

CONTESSA 26 CLASS.

50TH ANNIVERSARY RALLY 29TH TO 31ST JULY 2016 LYMINGTON.

Newsletter and Information to 7 May 2016.

Thank you to all Entrants to date for your completed registrations and entries to the 50th Anniversary Rally. This is going to be a wonderful celebration of the first 50 years of the Class. Entries have been coming in very well indeed from all regions and as at the end of April stand at 32. A list of boat and owners names is shortly to be displayed on the Class website. There is still room for more entries, so please do contact us if you are interested.

We are particularly looking forward to welcoming Nick Jaffe (Constellation) from Australia and Nina Kristen Nilsen (Bika) from Canada who are coming to England specifically to be there. Also 2 boats have entered and are sailing over from the Netherlands, Rob Kolster (Kleine Johanna) and Kurt Brewee (Byoll). A truly international gathering from entries to date.

The programme is as follows:

29th July. Arrival and assemble at Dan Bran Pontoon.

19.00 onwards Barbecue at Fishermans Rest

PH Lymington. Dress code Casual / Smart

Casual. (£12.00 per head)

30th July. A gentle cruise in company in the western Solent

towards Hurst Castle, during the daytime.

18.00 Pontoon Party as guests of Jeremy Rogers

Limited at Dan Bran Pontoon.

19.30 for 20.00 Anniversary Dinner at Royal

Lymington Yacht Club. Dress code Smart Casual.

(£22.50 per head).

31st July. A set course finishing in Yarmouth Harbour followed
by lunch at the Kings Head. (£12 per head, mooring
£6.00 per boat)

Having received with the Registration forms initial social event indicative numbers the actual Booking Forms for these events and the Lymington Mooring will be distributed for all Entrants to complete.

Several boats are coming down from The East Coast and a cruise in company has been suggested. Amongst those who might be interested are Constant, Misty, Me-Mo, Klein Johanna, and Byoll. Peter Hooper (Trinco) from Burnham-on-Crouch has kindly offered to co-ordinate this, probably meeting up in Ramsgate. If anyone else is interested please do let me know. I will be shortly be sending Peter a list of the email addresses of those who are planning or interested in joining in.

The Class Association are pleased to be subsidising the Rally and will be defraying the cost of one nights mooring fee at Lymington and also providing a few bottles of wine at the Dinner. The first 50 boats to enter will be provided at the Rally with both an anniversary plaque and a flag.

Embroidered regalia for the Rally has been arranged by Mike Fanstone and is available from Rainbow Images in Lymington. Please see the arrangements for this attached and on the website.

Finally, there are still some 50th Anniversary books in stock. It is an excellent production, and reasonably priced, and there will be a facility to order them in the Social and Mooring Booking Forms which will be sent round towards the end of May.

The committee are greatly looking forward to welcoming everyone there.

Mike Harrison