

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

OPEN MEETINGS.

HIGHCLIFFE JUNE 4/5

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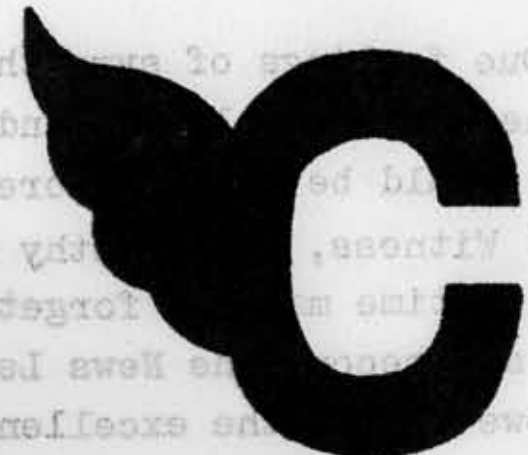
STARCROSS JUNE 25/26

BRANCASTER JULY 24 - 25 NATIONALS.

BRASALTER SEPTEMBER 17/18.

CAMPING SITES CAN BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE THROUGH

**JANET SANDERSON,
BRANCASTER STAITHE SAILING CLUB,
BRANCASTER STAITHE,
Nr. KINGS LYNN,
NORFOLK.**



LETTER

EDITORIAL.

Due feelings of sympathy for the woes of others are highly commendable, but great care should be taken before they are displayed ! Witness, my sympathy for Ted May's lack of time made me forget my own lack of it and become the News Letter Man.

However, in the excellent tradition of Alan Green I will supply a letter as often as possible.

News Letters, of course, depend on the supply of NEWS. This means News from the Fleets, Clubs, Race Meetings, Cruises undertaken and comments from interested individuals. Whenever you feel the urge, to write that is, please send comments or articles direct to,
Harry Clark, 2, Briar Close, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LETTER

SEAFLY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP JULY 1977.

From the large amount of information which has been supplied it is obvious that Brancaster Staithe Sailing Club intent to make us very welcome. The following was received from Janet Sanderson.

The Brancaster Staithe Sailing Club feels very honoured to be host club for the 1977 Seafly National Championship and is delighted to be assisting the Blakeney Seafly sailors to stage the event in Norfolk for the very first time.

We welcome all competitors as members of the Club for the championship week and we hope that everyone will have a most enjoyable time sailing on our water.

The sailing at Brancaster Staithe is governed by the tides and we can sail quite comfortably for four hours around high water. We hope that, weather permitting, your championship will be sailed on our 'open sea' courses. If conditions prove unsafe at sea, you can then sail in the shelter of the harbour.

In organising this championship I have worked in co-operation with the Blakeney Sailing Club. Together we have organised a full sailing programme, a mixture of social events and selected some tasteful prizes.

Please get your Seafly ready for July 1977.
Norfolk is a very attractive county, famous for its barley growing and produces a strong pint of tasty beer. What more can I say, except that I look forward to meeting you and welcoming you all to Brancaster Staithe.

P.S. I would love to participate in the Seafly Champions hip, if anyone has a boat to loan. Alternatively, if anyone needs a crew there are two available (3 5-25-37) able sailors with local knowledge.

Vic Birtles of Blakeney Sailing Club sends the following description of the area.

Brancaster Staithe is perfectly situated for the visitor to enjoy one of the most beautiful and unspoiled natural coastlines anywhere in Britain. Most of North Norfolk has been designated an area of outstanding natural beauty. The coastline is full of interest and variety from beach to shingle and cliffs to marshes. Inland the terrain is a combination of gently rolling hills of heath and woodland. Many visitors often compare the North Norfolk to Devon or Cornwall - without the congestion which bedevils the West Country tourist.

Brancaster Staithe is a small, quiet

village near the old port of Wells. It is 9 miles from Hunstanton, a thriving holiday resort and about 20 miles from the picturesque fishing town of Sheringham with the historic steam railway running along the coast to Weybourne. A few miles from Sheringham is the region's biggest and most popular resort, Cromer, publicised since the Edwardian Era as the 'Gem of the East Coast'. All the resorts have good shopping facilities and of course provide a variety of entertainment during the evening.

The regions capital, Norwich, with its beautiful cathedral and castle, can be reached in under an hour. Apart from the city's fine architecture it has one of the most comprehensive shopping centres found anywhere and the city's Theatre Royal is Acknowledged as the most successful and profitable provincial Theater in Britain.

Then of course there's the Norfolk Broads which can be toured by boat from either Norwich or the Broadland capital of Wroxham.

But perhaps Norfolk's biggest single attraction is the Queen's favourite country home, Sandringham House, which is less than half an hour from Brancaster Staithe. The gardens are open all summer and are well worth a visit. For those who prefer to soak up the

beauty

of the area there are two fine island nature reserves which can be visited by boat. One is Scolt Head Island, next to Brancaster Staithe and the other is Blakeney Point which can be reached by ferry from Blakeney or Morston, the latter enabling visitors to spend the entire day exploring the 1,000 acres reserve with its seabirds colonies and seals.

If you're a golfer put your clubs in the boat as well. There are fine courses at Brancaster, Hunstanton, Sheringham and Cromer.

Whatever you like doing Brancaster Staithe '77 is a trip worth making. So please bring your family and friends as well as your Seafly.

Sounds exactly what I've been told the Class revolves round - family enjoyment and involvement. Ed.

ENTRY FORMS AND DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME ARE ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER. DON'T DELAY. ENTER NOW!

