



**Streaker  
Class  
Owners  
Association**

## **Dinghy Show 2021**

A newsletter circulated to all members of the **Streaker Class Owners Association**



Photo: Karen Langston

Get in the mood for a summer of Streaker Class open meetings and championships by visiting the Streaker 'booth' at the **RYA Dinghy Show**. It's free – all you have to do is register here:

<https://www.rya.org.uk/dinghy-show/Pages/tickets.aspx>

From the Streaker 'booth' you'll be able to access videos, photo streams and documents about the Class. The show is open from 10 to 5 on both days with the chance to ask questions and chat online. The Show will remain accessible throughout March but obviously without the live talks and demos.



***DON'T MISS:*** Neil Firth's live interview with 8 x Streaker National Champion

**TOM GILLARD**

**at 2pm on Saturday 27 February**

**Accessed from the Streaker booth at the RYA DINGHY SHOW**

---

## Welcome to the Streaker Class Owners Association! —————

Normally at the RYA Dinghy Show there's a steady stream of people stopping at the Streaker stand to admire the boats on display – and to pay their subs to the Class Association! Of course, this year's 'virtual' show doesn't lend itself to this but even so it's easy to pay up. The subs are still really cheap and if you click this link, you'll find instructions on how to join/pay/renew – <https://www.streaker-class.org.uk/join>.

2021 subscriptions are:

- Full Member £15
- Family Members £20 (a family sharing 1 boat)
- Junior Member £10 (under 18 on March 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Associate Member £10 (non-boat owner or sharing a boat with a Full Member)

If you've bought a secondhand boat in lockdown, don't forget to get a new measurement certificate for it. It's free for SCOA members. Just contact [secretary@streaker-class.org.uk](mailto:secretary@streaker-class.org.uk) for details.

---

## Streaker News

Somehow it feels a lot longer than a year ago that we had our stand at the 2020 Dinghy Show at Alexandra Palace with a real boat on display. It was while we were there that news of the virus was making us wonder whether the year would be quite as we'd hoped for – and of course it wasn't!

It turned out to be the sort of year when we just had to make the best of things. The good news was that eventually, by July or August, many of us were able to start club racing again. Open meetings and championships were being cancelled but club racing came to the fore – and a lot of people realised that the Streaker is a great boat for club racing! The secondhand market was very

busy and Streakers found their way to a wide range of clubs. Hopefully, this year, we'll see these boats venture out on to our open meeting circuits.

As described in the January Newsletter, it was a slow year for new builds. Fortunately, Butler Boats is ready for things to pick up again once this current lockdown eases. The last we heard from Kevin Driver, Driver Boats will be operational by April, with the moulds he was using at The Boatyard at Beer.



On the left is the boat we had on the Dinghy Show stand last year – Richard Patrick's FRP Butler boat. Richard sent this photo to show her at home on beautiful Loch Tummel in the Highlands of Scotland.

He adds that the water is very cold!

## Masts

With no AGM in 2020, we voted on rule changes in an online/postal ballot in December to change some rules regarding our spars. The results of the ballot are in the January Newsletter and on our website. The main implications are that we've widened the choice of masts available to us. We had been concerned that the Selden Lambda section in its untapered form was hard to obtain, with Selden preferring to supply it as a tapered section. So, to be sure we wouldn't be totally relying on just one mast (the Super Spars Rigel section), we've approved the following masts that can be bought new:

- Super Spars Rigel section (this is only available in non-tapered form)
- Selden Lambda section (tapered or non-tapered)
- Super Spars M9 section (tapered or non-tapered)

The results of the mast bend testing carried out last summer were reported on in the November 2020 Newsletter. The main finding was that actually there was little difference between the masts – but it was possible to identify that the masts stiffest fore-and-aft were the Rigel and M9 while the Lambda masts were stiffest sideways. When mast tip deflection was measured, the non-tapered Lambda was stiffest, closely followed by the non-tapered version of the M9. The mast with most tip deflection was the Rigel.

So, what does this mean for us Streaker owners?

