

Waldringfield Sailing Club Newsletter

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Rear View

It's the middle of May and the WSC "machine" is back in full production. Actually, of course, it is far from being a machine and, as ever, I am mightily impressed by the energy and resourcefulness of all our volunteers (which is to say, everybody). I've probably said this before but I think that the real joy of WSC is seeing just what can be created with a little bit of organisation and a lot of voluntary effort. It's amazing and brilliant. Occasionally, things don't always go exactly to plan or meet expectations. When this happens, it is useful to know about it, and so please don't be afraid to contact one of the flag officers (William, David or me). It is helpful if you can be constructive with your suggestions and starting tricky conversations with a compliment often works wonders.

There's lots of fun events coming up over the next few weeks – please see the "What's on" section.

500 Club Winners

Feb - John Buck No.136

March - Monica Bell-Jones No. 48

April - 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 for £1 each per month. Please send a cheque, made out to WSC 500 Club, to Norman Glen 12 Windermere Close, Ipswich IP3 0RU At the present time the monthly prize is £25 with £50 at the November draw. More participants, bigger prizes Any questions? ring Norman on 01473 720744 or speak to him or Gwen at the Club

Welcome to new members

Harry & Clair Ogden with Jara, Sophie, Saskia. Harry is a very experienced sailor, especially in a Laser.

Alison & David Bell-Jones: Alison is back at the Club with her husband having spent many years living & working abroad.

Nigel Parslow have been sailing for a number of years and is a useful Yacht crew, but has bought a Laser Versa to maximise his limited time on the water

John & Jacky Maxwell - Having recently moved into the area, bought a Squib and hope to give the fleet a run for its money

Simon & Rosalind Lavington with Charlotte & Joseph. Simon is experienced with large boats Charlotte is keen to continue sailing after completing 2 courses.

Douglas & Juliet Hutton-Squire with Sophia & Sebastian. He intends to buy a Laser to race as well as well as getting the children involved in the Cadet Fleet

Henry Leeson: Henry is an experienced sailor having raced a National 12 but has a Lugger at the present

Clifford Eddon - He owns a Squib and is looking forward to racing and find out where the Deben mud is

Trevor & Susan Southey. - has bought back his old Squib after 14 years. Trevor is an experienced helm but also about to find out where the mud is

Deben Week 1980

Drawn by John Sherwill, father of long time member Jonty - the picture was found in a local Charity Shop by Tom Auber and restored by Gordon Harris. It shows Deben Week in its heyday including Ted the Bosun/Safety. Quite a few of the classes depicted are still racing at WSC – can you spot them?



Births, Deaths & Marriages

BIRTHS

Martha Laura Elisabeth Cooney - born 25 Feb 2013. a daughter for Bryony & Steve Cooney. Wonder how long before she is out in the Dragonfly?

Oliver & Elliot Mason, Twin sons for Chris & Anna were born on 22 March 2013, weighing in at 7lb 3 oz & 6lb 3 oz - hopefully future Cadet Sailors but in the meantime the Mirror is waiting for them.

Finn & Mollie O'Malley twin son and daughter for Mike & Ashley born 23rd April 2013. And they weighed in at 6lb 8 oz & 6lb 3 oz

DEATHS:

Jack Fisk passed away peacefully on 5th March - 2 days after his 101st birthday

Sadly **Michael Atkins** passed away on 27th March. - He had held several positions within the Club including Bar Secretary, and at 87 years old was still insisting that he would do a bar duty.

Derek Salcombe (Club Bosun for a number of years) died on 1st May 2013 after a short illness.

Report from the Sailing Committee

Over the winter your sailing committee were busy preparing for the new season. With the 2013 sailing programme to develop and the big club sailing events to organise its been a busy time. There have also been some significant developments, most notably the introduction of a new class, the Radial fleet. This is an extremely positive move, introducing to the club a recognised RYA transition class, helping to bridge the long standing gap between our Cadet and adult classes.

