

Waldringfield Sailing Club Newsletter



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A lot has been happening.....

It won't be all that long now before we are back on the water, but as I write this, the weather is not conducive to sailing. I take my hat off to those brave souls who take themselves off to Alton Water to sail through the winter.

The season kicks off with the first of three working parties on Saturday 20 February (the word "working" being more important than the word "party"!), and sailing starts on Saturday March 13. Hopefully the weather will be a tad warmer by then.

There is lots of training scheduled for March and April as you will see in the calendar. Make sure you take advantage of that.

The Easter Egg meeting is on 3 and 4 April and will follow the usual format of racing on Saturday and Sunday.

The refurbishment of the galley is well under way, and lots of people are keeping their fingers and toes crossed that the "new" galley will be functional for the Easter meeting. There is a report elsewhere in this Newsletter.

You will notice that the pub car park has become "pay and display". This is likely to increase the pressure on our car park, so please remember to lower the barrier when you come in deter non-members from using our parking. Discussions are afoot about possibly providing some form of locking using a swipe card or a combination lock.

Progress continues, albeit slowly on the pontoon proposal. Approval is being sought from various interested bodies, in advance of a formal submission to the Fairway Committee.

The Social programme is enclosed with this Newsletter; something for everybody we hope.

All that remains is to make sure that our boats are ready for launch day, whenever that may be for you.

David Copp Rear Commodore

Dip and Nip



The Boxing Day 'Dip and Nip' in aid of CLIC Sargent Charity for Sick Children.

Ten swimmers braved the water, whilst about 30 spectators lined the beach to observe.

About £3,000 was raised for this worthwhile charity and the swimmers were rewarded with a nip of whisky.

Welcome to New Members

Lorna & Jim Ramsay are familiar visitors to the Club and now have decided to join and do their dinghy cruising at Waldringfield

Guy Ormiston is looking forward to pitting his wits against the Squib fleet, with his friend Cowan Jamieson

Leigh Belcham who sailed Dragonflies as a boy at Waldringfield and is now back for more sailing of Dragonflies with John Palmer

Alyson Chilvers, who is new to sailing and hopes to build up her dinghy sailing experience

Births

Sophia Ellen Scurrall, born 17th December and weighed in at 7 lbs 7 oz, a second daughter for Lou and Dan Scurrall & granddaughter for Peter

James Thomas Deaves Born at 9.20 – Sunday 31st January 2010 – a son for Robert and Hannah Deaves Weighing 9lbs 1oz.

500 Club

Do you want the chance each month to win £25 or £50 in the March draw like these members did?
But you do need to be in it, to win it!!

December: Will Sudell– No.58
January: Peter Willard– No.47

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

The more participants the bigger the prize fund

It's Dinghy Show time soon!

RYA Dinghy Show
(Alexandra Palace) 6-7
March

Help Needed

We need a willing person to take over from Doreen Oldroyd the task of sending out reminders to members about OOD and Safety boat duty.

This involves sending out a batch of postcards each week.

This not a particularly onerous duty, but does require regular activity. If you think you might be able to take this on from Doreen, please have a word with Margaret or one of the Flag Officers. It would be much appreciated as the sending out of the cards is an important component in ensuring that the volunteer duties are all manned.

Doreen has done this job for several years and deserves a rest. Thankyou Doreen for all you have done.

OK World Championships

Well done to Jonathan Fish for coming in 30th at the OK World Championships held in New Zealand. 71 boats competed and they had to contend with light wind ironically in Windy Wellington. But what an experience

Email

The club is most anxious to be able to use email to communicate with the whole membership.

Email has two major advantages. Saving postage cost is one of these advantages, but this is not as important as time saving for the Secretary.

Margaret longs for the day when she will no longer have to stuff pieces of paper into 400 envelopes and take them to the club for some members to collect, then take the uncollected envelopes back and on to the Post Office.