Most of us have got Rigel masts and are probably perfectly happy with them. However, some people have looked to the Lambda as being better for heavier (fitter?!) sailors and the tests show that the traditional non-tapered version is, overall, the stiffest of the masts now available to us. The tapered Lambda is, as expected, slightly less stiff especially in terms of tip deflection. So maybe the non-tapered Lambda still has a role to play if it remains available.

Interestingly, the bend tests also suggested that masts get bendier as they age. Two Rigel masts were tested and the older (more used) one did bend slightly more than the new one. Dave Butler has pointed out that he had some excellent results with a Lambda section a few years ago but found that it lost some stiffness over time.



2111 (Tom Gillard) - Selden Lambda (non-tapered)  
 2127 (Jasper Barnham) - Super Spars Rigel  
 at the Northerns at Welton in Sept. 2020 photo: S. Chilton

If you're thinking of changing masts and replacing a Rigel with something else, remember you'll need to enlarge the hole it goes through in the foredeck. The Rigel is the smallest section, the Lambda is next and the M9 is biggest – but we're only talking 5 mm more in both directions than the Rigel.

Dave Butler says his FRP boats are currently built with the mast hole big enough to take the Lambda and then Rigel masts are fitted with collars.



## Streaker Events 2021

Since the January Newsletter went out, several more events have been added to the Events List on the website so keep checking <https://www.streaker-class.org.uk/meetings>.

In particular, we've now confirmed the date and venue for the **Coastal Championships** – it's the weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August at Snettisham Beach SC in Norfolk. Those Streakers doing North West Norfolk Week can do so as usual except that their regatta will finish a day early and then they can compete in our Class racing.



The Coastal Championship Trophy was organised for us by Alan Gillard over a year ago, ready for what we thought would be our first ever CC event. Unfortunately, that was one of the many cancelled events in 2020 – but we're keen to make this year's attempt as successful as possible. It should be seen as the equivalent of the Inland Championships which consistently attracted our best sailors and made it the second most important event of the year (after the Nationals). However, it's definitely not just for hotshots! Everyone is welcome! Racing at Snettisham will offer something different for anyone who just sails at inland venues. So do come along. It will be a lot of fun. Camping is possible at the club, right by the foreshore. And if you want to get some practice in first, there's NWNW racing at Snettisham on the day before.

The **Noble Marine National Championships** at Staunton Harold (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> July) will, Covid permitting, be our premier event of the season and again we're keen to attract as many boats as possible. As mentioned in January, there should be plenty of boats eligible for the 'The Fifteen Transom', our old boat's prize for boats over 15 years old. Alan Gillard has calculated that 1616 will be the highest sail number eligible. Staunton Harold is a very user-friendly sort of place and the club is well used to running events. There are also now several Streakers there so we're sure of a warm welcome. By the time of the Dinghy Show we should have our Notice of Race sorted. At present the committee is discussing entry fees and we're particularly pleased to report that Noble Marine are continuing to support us so that we can offer good prizes, not just for the front-runners but for people further down the fleet. We have a lot of age-related prizes – not just for old boats but sailors too!

**NOBLE**  
MARINE INSURANCE

If you haven't been to a Streaker Nationals before, this is an ideal opportunity. Car-parking and launching are straight-forward, you can camp at the club and hopefully the weather in early July won't let us down. Keep looking at the Streaker website for more details and the entry form.

The **Northern Championship** will be at Beaver SC in South Yorkshire (Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept.). That's where we had a very successful Inlands in 2019. You don't have to be a Northerner to take part, it's quite easily accessible from the south.

For Southern Paddle competitors, the news is that the first 3 races at the **Southerns** at Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (June 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>) will count as usual for the Paddle even though this year it's a 2-day event.

Two new SP events are at **Bartley** in SW Birmingham on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May and at **Weston** on Southampton Water over the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> August as part of a regatta there. (Exactly which races at Weston will count towards the SP has yet to be confirmed.)

This means we'll have at least 3 SP events on the coast this year – Downs, WPNSA and Weston.

The **Scottish Championship** is likely to be at East Lothian YC in their annual regatta on 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> June, with the first 3 races also counting towards the Northern Paddle series.

