



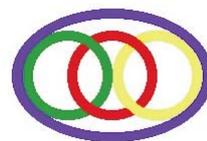
2008 EVENT BULLETIN

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WATER SKI RACING
Championships

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RAMSGATE UK
5TH - 12TH JULY

A vertical poster for the 2008 European Water Ski Racing Championships. The top text reads "• EUROPEAN •" in black. Below that, "WATER SKI RACING" is in large, bold, orange-outlined letters, with "Championships" in a white script font underneath. The central image shows a water skier in a green and black outfit, wearing a yellow helmet, leaning forward on a red ski. The background is a large, stylized Union Jack flag. To the right of the skier, the year "2008" is written vertically in white. At the bottom, "RAMSGATE UK" and "5TH - 12TH JULY" are written in bold yellow letters on a black background with a checkered pattern.

Welcome to the 2008 European Championships



Dear friends,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to the 2008 Racing European Championships to be held at Ramsgate from 5th July to 12th July 2008.

The event promises to be an exciting addition to the calendar of events being held in the UK this year and with the excellent support provided by Thanet District Council and a very strong organising committee working behind the scenes we look forward to a very exciting display.

Enclosed please find everything you need to know about the event - I look forward to seeing you there.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick Donovan".

Patrick Donovan
British Water Ski Executive Officer



Dear visitor,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Ramsgate on behalf of Thanet District Council.

With one of the most exciting water sports in the world on display and a host of activities during the week of the Championships we look forward to your company for this prestigious event. I am sure you will enjoy your visit to Thanet and the surrounding local areas and we look forward to welcoming you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Evans".

Dominic Evans
Port of Ramsgate
Royal Harbour Marina

Welcome from EAME President of Racing



Dear Water Ski Racing friends,

It is my great pleasure and privilege to add my welcome to that of British Water Ski to the 2008 European Water Ski Racing Championships at Ramsgate in July.

British Water Ski has pulled together a very strong team to work with the enthusiastic local Authority to ensure a most enjoyable and challenging event for all under the strong leadership of Tony Williams, our GB Chairman of Racing who along with Race Co-ordinator Barry Frame and his wealth of local knowledge will between them leave no stone unturned in the pursuit of excellence.

The venue is a beautiful English Channel resort and ferry port which has many attractions as well as excellent harbour facilities and I am sure you will enjoy your visit.

Yours as ever in water ski racing,

Mike Waterman

Mike Waterman
President EAME Racing Council



Dear friends,

I am quite sure that your time in GB for this event will be most enjoyable and I wish everyone the greatest success during this prestigious event.

We are most grateful for the very significant input by Ramsgate Harbour Authority and the Thanet District Council to enable the week long championships to become a reality.

Yours,

Tony Williams

Tony Williams
Chairman of Racing

Programme of Events (provisional)



Friday 4th July

- Arrival and registration
- Scrutineering

Saturday 5th July

- Training
- Jury meeting
- Team Captains meeting
- Opening Ceremony, boat parade with teams (4-5pm)

Sunday 6th July

- Safety meeting
- Euro Kids A (15 mins + 1 lap)
- Euro Kids B (25 mins + 1 lap)

- Ladies & Juniors (35 mins + 1 lap)
- Formula 3 & Seniors (35 mins + 1 lap)
- Formula 1 Men & Formula 2 Men (50 mins + 1 lap)
- Jury meeting
- Prize giving presentations

Monday 7th July

- Free day
- Team Captains meeting

Tuesday 8th July

- Safety meeting

- Euro Kids A (15 mins + 1 lap)
- Euro Kids B (25 mins + 1 lap)
- Ladies & Juniors (35 mins + 1 lap)
- Formula 3 & Seniors (35 mins + 1 lap)
- Formula 1 Men & Formula 2 Men (50 mins + 1 lap)

Jury meeting

- Prize giving presentations

Wednesday 9th July

- Free day
- Team Captains meeting

Programme of Events



Thursday 10th July

- Safety meeting
- Euro Kids A (15 mins + 1 lap)
- Euro Kids B (25 mins + 1 lap)
- Ladies & Juniors (35 mins + 1 lap)
- Formula 3 & Seniors (35 mins + 1 lap)
- Formula 1 Men & Formula 2 Men (50 mins + 1 lap)
- Jury meeting
- Prize giving presentations

Friday 11th July

- Free day
- EAME Racing Council meeting
- Team Captains meeting

Saturday 12th July

- Safety meeting
- Euro Kids A (15 mins + 1 lap)
- Euro Kids B (25 mins + 1 lap)
- Ladies & Juniors (35 mins + 1 lap)
- Formula 3 & Seniors (35 mins + 1 lap)
- Formula 1 Men & Formula 2 Men (50 mins + 1 lap)

- Jury meeting
- Prize giving presentations
- Final dinner & overall trophy presentations



About Ramsgate and Surrounding Area

Ramsgate

Ramsgate is situated on the southeastern tip of Kent and is a lovely coastal town with stunning architecture and a real continental feel - it is closer to France than the county town of Maidstone.

