

Seaside 5 - On the water

Learning Objectives

- Learn about the different kinds of pleasure boats and other craft used in seaside resorts from the early 1910s to the 1980s.
- Develop children's research skills in interpreting historical images, in particular with a view to recognising which are older and which are more recent

Sources



Source 1. Paddle steamer at Worthing pier, c1910



Source 2. Boats on the beach, Worthing, c1910



Source 3. Regatta on the River Adur, Shoreham-by-Sea, c1912



Source 4. Woman rides an inflatable horse, Worthing, 1930



Source 5. Boys in an inflatable boat, Bognor Regis, c1950



Source 6. A family with a boat, Shoreham Beach, c1960



Source 7. Motor-boat on the sea, Shoreham Beach, c1972

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TEACHERS' NOTES



Source 8. Pedalos on the sea, Worthing, c1958



Source 9. Boating on the sea, Littlehampton, c1975



Source 10. Boating on the pool, Worthing, c1972



Source 11. Windsurfing at Worthing beach, c1984



Source 12. Boats and windsurfers at Worthing beach, c1984

Source 1

By the late 19th century, many piers had landing stages. These were used by paddle steamers cruising between the different coastal resorts - a popular outing for holidaymakers.

Source 2

Trips in rowing boats and sailing boats were also popular from the early days of the seaside resorts. Local fishermen would supplement their income by taking holidaymakers out on the sea.

Source 3

Towns such as Shoreham held annual regattas featuring a full programme of rowing races. Similar competitions are still held every year by local rowing clubs, including Worthing rowing club.

Sources 4 to 12

Playing on the water in boats has long been a favourite pastime enjoyed by visitors to the seaside. These pictures show some of the different kinds of craft used in local resorts from the 1930s on.