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PRESS NOTICE.

Ramsgate Water Carnival
8th July 1954.

This event will take place at the inner basin of Ramsgate Harbour on Thursday, 8th July, commencing at 6.30 p.m.

H.M.S. BEVINGTON (Lt. Commander Rupert Craven, R.N.) is visiting Ramsgate from the 5th to 12th July and will take part in the Carnival. The ship will be open to visitors from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on 10th and 11th July.

A copy of the Carnival Programme is attached.

Press passes will be supplied with pleasure on application.

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Directions for competitors and others taking part in all aquatic

GENERAL. The ship referred to in these notes is H.M.S. Bevington, moored centrally in the Inner Basin. A floating stage 20' x 12' will be moored alongside. Events numbered 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15 will take place in the area between the ship and the basin slipway; the remainder as specially indicated.

Dressing accommodation for Ramsgate Swimming Club members and Ricky Dare Act will be provided in tents erected on the Crosswall island; Ship's Company - own accommodation on ship; Members of decorated tableaux-Sailors Home.

Refreshments for competitors will be provided at any time during the evening on presentation of refreshment voucher at Mr Heard's Tea Kiosk adjoining Western end Car Park.

Passes will be issued to all competitors to allow free entry at barriers.

PROGRAMME DETAILS.

1. 6.30 - 7 p.m. HYDROPLANE RACING (Report to Mr J. Sanders)

Hydroplanes will assemble at Pit adjoining Fishmarket, under the supervision of Pit Steward (Mr R.V. Kent) and Junior Class entries be ready to arrive at starting point at 6.30 pm. Start & Finish - Winning Post on Floating Stage. Return to Pit on conclusion of race. 'A' Class competitors to be ready to leave Pit immediately on return of Juniors. All competitors to return to Pit on conclusion of race.

(Marker bouys; Winning Post; Judge; Starters; Float for Pit; Telephone; Step ladder; Pit.)

2. 7.0 - 7.15 p.m. THE MAYOR & MAYORESS, accompanied by Ramsgate Aqua Lovelies will leave the Inner Basin slipway and proceed to the ship where they will be piped aboard. Sea Cadet Piping Party to be ready on floating stage to receive Mayor's party immediately on conclusion of Hydroplane Racing (approx. 6.58 p.m.)

(Report to Mr Hackett).

(Mr Port's M/B to be ready at slipway at 6.55 p.m.)

3. 7.15 - 7.35 pm. PARADE OF DECORATED TABLEAUX (Report to Mr J. Robson)

All decorated tableaux to be assembled at Western End of Inner Basin opposite Sailors Home in the sequence as printed in official programme, viz: 1. Heinz; (2) Barnett (Pontoon); 3. Miss Marina (Pontoon); 4. ~~St. Lawrence~~ ^{St. Lawrence} Tavernmen's Guild ^{Sea Scouts} (Pontoon); 5. W.V.S. (Pontoon); 6. Arts Society (Pontoon); 7. A. Coy, Buffs (Pontoon); 8. Sea Cadets (Pontoon); 9. British Legion (Pontoon); 10. Sandwich Sailing Club (M/B). *x Revue 8/9.*

Competitors should be in their positions aboard tableaux by 7 pm. sharp and manoeuvre into position as indicated to be ready to start off at 7.15. Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, will be towed by member ship's company, dressed as pirate, in two-~~oared~~ wherry. No. 8 by cadet whaler. Procession will proceed in Easterly direction parallel with Military Road to Eastern end of Harbour, turn and then proceed to the immediate vicinity of ship. Await announcement of winners etc. and Ma yoress will proceed aboard Mr Port's M/B and present awards.

(Mr Vincent Prizes and advise commentator; Judges aboard ship).

(Mooring Mr Gisbey & Mr Cannon). (Key dressing room Mr Robson)

Seats will be provided for competitors on pontoons at mooring. Suitable music will be played by band during procession.

