

Waldringfield Sailing Club Newsletter

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Photo – Alexis Smith

Rear Commodore's bit

Hmmm...., wonder why the Rear Commodore chose this picture for the headline ?

Another sailing season gradually moves towards a close; but we still have the Freezer series to go, continuing until November 12 for those whose wetsuits or drysuits are in good repair. I have been seeing yachts being lifted out for the winter and we will all have noticed the days getting shorter and the mornings and evenings getting a bit chilly.

We have almost come to expect a Waldringfield member to win the Lark National Championships, and it has happened again. Congratulations to Alan Krailing and Tim Linsell.

Chris Videlo has won a bucketful of prizes from the RYA through winning a competition for the best sailing video. The link to his video on Youtube is in this Newsletter. Many of us will have seen the camera gantry on the back of Chris' Laser and Lark. Now we know what that was all about.

The Club's two major infrastructure projects are continuing, but progress is not straightforward. When you read this, there will hopefully have been more progress, but the application to install a pontoon was considered by SCDC and they decided that they should have a site visit before making their decision. That has happened and the Planning Committee will review the application and hopefully give a decision at the end of October.

Planning Permission has been granted for the changing room extension. We are talking to the owner of the field behind the clubhouse to see if we can be allowed to work from that field to install the bank reinforcement.

And there is much talk in the village and at the Club about the planned sale of the Boatyard. The Club will do all it can to make sure that any change in the ownership and operation of the boatyard works to the benefit of the Club. We are watching the situation closely.

David Copp

Rear Commodore (*hint – also the helmsman of Laser 195044*)

500 Club

July – William Sudell No. 58

August - David Dearlove No. 60

September – Graham Mills No. 236

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

Housekeeping Notes

1. End of Season

Please ensure that all engines, oars etc are removed from the Gear Shed and all dinghies removed from the beach dinghy parks by 13 November. Any property left behind will be disposed of.

2. Visiting yachtsmen

The Club Captain has written to Deben Yacht Club and Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club to let them know that their members are welcome to join in with our racing and use our club facilities. Please be your usual friendly self if you see unfamiliar faces around!

3. Car Park

Please remember that there is a public footpath (admittedly not much used) along the edge of the car park opposite the barrier. The Council have been unable to clear this path because cars have been parked right up to the hedge. If you park along that edge of the car park, please leave a 2 metre clearance between the front of your car and the hedge.

4. Laying Up Supper

A new venue this year; Seckford Hall, Woodbridge Please see the separate information on this event which will take place on Saturday 3rd December. All members (especially the prize-winners – we want to applaud you) and their guests will be welcome. nb, many prize-winners names are in this Newsletter.

Welcome to new members

Stephen Parkinson who is a keen Laser Racer

Mark & Andrea Rose. Mark is keen to get back into sailing. He has an Enterprise, but hopefully will be available to crew

Richard & Katherine Jacobs with Anna & Sofie. They are introducing the girls to sailing with a mirror

Kevin Forsdyke & Caroline Nunn – Kevin learnt to sail on the Adult RYA Course, took the opportunity to improve with the “Sandhoppers” and now has joined the Club and bought a Lark

Ian Johnson & Saskia - (Ind & Junior) with a Fireball, The are looking forward to trying out a Lark

Martin & Helen Myerscough with Sam, Charlie & Jamie. Sam crews for Charlie Appell in his Cadet

John & Robert Hughes John is an experienced Yachtsman but now owns a Laser Stratos & a Solo and his son **Robert** is joining the Laser Fleet.

John & Caroline Ogden with William. John has a Laser which he intends to race

Giles & Anna-Karin Chapman with William, Klara & Eleanor. Giles hopes to introduce his family to the joys of the Deben

Congratulations

Congratulations to the new Lark National Champions Alan Krailing & Tim Linsell. This is the third time for Alan Krailing. & Waldringfield again won the Team Trophy.

Alan also came 9th in the Fireball National Championships.

