

LV21 - A journey from the sea to the shore

Join the custodians of Light Vessel 21 for an informal, illustrated talk about the ship's fascinating history and transformation from an operational lightship saving the mariners at sea to a cultural beacon celebrating the arts and local heritage.

Hear about the ship's eventful past moored at treacherous sandbanks and narrow navigational channels along the Kent coast and learn more about the current projects and future plans for LV21.

Members also have an opportunity to join an optional tour aboard LV21 following the talk.

About LV21:

Built in 1963 Light Vessel 21 is a 40 meter steel-hulled lightship, the last of the renowned Philip & Son's ships to be commissioned by Trinity House, the General Lighthouse Authority.

LV21 saw most of her active service as a floating lighthouse off the Kent coast on the Varne, East Goodwin and Channel stations.

LV21 was decommissioned and retired from service in 2008, and acquired by Medway based owners Gary Weston and Päivi Seppälä in December 2009.

LV21 now operates as a cultural organisation and a unique creative facility working across arts and heritage. Since November 2024 LV21 been moored at Anchor Wharf in the Historic Dockyard Chatham.

LV21 is a registered National Historic Ship No 2330 and National Historic Ships' Flagship of the Year 2023.

For further information: LV21.co.uk

