

The Cutty Sark Tavern Freehouse



Daily Menu

The history of this riverside tavern goes back hundreds of years. Early records show that there has been a tavern on Ballast Quay since at least 1743 when the landlord was one Samuel Bishop. In those days the tavern was known as 'the Green Man'.

The current building was built in the reign of George III and dates back to circa 1807 - 1810. From 1810 the tavern was named 'the Union Tavern' - a mark of the patriotic fervour following the union of England and Ireland by an Act of Parliament in 1801.

The tavern changed its name again in the 1950s following the arrival of the famous tea clipper in Greenwich first in 1951 and then when it found a permanent home here in 1954. In 2007 the clipper was seriously damaged by fire.

Ballast Quay and the surrounding area was not short of public houses in the 18th and 19th centuries. The east side of the great Royal Naval College was not only the most fashionable side of Greenwich in the early 18th century but also one of the busiest commercially. The Cutty Sark was close to the great house of Abraham Crowley (a 17th century English poet), that dominated the local scene. Gone, alas, and now the site of the over-whelming power station.

In those days, this stretch of the Thames was a constant hustle and bustle of small shipping. Loading and unloading, commercial boats, fishing vessels and barges, many drawn up on the shingle. It was non-stop, probably day and night as the tides rose and fell. All those working men needed a glass or two to get through their long and exhausting working day. There were at least a dozen public houses within a few moments walk to assist them.

We live now in more gentle times and only a handful of those many taverns survive, of which the Cutty Sark is probably the most famous. Long may it continue. The Tavern is a free house and continues to sell a glass or two to those who visit. Beers, lagers, organic wines and non alcoholic drinks are available together with a fine choice of locally supplied fresh table fare.

*Please find a table and
place your order
at the food counter*

*Food Served
Saturday Midday - 10pm
Sunday to Friday Midday - 9pm*

Starters

<p>Chef's Soup of the Day (See board for today's soup) <i>Served with crusty bread</i></p> <p>Prawn Cocktail <i>Chilled prawns on a bed of crisp lettuce topped with tangy marie-rose sauce, served with bread and butter</i></p>	<p>£4.50</p> <p>£4.95</p>	<p>Garlic Mushrooms lightly sautéed in garlic, white wine and cream <i>Topped with crispy bacon and served with crusty bread</i></p> <p>Warm Camembert <i>Two portions of camembert warmed with a hint of garlic, served with garnish and crusty bread</i></p>	<p>£4.50</p> <p>£4.95</p>
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Light Bites

<p>Whitebait <i>Served with garnish & tartare sauce</i></p> <p>Sandwiches served on White, Wholegrain or Ciabatta Bread <i>A choice of Tuna Mayonnaise; Bacon & Brie; Roasted Ham & Mustard; Cheese & Pickle or Prawns & Marie-Rose Sauce</i></p>	<p>£4.95</p> <p>£5.45</p>	<p>Jacket Potatoes <i>Served with a choice of either tuna mayonnaise; sausage and beans; cheese or prawns and marie-rose sauce.</i></p> <p>Cutty Club <i>Ciabatta with chicken breast, ceasar dressing, lettuce and warm bacon</i></p>	<p>£6.95</p> <p>£5.95</p>
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Salad Bar

<p>Ploughmans <i>Mature cheddar cheese with pickle, crusty bread and salad</i></p> <p>Warm Cajun Chicken Salad <i>Grilled chicken breast marinated in Cajun spices and served on a bed of mixed salad</i></p>	<p>£8.95</p> <p>£8.95</p>	<p>Caesar Salad <i>Slices of chicken tossed in Italian dressing topped with croutons and parmesan cheese served on a bed of lettuce and cucumber</i></p>	<p>£8.95</p>
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Classics

<p>8oz Rib Eye Steak <i>Grilled to your liking and served with chips, peas, tomato, mushrooms and onion rings</i></p> <p>Poacher's Chicken <i>Breast of chicken wrapped in bacon topped with melted cheese and barbeque sauce, served with either chips and peas or potatoes and vegetables</i></p> <p>Sausage and Mash <i>Sausage of the week served with creamy mashed potato, onion gravy and a large yorkshire pudding</i></p> <p>Lasagne <i>Layers of pasta covered with bolognaise and creamy béchamel sauce, topped with melted cheese and served with salad</i></p>	<p>£12.95</p> <p>£10.95</p> <p>£9.95</p> <p>£9.95</p>	<p>8oz Gammon Steak <i>Chargrilled and topped with fried egg or pineapple and served with chips, peas and garnish</i></p> <p>Steak and Ale Pie <i>Freshly made pie with gravy served with chips and peas or potatoes and vegetables</i></p> <p>Hawaiian Burger <i>Freshly made beef burger, topped with bacon, pineapple and cheese in a sesame seed bun served with chips and garnish</i></p> <p>Side Orders Garlic Bread Garlic Bread with Cheese Chips Mixed Salad</p>	<p>£10.95</p> <p>£9.95</p> <p>£9.95</p> <p>All £1.95</p>
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Vegetarian

<p>Sausage and Mash <i>Vegetarian sausages served with creamy mashed potato, large Yorkshire pudding and onion gravy</i></p> <p>Veggie Burger <i>Topped with a large field mushroom and melted cheese in a sesame seed bun and served with chips and garnish</i></p>	<p>£8.95</p> <p>£8.95</p>	<p>Vegetable Wellington <i>Tossed vegetables in olive oil, green pesto and feta cheese encased in puff pastry and served with either chips and peas or potatoes and vegetables</i></p>	<p>£8.45</p>
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Fish

<p>Battered Haddock <i>Fresh deep fried fillet of haddock, served with chips, peas, tartare sauce and a wedge of lemon</i></p>	<p>£10.45</p>	<p>Breaded Scampi <i>Whole tail scampi deep fried until golden, served with chips, peas, tartare sauce, garnish and wedge of lemon</i></p>	<p>£9.95</p>
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Desserts

<p>Apple Crumble Knicker Bocker Glory Toffee Lumpy Bumpy</p>	<p>All Desserts £4.95</p>	<p>Chocolate Fudge Cake Choc Nut Sundae Sticky Toffee Pudding</p>
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Children (Age 12 years and under)

<p>Sausage, Mash and Peas Scampi, Chips and Peas Cheese and Tomato Pizza and Chips Fish and Chips with Peas PLUS Novelty Ice Cream £5.25</p>
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Some dishes may contain nuts or nut traces. All items are subject to availability. We cook our food fresh to order therefore, during busy periods there may be a small delay.
Thank you for understanding. Prices include V.A.T.

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