

2008 QRA Margate Big Sky Beach Cross - 23rd & 24th February.

The first of two visits in 2008 to the Kent seaside resort of Margate and it's main beach is on the 23rd & 24th February and we intend it to be a fun weekend. The first event in February 2007 was a great success with over 12,000 spectators watching the Quad and Solo action on the beach over the weekend.

The event is FREE for spectators and the viewing could not be better as this is done from the promenade which sweeps around the beach in a horseshoe like shape and is several metres above the 2.5km race track which has jumps, turns and spectacular action producing undulations, suitable for any calibre of rider, we want everyone to enjoy it, riders and spectators alike.

Action will get under way at 10.00am each day with practice. On the Saturday there will be qualifying heats for the Quads to determine which group the competitors ride in for the weekend, Pro, Expert, Clubman – (A,B or C). The Solo's will be in one Open Class all weekend with internal class awards such as 125cc.

After the Quad qualifiers to determine which groups you ride in for the weekend, each Quad and Solo group will compete in three races. The points over the two days will determine each class winner. There will be a Grand Finale for the Quads where the top ten from each group race together making an exciting finale to the event on Sunday afternoon. The track will be graded on the Saturday evening and at any other time deemed necessary by race control.

The Margate RNLI crew, who at last years event raised over £200 in bike cleaning contributions will again be set up at the track exit to rinse machines off as they head back to the new 'work area'. The work area has been moved to the 'Clock Tower', close to the track and central to the event so that riders, supporters and crews are closer to the action.

Competitors' vehicle paddock parking area has also been moved. It is now in the fenced car park close to Dreamlands. Access for competitors from the vehicle area to the Work area will be at set times (detailed in final instructions and sent to pre entered competitors) with security and police escort. NO machines can move to or from paddock to work area outside of the allocated times for security and health and safety reasons.

There are many side stands and exhibitors along the promenade road, plus Fun Fair rides and catering. All this just a few metres away from the town – Old and New of Margate and its many shops, bars and restaurants etc.

To receive an entry form click on this link and email you name, postal address, contact phone number and confirm class; Quad/Solo. Thank you. tony@qrauk.com

Accommodation

we have compiled a list of some of the Hotels in the area with booking codes. Check out www.qrauk.com for updates;

Smiths Court Hotel	1 mile from paddock area.	
21 – 27 Eastern Esplanade, Cliftonville, Margate, Kent CT9 2HL.		
Tel: 01843 222310	www.smithscourt.co.uk	Reference Code; QRA1
Room rates are ; Single rooms @ £40 per room.	Standard Double rooms @ £55 pr.	
Executive Double rooms @ £90 pr.	Standard Twin rooms @ £55 pr.	
Executive Twin rooms @ £90 pr	Standard family room (1 Double 1 Single) @ 60 pr	
Family Suites (1 double and 1 Twin) @ £100 pr	Four Poster rooms @ £90 pr	
Continental Breakfast @ £4.50	Full English Breakfast @ £6.50	Combination @ £10.00

Walpole Bay Hotel and Museum

1.4 miles from paddock area

Fifth Avenue, Cliftonville, Kent CT9 2JJ. .

Telephone; 01843 221703. www.walpolebayhotel.co.uk Reference Code; QRA6. For 10% off tariff.
They have many room types from Standard Double to Four Poster and Family Rooms and Suites.

Premier Travel Inn,

0.3 miles from paddock.

Station Green, Marine Terrace, Margate, Kent CT9 5AF

Tel: 08701 977 182 www.premierinn.com

Current rate is £52 per night. Breakfast not included.

The Fayrency Hotel. Marine Drive, Kingsgate, Broadstairs, CT10 3LG

3.3 miles from paddock.

Tel; 01843 868641 www.fayrency.co.uk Reference code; Ask for Melissa,

QRA rate £75 for two with Breakfast.

Express By Holiday Inn.

5.5 miles out of town.

Kent International Airport – Minster. Tothill Street, Ramsgate in Thanet, Kent CT12 4UA.

Tel; 0844 980 8705 www.hiexpress.com Reference code; QUADMIN01.

Double/ Twin. £64.95 per room per night inclusive of VAT and Continental Breakfast

Other Hotels, B&B's Guest Houses etc in the Thanet area (Broadstairs, Ramsgate, Cliftonville, Margate) can be found on the website links.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU KEEP ALL YOUR POSSESSIONS SAFE AND SECURE.