

Rear View

The end of yet another bumper sailing season at WSC and I've just taken over from David Copp as the new rear-commodore. David has taken over as vice-commodore and William Sudell is now our commodore.

"Rear-Commodore"! — sounds like a grand title - but I've just spent a Sunday morning clearing out drains at the club. Many thanks to David for doing a great job as rear comm. and also for guiding me gently into the role. The working party on Sunday was well organised, good fun, and we managed to get the full list of jobs done. The trick to a successful working party is good planning, preparation and organisation. Terry Watson, Keith Vincett & Mick Lake are the house management team and did not let us down.

The changing rooms are rather "cosy" at times and work has now started on building a major new extension to the clubhouse to improve these facilities ready for next season. The building plans are shown elsewhere in this newsletter and if you have any thoughts and ideas about the new interior layout and fittings please let me know.

Another major topic of conversation around the club these days is regarding the sale of the Waldringfield boatyard and the possible involvement of the club in a Community Interest Company to purchase it. No doubt this represents a number of potential opportunities for the club. We could certainly make good use of the boat storage, launching, moorings and pontoon. However the price tag is high, club funds are not, and so it is not easy to see how we might sensibly finance this. As always, there are some highly polarised opinions amongst the membership (this is a good thing) and the flags have the "interesting" task of measuring and/or building a consensus. We will be appointing a dedicated sub-committee to pursue this opportunity.

Season's best wishes to one and all – Bob Whitehouse

500 Club Winners

Oct - Peter Willard No. 47 Nov - Lesley Sharman No. 32

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

Births, Deaths & Marriages

Marriages

Oriel Laws & Ben O'Loughlin were married 7th October 2011 at Linton, Cambs Jemma Hawkins & Jason Burgess were married 21st October 2011.

Kieran Barnes & Natash Hindley-Jones were also married 21st October 2011

David Stinson died on Wednesday 5th October. He was a Life Member

Welcome to New Members

Mark & Corinne Oppen with Alistair & Louisa – own a small yacht and hope to introduce the children into dinghy sailing next year

Mark & Cath Minchin with James and Luke- so enjoyed the Taster Day, and the boys have been out with the junior sailing and all are now keen to join in

Tina & Andrew Fitzgerald – own a Shrimper but also hopes to join in with the Laser Fleet racing Niall & Kate Fitzgerald with Tom (17) & Lili (14) Niall has a Laser and wants to improve his sailing

Racing Results

Correction to Wayfarer Summer 2 Series

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

Autumn Series

Cadets: 1st Annie Knott & Ellie Wootton, 2nd Alice Dearlove & Archie Goodhead 3rd Daisy & Angus

Larks: 1st Stephen & Chris Videlo 2nd Chris & Cathy Fish, 3rd Harry Pynn & Gemma Cook

Lasers: 1st Tom Chippendale, 2nd Chris Woodard, 3rd Charlie Dearlove

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

Squibs:: 1st Richard Cooke & Jim Davies, 2nd Chris & Pat Baker, 3rd Barry Searle & Fiona Baker **Wayfarers:** 1st Mike & Rani Pert, 2nd Neil Fletcher & Chas Edwards, 3rd Guy Hacon & Paul Johnson **Dragonfly:** 1st Derek Jacobs & Simon, 2nd Richard Smithson & Mick 3rd Neil & Annie Cawthorn

Freezer Series

Cadets: 1st Faye Gosling & Conner Line 2nd Alice Dearlove & Hugo Passmore, 3rd Henry Stone &

Larks: 1st Ian & Alyson Videlo, 2nd Harry Pynn & Gemma Cook, 3rd Stephen Videlo & Maggie Harris

Lasers: 1st Tom Chippendale, 2nd Chris Woodard 3rd Jonathan Penn

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Trophy Races

Trafalgar Trophy – 1st Roger Challis & Mark Johnson (Wayfarer) 2nd Mike & Rani Pert (Wayfarer) 3rd Dan Ager (OK)

Quantrill Trophy – 1st Roger Challis & Mark Johnson (Wayfarer) 2nd Gordon Harris & Neil Ravenscroft (Wayfarer) 3rd Neil Collingridge & Anne Spalding (Wayfarer)

Cadet Quantrill Trophy— 1st Gus & Freya Cooney, 2nd Annie Knott & Ellie Wootton, 3rd Ed Harris & Lottie Passmore

Cadet Trafalgar Trophy 1st Henry Stone & Sammy Jones, 2nd Archie Penn & Hazel Whittle, 3rd Willow & Cara Bland

Laser Open

Results 1st Tom Chippendale 2nd Stephen Videlo 3rd Ian Videlo

Lark Open

Results 1st Stephen Videlo & Maddy Harris, 2nd Harry Pynn & Adam Owens 3rd Jon Ibbotson & Ally Dart

EASTER EGG 60

2012 brings the 60th Anniversary of the Easter Egg open meeting and we wish to celebrate this as a remarkable milestone in the club's history. No-one is sure how the 50th Anniversary got missed but let's make up for it now!

