

SS Robin: The Opportunity

The SS Robin Trust needs your help.



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We are looking to find a commercially viable future for the SS Robin which respects her heritage and makes active use of the vessel. The ship, not currently open to the public, is located on a modern floating pontoon in the Royal Docks in Newham. We have just spent £100,000 on conservation and the ship and pontoon are generally in a good condition.

We think that the best way to achieve this commercially viable future is to find a partner who will lease the hold, and possibly the pontoon. This lease will then help pay for the long term upkeep of the ship and hopefully some heritage activities.

The SS Robin Trust has very few resources of its own, so we are not looking for activities that the SS Robin Trust could run or organise. We want a partner to take a lease which will provide revenue. We are open to the possibility of a sale as well, but our preference is to lease. The SS Robin could either be on the pontoon floating or freestanding on land.

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We are therefore looking both for:

A partner who wants space in the SS Robin and will then use the space for their own activities.

Partners (landowners, developers, regeneration schemes, museums) who might not want to run activities themselves but might want to provide a home for the SS Robin, and have activities as part of their project. Either way, the SS Robin and the associated activities will enhance their scheme, but not add ongoing costs.

It is not technically or financially feasible for the SS Robin to be put back into the water.

We don't have any preconceived answers, but are now actively looking for partners who would be interested in working with us to find a practical and sustainable future that respects and celebrates the remarkable history and heritage of the SS Robin.

If you know an organisation, business or individual who could give this ship a bright future, then get in touch on info@ssrobin.com, 020 79981343 or via www.ssrobin.com.

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Possibilities for the SS Robin

SS Robin hold possibility from a recent 3d scan (credit: SIAD Ltd)



We are looking at a much wider range of options for the SS Robin than solely as a heritage attraction. The hold is a large space. Some initial ideas include an art gallery, artist's studios, retail, museum shop/gallery, youth hostel, an indoor market, a café/restaurant, an inhabited sculpture, or a "Grand Designs" home.

This might involve keeping the vessel on the pontoon, or moving her to sit on land. Does this involve use of the very large internal volume of the pontoon, or is that impractical and should we look to sell the pontoon?

As the SS Robin is a ship, she is not listed and permission is not therefore needed to make structural changes. Similarly Building Regulations do not apply.

Access to the hold is currently from above, via hatches, as per photos below. However plans have been drawn up which envisage a large panel from the side of the hull being removed giving good level access to the hold space. It may also be possible to remove the boiler and thus provide additional space. If this were done and perspex replaced some of the bulkhead to the boiler which was then lit, an interesting and attractive feature could be created.

As well as details on her history, there is significant additional technical information about the SS Robin and pontoon (a list is appended). Please get in touch about these or any queries.

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SS Robin hold as a photo gallery and function space



Pontoon main space (credit: experience design)



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The SS Robin

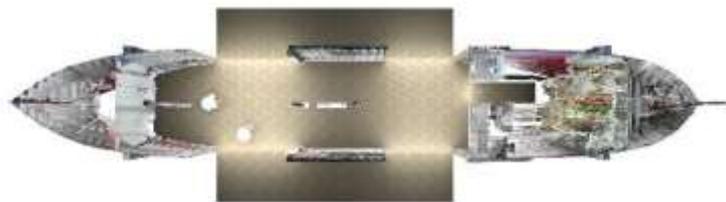
The SS Robin was built in 1890. She has her original steel hull and engine. She currently has no fitout internally or externally e.g. no water/electric/lift access. She is accessible via a set of stairs.

Dimensions

Length overall	45.60 metres
Length B.P	43.59 metres
Mass	305 tonnes
Beam Mld.	6.90 metres
Depth to Upper Deck Mld.	3.58/4.38 metres
Paint System	Jotun
Volume	366grt

Interior Space

SS Robin expanded hold from a recent 3d scan (credit: SIAD Ltd)



151m² internal space

The hold of the ship is approximately 23m x 6m x 4m (3.2m at the lowest point). It has previously been fitted as a photo gallery and function area but is currently empty. This is the primary space on the ship. Access could be via the hold hatches, or by removing a side panel.

The fore and aft crew quarters and mess room are empty with no access.

The engine and boiler room contain the original engine and boiler.

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The gallery is empty with original galley fittings.

The captain's cabin is empty with access and furniture.

The Pontoon

The Pontoon is built of steel, of all welded construction and is Classified 'A'

Floating Dock under Lloyd's Register of Shipping Rules and Regulations for the Construction and Classification of Steel Ships. It was built in Poland in 2010. The SS Robin is currently on a cradle on the pontoon, but if she is placed on land the pontoon can have a different use.

It does not have any fitout other than watertight bulkhead doors e.g. no bilge system or black/grey water system, fans, lift, electrical cabling. Motor and propelling. There is space for a lift. There is currently a single stairway providing access. Natural light is provided by portholes.

The space is divided into 8 rooms, with a large and impressive central space.

Dimensions:

Length overall	50.20 metres
Length B.P.	50.00 metres
Mass	321 tonnes
Beam Mld.	15.00 metres
Depth to Upper Deck Mld.	3.75 metres
Pre-Outfit Draft (Mean) Mld.	1.00 metres
Scantling draft	2.50 metres
Sheer/ Deck Camber	0 mm
Deadweight at 1m	756t
Deadweight at scantling draft	1910t
Paint System	Jotun

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The pontoon contains approximately 750m² of space. After fitout, the previous plans included 550m² of usable space.

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Previous Project Information for reference

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