

Waldringfield Sailing Club May 2011 Newsletter

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Photo: Alexis Smith

Sparkling Sailing!

I am glad not to have been OOD for the Easter Egg meeting. Races scheduled for 11 am had to be postponed – and postponed – and postponed. Then there was talk of possibly having to abandon for the day. Thankfully (and the Patricks Wilton and Gifford must have breathed huge sighs of relief) the wind did fill in and it was possible to sail two shortish races both afternoons. What a turnout we had though! 92 boats on the water and brilliant sunshine as you will see from Alexis Smith's photographs here.

Speaking of which, we do have some great photographers in the Club. Juliet Dearlove was on hand with her camera for the very windy races on 30 April and she got some classic shots some of which are printed here. She said that there was just too much spray when I planed past her camera lens, so your Rear Commodore does not feature this time! Of course Chris Baker has taken hundreds of lovely pictures (I remember walls full of photographs at the end of each day during Deben Week). Bob Whitehouse also wields a mean camera and I am sure that there are others. Richard Smithson uses many of those pictures for the headline bar on the Club website, and if you haven't checked out the photo wall in the Mossman Room, you should do so.

I attended the annual Waldringfield Village Parish meeting in April and presented a report from WSC which was well received. It is important to keep a friendly dialogue going. Do remember to be courteous and considerate when we are in the village or driving through the village.

You may have noticed that the steps down to the beach, having been modified once, have now been re-modified. This is because we omitted to leave enough space for the owners of the hut immediately at the foot of the steps to bring boats into and out of their plot. Hopefully we have got it right now.

On a domestic note, with the weather so brilliant, we all take our tea and cakes etc to eat outside, but please do remember to return plates and mugs to the galley and clear up any wrappers etc. Those of us who are regular racing sailors are so grateful to those who voluntarily spend time on the galley or on rescue/support boats while we race, so we all say thank you very much to all the galley and rescue volunteers.

And we have the Regatta to look forward to (July 8,9,10); the East Coast 50 collaboration with DYC (June 4) and as usual a full summer programme.

David Copp
Rear Commodore



Photo: Alexis Smith

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A message from the Hon. Sec.

Trailers without boats are not to be left in the car park. We have negotiated with Waldringfield Boatyard that trailers can be stored for the summer in the Boatyard's locked compound behind the car park. There is a fee of £20 and Margaret will organise this if you speak to her. But if you don't speak to her to make the necessary arrangements, she will get cross, and we don't want that do we? You may find your trailer impounded, especially if it has no name on it and we can't tell who it belongs to.

You have been warned!

Regatta, Regatta, Regatta



Yes, the Regatta will be coming up soon, and this is the last Newsletter you will receive before the event on July 9, 10, 11.

There will be food, drink and music on both the Friday and Saturday nights, and tickets will be on sale very soon. Make sure you get yours as we have been oversubscribed in the past. Camping will be possible in the car park (beyond the trees); we have the Birketts Trophy race on the Friday evening and of course the shore events on Saturday morning. And the sun will shine all the time, won't it!

The themes for the Fancy Dress will be found at the end of this Newsletter - or maybe in the middle. You will just have to hunt for them!

Pimms Party

Yes, the Yacht Class are holding their annual Pimms Party again. The date is 10 June. The time is 18.30 and the venue is the Mossman Room. Pimms and sundry other refreshments will be served. Those who know the form will know the form. For those of you who haven't been before, get there or be square!

Tickets £10 from John & Gillian Shambrook (01508 492672), John & Jenny Chaplin (01223 350707) or from Margaret Lake.

The big question is: Does Pimms/Pimm's have an apostrophe or not? Perhaps you will have to come to find out.

500 Club winners

February	Dennis Gooch No. 167	£25
March	Peter Starling No. 83	£25
April	Tony Howard No.7	£25

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 for £1 each per month. 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 or speak to him or Gwen at the Club

News of Members

Births:

Hugo Matthew Fish was born 18th February 2011, a son for Iza & Jonathan

Charlotte Adams was born 28th February 2011, a daughter for Suzanne & Richard from the Laser Class

George Hendrik Peter Cox was born 26th April 2011, a son for Sara & Simon Cox. A new Lark Crew?

