

Triple industry focus for Amity II on London visit

ON COMPLETION of a 450-mile journey from Peterhead, Skipper Jimmy Buchan will steam up the River Thames to berth the 21m twin-rig trawler Amity II PD 177 in St Katharine's Dock in 10 days time at the start of a high profile three-day visit to London, reports **David Linkie**.

While berthed in St Katharine's Dock from Thursday 2 to Saturday 4 June, Jimmy Buchan, who will be accompanied on the outward voyage from Peterhead by Skipper John Buchan of Ocean Venture II PD 197, and Arthur MacDonald from Select Shellfish, will use Amity II as a base from which to launch a 'Trident Three-pronged promotional take over of London'.

Well known to viewers of BBC TV's *Trawlermen* series, Skipper Buchan, together with his fellow skipper and special crew members, will host a succession of events designed to raise awareness and support the Fishermen's Mission, at the same time as informally promoting Scottish caught seafood and the integrated fishing industry.

Jimmy Buchan told *FN* last week at Peterhead: "I am really looking forward to taking the Scottish fishing industry, which delivers some of the best seafood in the world, into such an iconic location as St Katharine's Dock in the middle of London. This multi-focus event represents a fantastic opportunity to give the wider public a real taste of what our fishing industry is about.



On Friday Jimmy Buchan unveiled his book *Trawlerman: Life at the helm of the toughest job in Britain*, at Aberdeen University's Word Festival sponsored by the Scottish Fishermen's Federation

Marine, Finning UK, Thomas Gunn Navigation Services, Peterhead Port Authority and Selex Marine, are supporting the event.

The third reason for the long return trip from Peterhead to London, which will involve more than three days of steaming time each way, will to launch Jimmy Buchan's book *Trawlerman: Life at the helm of the toughest job in Britain*.

Published by Sphere, on 2 June, the book will be officially launched at

St Katharine's Dock where the author will be available to sign copies.

Trawlerman was unveiled on Friday at the Aberdeen University Word Festival. Sponsored by the Scottish Fishermen's Federation, the event gave Jimmy Buchan the opportunity to discuss some of the passages of the book, in particular a 'Lump of water'.

Following the discussion session, Jimmy Buchan said: "The session went really well and was well attended. It was a proud moment to stand there holding copies of my book, which in months to come will raise the profile of our industry."

"By informally cooking langoustines and some other selections of seafood on barbecues, we intend to give both London-based and international visitors an opportunity to taste premium Scottish-caught and processed seafood. It's not every day that a real-life Scottish trawler known to millions of television viewers is berthed in central London, so it is important we make the most of this one-off opportunity.

"Mike Berthet of M & J Seafoods, suppliers of the highest quality Scottish seafood to numerous hotels and restaurants in London, has also invited leading London chefs to visit Amity II and

sample what we catch."

In response to the 'money can't buy' experience (*FN* 25 March) offered by Jimmy Buchan for charity, four people, including Carlyn Johnson and Sara Macgregor who are fish friers in the family-run business Frankies of Brae, Shetland, the most northerly fish-and-chip shop in Britain, and Tony Lyons, a fish buyer on Billingsgate Market, will join Amity II on the outward and return legs of the journey after donating over £1,500 to the Fishermen's Mission.

Amity II's agent, the Don Fishing Company, together with Sunderland