The club recognises that in order to remain successful it is vitally important that we keep up with the times and part of this is ensuring that we have an appropriate mix of class racing on offer at the club, so as well as introducing a new class we also reviewed our existing classes. After some detailed research and discussion our conclusion was that there is currently no sufficient justification for Sailing Committee to make any further changes to the existing mix of classes. However we remain open minded to the possibility of future changes and encourage healthy debate within the club to ensure the club continues to offer what its members want.

Racing Results

Spring 1

Cadets: 1st Archie Penn & Hazel Whittle, 2nd Katie Spark & Bea Green 3rd Lisa Rose & Anna Vincent

Larks: 1st Stephen Videlo & Maddie Harris 2nd Ian & Alyson Videlo , 3rd Tom Branton & Faye Gosling

Lasers: 1st Chris Woodard, 2nd David Copp, 3rd Tim Archer

Laser Radial: 1st Bob Whitehouse, 2nd Angus Stone, 3rd Robert Hughes

Wayfarers: 1st Neil Fletcher & Chas Edwards, 2nd Matthew Lake & Rachel Parkinson, 3rd Guy Hacon & Keith Vincett

Easter Egg

Wayfarer 1st Neil Collingridge & Anne Spalding (WSC) 2nd Matt Lake & Rachel Parkinson (WSC)

OK 1st Dan Ager

Mirror 1st Eleanor & Imogen Bellfield (Itchenor SC) 2nd Jules & Alice Rains (WSC)

Laser 1st Graham Ireland (RHYC) 2nd Jonathan Penn (WSC) 3rd Charlie Dearlove (WSC)

Lark: 1st Alan Krailing & Tim Linsell (WSC) 2nd Stephen Videlo & Maddie Harris (WSC) 3rd Matt & Emma White (WSC)

Cadet 1st Sam Yale & Harry Chatterton (WSC), 2nd Daisy & Angus Collingridge (WSC), 3rd Ed Harris & Faye Chatterton (WSC)

Firefly: 1st Stuart Hudson & Jane Hudson (Keyhaven) 2nd Alex Davey & Belinda Joslin (RHYC) 3rd SC Steven Greaves & Frances Gifford (Rickmansworth SC)

Trophy Races

Coronation Cup 1st Daisy & Angus Collingridge (Cadet) 2nd Alan Krailing & Tim Linsell (Lark), 3rd Sam Yale & Henry Chatterton (Cadet)

Jubilee E11R Trophy 1st Alan Krailing & Tim Linsell (Lark) 2nd Roger Challis & Mark Johnson (Wayfarer) 3rd Willow & Cara Bland (Cadet)

Navigation Race. 1st Alan Krailing & Tim Linsell (Fireball) 2nd Matthew White & Jackie McKellar (Lark) 3rd Charlie Dearlove (Laser) **Ryder Cup (first Squib in Navigation Race)** William Sudell & Jo McArdle

EC50 Race 1st Alan Krailing & Tim Linsell (Fireball)

Reminders

Please remember that the Rubbish Skips in the Carpark are for General Household Rubbish only, and have been arranged for the convenience of the Hut Owners, Beach Users and the Sailing Club. If these continue to be abused they may well be withdrawn

Sometimes one of the Skips will be stored out of the way with its handle tied down. This means it should not be used.

There is a bottle bank in the pub carpark for the disposal of any bottles.

Events – What's on

June 1st The RNLI Pennant and Cork Plate (for keel boats) take place on Saturday 1 June, starting at 11.30. The RNLI Pennant's traditional course is to Kingsfleet but the OOD will determine this on the day and include a shorter course for Cadets, if appropriate. The Cork Plate is raced out to the Cutler at sea and back.

For the dinghy classes, 2nd Spring 7 race will take place afterwards, time of starts to be advised.

Voluntary donations to the RNLI will be taken on the day. The Club hopes every entrant will be generous to this wonderful charity.

