

Waldringfield Sailing Club Newsletter



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The Rearward View

Racing at Waldringfield has now been under way for over two months – pecking orders in various fleets are being established and much good sailing has been had by those taking part – the Wednesday night series are now being well supported, as well as the racing at weekends. Yachts are appearing on their moorings after their winter re-fits, and the anchorage is filling up. Your editor regrets that as yet he has not been seen sailing on the river, as he knows what fun he has been missing – hopefully readers of the newsletter will have been better able to avail themselves of the facilities both on and off the water.

For those of you who are not regular racers please remember that meals from the galley, and the bar, are available for all members at the Club on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer, as well as at planned social events. Mike and Jenny are continuing their outstanding catering, as enjoyed by many members last year. If you are not racing on a Wednesday please arrive a little earlier if possible – around 1900 to 1930 hours – to allow the sailors less queuing when they come back ashore, and to make life easier for the galley.

Talking of the Clubhouse members will find that the main room has had soundproofing tiles installed on the ceiling and the lighting upgraded – the rumour that this is to silence or enlighten the discussions on the pontoon proposal is entirely unfounded. Nor is the Greek night in June meant to be a forum for this debate, as we will need all the plates we can find for the social events at the Regatta weekend. On a serious note, the Commodore has written about the pontoon proposal and if you have not already done so you are urged to make your views known to a Flag Officer, whether you are in favour of such an idea or against it.

Soon it will be time for the Regatta which is scheduled this year for 24 – 26 July. You will find more details in this newsletter, but do come along to enjoy the fun both on and off the water. There will be plenty for everyone at this our major weekend of the year.

Having recently read about the first official British astronaut I am reminded that Waldringfield got there first – a church service conducted from Mars last year (of course I am referring to the 2008 Yachtsman's Service conducted from the Commodore's vessel). And where else in the UK could you find Jesus tied to two posts, as when I saw the vicar's boat on the scrubbing posts last year? Let's hope our prayers for good weather for the Regatta are answered.

Hope to see you at the Club.

William Sudell Rear Commodore



Chris & Cathy Fish winning the Navigation Race & the Jubilee EIIR Trophy in April

Greek Evening Saturday 20th June

Come and join in the fun at the social event on 20th June – **a Greek Evening.**

Mike and Jenny – how do they do it? It's all Greek to me. Luckily they have the Midas touch and they will be preparing a Hellenically inspired repast of classical quality. Come and toast Dionysus and have an evening of Olympian fun and feasting.

Tickets will be available from the galley, or contact Margaret Lake to book your place.

500 Club

February – Peter Willard – No. 46
March – Geoff Sinton - No. 163
April – Rani Pert – 140

Interested in finding out more? £12.00 per number to be included in 12 monthly draws. You can have as many numbers as you like please send a cheque, made out to WSC 500 Club, to Norman Glen 12 Windermere Close, Ipswich IP3 0RU Any questions? then ring Norman on 01473 720744

Welcome to New Members

Nick & Amanda Deacon, with Isabel & Jasmine, are returning members

Jeremy, Lynn & Sam Mead, have a yacht locally but also want Sam to hopefully do some Cadet sailing

Tony & Yvette Geary with Nathan & Leah they are part of a keen sailing family, newly moved to the area and will be soon out racing their Wayfarer

James Tomlinson. (Individual) James has a Sadler 32 and has sailed on the Deben for many years

Simon Abley (Individual) experienced Yacht sailor with a Pandora

Mike Gilson has rejoined after some years, but this time with a Laser

Gavin Martin has a small yacht with which he is looking forward to exploring the Deben

Allison & Matthew Pilbeam with Sam and Eloise. They have Dayboat. Sam is a Cadet crew in the Zone Squad though with another club. Allison has sailed since she was young and is very pleased to be back on the Deben

Ben & Emily Deacon – Ben is another returning member but now going to race a Squib.

Mike & Jan Crisp: done lots of yacht sailing, but always as crew. Mike has now bought his own boat so has the chance to be skipper.

Nick Falconer (Individual) who is available as a crew

Toby Tracey – keen sailor joining with a Laser

Hugh & Christiane Cullum (joint) – Hugh owns & sails a Hunter Europa “a Squib with a lid”

Jonathon & Clare Simper with Harry & Sara. Harry is keen to join in racing with his Laser Radial

Kieron Barnes (Individual) Kieron has been a member most of his life until fairly recently. Although he has a Laser, he is a very good Wayfarer crew

Flora Winter (Individual) Flora has the loan of a Laser but is also experienced as a yacht crew

Richard Gray: (Individual) who is a Hut owner

Tim & Simone Pringle with Harriet & Jasmine. They have just moved to the village and Jasmine sails a Laser Radial

Julian & Rebecca Rains with Alice & Lucy – is an experienced dinghy & yacht sailor but at present has bought a mirror to introduce his daughters to sailing

Births

Twins Alexandria and Jonathan Styles were born on 24th January 2009 to Jeremy and Clare (nee La Forge) Styles. After an earlier start to life than scheduled they are doing very well.