Marriages: Chris Fish and Helena Fitch 16th April 2011

Deaths: Robert Croydon died April 2011. He is a former Squib sailor with the Club

Welcome to New Members

Sue & Mark Chatterton with Harry & Faye. Harry is crewing in a Cadet & Faye is keen to join in

Blake Lee-Harwood & Rachel Savage with Jake & Imogen – Blake has a Coribee and a GP14

Richard & Melanie Gibson - Richard had done lots of racing but is now trying out a Laser

David & Linda Cannell. David is an ex-Dragon racer but has now joined the Squib fleet

Seb & Jayne Smith with Zach, Sadie & Fynn Seb has come back to sailing and hopes to join the Wayfarer fleet out racing whilst Zach & Sadie aim to join the Cadets.

The Larks

The following report appeared on the Yachts and Yachting website:



Photo: Alexis Smith

Waldringfield Sailing and Eggie Bap Club Easter Egg Regatta for Larks

It was never going to be howling at the Waldringfield Easter Egg. The high pressure that had dominated the week leading up to the event was still stuck firmly over the river with the only hope of any racing resting on the appearance of a sea breeze. Actually, it was just as well that the wind gods decided not to play ball until the afternoon as the water gods had sucked all their stuff out of the river, only letting it flow back in during the afternoon by which time, a decent force 1 to 2, had appeared and racing could commence.

Unusually for the bit of river stretching up to Galleons Hard, it seemed to pay to be in the middle and left of the oncoming flood taking advantage of a lefty puff coming off the bank on that side. Under normal circumstances, the right bank would pay, but those that went the “right” way, soon found it was very much the wrong way and those that gambled against the tide were the winners. Both races on the Saturday were held on the same course, excellently set by Patrick Wilton, who managed to keep the six fleets apart, despite being limited by the amount of water, certainly in the first of the two races.

Emma Harris/Pete Gray were overnight leaders with two 1st s, from Harry Pynn/Adam Owens in 2nd with two 3rds. Other players were Steve Dunn/Edd McArdle who were 2nd in Race 1 and Matt Stearn/Karen Jewkes who were 2nd in Race 2.

Easter Sunday, from a tide and wind point of view, was pretty much a re-run of Saturday. It was hot, hot, hot and the sea breeze duly kicked in with a little more than the day before and perfectly timed as lunch in the galley came to an end. Racing was held in the same general area as the day before, but on a much smaller course. It was fenders out at the ready – there really wasn't enough room for all the fleets to keep apart and a certain amount of chaos

ensued. The Larks got the inevitable general recall on a very short start line and had to wait for all the other fleets to start before trying again, by which time there were Lasers, OKs and Cadets all racing through the starting area... Harris/Gray managed to round in first, but were quickly overhauled by Pynn/Owens who led to the finish.

Three races were scheduled for Sunday, so the fourth race was about to be interesting as the fleet didn't know if the final race would be sailed and, therefore, whether the discard would kick in. On the slightly extended course, both Pynn/Owens and Harris/Gray had bad first beats and were fighting mid fleet to gain some places back – position in the fleet was reasonably immaterial, but position relative to each other was vital for overall victory. Pynn/Owens managed to finish 6th and get one boat between them and Harris/Gray, but it wasn't enough to snatch victory if another race wasn't sailed. Meanwhile, Henry Mills and Ollie Jones were flying at the head of the fleet, hotly pursued by Rachael Rhodes /Jane Alexander, Fiona Gray/Aaron Wolf and Nigel Scott/Harri Condie, all having fantastic races!

In the end, the PRO, Patrick Gifford, decided not to start the final race. It was long past Egg Bap O'clock by then and the galley were getting itchy feet, wondering if they were going to be left with a lorry load of egg mayonnaise at the end of the day. Emma Harris and guest crew, Pete Gray, had swiped victory, with reigning National Champion, Harry Pynn with his new crew, Adam Owens in 2nd by 13 points over 3rd place.

26 Larks entered, of which five were Lark National Champions, most sailing with new crews for the season. Three out of the top five sported female helms. Interestingly, the winning boat was 20 years old, whilst the 2nd overall boat was new last year, proving that you can still own an old Lark and be competitive.

Overall Results and Easter Egg Winners:

- 1st Emma Harris and Peter Gray, 12pts
- 2nd Harry Pynn and Adam Owens, 13pts
- 3rd Rachael Rhodes and Jane Alexander, 26pts
- 4th Ian and Alyson Videlo, 26pts
- 5th Fiona Gray and Aaron Wolf, 27pts

The Lasers

. . . . and this from the Lasers . . .

The picturesque estuary setting of Waldringfield SC is a beautiful sight even on the worst of days, but when 97 boats take to the water for a weekend of racing in glorious sunshine and a welcome sea breeze, then it becomes truly spectacular!