Congratulations also to Chris Videlo who created the winning film in the I Love Sailing Facebook video competition. Chris's film was a compilation of footage from his season at Waldringfield Sailing Club which aimed to inspire other people to give sailing a try. Chris was presented with the grand prize package including a Go Pro Camera, MacBook Pro and Final Cut editing equipment plus and £200 of vouchers to spend on a sailing course. Follow the links below to see chris and his film.

<http://www.rya.org.uk/newsevents/news/Pages/MeetILoveSailingswinningfilmmaker.aspx>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88E05d2h3o0>

Chris has written something about the techniques used:

Recently, you may or may not be aware that Stephen and I have been using cameras on our boats. Filming can be a good coaching tool, but we also find it good fun and quite entertaining as well, especially if you get a good capsize or if someone falls out of the boat. We have been filming for a couple of years now and we have come across a few tricks of the trade. At the moment we use a GoPro HD Hero camera, they are very good cameras which can film in full HD and comes with a waterproof case. The only problems we have encountered so far are the positioning of the camera and condensation on the inside of the case. To overcome this, we have built a frame that sits on the back of the boat (looking forward), both for the laser and for the lark. The idea is to have the camera sitting as far back and as high as possible for two reasons.

1. You get a much better view of the boat and any boats around you.
2. You're much less likely to get any water droplets on the lens from the spray which may ruin any shot.

However you have to be careful that it will not get in the way of the boom or any other boats (especially if they are crossing behind you).

To protect the case from condensation, we apply 'Rain X anti-fog' to the inside of the lens, we have found this works much better. We also apply 'Rain X rain repellent' to the outside of the lens which helps any water droplets run off.

We have also tried in the past attaching a camera to the mast looking backwards which looks great, but it can be quite tricky to find both a place where it is easy to fix and that doesn't get in the way. We are also experimenting with head cams and 3D. When using headcams, we found that it's generally better with the camera on the helms head, as the crew looks around too much and will tend to hit his head on the boom a lot more. The helm has a good view of most of the boat you can also hear most of the chat inside the boat which can be quite amusing at times. We have also really enjoyed experimenting with 3D this year. We use two GoPro HD Hero cameras side by side in a special 3D case and then combine the two videos later on a special program which comes free from the GoPro website. When played on a 3D TV the results are very impressive. Although not everybody has a 3D TV, which doesn't make it very practical, however it is certainly one to look out for in the future.

Results

Summer 2

Cadets: 1st Annie Knott & Ellie Wootton, 2nd Charlie Linsell & Lisa Rose, 3rd Maddie Harris & Ed Harris & Ellie Wootton

Larks: 1st Matt Stearn & Adam Owens, 2nd Ian & Alyson Videlo, 3rd Matt & Emma White

Lasers: 1st Stephen Videlo, 2nd Chris Woodard, 3rd Toby Tracey

OK: 1st Dan Agar, 2nd Robert Deaves, 3rd Jon Fish

Squibs: 1st David Cannel & Dave Craig, 2nd Chris & Pat Baker, 3rd Peter & Jenny Greatrex

Wayfarers: 1st John Haile & John Parish, 2nd Mike & Rani Pert, 3rd Neil Collingridge & Anne Spalding

Dragonfly: 1st Colin Jacobs & Rosie Black, 2nd Peter Lincoln & Richard Nichols, 3rd John Palmer & Leigh Belcham

Wednesday 2

Laser: 1st Chris Woodard, 2nd Sam Jennings, 3rd Charles Curry-Hyde

Fast Handicap: 1st Harry Pynn & Gemma Cook (Lark), 2nd Gordon Harris & Simon Howlett (Wayfarer), 3rd Roger Challis & Mark Johnson (Wayfarer)

Slow Handicap

Squib: 1st William Sudell & Jo McArdle, 2nd Ian Waite & M. Ashby, 3rd Steve Carter & Mark Stone