confirming some dates for 2009

The Yacht AGM & Meal is on 10th October not the 18th as in the Social Calendar
The Laying Up Supper in on Saturday 5th December not the 6th as in the Social Calendar and
the last Wednesday evening meal will be on 19th October? not the 25th October

How well do you know your club (Answers)

1. Who makes sure that there are always toilet rolls in place? *Ray the Cleaner*
2. Who takes the rubbish away? *John Smith*
3. Who organises the OOD rota? *A team including Mike Oldroyd, Cathy Fish, John Smith, Margaret Lake, Gwen Glen & others spend a whole day doing all the rotas (but sadly without a crystal ball)*
4. Who audits the accounts? *John Chaplin*
5. Who pays the council tax? (is there any?) yes there is and *Geoffrey Bell-Jones does, along with all the other bills*
6. Who cleans the slipway? *Robert Lake*
7. Who collects up the mugs left around – *Mike & Jenny Tuckwood and you if you are the volunteer on duty in the Galley (so think when you leave all your crockery outside)*
8. Who refuels the safety boats? *John Smith & Lance Cooper*
9. Who mends that things that get broken – *whoever we can get to mend things, but overseeing it all and often doing it is Terry Watson & Colin Johnson, who also replaces things, mends things, and unblock things in their own time and without whom the Club would be lost.*
10. Who set up the wireless network? *Matthew Jones & Colin Jacobs, Richard Smithson, Howard Ryan*
11. Who organises/does the cleaning? *Rear Commodore William Sudell organises & Ray the cleaner does*
12. Who gets the Beer etc., down to the Club – *collectively the Lake family as well as all the other Bar Stock*
13. Who edits the newsletter? – *Rear Commodore William Sudell edits & Lesley Sharman sets it up for printing, Margaret & Gwen Glen photocopy it and with help from Ricky East and some people from one of the classes, stuffs it into envelopes.*

WSC Regatta 2009

A reminder for members that this is scheduled for Friday 24th July – Sunday 26th July, and will be followed immediately by the Dragonfly and Shrimper Week (this year being the 60th Anniversary of the Dragonfly Class).

The Regatta starts on Friday afternoon – The Birketts Trophy will start at 1500 hours, followed by a points race. Sailing on Saturday starts in the early afternoon when there will be 2 points races scheduled, and there will be a further 2 points races on the Sunday. There is no entry fee for the sailing for Club members.

The galley will be open all weekend for lunch and tea, and breakfast on Saturday and

Sunday. On both Friday and Saturday evenings there will be a supper and accompanying band. On Saturday there will be the usual Sandcastle competition and Shore Events, including a Fancy Dress competition, and on Sunday morning a crabbing competition.

The weekend rounds off with prize-giving on Sunday afternoon, followed by the Yachtsmen's Service at 1830 hours.

Do come and enjoy the fun – watch the notice boards for further details prior to the weekend (NB Although the above is how the weekend is planned please be advised that there may be some changes to the final programme).

Results

Spring 1.

Cadets 1st Charlotte Hayward/Willow Bland, 2nd Emma White/Suzie Gosling, 3rd Charlie Linsell/Angus Stone.

Larks 1st Stephen & Chris Videlo, 2nd Alan Krailing/Edd McArdle, 3rd Harry Pynn/Tim Linsell

Laser 1st Richard Woolf, 2nd Tom Chippendale, 3rd Mark Hodge

Wayfarer: 1st Neil Collingridge/Anne Spalding, 2nd Mike & Rani Pert, 3rd Colin & Martin Johnson

Trophy Races.

Jubilee EIRR Trophy 1st Chris & Cathy Fish 2nd Harry Pynn/Tim Linsell 3rd Steven & Chris Videlo

Navigation Race 1st Chris & Cathy Fish, 2nd Harry Pynn/Helen Krailing 3rd Colin & Martin Johnson

Cadet Navigation Race: 1st Emma & Lulu Knott, 2nd Annie Knott/ Sammy Jones 3rd Charlie Linsell/Angus Stone

Coronation Cup 1st Robert Deaves (Finn) 2nd Geoff & Hannah Mayhew 3rd Alan Krailing/Edd McArdle

Wayfarer Eastern Area Championships

1st Mike & Rani Pert (WSC), 2nd Gordon Harris/Simon Howlett (WSC), 3rd John Haile/Paul Johnson(WSC)

Lark Open at Rock

1st Alan & Helen Krailing, (Waldringfield) 2nd Emma Harris & Joe Hunt (Waldringfield) 3rd Dougal Scott & Sophie Mackley (Rock)

Training School 2009

Waldringfield Sailing Club is fortunate in being recognised by the RYA as a recognised training establishment to run all types of RYA courses. I have taken over the running of the Training School from Cathy Fish since February 2009. This article is aimed at updating members of the opportunities that will be available during the coming year and beyond.

2009 Programme

By the time you read this, a published programme will be on the training notice board situated to the left of the galley serving hatch. As is the nature of planning courses some will not be confirmed at the time of publication, but the programme will be updated on a monthly basis – so please keep looking.