Certainly it's not the longest running open event in sailing history but there can be few others. A brief look at the microfilm of East Anglian Daily Times reports in the Suffolk Record Office show the early events as small scale but a huge change by the sixties and seventies when there were huge entries by modern standards. Fewer classes but imagine 48 OKs on a start line – a mini National Championships with 84 National 12s, Fireflies and Enterprises also on the water. That was 1968.

1952 saw 29 competitors for the original Easter Egg which was raced for by a joint fleet of National 12s and Fireflies which at that time were evenly matched for speed. A single race was won by Bob Garnham in N494 FUN. The prizes were presented by Norah Spear, wife of A D Spear, the Commodore. Various members of the Spear family, through the next two generations, have raced in the event over the years.

Eventually the two original classes had such a speed differential that they were separated and a second Easter Egg was added in 1959. Enterprises joined the party in 1962. The 1966 meeting had 82 entries racing in torrential rain for the team racing on the Saturday, a sweepstake race on the Sunday, followed by racing for the Easter Egg trophies on the Monday for OKs (their first appearance), Enterprises, Fireflies and National 12s. 1968 brought together 132 entries of which 48 were OKs. "Waldringfield attracts big entry" was the headline in the East Anglian. Of Sunday's racing it reported, "Of 132 starters only 45 finished the course, conditions requiring the best of gear, sailing skill and a degree of good luck". 1973 headline was "Conditions brought out best" and the prizes were presented by Margaret Howard. Squibs were the next class to have an Easter Egg in 1976. Next along came the Lasers in 1980, Wayfarers the following year, Larks in 1986 and the Cadets in 1995. Now the Mirrors plan to race in 2012.

Looking at the names of the winners in the Trophy Book brings back many memories. Jem Goddard's string of successes in both OKs and Squibs. The Whites, Richard Hopkins and Mark Wincer from the Ferry in both Fireflies and Squibs. Ian and Alyson Videlo with several Lark wins. Jonty Sherwill in OKs.

My first personal memory of the event was 1968 and our wedding date had to be arranged to fit in! My husband David remembers competing in the 1957 Easter Egg and it would be interesting to know if anyone else on the start line in 2012 can match this. Another personal memory, probably 1981, is of turning turtle in my Laser and getting the mast firmly in the mud. My hull and I were rescued but not such good news for the sail and the upper mast!

We know that a lot of sailors and winners from the early days are still members of the club and we hope very much they will come down and watch if not to participate.

Ideas to make this a memorable event, both socially and for the racing, are very welcome and Bob Whitehouse and his sub-committee will be very pleased to hear from you. It's all about celebrating our mutual history.

Ricky East

Cadets

2011 has been a cracking year for the WSC Cadet squadron. The year started with a comprehensive Sunday training programme, with a total of 22 cadets taking part. We had a mixture of local and national trainers, and volunteer coaches from the Lark fleet. I would particularly like to thank Annemarie, Harry, Alan and Ian for giving up their time to coach. We have seen many Cadets go from strength to strength as a result.

Freezer series

Despite the chilly weather, the Cadet class has had a brilliant turnout of 21 boats during the freezer series. There have been a few crew changes as some of the crews have started helming, including the new teams of Elsa Cooney and Hattie Collingridge, Lisa Rose and Lucie Nunn, and the super fast Archie Penn and Hazel Whittle.

The race series brought a range of conditions - On the first week there was quite a strong breeze and many boats capsized and crews got cold. There was some confusion with the course with 4 or 5 boats rounding the mark the wrong way. Realising their mistake, everyone quickly turned around, but conditions remained challenging and only 4 boats completed the second race.