Trophy Races

RNLI Pennant – 1st Stephen Videlo (Laser), 2nd Dan Ager (OK), 3rd Alan Krailing & Tim Linsell (Lark)

Cork Plate (for keelboats) – 1st David Cannell & David Craig, 2nd Peter & Jenny Greatrex

Round the Island race 1st Mike & Rani Pert (Wayfarer), 2nd Robert Deaves (Finn), 3rd Matt & Emma White (Lark). This race included **The Metcalf Cup (1st Squib in Round the Island Race)** Dave Cannel & David Craig and **Turner Trophy (1st Dragonfly in Round the Island Race)** John Palmer & Ian Gillespie

Cartoon Open Weekend

Cadets: 1st Emma & Joshua White, 2nd Fay Gosling & Elsa Cooney, 3rd Annie Knott & Ellie Wootton

Lark: 1st Matt White & Maddie Harris, 2nd Stephen & Chris Videlo, 3rd Alan Krailing & Tim Linsell

Mirror: 1st Chris & Sean Woodard, 2nd Matt Ambrose & Dan Davies, 3rd Mark & Rebecca Hodge

Wayfarer: 1st Gordon Harris & Simon Howlett, 2nd Matthew Lake & Rachel Parkinson

Laser: 1st Charlie Dearlove, 2nd Tom Chippendale, 3rd Patrick Cooney

Dragonfly: 1st Steve Cooney & Bryony Harding, 2nd Richard Smithson & Rosie Black, 3rd Derek Jacobs & Simon Jack

Squib: 1st Max Evans & Patrick Wilton, 2nd Will Sudell & Jo McArdle, 3rd Richard Cooke & Jim Davis

Cadet Week – Overall winners were Emma & Joshua White.

Aldeburgh Regatta. Wayfarers 1st - Roger Challis & Mark Johnson, Laser 1st - Bob Whitehouse, Squib - 3rd Richard Cook & Jim Davis

Class Reports

Yachts

Waldringfield Sailing Club's own James Palmer in *Kestrel* successfully defended his title at the Dutch Classic Yacht Regatta. Some 200 Classic boats from all over Europe raced in Holland on the last weekend in July. James reports:

2011 saw the biannual Dutch Classic Yacht Regatta at Hellevoetsluis again attended by James Palmer and *Kestrel*. Around 200 boats attend for four days of racing along with much socialising and the usual warm welcome from the Dutch. Competing in the gaff class *Kestrel* had some stiff competition, particularly from ex. National 12 champion Nigel Waller with his 1872 Itchen Ferry *Fanny of Cowes*. Light winds dominated the racing making big sails the order of the day. UK boats did well, taking 7 out the first 8 in the gaffers, with *Kestrel* retaining first overall. The normally polite Dutch were even heard to complain (slightly) about the invading English. It was however noted that the code to the shower block was the year the Dutch set off from Hellevoetsluis to invade England!

After Hellevoetsluis *Kestrel* sailed north to the IJsselmeer via Amsterdam making it as far as Enkhuizen. Although this part of Holland was new to the crew *Kestrel* had been here in 1931, a mere 80 years ago!

Squibs



Photo: Alexis Smith

The Saturday series have had a wide spread of results with a total of 15 entrants. The Spring series saw Richard and Jim holding off Dave and Alex White with Will and Jo third. The First Summer series went to Pete and Jen Greatrex in *Gunpowder Gertie* with *Ruby* second and Tom Brazier in *Buckup* third, fractionally ahead of the ever consistent Chris and Pat Baker in *Discord*. *Ruby* came to the fore in the second Summer series holding off Ian Waite and his various crews in *Blue Touchpaper* and *Gunpowder Gertie* was third with *Discord* close behind.

It is some years since we have managed sufficient interest to race for the Cork Plate which takes us on a long marathon trek downriver, past Felixstowe Ferry to the Cutler buoy and back home. This year was different, 5 Squibs raced and *Ruby* won.

In the Club's Navigation Race Will and Jo managed a creditable seventh.

