

CYGNET RC 40 YEARS 1965 - 2005 RG BENRATH

40 years on the beers!

As many of you may be aware 2005 marks the 40th anniversary of the relationship between Cygnet RC and RG Benrath, from Düsseldorf, Germany. Both clubs are keen to celebrate this and we are planning two days of events to commemorate the occasion.

For those that are unaware, here's how it happened. Three Cygnet members went to watch the European Championships in 1965 and were introduced to RG Benrath, where they were warmly received. Because of this relationship RG Benrath became the first German crew since WWII to compete in the Head of the River in 1970 boating from the CSSC boathouse. In 1980 Cygnet began rowing in the return fixture, the gruelling Rheinmarathon, joined in later years by Barnes Bridge Ladies.

All Cygnets and Barnes Bridge Ladies are invited to join the celebrations including the club day at Henley Royal Regatta, a joint clubs regatta and 'a bit of a do' at AK. See the full programme for details or visit the Cygnet website for more information and updates.

Commemorative T-shirts will be available sporting the logo above on the chest and the design below on the back. Contact Neil Pickford for details and to order a T-shirt. So best drinking trousers on then - Sprechen Sie Deutsch anyone?

Friday 1st and
Saturday 2nd July

PROGRAMME

Friday 1st July - All day

Club day at Henley Royal Regatta, as the guests of Peter and Pat Sly, including picnic lunch

Saturday 2nd July - Daytime

Joint Clubs Regatta featuring crews from Cygnet, Benrath and BBLRC in as many fiendish combinations as Mike's devious mind can muster.

Events will be run in fours and eights over 1000m to the usual regatta rules and procedures, with engraved pewter pots for the winners of each event.

The feature race will be Benrath Vets vs Cygnet Vets (and we do mean Vets!)

Saturday 2nd July - Evening

"A bit of a party" at Auriol Kensington RC, Hammersmith. This is a ticket-only event which includes a welcome drink, hot buffet, music and dancing. It will, of course, be preceded by a waddle from the club to AK. Tickets will be £30 per head but availability is limited.

Please contact Marjorie Israel or David French for more information and tickets.

Sunday 3rd July - All day

...and wind down.



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For all contact details please visit our website and click the 40th anniversary link