The following weekend, emotions were high – with Alice Dearlove learning an important lesson – don't rely on a fellow competitor to sign you on!! She is plotting her revenge for next season – be warned Henry Stone! The last race of the year brought very light winds and a frustrating 'around the island' race on an ebb tide. A few people ran aground, and there was lots of shouting and collisions as boats jostled for position on the leeward mark. Alice sneaked through and won with a strong lead and Archie surprised us by flying through the fleet and coming in second.

Over all the series was won by Faye and Connor, second were Alice and Hugo and third was Henry Stone.

We are completing the year with some final training sessions – including team racing run by Harry Pynn – which was really popular, and we hope to repeat. We have 3 cadets, Emma, Annie and Sam who have qualified for the National Squad, Ed has qualified for the Eastern Zone and 7 Cadets have been invited to join the Development squad.

A big thank-you goes to Maddie and Charlie, who have been the best Class Captains we have had for a long time – taking time to support new cadet sailors – both on and off the water.

DRAGONFLIES

Dragonfly Captain retires! (finally)

As I collect my Sailing Committee long service award and testimonial, a few musings.

We have had a mixed year with good turnouts on Wednesdays but very light turnouts on Saturdays. We managed to cover the costs of moorings by sub letting some of them and will hope to repeat this again next year. Thanks to those who joined us.

We had a very lively Dragonfly dinner with an excellent contingent of current and former sailors and class supporters. We even turned a profit on the raffle; unfortunately, the secret ticket for the roll over Caribbean Holiday still didn't come up.

Looking back over the years it was certainly an honour to have organised the 60th anniversary for the class. We had a splendid dinner at the FFSC with lots of DF sailors from across the years. The celebrations saw 13 boats on the water and splendid they looked, decked out in bunting. This was truly an international event as we were honoured to have been joined by our colleagues from Dublin.

Following the demise of Deben Week we had 3 Dragonfly and Shrimper weeks with some excellent sailing on the river and out to sea, often in glorious weather. One of my fondest memories was having to avoid swimmers off the beach at Felixstowe on one particularly warm summer afternoon. Tea supplied by Shrimper crews and cakes supplied by Dragonfly sailors were key ingredients for afternoon Tea at the Rocks, one of the highlights of these weeks. Events particularly enjoyed by the safety team.

It was also great fun when a group of us travelled to Dublin to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of our sister class the IDRA 14. 2 hours of racing, by boats from 3 clubs around Dublin Bay, was followed by 13 hours of drinking the dark stuff they are so fond of. Internal organs are still recovering many years later.

I'd like to thank everyone from across the club for their help, support and forbearance over the years. It's been hard work at times but very rewarding and I hope I've contributed to the continuing longevity of the class.

I'm sure Richard Smithson will bring a fresh flush of enthusiasm to the role of Class Captain and encouraging more Dragonfly sailors onto the water next year.

Derek Jacobs

LASERS

The recent Laser open meeting was well attended and well run – thanks to race officer Neil Collingridge who managed to get 3 fair races done in very difficult (light & shifty) conditions. Results are elsewhere. However – one of the visiting sailors has reported to the UK Laser Association (UKLA) that we were allowing the use of non-Laser replica sails and parts. We have previously had a local "gentleman's agreement" regarding this but it actually this is strictly against class rules.

This has attracted an amount of email correspondence between our class captain (Chris Woodard) and the UKLA chairman & measurer and we were threatened with the prospect that our open meeting would be withdrawn from the Laser Grand Prix circuit next year.

At the Laser AGM, the sailors voted, by a large majority, to ban the use of replica parts – existing equipment might be retained and used for the next two seasons but no new replica parts or sails should be purchased.

We have now persuaded the UKLA that we are fully repentant and they have re-instated our Open next year to the Laser Grand Prix circuit.

SQUIBS

The Squib fleet has finished a good season and can reflect on better numbers racing than in recent years. The Freezer series was contested for only 3 out of the scheduled 5 races but was a clear cut win for Richard Cooke and Jim Davis in *Jumpin Jack*. Barry Searle and Colin Jacobs in *Amble* were second, just ahead of *Discord* sailed by Chris and Pat Baker.

Our boats have also been racing away from home. David Cannell crewed by David Craig in *Ruby* and Steve Carter in *Squish* went to Rutland SC for the Squib Inlands and experienced very close racing in near tropical conditions. Sailing in short sleeves and shorts in October is unusual. Pete and Jenny Greatrex have taken *Gunpowder Gertie* to Oulton Broad to race over the winter and report that it's very different conditions there to what they are used to at Waldringfield – all close racing, no echo sounder required and spinnakers get hoisted within 2 seconds of a mark rounding! Wow - the rest of us will have to improve!