There are great road links from London via the M25, M20 and M2 motorways and by train it is only 1 hour 50 minutes from London Victoria and 2 hours from Charing Cross.

Ramsgate is home to the only Royal Harbour in the country and has a sparkling marina, award winning sandy beach and cliff tops that beg to be rambled. The town centre is just a short walk from the waterfront and has a good mix of larger chain stores and independent little shops. Fridays and Saturdays are market days, when the town centre is filled with the hubbub of traders vying with each other for attention. There are lots of cafes, pubs and restaurants, some with spectacular views across the harbour, where you can have anything from a traditional full English breakfast to a superb evening meal of freshly caught local fish or seafood - scrumptious.

Broadstairs & Margate

Ramsgate's sister towns of Broadstairs and Margate, and the area's pretty villages, are just a few miles away. Although close in proximity, they are far apart in character and each has its own appeal and charm. Broadstairs has seven sandy



beaches and bays and is full of unspoilt charm and character. It was here that Charles Dickens spent many holidays and even based some of the characters in his books on local people. The nightlife here is lively and varied. There are lots of pubs and bars, some with entertainment and an amazing number of restaurants - you could almost eat your way around the world.

Margate, one of the first and most loved seaside resorts, retains its traditional charms of long, golden sandy beach, arcades, candy floss and seafood stalls. But it is also developing into a more modern resort. Restaurants and cafes surround the piazza by the harbour and the Old Town is an up and coming cultural quarter with

galleries and quirky shops, a great place to discover some real hidden gems.

Accommodation

There is a wide choice of accommodation in the area from quality hotels, character guest houses, self-catering fishermen's cottages and pretty camping and caravan parks. Further details can be found online at www.visitthanet.co.uk or in Isle magazine, which can be viewed online or copies requested through Visitor Information Services on 0870 264 6111.

All accommodation featured is quality graded with either VisitBritain or the AA. Bookings can be made online or through Visitor Information Services (a booking fee will apply).

www.visitthanet.co.uk



Visitor Information Centres:

Ramsgate - 17 Albert Court,
York Street, CT11 9DN

Broadstairs - Dickens House
Museum, 2 Victoria Parade,
CT10 1QS

Margate - 12-13 The Parade, CT9
1EY
Tel: 0870 264 6111

Email:
visitorinformation@thanet.gov.uk

Website: www.visitthanet.co.uk

Further information on the area and all there is to see and do, including restaurants, attractions, beaches and bays, Viking Coastal Trail cycle route

and much more is on the above website or featured in Isle magazine.

Thanet Greeters - Based on the Big Apple Greeters of New York, the Thanet Greeters programme is a non-profit making organisation, which enables visitors to meet with local people who are friendly and enthusiastic about the area in which they live. Bookings need to be made 2 weeks prior to your visit. For further information visit www.thanet-greeters.org.uk or ask Visitor Information for a leaflet.

Thanet is the collective name for the resorts of Margate, Broadstairs, Ramsgate and villages.

Hotels and Campers:

Officials Hotel - Comfort Inn
Hotel, Ramsgate

Tel: 00 44 1843 592345

Fax: 00 44 1843 580157

Email:

reservations@comfortinnramsgate.co.uk

Harbour Hotel - The Kent
International Hotel, Ramsgate

Tel: 00 44 1843 588276

Fax: 00 44 1843 586866

Email:

reservations@kentinternationalhotel.co.uk

Campers - Campers and caravans can park within the designated harbour area at a cost of £100 for the duration of the event - electricity, showers and toilets will be provided.

Event Entry Information

Entry Closing Date

- The closing date for all entries to the championships is:

Monday 23rd June 2008

No entries will be accepted after this date.

Campers & Caravans

- To park in the designated harbour area a charge of £100 will be payable on arrival - there is no discount available for shorter stays.

- No boats are allowed within the camping area.

- **NB No dogs or other pets are allowed within the harbour complex.**

- No scooters, quadbikes, go-peds or mini motor bikes are allowed within the harbour complex.

Boats

- **Slipway** - there is no slipway. All boats will be craned into the water. Please have strops available with up to date certification.

