

Arabian Boat Project

Charles Kendall Procurement and Charles Kendall Packing recently collaborated on a project to procure and ship a number of Arabian boats to Oman. The boats were purchased for the new museum, 'Oman Across All Ages', in Nizwa, Oman.

The Situation

Charles Kendall was requested to purchase six boats (Huri - Pearling Dhow, Umla, Shahoof, Sambuk and two Guffas) from an auction house, with the help of an expert in Maritime Archaeology.

The buyer was successful in acquiring five out of the six vessels and was then informed that they must be moved out of their current storage place in Eyemouth by the end of the following week. Eyemouth is an incredibly busy but small fishing town, making it a challenge to move big vehicles in and out of the town with ease.

The Solution

A trip was made by a member of our Procurement team to view the boats in Eyemouth to better establish the best logistical procedure to take when removing the boats from the shed and shipping them safely to Oman.

Contact was made with a local shipwright who offered to assist with the loading and manoeuvre. The Charles Kendall Procurement and Packing teams worked together with the local gentleman to best plan how to move the boats.

The four smaller boats were first removed from the shed before being loaded into two 40 foot containers, ensuring they were secured and packed suitably for a smooth transition by sea freight to Oman from Grangemouth Port.

The largest of the five boats was Umla, measuring 52 feet long. Using its iron cradle, the boat was lifted by crane and secured onto a flatbed lorry in order to be shipped down to Packing HQ in Feltham. A frame was also built to allow air to flow freely inside the boat once wrapped in tarpaulin.

The Result

All boats were successfully shipped to Oman early in 2018, in readiness for their debut in the 'Across All Ages' Museum. The safe transition was established by meticulous communication and teamwork between two Charles Kendall teams.

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