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Historic Tall Ship Zebu, heritage and adventure since 1938, is being authentically restored and transformed with cutting edge renewable auxiliary power systems, to become the Ocean Outreach Ambassador for future generations.

### **TALL SHIP ZEBU has been awarded FLAGSHIP OF THE YEAR (NORTH WEST) 2020 by NATIONAL HISTORIC SHIPS**

The Historic Brigantine Baltic Trader, the Tall Ship Zebu built in 1938 and berthed in Canning Dock and Albert Dock, Liverpool has been named as North West Regional National Historic Flag Ship of the year.

The ship's community Interest Company (CIC) run by volunteers, took over the custodianship of the historic vessel in January 2017.

"This is a national prestigious award from National Historic Ships UK and demonstrates the importance of Tall Ship Zebu as a national maritime heritage vessel. It also recognises the tremendous amount of both the effort involved, and the brilliant results of our small but very dedicated team of crew and amazing volunteers, all of whom have kept very positive under these recent challenging circumstances. Tallship Zebu will ensure that we can continue the journey to achieve our aim of completely restoring Zebu so that – when feasible - coastal communities can once again benefit from having an historic Tall Ship visit their area", said the ship's Captain, Gerrith Borrett.

"We have come along way with keeping this beautiful ship afloat and as soon as possible she'll once again be open to the public to see how things have progressed during the second stage of Zebu's restoration on the way to being 100% powered by renewable energy. We are also very grateful to all National Heritage Lottery Fund players who have enabled assistance from the National Lottery Heritage fund."

Zebu still needs to undergo more urgent conservation and repair work to achieve basic seaworthiness.

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### Notes to editors

Tall Ship Zebu CIC was founded by the ship's owner, Captain Gerrith Borrett in April 2017. The Historic Tall Ship Zebu is presently moored in Canning Dock, adjacent to The Royal Albert Dock at the heart of the UNESCO designated World Heritage site in Liverpool. Since the beginning of Zebu's new journey from January 2017, she has been a great success as a static heritage and historical tourist and educational attraction in the Albert Dock, and has attracted over 30,000 visitors since January 2017

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Tall Ship Zebu's Honorary Patron is Colonel John Blashford-Snell C.B.E.

### About National Historic Ships

Hannah Cunliffe, Director of National Historic Ships UK, commented: "I am delighted that we are able to offer these Awards again as a means of supporting the sector at a time when it needs our help most. The creativity and resilience these vessels have shown in developing new online engagement packages to meet the current situation has been impressive and I look forward to working with them all in the months ahead."

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