



IN SUPPORT OF  
**HELP** *for*  
**HEROES**

*Kirker*

FOR DISCERNING TRAVELLERS

## WIN A £500 KIRKER TRAVEL VOUCHER GUESS THUNDERBOLTS JOURNEY TIME !

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2010 I will pilot the 25 foot Bruce Campbell built Christina “**THUNDERBOLT**” to recreate her then epic race journey from Cowes to Torquay which won her the Beaverbrook Trophy and £1000 in the hands of aviation heir Tommy Sopwith. She will be in the company of other classic boats celebrating 50 years of this legendary race.

The race in 1961 was the first modern day powerboat race held in Europe since the late 1930's and was the brainchild of the late Sir Max Aitken. His newspaper the Daily Express sponsored the race as a means of promoting the safety and reliability at sea of small motor craft whilst making offshore passages.

To celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> running of the Race this August a fleet of ex race boats from the 60's and 70's will hold a Rally at Torquay and will be raising funds for the charity **HELP for HEROES**.

The **150 mile** race in **1961** took **THUNDERBOLT 7hrs 25 mins** in atrocious weather which at times was Gale Force 5.

Thunderbolt's journey in 2010 is hoped to take place in much better weather and conditions.

Entries will be minimum **£2 per guess** with all proceeds going to the charity **H4H**.  
**Closing date for entries is Wednesday 25th AUGUST**

**THUNDERBOLT**



*Good Luck*  
*Mike*



'Thunderbolt' is a 1961 Christina 25 which was driven by Tommy Sopwith on 19th August 1961 to win the first International Daily Express Cowes - Torquay Offshore Powerboat Race in 7 hours 17 minutes. Hull design by Ray Hunt, built by Bruce Campbell Ltd. Powered by twin Crusader petrol engines each of 325hp. Boat restoration by Mike James. Measured and drawn by Charles Lawrence 2007

