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BRANCASTER STAITHE SAILING WEEK 2017
14th - 18th AUGUST 2017

Dear Members,

Now that the racing season is fully underway, and even the juniors have taken to the water, there is no excuse not to start thinking of Brancaster Staithe Sailing Week this year. Once again too much time in the bar has led team Atkinson/Marsden 'agreeing' to coordinate the week again. We have ensured very decent tide times to allow racing to start mid-morning and gradually moving to a very sociable afternoon by the end of the week. We just need someone else to guarantee the perfect winds and warm sunshine!!

Last year saw record numbers of boats on the water, with over 50 Toppers in the Junior Fleet, 144 boats recorded overall, and over 200 competitors. We therefore URGE YOU, to get organised and enter good and early and preferably online at www.bssc.net!! The online entry forms (together with BACS payment details) will appear on the BSSC website in the next few weeks and you will be able to enter on-line or print off the entry form and post it with payment. There will also be entry forms available behind the bar at the Club.

PLEASE CAN YOU KINDLY ENSURE THAT YOU SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY FORM WELL BEFORE SAILING WEEK PLEASE – THANK YOU!!

As always, the racing will be split into Junior and Senior categories, both with separate starts, the Seniors being out at sea (using a committee boat to start and finish from) and the Juniors racing in the harbour using the start hut to start and finish. We anticipate having 5 fleets in the Seniors, probably divided as Lasers, Laser 2000s, Hawks, Cockles and a handicap fleet (as per last year) and in the Juniors, 4 fleets to include an Adult and Child (Mirror) fleet, Topper Under 12's, Topper Under 14's and a Junior Under 18 handicap fleet.

We have recently had confirmation from several key volunteers willing to help us with the running of the week (thank you!) but we are still looking to fill other roles including Safety boat volunteers. If anyone has any experience or is just mad keen to be involved please contact one of us at the email addresses below... the week cannot be run without the generosity of club members in giving of their time, expertise, safety boats and general assistance.

We will try to keep you entertained both off the water as well as on it, and have the following programme of events planned for you:

| Date | Event | Time | Tides | Social (TBC) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| SUN 13 TH AUG | Sailing Week Briefing | 15.00 | | |
| MON 14 TH AUG | Racing | 10.15 | HW 1122 HT 8.3M | |
| TUES 15 TH AUG | Racing | 11.00 | HW 1215 HT 8.0M | Model Boat Race and Film Evening |
| WED 16 TH AUG | Racing | 12.15 | HW 1323 HT 7.7M | Teenage Social Evening |
| THU 17 TH AUG | Racing | 13.45 | HW 1449 HT 7.6M | Family Hog Roast and Disco |
| FRI 18 TH AUG | Racing | 15.00 | HW 1617 HT 7.8M | Muddy Marsh Run |
| SAT 19 TH AUG | Prize Giving | 10.30 | | |

Sailing week is and has always has been a week of high energy levels, excitement and fun! It also provides an excellent friendly environment for our younger members to experience racing. Whilst some are already booking their places at the engravers for their silverware, others will be aiming to simply get round the course. BSSC prides itself on its ability to provide racing for ALL and if there is anything you feel we have missed or could do to improve the week, do please let us know.

We look forward to seeing you at the Briefing!!

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With best wishes

Beccie, Ted, Pally and Simon