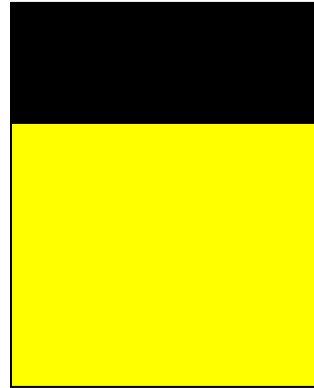


# THE HARBOUR COMMISSIONER'S IDENTITY



The Harbour Commissioners House Flag



The Harbour Commissioners Funnel Colours

Hull colours are traditionally green except for dedicated pilot cutters which are black

## NAMES OF HARBOUR CRAFT

### Tug Names

The Fowey Harbour Commissioners and those before them have traditionally named their craft after local places and were possibly using names used before.

Many think that it unlucky to change the name of a ship, however this happens frequently and provided the master explains to his vessel why her name is being changed no misfortune will follow.

The following are the origins of the names used:-

### Treffry

Treffry was named after the port of Par's owner Joseph Treffry and is the name of the Lord of the manor who's ancestral home is Place Manor, Fowey. Joseph Treffry drew up plans to build Par harbour in 1829 building a breakwater on Spit reef and the first shipment of China Clay took place in 1833. Treffry had his own ships used in the construction and in which he

shipped copper and tin ore from Fowey Consuls mine and Wheal regent mine

## **Countess of Jersey**

As the vessel was built originally for Jersey this name was chosen by them.

## **Gallant**

In medieval times daring sailors, the fierce Fowey seamen known as 'Fowey Gallants' featured in many campaigns during the Hundred Years War with France and continued their raids even after Edward IV had made peace.

## **Cruden Bay**

A bay in North East Scotland close to where the tug was built

## **Penleath**

The point in the harbour formed by Pont Pill joining the main Fowey River and overlooking Fowey pointing towards the sea. The Tugs used to be moored off Penleath Point. 3 vessels have had this name.

## **Pendennick**

Pendennick until the late 1700's was the original name for Bodinnick. Charts produced from a survey by Lt. James Cook in 1786 show it as Pendennick. Two vessels have had this name.

and farming hamlets, Lower Polmear being situated at the head of the beach and Higher Polmear further inland.

## **Trethosa**

The name of a small hamlet around which one of the first china clay pits started, located at St Stephen-in-Brannel, St Stephen Area.

## **St. Winnow**

The church and parish on the east shore of the Fowey Estuary south of Lostwithiel.

## **Tolbenny**

The name of a tin mine close to Trethosa.

## **St. Canute**

The English meaning for the Danish name St Knud.

## **Cannis**

Cannis is the name given to the rocky outcrop forming an underwater reef off Gribbin Head between Par and Fowey. The reef which dries at Low water is marked by Cannis buoy.

## **Gribbin Head**

The Headland to the west of Fowey between the ports of Fowey and Par is known as Gribbin Head. To mark it, a day mark was constructed on the headland. On leaving Fowey and a condition of sale was for her to change names.

## **Tregeagle**

The name of a mythical Cornish giant. Jan Tregeagle whose origins were from near Wadebridge. He was sentenced to empty Dozmary Pool which was believed to be bottomless, on Bodmin moor with a winkle shell that had a hole in it. His wild spirit rages on cold nights when his ghostly wails can be heard along the rugged coasts and across the moors. Legend has it that he was the most evil man the Duchy has known.

Tregeagle was the name given to the Harbour Commissioners bucket dredger which operated in the port and around the South West and in Ireland

# **Polmear**

Originally the name for Charlestown which was known as West Polmear until the harbour was built in 1798. The large island to the south of the harbour is called Polmear Island and the beach is known as Polmear beach.

The place-name of Polmear was first recorded in 1403 as 'Porthmeur'. Its Cornish name contains the elements porth 'cove' and meor 'big, great'. Polmear is therefore evidently a settlement of medieval origin, which before the mid 18th century had become two fishing

Polmear is the name of the hamlet between Par and Fowey where the Rashleigh alms houses are.

The name was chosen by members of the public putting forward names to raise money for charity and the Harbour Commissioners drawing from a hat

# **Morgawr.**

The Cornish word for “sea giant” following the Cornish giant theme of Tregeagle. The most powerful tug operating along the Cornish coast on her arrival.

It is the name for a sea serpent supposedly sighted off Helford and in Falmouth bay and off the Dodman

# **Cormilan**

Cormilan was the Cornish giant who with his wife Cormelian built St. Michaels Mount in Mounts Bay. He also went by the name of Cormoron. Together they carried granite from the West Penwith Moors to the current location of St Michael's Mount. When Cormilan fell asleep from exhaustion, his wife tried to sneak a greenschist slab from a shorter distance away. Cormilan awoke and kicked the stone out of her apron, where it fell to form the island of Chapel Rock. Trecobben, the giant of Trencrom Hill (near St Ives), is said to have accidentally killed Cormelian while throwing a hammer over to St Michael's Mount for Cormilan. He and Cormilan buried Cormelian beneath Chapel Rock

## **Other vessels names**

### **Lantic Bay**

The beautiful tranquil bay one mile to the East of Fowey harbour entrance in the parish of Lanteglos. The name given to the Harbour Commissioners dredger built in their yard at Brazen Island, Polruan.

### **Gore Point**

The name of a headland in Norfolk.

### **Gribbin**

From the headland known as Gribbin Head as above.

### **Mixtow**

The hamlet on the east bank of the Fowey estuary .It is the name given to the stretch of water where the river runs west/east by the jetties.

### **Numbered Craft**

Many of the small craft and some of the barges are Numbered with prefix FHC

**“The Magic Roundabout” patrol craft**

The patrol craft are all named after characters from the Magic roundabout. Zebedee was the 1<sup>st</sup> named by Mylor Yacht club because of her ability to bounce off craft she went alongside. “Dougal” the 1<sup>st</sup> boston whaler dory followed. After a number of years “Brian” an all round response craft and “Florence” the bigger and latest Boston Whaler have been added to the team.