

Crossfields of Arnside and their Boats Conference

Saturday 16th October 2021

		
<i>Minx and Strumpet</i>	<i>Crossfields Boat Builders</i>	<i>Ziska</i>

Arnside Sailing Club are holding a second Conference on Crossfields in October 2021, building on the success of the first one in 2019. The conference has been rescheduled from 2020.

Crossfields of Arnside were leading builders of gaff rigged yachts and Morecambe Bay Prawners (also known as Nobbies). They were active from the 1840s to 1940s. There are 27 Crossfield Boats on OGA Boat Register, including Bonita 1888 the oldest boat to take part in the 2013 OGA Round Britain Challenge. In 2018 Arnside Sailing Club brought Severn 1912 to have example of a Crossfields' Boat in the village.

It is hoped to include talks during the conference about Empress 1928, which is being restored prior to going out to the Mediterranean and Ziska 1903, which was shortlisted for two Classic Boat Awards earlier this year. (Best Restoration for a boat under 40 foot and Gstaad Yacht Club Centenarian of the Year). Ziska featured in November 2019 edition of Gaffers Log. She is currently based in Port Townsend on the West Coast of America. In June 2019 Ziska took part in a Race2Alaska coming 22nd of 35 starters following a two-year restoration by her owner Stanford Siver.

The afternoon will focus on the Sir William Priestley 1934, the Morecambe Fishermen's Lifeboat and the different boats that have built from a mould taken from Sir William by Eric Bergqvist in 1979. It is planned to have a talk by Paul Jolley (South West OGA) owner of Minx, one of the boats made from the mould. We will also hope to cover Freda, the prototype for the Freda Class based on the design of the Sir William Priestley

It is planned that the conference will be chaired by Eric Crossfield, great grandson of William Crossfield, who set up the boatyard on the shore at Arnside in the 1890s.

Tickets £24 including buffet lunch (any surplus will go towards the maintenance of Severn)

(Detailed conference programme subject to change)

Social Activities

Friday 15th October

There will be a chance to meet up either the Sailing Club or a local pub.

Saturday 16th October

Conference Supper 7.30 pm Arnside Sailing Club on the Promenade (Price £10) Choice of fish pie, cottage pie or vegetarian lasagne followed by desert.

Sunday 17th October, 1045 - 1300

Optional Visit to Windermere Jetty: Museum of Boats, Steam and Stories

A chance to see the new Windermere Jetty a spectacular attraction with a great location, which includes steam boats, racing yachts and recording breaking motor boats. You are welcome to join their 'conservation conversation' at 11.00am outside the Conservation Workshop to find out more about the restoration and conservation work they do. Their theme for 2020 is Swallows and Amazons. Price £7.50 per person (group price)

Venue:

Arnside Educational Institute
Church Hill, Arnside, LA5 0DF

To book fill in application form and return to crossfielddyachtsevern@gmail.com or by post to Alasdair Simpson, Friends of Severn, 30 Silverdale Road, Arnside, via Carnforth LA5 0DT

The booking form can be downloaded from <http://www.arnsidesailingclub.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Crossfields-of-Arnside-Conference-2020-Booking-Form.pdf>

Payment can be made via

- a) BACs transfer – contact crossfielddyachtsevern@gmail.com for account details
- b) Cheque made out to Crossfield 's 1912 Yacht "Severn" and sent to Alasdair Simpson, Friends of Severn, 30 Silverdale Road, Arnside via Carnforth LA5 0DT

Donations to Severn Restoration

You can donate to Severn's restoration via

<https://peoplesfundraising.com/donation/severn-restoration>

Do not forget to include gift aid so we can claim 25% tax relief.

Conference Webpage

<https://www.arnsidesailingclub.co.uk/crossfields-of-arnside-and-their-boats-conference/>

A link to the booking form is at the bottom of the page.