June 15/16 – Sea Weekend - Racing for Larks, Lasers, Cadets at FFSC

June 28-30 Regatta– It's all been organised, music, food, racing, shore events, fancy dress, weather – it is **the** social event of the year – definitely not to be missed – great fun for all.

Visitors moorings – Notice from the Fairway Committee

At Waldringfield we do our best to accommodate visiting yachts and the Fairway Committee recently had a meeting to discuss the topic. It was thought that mooring holders should be aware of the arrangements.

If the boatyard has any vacant moorings, visitors will be expected to use those. Available moorings may be identified by a red dinghy marked "visitor". The boatyard can be contacted on VHF channel 80 or telephone 01473 736260.

When there are no vacant boatyard moorings, we will offer the use of other unoccupied moorings if suitable. The Fairway Committee has instructed the Harbourmaster to collect a mooring fee of £10 per night from these visitors. The Fairway Committee will donate all mooring fees collected in this way to the RNLI.

If you have arranged to loan your mooring to a friend, please inform the Harbourmaster to avoid the friend being charged a mooring fee. Loans of longer than one month must be approved by the Committee.

If you are going to be away from your mooring for more than a few days, it would be appreciated if the Harbourmaster is informed. This will help to ensure your mooring is free when you return.

Harbourmaster contact details

mobile: 07505 035456

phone: 01473 736257

email: waldringfieldhm@btinternet.com; VHF channel 37A when afloat

Squibs

Squibs are emerging from various forms of hibernation and launching fast. They finally appeared on the race course on Wednesday evening of May Day and 4 Squibs were seen racing on the following Saturday with a long haul down to Green Point and back. At this point eight were launched. Hopefully by the time of publication, there will be even more on the water and even more racing. We have great hopes of good turnouts this year with four new Squibs in our fleet. Trevor Southey has joined the club after buying back Maggie Lamb's boat which he sold to her 14 years ago. Cliff Edden has bought 326 which was briefly in our fleet a couple of years ago. John and Jackie Maxwell have bought 629 from Rutland Water. Steve Larkman has bought Jem Goddard's fast 663. Additionally we trust that other Squibs not seen racing very often last year may appear more regularly (David and I included!). We have a potential to have 18 boats racing – what a surprise if they all did on the same day!

We look forward to sailing in the Sea Weekend at the Ferry in June and before that we should be passing the Ferry on the way to the Cutler for the Cork Plate.

Winter social life centred on the annual Ferry Squib Supper which Jo and I organised. Cabaret was mixed – as usual. We had Graham declaiming 'Mad Carew' and singing some shanties. The Ferry countered with 'I'm a Little Squib Boat' to the tune of 'I'm a Little Teapot' and finally Jo's table had to sing 'Nellie the Elephant' as a forfeit. All fuelled by free flowing alcohol of course. It was all good fun and we were very pleased to have Class Chairman Jenny Riley and her husband Bryan joining us.

Ricky East

Mirrors

After what seems like the coldest Spring since, well last year, the weather has finally warmed up and - as if by magic – Mirrors have started to appear on the Deben at Waldringfield.

The low temperatures put off most for the early season trophy racing with two Mirrors entered in the Easter Egg - including one visitor (the Bellfield sisters from Itchenor SC) and two in the Jubilee Trophy (Colin Jacobs & Fiona Baker and myself with my daughter Alice).

However, the May Day Bank Holiday weekend also saw the Eatons (Richard with Alex & Izzie), the Fletchers (Neil, Maria with their children Lia & Edward) and the Rains (Julian with Alice) out in their Mirrors enjoying some cruising in both sunshine and breeze. Since then Mirrors joined in the well-



attended Junior Sailing and one boat raced up to Wilford Bridge in the Navigation Race ... both on 11th May.

In the next couple of months there are opportunities for Mirrors to get involved in the RNLI Pennant race (1st June), in Junior Sailing (8th June) and in the Regatta (30th June).