Of course, some events might not happen, especially those early in the season. Our traditional opening event is at **Tamworth**, scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> March. It should count for both the Northern and Southern Paddles. The club is hopeful it will take place – but can't be sure. If you are considering taking part, please check out <https://www.tamworthsc.co.uk/racing/laser-streaker-open-meeting> and, as soon as possible, register your interest by clicking the appropriate button. It will help the club make plans. They intend to say by March 13<sup>th</sup> whether it's going ahead or not.

### Series Scoring

The rules for scoring the different travellers series will be finalised for 2021 very soon. By the time of the Dinghy Show you'll find them on the website at <https://www.streaker-class.org.uk/paddle-rules>.

For the **North Sails Northern Paddle**, the **P&B Southern Paddle** and the smaller area series, it's race scores that are counted, not overall places at the event. No more than 3 races are counted from each event. So if there are, say 9 events, there's a possible total of 27 races – and to qualify you count your best 9 races. If there are 10 events, you count your best 10 races from the 30 races; for 11 events it's your best 11 races from 33.

That's the pattern – but sometimes the rules get tweaked a bit especially if the number of events is particularly small or large.

For the **Rooster Super Series** (comprising the Scottish, Southern, National, Coastal, Northern and End of Season Championships) the scoring is different. It's your finishing position in each event that counts – and you need 3 from the 6 events to qualify.

It seems a long time ago now but back in 2019 we were able to complete all the Rooster Super Series events and the series was dominated by Martin Penty.

He won the Nationals, Inlands, Scottish and End of Season Champs and was 2<sup>nd</sup> (to overall runner-up Phil Manning) in the Northern. (He didn't do the Southern which was won by James Dawes).

I wonder if Martin remembers where he put all the trophies!

The question now is, who will be leading the fleet this year? Hopefully everyone from that very competitive 2019 season will be in the hunt again this time, plus we're attracting new people so we can be confident the racing will be good.

We're also keen to encourage club sailors to do the open meeting circuits. You can learn such a lot by going to events, especially when you realise how friendly the top guys are and how willing they are to help you. Give it a go!



Photo: Karen Langston

---

## The Streaker Class Owners Association

Chairman:	Ian Priest	<a href="mailto:chairman@streaker-class.org.uk">chairman@streaker-class.org.uk</a>
Secretary:	Veronica Falat	<a href="mailto:secretary@streaker-class.org.uk">secretary@streaker-class.org.uk</a>
Treasurer:	Alex Reindorp	<a href="mailto:treasurer@streaker-class.org.uk">treasurer@streaker-class.org.uk</a>
Membership:	Alex Reindorp	<a href="mailto:membership@streaker-class.org.uk">membership@streaker-class.org.uk</a>
Website editor:	Mark Langston	<a href="mailto:webmaster@streaker-class.org.uk">webmaster@streaker-class.org.uk</a>
Technical Officer:	Alan Gillard	<a href="mailto:technical@streaker-class.org.uk">technical@streaker-class.org.uk</a>

Other committee members: Chris Smith  
James Dawes  
Ian Bradley  
Neil Firth (co-opted)

Northern Paddle co-ordinator – Ian Priest

Southern Paddle co-ordinator – Veronica Falat

Website address: [www.streaker-class.org.uk](http://www.streaker-class.org.uk)

Licensed builders: Butler Boats      The Boat House, Brough Haven, Brough, E. Yorks.  
HU15 1ED  
Tel: 01482 669848  
Email: [dave@butlerboats.biz](mailto:dave@butlerboats.biz)  
Website: [www.butlerboats.biz](http://www.butlerboats.biz)



Driver Dinghies      Tel: 07779 364121  
Email: [driverdinghies@outlook.com](mailto:driverdinghies@outlook.com)

Class sponsors: Noble Marine Insurance      [www.noblemarine.co.uk](http://www.noblemarine.co.uk)  
Pinnell & Bax      [www.pinbax.com](http://www.pinbax.com)  
North Sails      [www.northsails.com](http://www.northsails.com)  
Rooster Sailing      [www.roostersailing.com](http://www.roostersailing.com)

**NOBLE**  
MARINE INSURANCE



**ROOSTER**