SOUTH CERNEY OPEN MEETING 15 JUNE 1977.

The sun shone, the wind blew, unfortunately only 4 visitors made the trip to Cerney. Still those who did were rewarded for their effort with just about the best sailing conditions so far this season. The gusty conditions were not entirely appreciated by all the competitors, Ted May repeated Dick Flowers feat of last year, ie he capsized, though he did right his boat at the second attempt after getting his mast stuck in the mud, which is no mean feat, well done Ted.

I would like to thank Ted & Sandy from Highcliffe, Harry Clark & Tony Gillingham from Seasalter, Bob Risbridger and crew from Tankerton Bay and Tony Fielden and crew from Rutland for supporting the meeting.

1st Race Wind N.E. Force 2-3 18 Entrants. The 17 boats on the line (Ted was still rigging his he said) started first time. 1st to the windward mark was D. & E. Tarrant in C339 followed closely by T. Fielden & D. Cusack in C333 and A. Horne & S. Wells in C111. Several place changes occurred during the race with the downwind leg causing near capsizes while gybing with spinnakers. The beat provided shifting wind gusts which

headed some competitors but gave an advantageous lift to others. The first 3 finishers were

1. D. & E. Tarrant C339 S.C.S.C.
2. A. Horne & S. Wells C111 S.C.S.C.
3. T. Fielden & D. Cusack. C333 R.S.C.

2nd. Race Wind N.E. Force 2-3
First to the windward mark was M. Sanderson & T. Wilden in C365 followed by H. Horne & S. Wells in C 111 then D. & E. Tarrant in C339

These 3 boats broke clear of the fleet with first one then the other taking the lead. A. Horne was managing to hold off the others despite being handicapped by not having a spinnaker. On the 3rd. lap however D.&E. Tarrant took the lead which they held until the end.

1. D. & E. Tarrant C339 S.C.S.C.
2. A. Horne & S. Wells C111 S.C.S.C.
3. M. Sanderson & T. Wilden. C365 S.C.S.C.

3rd. Race Wind N.E. Force 3-4.
The wind had been increasing slowly throughout the day and when the 3rd. race started occasional white horses were visible. 1st. to the windward mark was A. Horne & S. Wells C111 followed by C. Verey & M. Weeks then M. Sanderson & T. Wilden.

Andrew increased his lead gradually throughout the race though places were continually changing in the main fleet.

The final results were,
1st, A. Horne & S. Wells C111 S.C.S.C.
2nd, M. Sanderson & T. Wilden C365
3rd, C. Verey & M. Weeks C14

Overall positions, 2 of 3 results to count,
1st. D. & E. Tarrant C339 S.C.S.C.
2nd. A. Horne & S. Wells C111 S.C.S.C.
3rd. M. Sanderson & T. Wilden C365 S.C.S.C.
1st visitor overall in 4th. place was T. Fielden of Rutland Sailing Club.

David Tarrant has also sent in the following article on the continuing and rather vexed question of our boat's Portsmouth Rating.

In early November I wrote to the Sailing Committee of South Cerney asking them to examine the Club's 1976 racing records with a view, if justifiable, to recommending a change in Portsmouth rating for the Seafly in their annual return to the R.Y.A. Their reply stated that on examining the Club's records they could find no justification for recommending any re-rating for Seafly. I make no comment on their reply except to say that in my experience of sailing general handicap races at South Cerney only the top Helmsmen of the Seafly fleet have any chance of finishing in the first ten. In fact most of the Seafly fleet just don't bother to turn out in general handicap races. Yet in class races the Seafly has over a number of years had the largest turnout. P. & A. Poyner have sold Seabat for a

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Scorpion dinghy. For those new to the Class
the Poyners have for a number of years been
a threat to the best helmsmen in the Fleet. 76 was
to be their most successful, finishing just
behind this year's champion, Brian Blogg. I
know all the Class will join me in wishing
Philip and Alison success in sailing their
new class though I doubt that Seafly has
seen the last of them. We have also 'lost'
John Neale from the Class, this time to
sea cruising and navigation. Don Osbourne
who was John's crew, has sold his G.P. and
bought C300 from John so I will take this
opportunity to welcome him officially to the
Class, though I believe Don has considered
himself a member for some time.

South Cerney now has a new clubhouse
with good changing facilities, showers and
seating accommodation.

I hope South Cerney
members will make a serious attempt to
attend the Brancaster Staithe Nationals. So
far three have indicated that they will be
going.

I wish you all a successful and
enjoyable sailing season.

Greenwich Yacht Club have informed Tony Gillingham
of an Open Day they are holding on June 19,
briefing 13.00 and although this coincides with
the Worthing Open Meeting anyone wishing to attend
should contact Tony immediately. Tony has also
explained the clash of fixtures to Greenwich and
we hope to be invited again next year.

JOHN LANE, INSURANCE BROKER, 123, STOKE ROAD,
GOSPORT, HANTS. TEL. GOSPORT 89332.

This firm has contacted the Class Secretary
and passed on details of their rates for Seafly.
They are also willing to pay a commission to the
Association. Their rates seem competitive so
give them a ring should you require insurance.

FOR SALE.

C111 N. HORNE CHELTENHAM 54535

C6 & C98 T. MAY CHRISTCHURCH 2098

C365 E. L. WELDEN CHELTENHAM 22 27710

Roger Beavis is reported to be going Glass
and will be selling Easy Rider. Enquiries to
Norwich 413593.

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This new Chandler offers a 5% discount on first
purchases by Association members, take your
Class Certificate as proof of membership. They
are also offering 5% Discount Cards to

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