With 27 entrants, the Lasers provided the largest fleet, but only just ahead of the Larks with 26! With negligible gradient breeze, the scheduled morning race on both days was lost, but there are worse ways to spend a couple of hours than sitting in the sunshine, chatting, eating, and taking in the view! Fortunately on both days, right on cue at around 1 o'clock, a sea breeze kicked in, enabling the race team to run two races each afternoon, down-river between the island and Galleons. However, with an abridged programme the discard was lost and, with all 4 races to count, consistency was going to be important!

The first day was the lighter breeze, and the long beat against the tide proved to be tactically challenging. Ben Stone made the best decisions, and finished the day ahead with a 1st and a 2nd, but the Videlo brothers, sailing the two oldest boats in the fleet, were also right in the mix, Chris with a 2nd and a 3rd and Stephen with a 1st and a 5th, with David Copp also

revelling in these conditions with a 3rd and a 4th. On Sunday afternoon the sea breeze was stronger, and with 97 boats crossing at the centre of a figure of eight course it was also much more congested, with good "traffic management" being essential! Ben slipped up in the first race, scoring a 6th, whilst the Videlos maintained their good form in 1st and 2nd, so going into the final race it was a 3-way battle to secure the biggest Easter Egg! In the event, Chris Videlo had a shocker, whilst Ben regained his composure to win the race and the event.

The overall results provided a clear demonstration of the speed and skill of some of the younger members of the Waldringfield Laser fleet, with the top-4 all being under 25, whilst yours truly upheld the honour of the older . . . ahem, let's just say "over 25s", just sneaking into the chocolates in 5th place, and the best placed visitor being Graham Ireland in 7th place.

This was the Waldringfield Easter Egg at its best, thanks to some great organisation and an excellent attendance, so if you missed out this year, then come along next year, - you don't even have to remember to put it in your diary, the printers will do that for you!

- 1 - 167860, Ben Stone, 10
- 2 - 64399, Stephen Videlo, 11
- 3 - 72307, Chris Videlo, 17
- 4 - 197770, Tom Chippendale, 20
- 5 - 200680, Chris Woodard, 27
- 6 - 189322, Toby Tracey, 29

. . . but there was some wind a couple of weeks later. Richard Eaton shows how it is done . . .



Photo: Juliet Dearlove

The Laser fleet has had a great start to the season, with race turnouts repeatedly exceeding 20 boats. Competition throughout the fleet is as tight as ever, although Steve Videlo seems to be the most consistent at the moment, and difficult to beat. It is great to see a number of youngsters competing in the fleet, and keeping the rest of us on our toes, although rather soul destroying when they snaffle ALL the top places, as they did at the Easter Egg! At the other end of the fleet, we have held four successful Laser Training mornings, and it is very apparent that a number of people have improved significantly as a result of attending these. Another highlight (if I can call it that) was the THREE attempts that it took to get the Laser race underway the other week, with two general recalls and then a black flag start, and that was just for a routine club race, and with the tide pushing us back from the line, - a sure sign of a competitive fleet!

There are still plenty of potential regulars who have, at the time of writing, not raced yet this year, including Suzanne, Mark and Linda, so there is every probability that the big turnouts and great racing will continue, so come and join us!

Squibs



Photo: David East

The Squib season started with the Easter Egg at the end of April and all seven entries were rewarded with some great racing in beautiful sunshine – once the morning postponements for lack of wind were over. There were five home Squibs, *Ariel*, *Inachus*, *Bambi*, *Jumpin Jack* and new (though old) Squib *Ruby* on her first appearance. *Ruby*, owned by new member David Cannell and crewed by David Craig, found an echo sounder to be a “must-have”! We

welcomed two visitors: Peter Wylie from Aldeburgh in *Eyas*, crewed by our own Lord Ted Reilly, and Dave and Alex White from the Ferry in *Easy*.

Saturday's courses from our ex-Squibber Race Officer Patrick Wilton gave us excellent beats and interesting off wind legs. The Whites won both races with Will Sudell and Jo McArdle in close attendance. Sunday brought confused figure-of-eight courses, leading to all boats engaging in Keystone Cops manoeuvres with many anxious moments. Honours were even that day with *Ariel* and *Easy* each winning a race. Consistency earned third place for Gill Lamb and Ricky East in *Inachus*, ahead of Peter and Ted.

Our Easter visitors have also been taking part in a few club races, Peter Wylie before Easter and Dave White after Easter, which has been a welcome boost to our numbers.

