

Reed goes for gold in London Olympics

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OLYMPIC gold medallist Peter Reed has become the first member of Britain's flagship four to announce publicly that he will continue in rowing and aim towards the London Games in 2012.

Reed, 27, from Nailsworth, a lieutenant in the Royal Navy, won the coxless fours in Beijing alongside Cheltenham's Steve Williams, Tom James and Andy Hodge.

Speaking from *HMS President* close to London's Tower Bridge, Reed said he would aim to go for gold once again.

"I am absolutely delighted that the Royal Navy have agreed to continue to support me as an athlete for another four years in the run-up to the Olympics in London 2012," he added.

"I am certain that without them I would not be an Olympic champion and I am sure their training, help and guidance will be instrumental when it comes to aiming for gold again on home water."

Chief coach for the men's squad, Jurgen Grobler, said he has high hopes for more success on the water.

"I am very pleased that Peter has made this decision, and that the Navy has agreed to support him," he said. "I am sure that Peter has not yet reached his top performance and that there is more to come from him. Hopefully this will come in London in four years' time."

Many members of Britain's Olympic squad return to action tomorrow for the first time since the Olympics in the Head of the River Fours – a time trial in London.



Gloucestershire's Olympic champion Peter Reed