The social side of things is what we seem to be good at and enjoy. Sadly we lost our firm grip on the Master Class Quiz trophy to the Wayfarers but next year we will bring back our trump card, Mike Deakin, and aim to win. The Laying Up Supper has strong Squib representation – 24 of us – all looking forward to a great evening. With such a large number of different trophy winners, that ensures good attendance.

Ricky East

2011 BOTTLE Boat Championship

A very warm day with sunshine was enjoyed by 17 entries including 4 juniors and 16 races were sailed in difficult conditions. These provided a fine spectacle not just for family supporters, but also for the public and the club's new members attending the club's lunchtime barbecue in a fabulous setting on the river Deben in front of the Waldringfield Sailing Club.

From an inauspicious start with heavy rain overnight the weather turned out very warm, but a little cloudy. There was a light westerly breeze, but it was blowing across the river leaving the area in front of the club in the calm blanketed by the clubhouse and the surrounding trees. However in the lightest wind there was just enough to complete several 2 lap sausage courses, albeit sometimes with these simple one-

design boats, made from recycled materials only just being able to make against the tide. The variable conditions allowed 8 sailors to win a race!

Three races were sailed on the last of the flood tide in front of the clubhouse but as the ebb strengthened the course was moved downriver in front of the dinghy park where there was more wind filtering through the dinghy masts.

The first race was to set the pattern of results for the top three with ex-champion, Rob Vice winning with Tim Norris second, racing a radio boat for the first time and 12 year old CJ Vice third. The top two places were repeated in Race 2, with the only lady sailor, Sarah Stollery in third. Local Laser and Lark sailor, Stephen Videlo won Race 3 with another Laser sailor, Robert Norris second after a very long race against the ebb tide which needed lots of concentration and patience. Several boats where given places on the water when the time limit ran out.

PRO Roger Stollery then changed the course again to where there was a bit more wind and less tide. This gave the opportunity for ex-champion, young Paul Morgan to show some of last year's form to win Race 4 and come second in Race 5, which was won in fine form by Dehler 36 sailor, John Fish. On crossing the line he was so delighted to win that he leaped in the air with great glee and a huge grin from ear to ear.

After everyone had enjoyed the barbecue lunch shared with the 'new members', the wind appeared to be coming more from the south-west and the course was relaid in front of the clubhouse. Another exchampion, Bernard Kufluk won Race 6 from Rob Vice, who then went on to win Race 7 with Tim Norris second. The latter was second in Race 8 as well, which was won by OK sailor, Jonathan Fish. Rob was handling the pressure of crowded starts and buoy roundings well and won the next 2 races. After several podium positions Robert Norris was delighted to win Race 11, beating his brother Tim into second place.

Ace Wayfarer sailor, Mike Pert had some technical difficulties early in the event, but made good to win Race12 from John Fish and Rob, who also finished third in Race 13 behind Tim and Jonathan. He then dominated the last 3 races, finishing ahead of his eldest son, CJ in Race14, who had been improving during the event and had overtaken Paul Morgan, who was his nearest junior rival. 8 year old Gabriel Vice started several races really well, but had trouble with the 'traffic'.

At the prize giving, WSC Commodore Howard Ryan, thanked Roger and his team for running another good event that was much enjoyed by both sailors and spectators alike. Roger in turn thanked Peter, Linda, Emily for their work on the start/finish line, John Smith and Robert Lake on the water and the Kine family from Vancouver inputting 272 individual scores on the computer.

It was very encouraging to have junior competitors making up 1/4 of the fleet as well as the few competitors that had done little radio racing before. There were some very good and experienced dinghy sailors taking part and they discovered again that there is more in this sport than meets the eye!

Results:

1st Rob Vice 23, 2nd Tim Norris 41, 3rd CJ Vice (J) 66, 4th Stephen Videlo 68, 5th Alan Viney 69, 6th Bernard Kufluk 75, 7th Robert Norris 80, 8th Paul Morgan (J) 87, 9th Jonathan Fish 96, 10th John Fish 111, 11th Gary Sanderson 119, 12th Sarah Stollery 122, 13th Mike Pert 127, 14th Howard Ryan 138, 15th Matthew Lake142, 16th John Kine/Lockie Vice (J) 174, 17th Gabriel Vice 177 (J).