Lord Ted and Tom Crean in *Squiblisitude* have dual nationality with the Ferry but we enjoy hearing their tales of the Champs and Cowes week though a bruising experience at both by all accounts. August brought an away week to Aldeburgh Regatta where we enjoyed a full range of weather conditions, excellent racing and even more excellent hospitality. The Ferry boats led the way with Pam Evans just beating brother Dave White. Richard Cooke and Jim Davis took third place on the count back from Chris and Sue Arnold in *Tasmanian Devil*. The Easts in *Rising Damp* were amongst the pack behind.

The Cartoon Trophy had a good entry of 9 (best for years) which included a visitor from Felixstowe Ferry, Max Evans crewed by our own (ex Squib captain) Patrick Wilton. The whole programme of 5 races saw extremely close racing between three boats, Max and Patrick in *Maximus*, Will Sudell and nephew Edd McArdle in *Ariel* and defending champions Richard Cooke and Jim Davis in *Jumping Jac*. The rest of the fleet admired those three boats' speed in whatever weather conditions we experienced. The first race was extremely gusty but *Maximus* came through ahead of *Ariel*. The second and third races on Saturday saw all three major contenders in line abreast racing behind the island. *Ariel* won race 2 and *Maximus* race 3. Sunday morning brought very variable wind – both in strength and direction. Quite testing conditions and *Jumping Jac* worked them out better than *Ariel* who came second with *Maximus* third. Now all three has equal points – everything to play for in the afternoon. Lack of wind which was killed by a huge rainstorm led to only one race being able to be completed and a win by *Maximus* led to a deserved overall victory.

Last important item on the calendar for 2011 is the Masterclass Quiz. As champions for the last 3 years, we're studying hard to perfect our defence. We aim to produce 2 teams.

Waldringfield Squibs may not be fastest Squib fleet around but we are getting much better due to our increased turnouts. Practice makes perfect – well maybe not perfect - but we enjoy ourselves as we practice.

Laser



Photo: Alexis Smith

Chris Woodard sent round a comprehensive Laser class report recently which is reproduced here.

Last Saturday (10 September) provided some exhilarating sailing and great racing for the 16 Lasers who competed. The course to Galleons included a great planing reach from C to B, and a couple of beats which sometimes worked, and were sometimes very one-sided, and a tactically/navigationally challenging run back against the tide. For the second race this was improved with an additional leg to Tips, introducing another challenging downwind leg, and a great true beat back to the club line. In the first race the fleet split on the run back from Galleons, with some going hard left, and others going hard right, all endeavouring to get out of the tide, whilst Charlie Dearlove headed merrily down the middle - which worked a treat! Charlie appeared to have the race sewn up, until an audacious bit of navigation saw Mark Hodge sail under the fleet to move from 4th to 1st on the final run! The wind increased further for the second race, and some particularly severe gusts added extra interest to the dead run down to Tips, which also included the challenge of avoiding various upturned Cadets, and the Wayfarer fleet beating up through the Lasers. At the end of the day the results showed a certain symmetry, with Tim Archer recording two 6ths, Penn-man recording two 5ths, Tom Chip and Mark Hodge sharing a 1st and a 4th each, and Charlie Dearlove and myself being overlapped for 2nd and 3rd places in both races, and sharing the spoils. Other notably creditable results included an 8th in the first race for Linda, despite being overpowered in the big rig, and an 8th for Charlie Linsell in a Radial in the second race, in only his second outing in the Laser fleet.

For me, the stand-out statistic from last season was the fact that we had 21 different race winners! This year to date, I haven't really looked too closely at the results, but my feeling was that Steve Videlo has snaffled far more than his fair share of wins, so I expected this statistic to be vastly lower this year. I was therefore amazed to discover that, as at the end of the Summer 2 and Wednesday Evening series, we have already had 17 different race winners this year! As expected, Steve leads the way, with 19 victories, well ahead of myself on 9 and Tom on 6, with the other multiple race winners being David Copp, Bob Whitehouse, Charlie Dearlove, Tim Archer, Chris Vid, Tim Linsell, and Toby Tracey, and single wins for Peter Mills, Linda, Jamie Cawthorne, Tim Carter, Patrick, Hamish, and Seb. (Class racing only - I haven't looked at the trophy and event results). If I've missed anyone else, let me know! Since then Mark has added his name to the list, taking us to 18, and with the remainder of the Autumn Series, plus the Freezer Series, still to go, we could take the total even higher!

