

CONISTON MEET – SPRING IN THE LAKES

April 20th to 22nd 2018

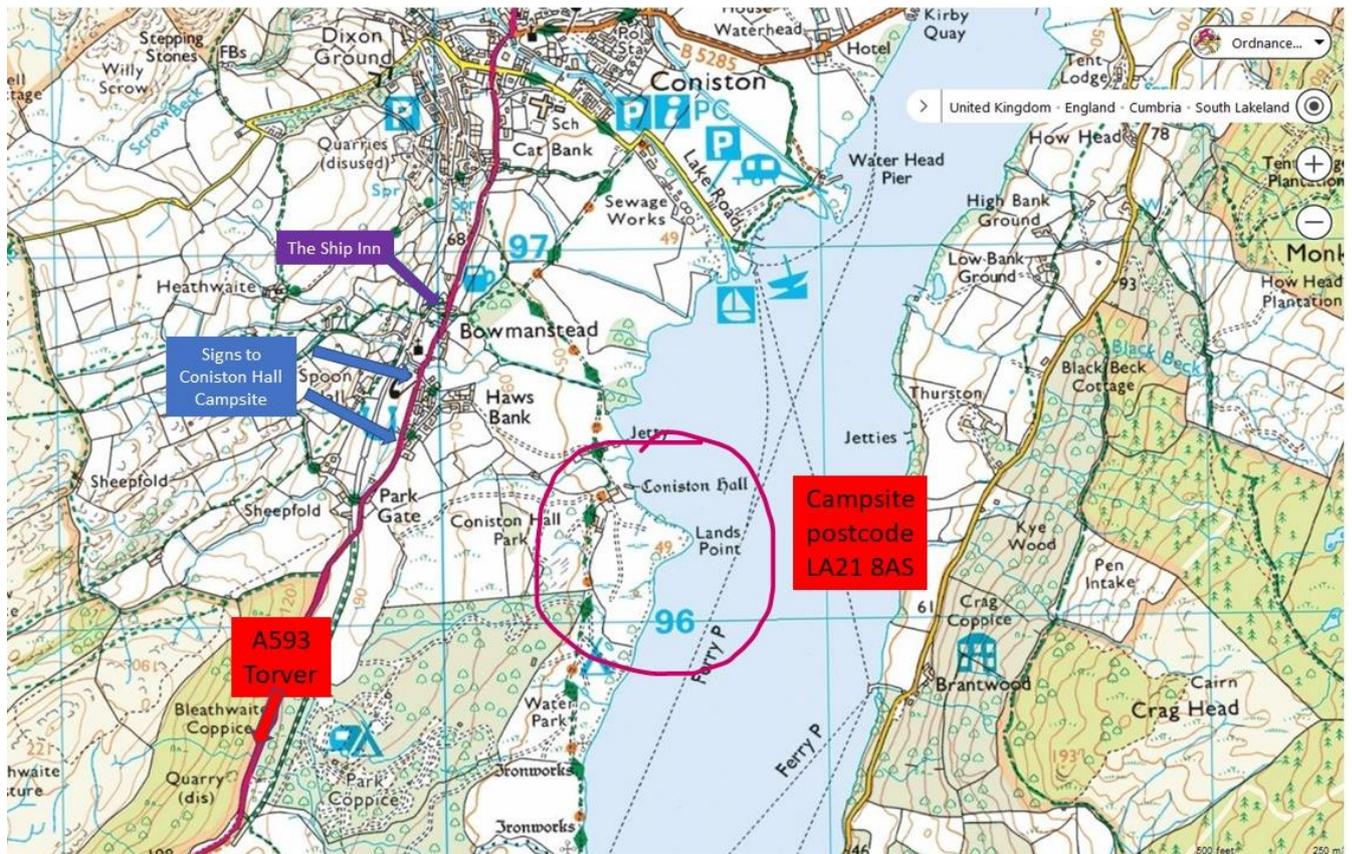


Please do join us for one of the first meetings of the season, held at Coniston Water in the beautiful Lake District National Park. It is a wonderful stretch of water with opportunities to visit Peel Island and Allan Tarn, known as 'Wild Cat Island' and 'Octopus Lagoon' in Arthur Ransome's *Swallows and Amazons*. Even more importantly, there are at least three cafés to visit, conveniently placed around the shore. As usual, arrival is from Friday lunchtime onwards, Saturday sailing will be free for cruising in groups and on Sunday morning there may be some friendly racing for anyone who is interested.

This is a joint meeting with the *Amateur Yacht Research Society* so I'm hoping that there will be some interesting craft for us to view. <https://www.ayrs.org/>

Campsite. At the winter social meeting there was a consensus that we should try the Coniston Hall campsite again, so I have booked in our group. It is a large site and there are no other groups currently booked in for our dates so we hope it will be peaceful. We should be able to cluster together near to the water and the launching area is excellent. We will put up some signs to indicate our group and Peter & Penny have kindly offered to let us use their group shelter.

As the campsite is still closed for the winter I can't give precise details but I understand that the camping fees are £9 per person per night, possibly a little less for campervans. Please pay the campsite directly on arrival yourselves. You will also need to pay a £10 deposit for a card key for the gate barrier, refundable when you return the card on departure. I have explained that our sailing activities extend through to Sunday afternoon so we will not be able to leave the site by their normal departure time of midday.



Group Meal. We will have a group meal at the Ship Inn on Saturday evening if you wish to join us. It is a short walk from the campsite, as shown on the map, and also has accommodation so may be of interest for those who don't wish to camp (Tel 01539 441224, <https://www.robinsonsbrewery.com/shipinconiston>). Please let me know if you would like to come to the Saturday meal so that I can give the landlady likely numbers. I will circulate a menu in advance so that provisional choices can be made as this will speed up the catering. Please pay for your own meal at the time, preferably with cash. It is a Robinson's pub so must be good!

If you need any further information at this stage please contact me via info@ocsg.org.uk Otherwise, just put it in your diary marked 'essential' and let me know that you will be coming.

Best wishes,

Peter Robinson, Organiser

Janice Timmins, Organiser

Nigel Timmins, Organiser and Safety Officer