Junior Champion – CJ Vice

Roger Stollery 2010-10-25

RYA DINGHY INSTRUCTOR COURSE 2012

The WSC Sailing School is pleased to announce the 2012 Dinghy Instructor Course

RYA Dinghy Instructors Course - 5 days - Tues April 10 through until - Sat April 14 running from approx 09:30 - 17:30 each day

- There is a short pre assessment that takes place and is likely to be a Saturday morning prior to the start date, details to follow.
- Min requirements:
- Age 16 plus
- RYA Powerboat level 2 (WSC Course April 10 evening & April 15 all day)
- RYA First Aid Certificate (WSC Course May 13)
- Courses for the latter 2 requirements will be run at WSC and maybe obtained after the actual DI course.

The course costs £300 (the price at a commercial school is in the region of £390)

WSC is happy to offer a subsidised rate of £160 for this course in return for a commitment to instruct on either of the Junior Sailing Weeks running from July 30 - Aug 3 or Aug 5 - 10 (3 instructors per week)

THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLACES ON THE COURSE IS 6 (SIX). These will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Please email Graham Harrison on gunfleet@aol.com for a place

Kind regards, Graham

New training Wayfarer 10840 "Squeege"

The new training wayfarer has been very kindly donated by member Richard Longdon – this is why ...

"The reason I'm doing this is as a tribute to a very close friend of mine who died last year from a brain tumour. My friends name was Steve Gee and he spent a lot of time sailing on the Deben, it was his favorite sailing area. My friends nickname was Squeegee. He has asked for his ashes to spread on the river and I'd like to have a simple naming ceremony for the boat at the club, we will choose the name. Then I've arranged to borrow a rib to sprinkle the ashes and that's it. When his father died a few years ago we used my boat, which was in the UK then, to spread his father sashes on the water at Shotley point. If I can leave something that will help others learn to sail and bring enjoyment to young people I can't think of a better way to do it."

Richard Longdon

Lost & Found ...

The following gear has been found recently at the club. If this is not claimed within the next few weeks it will be disposed of.

- 1 Gul wet suit looks almost new. 1 small imperfection . size Large chest 107 112 cms
- 1 pair childs Gill Gloves
- 1 pair childs Azure gloves
- 1 long sleeved Go Sport Rash vest with printed writing on the front size 14
- 1 Wild Water Spray top red/grey size small adult, large child
- 1 pair Helly Hansen spray trousers size medium colour navy blue 1 small split seam as far as I can see

All has been washed and dried and is now ready for collection – please contact Margaret

The Big Swim

Our Ramsholt to Woodbridge swim which raised nearly £1000 for the Deben Estuary Partnership's work maintaining the Deben river walls. This is the link to the video - Simon Rudland

What's going on in Waldringfield ...

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF WALDRINGFIELD

Thursday, 12th January 2012 7.30pm to 9.30pm At the Village Hall

THROW AWAY THE MIDWINTER BLUES COME ALONG, ENJOY SOME FOOD & DRINK

SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF OUR VILLAGE

BYO favourite drink plus a contribution for the shared buffet, sandwiches, sausage rolls, finger food etc

Tea and coffee will be provided.

Hosted by The Parish Plan Team For more information please see attached flyer



The New Changing Rooms

Construction of the changing rooms extension is progressing well. The retaining wall is in place and the footings for the new build are completed at the time of writing. Unfortunately we are making a bit of a mess of the beach but this will be re-instated.



Builders install the new retaining wall

Plans for the new extension are shown overleaf.

Waldringfield Safety Boats

I would like to thank all who have helped to drive or crew the club's safety boats during the past season, without your help the clubs sailing programme simpley could not take place.

My special thanks go to John Smith, Lance Cooper and Robert Lake, all of whom were on the water almost every weekend.

Although he was thanked at the recent AGM, I would also like to thank John for all the hours he put into maintaining the boats and their equipment in his capacity as Bosun. I know that Lance will provide the same quality of care and commitment, so that the safety boats will continue to be as reliable as they ever have been.

Very early in the New Year work on the boats will need to get under way , cleaning, polishing, painting and antifouling so that they will be ready for the season. Traditionally antifouling seems to be always done when there is a frost or even when snow is lying around.!!

We always need new drivers who will be willing to offer a regular commitment, and our Training Officer, Graham Harrison has already put into the programme dates for some Safety Boat training. Please contact him if you would like to know more.

