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Unique double 'sail' of approval for Edinburgh ships

The Royal Yacht Britannia, Scotland's best visitor attraction, and its sister ship Fingal, Scotland's first luxury floating hotel, are celebrating after both being recognised by the annual Tripadvisor Travellers' Choice Awards.

These awards reflect both venues now being in the top 1% in the world in each respective category

Whilst The Royal Yacht Britannia has consistently been awarded this accolade by Tripadvisor, it is the first time that Fingal has received this prestigious award, having just opened last year.

The luxury floating hotel also continues to retain the top spot of the capital's best hotel on Tripadvisor, and similarly The Royal Yacht Britannia is also its top paid attraction when it comes to 'Things to do in Edinburgh'.

Tripadvisor's annual Traveller's Choice: Best of the Best Awards' compiles reviews and ratings across the travel site to reward and celebrate venues of outstanding merit and customer service.

Commenting on this unique double achievement, Britannia's Chief Executive Bob Downie said:

"The true test of quality is that perceived by your customers and our most important asset on both ships is the quality of the relationships that our great team have with them. I am particularly pleased for our crew on Fingal as this recognition comes not long after it was named as Scotland's Best New Hotel 2020 at the Prestige Hotel Awards, a fantastic achievement in the first year of opening."

For more information on Fingal and to make a reservation for an overnight stay or in the restaurant, visit www.fingal.co.uk and follow on social media www.facebook.com/fingaledinburgh, <https://twitter.com/fingaledinburgh> and <https://www.instagram.com/fingaledinburgh>

For more information on The Royal Yacht Britannia, visit: www.royalyachtbritannia.co.uk and follow on social media <https://www.facebook.com/TheRoyalYachtBRITANNIA>, <https://twitter.com/britanniayacht> and <https://www.instagram.com/RoyalYachtBritannia/>.

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Notes for Editors:

Fingal

- The 5m investment by The Royal Yacht Britannia has seen this classically designed ship transformed to provide the ultimate in luxury.
- Launched in 1962, Fingal, a former Northern Lighthouse Board (NLB) tender was the last ship to be built by the Blythswood Ship Building Company in Glasgow. Like all NLB Ships, Fingal was Leith registered but spent most of her service life working out of Oban for 30 years, followed by her last six working years, based in Stromness, Orkney. She was sold to a private owner who lovingly maintained the ship for 14 years before Britannia purchase the vessel in August 2014.

The Royal Yacht Britannia

An unforgettable attraction for visitors, as well as a prestigious evening events venue, Britannia is regarded as one of Edinburgh's 'must-see' destinations.

Britannia was home to Her Majesty The Queen and the Royal Family for over 40 years, sailing over one million miles around the world. Following the Yacht's decommissioning in 1997, Britannia is now berthed in Edinburgh, where visitors can follow in the footsteps of Royalty to discover the heart and soul of this most special of Royal residences. Highlights include the teak-panelled Sun Lounge and elegant State Dining Room, which contrast with the working side of the ship and the crew's quarters.

The Royal Yacht Britannia is owned by a charitable trust (SC028070) and all surplus funds are reinvested in protecting her for future generations. The Trust's responsibility is to maintain and preserve Britannia in keeping with her former role and to display her to the public as a key part of British maritime history. The Trust is a wholly self-funding, not-for-profit, charitable organisation.

Providing the highest standards of customer experience to every visitor, regardless of age or ability, is at the heart of Britannia's success, and recent developments have included the

audio guide being available in British Sign Language, Braille and 30 languages, making it one of the most translated tours in the world.