Squibbers are renowned late launchers and we were grateful for the late-April date of Easter which enabled more to get their acts in gear in time. Since then more have hit the water. 12 moorings are paid for on our trot and there are 3 other Squibs who have their own arrangements. It looks like we should have good race entries both on Wednesdays and Saturdays now summer has arrived.

We have a prospective new member from a nearby club who would join us if he had a very keen and able crew wishing to both race regularly and to attend National Champs etc. Squib experience not essential but needs to be a good crew! Please email Ricky East travel@davideastyachtign.com if you wish to learn more.

Cadets



Much excitement in the cadet Class for the launch of ZEST, the first wooden Cadet dinghy to be built in the UK for over 12 years. Zest was developed and built by Matt White (the Club's Cadet Squadron Leader) and Simon Cox, in Simon's Synergy Marine state of the art dinghy building and repairing workshop at Martlesham Heath. Zest will be sailed by Matt's daughter, Emma who is a member of the Team GB national sailing squad.

Simon and Matt used computer modelling and leading edge production equipment to produce the boat at Simon's workshop. Zest is constructed from high quality marine ply and other hardwoods, with Mahogany and Ash finishing, making it fast and very competitive as well as beautiful to look at. With its hull painted bright orange, the boat will quickly become a recognised competitor at events around the UK as Emma continues her racing campaign.

Results

Spring 1

Cadets 1st Charlie Linsell & Lisa Rose, 2nd Alice Dearlove & Archie Penn, 3rd Willow Bland & Cara Bland

Larks 1st Harry Pynn & Drew James/Emily Bland, 2nd Matt Stearn & Olli Jones/Kerry Ryan
3rd Fiona Gray & Aaron Woolf

Laser 1st Tom Chippendale, 2nd Patrick Cooney, 3rd Dan Scurrall

Laser Radial 1st Chris Woodard, 2nd Adam Eaton, 3rd Peter Mills

Wayfarer 1st Neil Fletcher & Chas Edwards, 2nd Roger Challis & Mark Johnston/Rachel Parkinson, 3rd Neil Collingridge & Anne Spalding/Nellie Nunn

Easter Egg

Cadets 1st Alice Dearlove & Archie Penn, 2nd Willow & Cara Bland, 3rd Cam Goodhead & Asher Parkinson

Larks: 1st Emma Harris & Peter Gray, 2nd Harry Pynn & Adam Owens 3rd Rachel Rhodes & Jane Alexander

Lasers: 1st Ben Stone, 2nd Stephen Videlo, 3rd Chris Videlo

OK: 1st Robert Deaves, 2nd Dan Ager, 3rd Ian Harris

Squibs: 1st Dave & Alex White (FFSC) 2nd William Sudell & Jo McArdle, 3rd Gill Lamb & Ricky East

Wayfarers: 1st Gordon Harris & Neil Ravenscroft

Fireflies: 1st A. Davey & B. Joslin 2nd S. Greaves & S. Louth, 3rd Mike Steele & E. Shallow

National 12: 1st Tom Stewart & Rachel Williamson

Victory Plate: 1st Harry Pynn and Tim Linsell, 2nd Roger Challis and Mark Johnson, 3rd Robert Deaves

Jubilee Cup: Barry Searle

East Anglian Sailing Trust

EAST are holding an Orwell Walk (for the able-bodied) & a Scenic Sail for the disabled on 26 June with an evening party at the EAST Waterside Centre. More details on the Club noticeboard or at <http://www.east-anglian-sailing-trust.org.uk>. EAST are also inviting their supporters to buy a brick to support their new Waterside Centre (which was so well supported through all the votes cast through "Peoples Millions" earlier in the year).

Big Breakfast for Help for Heroes

I want to thank Waldringfield Sailing Club and all the members and friends who supported the Big Breakfast on Saturday 14th May. It was a fabulous turnout and we raised £620 on the day!

We would especially like to thank Terry Watson for his cooking, Marilyn Mills who toiled away with the dirty dishes, and Ricky East for an endless supply of toast and anything else we could find her to do!

Matt ran the 10K in 58 minutes - the first time he has ever taken part in a running race. Your generosity has helped him to raise over £1200 for Help for Heroes since starting his diet/exercise last year in April.

Anybody who missed the event and would like to donate can do so at www.justgiving.com/mattmcardle

Jo McArdle

Fancy Dress @ the WSC Shore Events

THEMES

1. The Royal Weeding (monarchic gardening)
2. Boatyard Scrapheap Challenge
3. Aliens from the Deben