Some courses will already be full. This is because at the beginning of the year some members will have filled in the training requirements section of their renewal form. These requests are diligently collated by Margaret and forwarded to me. It is only fair that those people take priority, however it is likely that last minute cancellations and vacancies occur so please ensure that, if you wish to take part in a course, please email me at gunfleet@aol.com Your details will then be held on a waiting list for the next course.

All courses run are all to RYA requirements and successful completion will result in an RYA recognised certificate of competence. Courses fall into 3 main groups.

Dinghy Sailing Courses

These courses cover all aspects of learning to sail from the complete novice to people who wish to improve their sailings

skills. They are tailored to adults and children.

The former begin with level 1 and 2 basic skills and graduate on to advanced courses that cover seamanship, racing and spinnakers.

The latter have 4 basic skill levels before similar advanced modules.

Power Boat Courses

These courses cover all aspects of Power Boats and Safety Rescue boats. They are an absolute requirement for any member to drive a WSC powerboat. The school runs courses as detailed below:

Powerboat level 2 – The course aims to teach and assess all aspects of everyday powerboat handling from towing and manoeuvring to anchoring and handling. It has a theory base as well as a practical session.

Safety Boat Course – As the name implies this course deals with all aspects of safety and rescue as well as advanced boat handling skills.

Offshore shore-based Courses

These courses cover aspects of sailing often associated with bigger yachts and offshore craft. They include:

First Aid
VHF/GMDSS communications
Diesel Engine Maintenance

Cost of Courses

Although the Training School is a service to members it has to make a charge for the courses that are run, however these charges are always well below those made by a commercial sailing school for an equivalent course. These charges may vary considerably dependent on a number of factors:

For some courses the school will need to pay for an instructor(s) to deliver the syllabus.

Certificates and books have to be purchased from the RYA.

Wear and Tear on club boats and equipment.

Petrol and Diesel for the boats.

Grants available from the RYA to promote particular skills e.g. Youth Sailing

It is the objective of the school that its charges are transparent and that the money received covers its costs including the depreciation of its assets, any surpluses are used to buy new equipment or to subsidise future specialist training for the benefit of Waldringfield Sailing Club and its members.

Future Courses

It is my aim to offer any RYA course where there is sufficient demand to cover costs. Possibilities include shore-based courses in the winter for Competent Crew/Day Skipper or Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster. Other possibilities are a Radar course and the International Certificate of Competence (ICC), the latter required by some European countries for visiting yacht skippers.

Club Training Boats

The club owns 3 Wayfarer dinghies as well as a Lark and a Cadet. If any one wishes to use the 3 Wayfarers (2 are equipped with spinnakers) then please contact me with regard to availability and current status. No charge is made for the loan although contributions to their upkeep are welcomed. The Lark and the Cadet should be booked through the respective class captains.

And finally.....

Congratulations to Ed Harrison on gaining his RYA Senior Instructor Award last month. Senior Instructors are an absolute necessity to running RYA Courses and to now have several 'home grown' SI's is a great benefit to Waldringfield Sailing Club.

Also a massive thank you to Roger Challis who has overhauled, varnished, painted and serviced the 3 Wayfarers 'Lambton Worm', 'Pebbles' and 'India Jade' and trailed them back to the club ready for use, and to Richard Hayward for storing them safely under cover at Old School Farm during the winter.

Graham Harrison

Project Kraken

This is a Crime and Counter Terrorist Strategy with the aims to enhance awareness and share information. What do these words mean. Quite simply the Police are asking all waterside communities such as Sailing Clubs or those living near to the river or coast to be involved and report any unusual behaviour such as people disembarking at night, or cars near to unusual landing places particularly at night. You can register for Kraken, or Police Direct or Marine Watch. All these projects will work together to try and put bits of information together. Now you may think that Terrorism is a far cry from the loveliness of the Deben but a direct spin-off from extra vigilance is that ordinary crime is reduced. Having already been run in Hampshire for 2 years this scheme has proved its worth. Ways to contact the scheme are 01473 613500 quoting project kraken or via email projectkraken@suffolk.pnn.police.uk or of course in an emergency 999. A well-used cliché, but that small piece of information passed to them may well be the missing piece of a much larger jigsaw.

Pontoon Update

I hope most of you will have seen the new plans for a proposed pontoon on the notice board inside the club, listing reasons for and against.

The new position was discussed and debated at the recent Sailing Committee meeting when Class Captains were asked to express thoughts reflecting the views of their class members. Other members of sail com were also asked for their views and voted accordingly.

A vote was duly taken resulting in 8 in favour, 4 against, with 2 abstentions.

The Commodore and Vice Commodore decided not to vote. The OK class were not represented but have sent an email saying they were against.

At the May General Committee this result was reported to them resulting in a general discussion about the pontoon, and it has been decided by Gen Com, in view of the correspondence for and against, the sail com vote and the sensitivity of this issue, to again refer the matter back to the Pontoon Committee for further consideration to explore a possible alternative site.

*Tony Carter
Commodore*

Dragonflies sailing down river from Woodbridge



Picture: Richard Smithson