

# Coniston Cruise 2012



The Steam Boat Association of Great Britain



This year's focus for the rally is the spirit of tradition- the SBA will be the host organisation, along with the National Trust, for a traditional boat regatta on Coniston Water, to mark the Jubilee year, and also to initiate what is hoped to become an annual event, held at the same time as Beale Park Boat Show it is the intention of the organisers to have a traditional boat rally for the northern counties, in the home of small boating; the English Lake District.

## Mon 11<sup>th</sup>

Boats to get steam up by 11am, plan to cruise down to Brown Howe where we can beach safely- there are WC's available, as well as parking for those that wish to drive to the beach instead.

Picnics /BBQ's/Firebox Lunch at Brown Howe, then a short steam over to Peel Island to raft up in the secret harbour for tea and photo opportunities.

Free steaming in the afternoon- Bank Ground Farm's tea-room is open with jetty space and beach available for secure landing.

Evening entertainment; a planned talk at the Bluebird Cafe from a Swallows & Amazons expert on the relevant history around Coniston and the Lakes, with Arthur Ransome's dinghy; 'Amazon' nee.

'Mavis' in attendance, as well as the recently restored 'Swallow' used in the 1970's film- Swallow will be giving the chance to sail to anyone interested, as well as a replica 'encampment' as depicted in Swallows & Amazons.

## Tue 12<sup>th</sup>

Free steaming in the morning, there will be a parade of sail to begin at 2pm around Coniston Landings bay.

Steamboats will lead, with electric boats following, then sail and finally any other vessels.

The parade will head through the bay, over to Brantwood Jetty, turn and come back past Coniston Old Hall to Coniston Landings for press photos.

After the parade there will be an opportunity to observe all the other attending boats, exhibitors etc.

Evening entertainment- hopefully a local folk band will be playing at the Bluebird Cafe, along with their evening restaurant menu.

Boats can pull out on Tuesday after the parade, or on Wednesday.

Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> will be an assembling, launching and socialising day, so that the majority of boats, exhibitors and exhibits will be organised for the following days events. Of course people are welcome to arrive before hand if attending with their own boats; however we would ask that exhibitors arrive no earlier than Sat 9<sup>th</sup>.

# List of Planned Exhibitors and Attendees

## Coniston Regatta

### 2012

- SBA
- EBA
- Windermere Steamboat Museum
  - Good Wood Boat Co.
  - Old Gaffers Association
  - Swallows & Amazons boats
- Brantwood House- John Ruskin's Boat; 'Jumping Jenny'
  - Ruskin Museum, Coniston- 'Amazon'
- Steam Launch 'Morning Star'; lead boat in the last Royal Pageant on the Thames.

For more information, or to send booking forms and declarations please contact;

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