

The 3 Bridges Race



Beccles Amateur Sailing Club

Saturday 30th June 2012

INVITATION LETTER

To the Sailing Secretary

As Commodore of Beccles Amateur Sailing Club (BASC), I am writing to invite members from your sailing club to participate in a weekend of sailing frivolity including a passage race and an evening of live entertainment with real ale and BBQ.

Since becoming Commodore in 2010, I have been interested in the revival of the Southern Waters 'The 3 Bridges Race' which last took place in the mid-nineteen nineties. A sub-committee was set up earlier this year to investigate the possibilities and I am happy to report that a date of Saturday 30th June 2012 has now been set in our programme using the 2012 Olympics as the theme.

In essence the race starts at Beccles, heads downriver past Burgh St Peter after which helms can either sail North to round a mark at Somerleyton Swing Bridge or South to round a mark towards Mutford Lock on Oulton Broad, a distance of around 22 miles. Both marks have to be rounded before the return to Beccles where helms will need to round the last mark near the Beccles bypass road bridge before crossing the finishing line at BASC.

The race is open to sailing cruisers and dinghies PY<1243 (no single hander's), and plenty of trophies are up for grabs including a new 'Olympic Trophy' for fastest boat on handicap.

There will be mooring and camping available for participants with the clubhouse bar open on the Friday evening for drinks and Saturday night we will have a BBQ followed by the prize-giving plus live entertainment till late with local band 'Totally Wrecked'.

The following day we intend to put on some sailing activities for junior sailors including a 'Mini 3BR' using the old swing bridge, a mile downriver.

We are hoping that this revival could encourage a record number of entries after such a long period so if your members are interested, application forms and notice of race are available for download from our website at www.becclesasc.co.uk and can be sent to our race controller.

I hope you and your club have had a successful year!

Yours sincerely,

Glen Curtis (Commodore)

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