- **Health & Safety** - as we are racing in the sea all boats must have anchors and flares to comply with health and safety legislation.

Fuel

- **Refueling** - any refuelling must be made via the marina fuelling facility or the boats **must** be taken away from the harbour to the nearest petrol station. The refuelling facility will have super

unleaded (98) - please notify us of any specific requirements you may have.

Fuel Cans

- **NB No fuel cans are to be used at all within the harbour complex or roads surrounding the complex.** Failure to observe this rule will lead to an immediate disqualification from the championships.

Further Information:

If you require any additional information or have a specific question please email:

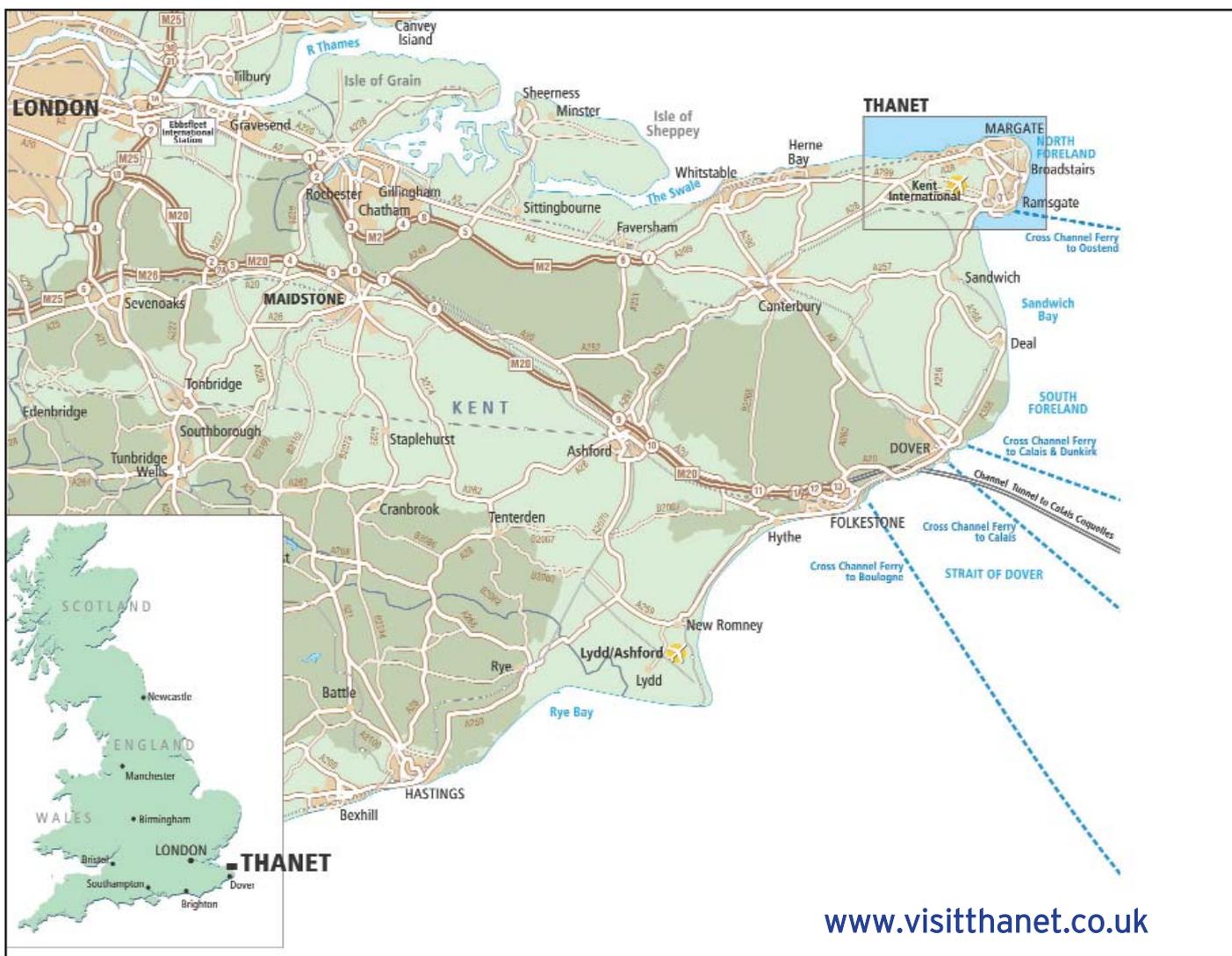
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Final Night Dinner:

Your Team Captain will be supplied with arrangements for the final night dinner.



Location Map



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