

# **STREAKER INFORMATION & BACKGROUND**

## **History of Class**

The Streaker dinghy was designed by Jack Holt in 1975 and was first launched in November of that year, since then it has been shown regularly at boat shows throughout the country.

To help promote the class, the Streaker Class Owners Association (SCOA) was formed in 1976, when class rules and RYA affiliation were obtained - the affairs of the SCOA are managed by an elected Committee consisting of six Streaker owners who are full members of the SCOA.

Since 1976 the class has grown steadily and there are strong fleets nationwide, with sail numbers now fast approaching the 1590 mark and SCOA membership totalling more than 140, spread over at least 70 clubs in the UK.

As part of the development of the class, the SCOA has been successful in bringing about many improvements including the introduction of an FRP version in 1998, this has subsequently proved very popular and 50% of all new boats are now built in this way.

2002 saw the transfer of copyright, technical control and ownership of FRP moulds from Jack Holt (Designs) Ltd. to the SCOA. This new level of self-determination meant the SCOA were able to issue Butler Boats with a license to build both FRP & Composite (FRP hull & Wood decks) Streakers and allow Ron Beasley to develop and supply greatly improved self-build kits.

In addition to an annual National Championships, the association also holds approximately fourteen Open Meetings every year, which are split into Northern and Southern Travellers series. These events are further enhanced by Northern Area, Southern Area and Inland Championships, which are keenly contested by all competitors no matter what their level of sailing ability. Full reports of each event, together with all the latest news, views and gossip are published on the association website and in the Class magazine - Streaker Splash which is circulated free to all association members.

## **Exhilarating Performance**

Despite showing exemplary good manners, with it's stayed, uni-rig sail plan, the Streaker is an easy boat to handle no matter how inexperienced the helm might be, it offers extremely lively racing performance in a very broad range of conditions, belying her relatively modest Portsmouth Yardstick of 1162. A benefit of her low hull weight also means that when ashore the Streaker is both light and easy to handle, even allowing it be popped on the roof on most small family cars without any problem.

Careful consideration was given to her overall design and this means she will accept a wide range of crew weights and sizes without seriously affecting either comfort or performance. Recently this versatility has been further enhanced by the addition of an optional 'cut-down' mainsail to the class regulations, making the Streaker even easier to handle for both novice and/or lightweight helms even in the most trying of conditions. Although regarded amongst it's peers as a strict 'One-design', optional features such as Timber or GRP construction, dual controls led out to the side decks and choice of toe strap positions help the Streaker accommodate the most discerning of sailors in relative comfort.

## **Which Boat is Right For You**

Depending upon your budget, reasonably conditioned, ready to race boats can be found either advertised on Club notice boards or in the classified ads in such magazines as "Yachts & Yachting" for as little as £400. To further help put prospective buyers and sellers in touch with one another, the Association provides a free bulletin board service and endeavours to keep an up to date list of all boats that are up for sale.

Alternatively, for those looking for a brand new boat, Streakers are available in all stages of completion, from a set of plans, to a finished, ready-to-sail boat. For those who fancy building their own boats, kits are supplied as a selection of pre-cut hull panels and these are very quickly tacked together with short lengths of copper wire prior to the seams being permanently held firm with fibreglass tape and epoxy resin creating a very strong, but rigid construction in relation to it's low weight. Typically such a boat can be built in little over one hundred man hours and once painted and fitted out, the finished craft will grace any dinghy park in the country. So no matter how handy you are, even with the most modest selection of hand tools, a boat can very easily be obtained to suit your precise requirements and budget.

## **Statistics**

Overall Length: 3.75m (12'9")

Beam: 1.37m (4'6")

Draft: 0.22m (9")

Minimum Hull Weight: 48kg (106lbs)

Maximum Sail Area: 6.5m<sup>2</sup> (70ft<sup>2</sup>)

Crew Weight: 63-83kg (10-13 stone)

PY: 1162

## **Recognised Class Builders**

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## **Clubs Where Streakers Are Sailed**

Alton Water S.C.  
Ardleigh S.C.  
Aylesbury S.C.  
Baltic Wharf S.C.  
Beaver S.C.  
Bexley S.C.  
Blackpool & F.Y.C.  
Blackpool L.C.C.  
Black Swan S.C.  
Bough Beech S.C.  
Bowmoor S.C.  
Brit Ruermond S.C.  
Broxbourne S.C.  
Burghfield S.C.  
Chichester Y.C.  
Chipstead S.C.  
Covenham S.C.  
Craven S.C.  
Deben S.C.  
Dovestone S.C.  
Downs S.C.  
Dudley Y.C.  
East Lancashire S.C.  
Elton S.C.  
Emsworth S.C.  
Eyott S.C.  
Filey S.C.  
Greensforge S.C.  
Girton S.C.  
Glasson S.C.  
Greensforge S.C.  
Gurnard S.C.  
Halfway Y.C.  
Haversham S.C.  
Hawley Lake S.C.  
Herne Bay S.C.  
Hunstanton S.C.  
Kuwait S.C.  
Lancing S.C.  
Leigh & Lowton S.C.  
Llandegfedd S.C.  
Marlow S.C.  
Netley S.C.  
Notts County S.C.  
Ogton S.C.  
Otley S.C.  
Oxford S.C.  
Paxton Lakes S.C.  
Pennine S.C.  
Pevensey S.C.  
Philippines S.C.  
Port Dinorwic S.C.  
Priory S.C.  
Redoubt S.C.  
Ripon S.C.  
Rollesby Broad S.C.  
Rossendale Valley S.C.  
Rotherham S.C.  
Royal Harwich Y.C.  
Royal Victoria Y.C.  
Saltwood & Hyth S.C.  
Scaling Dam S.C.  
Scammondon Water S.C.  
Sheffield Viking S.C.  
Shoreham S.C.  
Southport S.C.  
South Yorkshire S.C.  
St Catherines S.C.  
Stewartby S.C.  
Strathclyde Loch S.C.  
Tamworth S.C.  
Teesdale S.C.  
Thornton Steward S.C.  
Towy B.C.  
Ulley S.C.  
Welton S.C.  
West Lancashire Y.C.  
Wilsonian S.C.  
Yeadon S.C.  
Yorkshire Ouse S.C.