

S T R E A K E R A S S O C I A T I O N

NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 1978.

Secretary's Notes.

I still need articles and letters 'News and Views', so please let me hear from you.

We still have only two official Streaker Fleets, but I am sure from the expansion of the Class, that there are a number of other Clubs with 5 or more boats owned by Association Members. If your Club is one of these please apply for a Fleet Number, it doesn't cost anything, but is likely to increase your Streaker Numbers because potential new Owners tend to join a Fleet if it is in their area.

Details of the National Championship and entry forms are now available, and I shall be pleased to forward them to you on request

London Dinghy Exhibition

This was most successful and David Turton's Boat was a credit to him. Many thanks to the Members of Pagham Yacht Club and Hampton Pier Yacht Club who manned the Stand throughout the Show.

For your Diary.

Open Meetings:

25th June 1978 - Single handed Championship - Pagham Yacht Club, nr Bognor, Sussex

2nd September - National Championships - Stewartby Water Sports Club, near Bedford.

9th and 10th

September - Open event for Single handers - Sealing Dam Sailing Club, Cleveland.

Club News - Hampton Pier Yacht Club, Herne Bay - Disappointing in number, but not lacking in enthusiasm 6 Keen Streaker sailors entered for the open meeting held at Hampton Pier Yacht Club, Herne Bay, on the 20th and 21st of May.

Mike Fairley the only lone sailor in attendance from Potters Bar found the sea on Saturday in the first race to his liking and gave the local members a run for their money, finishing fourth, and to prove how evenly matched the Streaker can be at one time during this race every boat took a turn in the lead, and when David James eventually came over the line to win this race, the rest of the fleet followed within seconds of each other to finish.

The next two races held on Sunday proved to be a handful for anyone who wants to sail the Streaker on open sea to it's new handicap.

With four foot waves and a typical Thames Estuary chop throwing surf up on the shingle beach, launching alone was a major achievement.

On a triangle course including a reaching start, this race had a ragged beginning, but once away, the planing experience on the way to the first mark was fast and thrilling.

Beating to windward against the large waves was likened to sitting in a bath on top of a bucking bronco, large waves were constantly breaking into the

boat, and the only solution was to leave the bailers open and keep going, at all costs.

Alan Hanson H.P.Y.C. sailing the Aqua Sprint demo boat was the only capsized casualty in this race, but was upright again in seconds to sail on to fourth place.

"Leave it cleated in by all means when you go about, but grab it quick when you get there".

The last leg was also a reach and promoted by a 4-5 north westerly and rolling waves, the ride was a combination of surfing and planing, and during this last leg in the second race Dave Finnis surfed a couple of large waves and just robbed Cliff Gay of a second place, David James again taking the honours. Mike Fairley with a baptism of fire for his first venture on the sea did well to stay upright, but a point to remember here for anyone who wants to sail in a blow, bolt and plate your traveller dead-eyes, Mike's tore out of the deck on the first lap and he had to retire.

The third and final race on Sunday was held over the same course, but with a fast ebbing tide tactics were different. By this event with the wind and the sea still in a state of anger, backs were aching and muscles beginning to hurt which were still unknown, never-the-less with one final rally all boats took to the water for the last time, and with an almost line abreast start for everyone, boats were again planing off to the windward mark at full speed for a repeat performance.

Cliff Gay managed to pull well ahead after the second lap and held his position to win this race, followed by Daves Finnis in second place and David James third. The final placing was subject to a protest on David James for cocking in the second race, but with the state of the sea and prevailing conditions to contend with, this was not proved. Overheard from a fellow comedian in the changing rooms was the cry for a plea of "Guilty but Insane"!

To all our fellow Streaker members who have not yet experienced the thrill of sailing on the open sea, can we say come and have a go, Mike Fairley is coming back for more!

Cliff Gay with the best position as an Association Member won the very nice trophy presented by Aqua Sprint for this meeting, and it will be held by him until next year when we hope to see many more Streakers competing for it again.

Final results of the Open Meeting - 1st David James - Streaker 325 H.P.Y.C.
2nd Cliff Gay - Streaker 322 H.P.Y.C.
3rd David Finnis Streaker 326 H.P.Y.C.

Dave Finnis - Streaker Fleet Captain H.P.Y.C.

News and Views Murray Pattenden of Luton built a Streaker as part of his 'A' level GCE Woodworking examination! It was finished apart from painting in April and is now sailing.

Mr. K. Turner, Streaker 466 of Barton Mills, Suffolk raised the point that there was no purchase on his kicking strap. This is one of the optional items and a purchase can be used but with a loose footed sail more than 3-1 is not advisable.

SECOND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

STEWARTBY WATER SPORTS CLUB

SAILING SECTION

SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 1978

GENERAL NOTES

Stewartby Water Sports Club have kindly accepted the Streaker Class for the second National Championships on Stewartby Water (near Bedford on the M-I. Motorway) on Saturday 2nd September. Owners are welcome on Friday 1st for practice sailing, and a practice race will be arranged if required.

The event will be held on Stewartby Water which provides 120 acres of water: a map is enclosed showing how to reach the Club, which offers all facilities, with changing rooms and showers. Light refreshments can be provided, but please advise in advance numbers required. The bar licence requires temporary Membership and all Helmsmen will automatically be made temporary Members. If the names of others who will be attending are advised, Membership can be extended to them also.

Ample parking is available for cars and boats, and a camping area for tents and caravans will be available on Friday and Saturday nights.

Note: Dogs, if brought, MUST be kept on a lead.

RACING

The series of races will be held under the rules of the I.Y.R.U. including YRA prescriptions, the Class Association, and in accordance with the sailing instructions. There will be three races with the best two results to count. Sailing instructions will be issued to competitors on arrival.

Race Times

Saturday 2nd September	Race 1 -	11.00.
	Race 2 -	13.30*
	Race 3 -	15.30*

* Approximate starting times - may be altered subject to conditions.

- (a) All competing boats must hold and produce a valid Measurement Certificate.
- (b) Helmsmen (or Owners) must be Members of the Streaker Association.
- (c) Helmsmen must wear a buoyancy aid at all times. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- (d) All competing boats must have Insurance cover with a minimum of £100,000.00. third party indemnity. Evidence of this cover must be produced.

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PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each race and the Championship Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.

In addition, prizes will be awarded to the next Helmsman based on the square root of the number of entries.

ENTRY

The entry fee for each boat will be £3.50. and entries should be sent in as soon as possible. The closing date for entries is 30th August, 1978