

STAR CRAFT OWNERS' CLUB ~ 25th ANNIVERSARY

25th AUGUST 2018

Following our recent Club AGM and in discussion with Richard Bates and Family, it was unanimously agreed the **25th Anniversary of the Star Craft Owners' Club** would take place at the Bates Wharf Head Office, Bridge Wharf, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 8LG, where the Star Craft were built by William Bates & Son between 1946 and 1975.

Our 20th Anniversary saw 9 cruisers assemble and the 25th event has been set for the August Bank Holiday weekend with craft mooring on the Bates Wharf riverside pontoons from Friday 24th August. All should be in situ by the afternoon of Saturday 25th and will afford a superb photo opportunity from the towpath, the opposite bank and atop the Chertsey Bridge. Sunday should see the craft on the water for further photographic opportunities and possibly a river-based Treasure Hunt, weather permitting. With Full Membership currently standing at 21 (Star Craft owners) we are hopeful of another good turnout that will include our Honorary and Associate Members.

The Bates Family have deemed this an 'Open Day' for their premises and will host a display of Star Craft memorabilia and photographs in their Showroom for all to view. They have also kindly offered to organize a BBQ lunch on Saturday for Members and their guests.

In order to promote not only the gathering but also the legacy of these iconic wooden boats, so distinctive in design as to be instantly recognizable, we warmly invite you to take part in this event. There is no charge for the mooring but we ask that you let us know if you are attending by 24th July latest as mooring spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please contact our Vice-Commodore, Chris Edgerely on 01308-868988, 07881-344952 or suzynchris@hotmail.co.uk

Star Craft Members are also invited to join our Saturday evening dinner, across Chertsey Bridge at 'The Kingfisher', the cost of this has yet to be determined and again, advance notice by 24th July. Please be aware that whether you are able to bring your boat along or not, you are more than welcome to join in these celebrations with your guests.

Please do not be concerned about the condition of your vessel – this is not an issue as we would like to be able to display as many Star Craft as possible and what better way than to have a wide variety of cruisers in various conditions for people to view and discuss with their owners. We are after all just their custodians and are keen to encourage others to take an interest.