4. 7.35 - 7.45 pm. WATER HORSE DERBY (Report to Mr Busson)

Competitor^s (6) will leave crosswall island approx. 7.30. (advised by telephone) and proceed by ferry boat to moored starting ramp, where horses will be already moored in a position in arena. Starter will leave ship immediately on arrival of jockeys at starting gate. Await announcements under starter's orders - white flag is up. Race will be commenced by official starter (Gisbey) (Flag or starting gate). Jockeys racing will proceed in a ~~westwardly~~ ^{westwardly} direction to first bouy, turn and return to winning post. Winners will receive prizes (Mr Vincent) forthwith at floating stage. Horses to be made fast at side of stage (Gisbey).

5. 7.45 - 7.55 pm. DISPLAY OF SURF BOARD RIDING (Report to Mr Sanders)

Hydroplane with surf board will assemble at Pit or stage - Telephone start. Proceed on hydroplane course and return to Pit.

6. 7.55 - 8.10 pm. BREECHES BOUY RESCUE (Report Mr Verrion)
Lifeboat will enter inner harbour on midday tide and moor western end basin. Signal from ship - Verrey light (red), two maroons will be fired from East Pier. Lifeboat will circle harbour; take up position, fire a line and complete rescue etc. Three R.S.C. members dressed as crew will be aboard by 7.50 pm. (Verrey Light - ship; Maroons - East Pier; R.S.C. members)
7. 8.10 - 8.25 SEA CADET WHALER RACE (Report Lt. Cmdr. Goodbourn)
Whalers will be manned and ready at the western end Inner Basin prior to conclusion of Breeches Bouy Rescue. At telephone signal they will proceed slowly to starting point immediately opposite "Woodwren". Start by firing of gun and race in easterly direction to marker bouys eastern end harbour, turn and return to line of winning post on floating stage.
(Starter Lt. Cmdr. Goodbourn; Judge Lt. Cmdr. Craven)
Whalers will immediately return to stage to receive prizes.
8. 8.25 - 8.45 RICKY DARE (Report Mr Lee)
Mr Dare and his Lovelies will embark from middle island crosswall on Mr Port's M/B and proceed in circular course around ship to slipway - disembark and proceed to mobile tower fixed on Military Road. Mr Port's M/B will return then to crosswall on conclusion of performance.
(Band ?)
9. 8.45 - 9.0 pm. HYDROPLANE RACING HANDICAP (Report Mr Sanders)
Hydroplane will assemble at Pit. Handicap already arranged and passed forward to Commentator. Will leave Pit on telephone signal and proceed as in Item 1. On conclusion of race winners will pass floating stage to receive prizes.
(Handicap clock)
10. PILLOW FIGHTS ON GREASY POLE (Report Mr Busson)
Competitors will have proceeded to floating raft by greasy pole and be ready to commence performance, immediately on return of hydroplanes to Pit.
Two groups as arranged (4 per group). Elimination contest - pairs, semi-final, final. Finalists to return to floating stage to receive prizes. Remainder to ship.
(Ferry boat - ship; Pillows; Suggest red caps and white caps).
11. 9.10 pm. LUCKY NUMBER DRAW ON SHIP by Mayoress (Report Mr Vincent).
Announce winners - keep record of numbers.
(Drum)
12. 9.10 - 9.20 pm. MILLERS & SWEEPS (Report Mr Busson)
During lucky number draw old lady and gentleman on wherry will have proceeded to arena between ship and slipway - paddle or row up and down. Millers and Sweeps aboard rafts rear of ship will move off immediately on conclusion of draw announcement, one bow, one stern, to arena and commence operations. Policeman will run along Military Road from slipway, board wherry moored and proceed to arena.
(Millers clothes; Sweeps clothes; wherry; boatman; old lady and gentleman; Policeman; Fast raft; slow raft).
13. 9.20 - 9.40 pm. COMMUNITY SINGING (Report Mr Lee)
Collect Mr Caiger from middle island crosswall. Advise Miss Sylvia Welling.
(Ferry boat)
14. 9.40 - 9.45 ILLUMINATED WATER DISPLAY (Report)
Signal start - telephone.
15. 9.45. RICKY DARE DIVE INTO FLAMES.
Proceed as in item 8.
(Ferry boat; Mr Port's M/B; Petrol on water).
16. 9.45 pm. SWITCH ON ILLUMINATIONS (Mr Thorpe)
17. FIREWORKS DISPLAY
Start by Verrey Light from ship (Green)