We will also be doing our bit for the environment; less paper will be used.

There is another little advantage: You will be able to receive your Newsletters in colour! No more grainy black and white photos.

So – you will (assuming we have your email address) receive the next mailing by post and email. This will contain the next Newsletter, the Accounts (which need to be circulated to the membership by 31st May), details of the Regatta programme and upcoming social events.

If you receive the email newsletter at the correct email address, everything is fine, and you will continue to receive information from the

club at that address. Don't forget though that if you change your email address, you will need to tell Margaret and give her the new address.

If you receive the mailed newsletter, but not the emailed copy, then we don't have your email address. Please first check your spam/junk mail box, and if it is not there either, then send an email to Margaret (mgtlake@aol.com) to give her your address for future mailings. If there is more than one email address used within your family, send Margaret all of them.

If you do not have email, this might be your trigger to start. However if you prefer to remain as a non-email member, it would help if you could tell Margaret so you go on the (hopefully short) list of people who are to receive mailings in the traditional paper form. Margaret presently has a list of just 15 names in this category.

In the future, it is planned that all mailings will be uploaded to a page on the club website, and the email you will receive will contain a clickable link which will take you straight to the relevant page on the website. This should avoid problems with people being unable to open files in certain formats.

Duties

You will have the various rotas in this mailing. The club survives on the members volunteering their services for Race management, for safety boat duties, helping in the Galley and for manning the bar. If you have volunteered to do a duty, please do put the allotted dates in your diary NOW.

If you can see already that you will be unable to do a duty on an allotted date, see if you can do a swap now for a date which suits you better.

To do this just choose a person with a similar duty to the one you have been given, on a date you can do, and use the telephone list enclosed.

WSC Bar

The bar committee for this year consists of Will Green, Colin Jacobs, Derek Jacobs, Kevin Runnacles and Margaret Lake. Please give them your support. The rota for bar duty is enclosed with this mailing. Please put your duty date in your diary right away!

Mick Lake is retiring from the Bar Committee after having given many years of tireless energy to keeping the beer in good condition and the bar well supplied.

Many thanks Mick, and we are sure that you will still be supporting the bar (not literally that is, but keeping a kindly eye from the other side of the bar).

Calendar Girls or Boys!

Is anyone interested in taking over the production of the club calendar...? Please contact Margaret Lake or a flag officer

Lost Trophy



The Mossman Trophy is missing. We were not able to present it in 2009 or possibly 2008 to the winner of the Cadet Class Personal Handicap.

Have you seen it? Do you know who might have it? It should be marked with an identifying code of C.9. Any information greatly received.

The Inscription reads: The Cadet Trophy presented by Mr and Mrs F.W.Mossman

Trailers in the Car park

There are a number of road trailers or trolleys in the car which have been there all winter. These will all be removed before the start of the season (13th March) except

the one that has been identified to me. Some are obviously dumped, some maybe dumped, one or two look quite good. Road Trailers can only be left in the carpark during the sailing season for a week or two **if they are identified.**

Synergy Marine Press Release

Synergy Marine are pleased to announce the opening of a new dinghy repair specialist in East Anglia.

Synergy Marine is run by Lark sailor and former Class Chairman, Simon Cox.

Synergy Marine provides repair services to all classes of dinghy from Optimists to International 14s. As well as boat repairs they also provide foils, refits, refurbishments, painting, varnishing and custom projects.

Synergy Marine's workshop is based at Martlesham Heath Business Park, near Ipswich. They are within easy reach of the A14/A12, conveniently situated for customers across East Anglia and beyond. They also offer a collection and delivery service on request.

As a winter special offer they are providing a boat valeting service to ensure that your

dinghy is in tip-top shape for the new racing season. Customers are already taking advantage of this special offer so why not contact them today for further details.

Synergy Marine can be contacted by telephone on 01473 809298, alternatively visit their website, www.synergymarine.co.uk for further details or to request an online quotation.

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