Don't forget to put the WSC Laser Open Meeting into your diary, Sunday 16th October.

Cadet



Photo: Juliet Dearlove

Cadet Week 2011

Pip Dearlove reports:

The week started off with a shifty wind gusting 25 knots, but this felt like nothing compared to what most of us had experienced at the Nationals a couple of weeks before. The wind slowly died throughout the first couple of days, and by Wednesday morning it had completely dropped. After at least an hour of postponement, we finally launched, as a sea breeze had appeared to kick in. But by the time we had reached the start line, all 31 Gold Fleet and 7 Silver Fleet boats were either drifting down tide or pulled up the mud, with the helms and crews running around on the marshes.

Once the races had finally got going we did a pursuit race, won by Archie Penn crewed by Megan Ferguson (a Videlo relative!) who were in fact one of the Silver Fleet boats. The wind was quite patchy and had swung a little, so we lost our beat, but never mind. This race was followed by the Crew's Race, won by Squish White, second was Hattie Collingridge and third was Jamie Goodhead. I am sure Jamie will be a brilliant helm in a few years' time, but he needs to learn to make smaller movements with the tiller! Next there was the Ex-Cadets race, then the old gaffers, which is a race where the helm and the crew ages must combine to make 70 and the helmsman must be over 35. Matt White didn't let Emma down and Zest won the old gaffers' race.

Thursday was Daisy Collingridge's birthday. Suzie had the idea to make her a cake. Unfortunately, she wasn't allowed to use the galley, as it was full up with Sigi and the mums making our lunch, so she ended up mixing the cake ingredients in her beach hut's garden. Luckily, she was allowed to cook it in the galley. Once it was cooked it tasted surprisingly good. Later that day, Daisy won a race - who could wish for a better present.

That night we had the disco with fancy dress themed "heroes and villains" Will Everitt's hero, being Freddie Mercury, involved him wearing bright red satin trousers! Lulu's hero, being "Captain Underpants", she turned up with her pants on the outside of her trousers. There was a Pimm's night upstairs for all the adults as well, where they all got really drunk.

The other evening entertainments and meals were great as well. On Monday night we had a BBQ, some of the meat coming from John Cutting's farm. It was tasty. Tuesday evening we had the beach games hosted and organised by Paddy Cooney. The four legged race was so funny, we all had to get into threes and tie our legs together and try to get a rhythm going to run from one end of the beach to the other. I was tied to Freya and Suzie - we put Freya in the middle!

Emma and Squish White won the week, but it was close sailing between them, Maddy Harris in Mostly Harmless and Annie Knott in Trident. 2012 Cadet Week starts on 20th August - be there!

EAST – East Anglian Sailing Trust

Many of our members supported EAST in the "People's Millions" venture which resulted in success and the awarding to EAST of a substantial grant enabling them to establish a fully functional base at Levington for their work in introducing disabled people to the joy of sailing.

Now they need your help again with a similar online vote.

Go to

<http://communityforce.natwest.com/project/78>

before 23 October, and vote.

And finally, some of Alexis' photos from the Cartoon weekend





And here, Alan and Tim show us why they are National Champions. How do you get your crew to sit out like this, Alan?



Club Clothing:

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or

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or

➤ embroidered with the Club Burgee and WSC signal flags - available in Burgundy (Medium only), Red (Large only) or Navy (XL only) Price £16.00

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• Lapel Badges (Club Burgee) £2.50

See Margaret for any of the above, and be properly decked out!