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## Turks' collection of classic boats up for auction

*Unique auction offers chance-in-a-lifetime opportunity*

For sale on 14 April 2010 will be the UK's most unique and diverse collection of traditional boats. Up to 200 individual boats and floating craft, currently housed at Chatham's Historic Dockyard in Kent, will be attracting the attention of anyone with an interest in conventional river-faring vessels that range enormously in shape, size and age.

The collection is the property of the well known river family Turks of Kingston who own in excess of 300 period boats ranging from a 150 ft replica frigate, royal barges, gigs, skiffs, Viking longboats, ship's lifeboats and Gondolas, through to dug-out canoes from the Cameroon, Coracles and rowing boats. Over the years, Turks' vessels have appeared on cinema screens in timeless classics such as 633 Squadron, Three Men in a Boat and Half a Sixpence, through to recent productions of the Harry Potter series and Guy Ritchie's Sherlock Holmes movie.

Among the many historic vessels included in the auction is everything from three 50ft Viking ships and aluminium work boats for clearing weed from fishing lakes, through to small coracles and canoes. There is even an 1873-built steam launch!

While the choice vessels will probably go to regular river users, the collection is expected to attract the attention of a wide range of investors. From collectors and enthusiasts through to others who might want a unique ornament or focal point for their hotel foyer or private garden/lake. Thames-based people living on the riverside might like to search for a suitable skiff, while folk from Oxford or Cambridge might jump at the chance to own their own punt!

The online auction takes place on 14 April 2010 with viewing available on 12-13 April. For more information, pictures, videos and to place bids please go to [www.turksauction.com](http://www.turksauction.com).

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