops were withdrawn from the beaches and port of Dunkirk in over nine days during May/June 1940. Every one of the 'Little Ships' returning this May took part in the historic evacuation 70 years ago.

A Royal Navy frigate, an RNLI lifeboat and the Maritime Volunteer Service will escort the fleet from Ramsgate to Dunkirk across the busiest shipping lane in the world.

**The fleet will depart from Ramsgate on Thursday 27 May and return from Dunkirk on Bank Holiday Monday 31 May. Several events organised by the Town of Dunkirk will be taking place over the weekend, including a memorial service at the beach on Saturday 29 May.**

**Further information may be obtained from:**

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