

# Energising the Cutty Sark Restoration Project



Following the devastating fire in 2007 that ravaged the Cutty Sark, the iconic maritime treasure located in Greenwich, London, there was a huge amount of restoration work to be done.

As part of the restoration/conservation project, the whole ship was lifted 11ft off the ground to sit in a giant steel cradle, giving access to the hull. For the first time, the Cutty Sark can be seen from below, in a new glass-roofed visitor centre built beneath the ship in the dry dock.

The project brief for UK Power Solutions was to design and supply a new electrical connection to the new educational and events platform, a restaurant, visitors centre and visitor amenities to surround the Cutty Sark, including the installation of a substation and the provision of heads for multiple metered supplies.

Following acceptance of UK Power Solutions' detailed proposal, a kick-off meeting with the client enabled the production of a critical path plan. The project was complicated by a long 900 metre off site route for cables. Because of working hour restrictions, due to the nature of this tourist site, we had to work to limited timescales and with the tight control of road opening/closing notices, particularly where schools were located. These challenges made it essential that all project milestones were reached on time.

The famous 19th century tea clipper was officially opened to the once again by the Queen in April 2012 and the facilities UKPS energised enable people to learn all about its history, enjoy afternoon tea or even get married on the ship!