Ex-member Rob Bellfield arranged for WSC to borrow a modern Winder Mk 3 Mirror. This boat has been with us for a few weeks now and has already been used for racing and cruising. She's owned by the UK Mirror Class Association and they have kindly loaned her to WSC I hope at least until the end of June. She can be used by any club member so please contact me on jules_rains@hotmail.com / 01473 736036 to arrange this.

The Mirror Class Association has arranged a 50th Anniversary event on July 13th and 14th at Northampton SC. Mirrors of all shapes, sizes and abilities are encouraged to join in this weekend of fun events to celebrate the class's milestone. Nationally the Mirror class seems to be in good health; the RYA reports that only 5 other double-handed dinghies had more entries than the Mirror into their 2012 national championships. That the class has modernised itself in recent years primarily by introducing a Bermudan rig and GRP hulls has no doubt increased its appeal.

As for Mirrors at WSC, I hear concerns that the class could dilute our successful Cadet fleet and agree that this is not desirable. Personally I think the Mirror could play an important role to further strengthen WSC's junior sailing. It's a great dinghy to introduce our younger children to crewing and helming in a manageable boat that can easily accommodate an adult for reassurance. Our Mirror has got both my daughters on the water and now one of them has moved happily and confidently into a Cadet. Comments and suggestions welcome!

Julian Rains

Cadets

The fleet goes from strength to strength. Lots of early season training where everyone has improved hugely, a new Series winner for the Spring 1 series in Archie Penn and Hazel Whittle, some great performances in the worlds qualifiers most notable from Sam Yale and Harry Chatterton, and Henry Stone and Hattie Collingridge and in the Club Championship Willow and Cara Bland lie 4th and Daisy and Angus Collingridge in 5th after the races so far.

Junior Sailing has started - lots and lots of really little ones on the water, having fun, capsizing - next Junior Sailing is on June 8th.

As always the class relies heavily on its volunteer parents so please don't be shy in coming forwards.

Remember half term training May 30/31 and cadet open 22/23 June. Be there or be square

Neil

Yacht Class

Recent activities

- (1) Yacht Class fitting Out Supper 16th March 2013 – 56 members and guests sat down to an excellent meal at the Waldringfield Golf Club.
- (2) Talk on 13th April - Rebuilding of Yacht "Clytie" by Jo Masters – An excellent talk about this very well known Deben Yacht.
- (3) Talk on 4th May – An excellent talk on Sopwith's Endeavour by Graham Anthony, one of the most famous British America's Cup boats.

Forthcoming Events

- (1) PIMMS party at the WSC Clubhouse on Saturday 18th May- All members are welcome. Information about the event is available in the Clubhouse.
- (2) Cruise to St Katherine's Dock. This is taking place around the Bank Holiday weekend at the end of this month. 9 boats from the Club are making this trip.
- (3) A cruise to Heybridge Basin on the R. Blackwater from 23rd to 28th July. Details from Richard Hopkins who is organising this event. (Details Below)

John Chaplin

Heybridge Cruise

It's unlikely that this year's Blackwater Cruise can take place in such good weather as in 2012 when we had four days of lovely sunshine. However, bookings are being made for Tuesday 16th July to Friday/Saturday 19th/20th July.

The provisional plan is to visit:

Pyefleet or Brightlingsea on Tuesday 16th July (or Tollesbury for those wishing to have a two night visit there)
Tollesbury Wednesday 17th July
Bradwell Thursday 18th July
Heybridge Friday & Saturday 19th/20th July

Please let John Chaplin or me (Richard Hopkins) have your thoughts and provisional bookings, giving yacht name & LOA

Richard Hopkins (hoppey6@gmail.com)

Walton Backwaters Siltation Warning

The Hamford Water Management Sub-Committee met recently to discuss the current rapid siltation of the channel off Stone Point, which is producing a narrower channel with up to 4kts of tide such that entry/exit for the Backwaters is considered to be becoming potentially hazardous for all craft. The Sub-Committee is investigating urgent remedial action, but this is not proving easy to achieve.

In the meantime the following is the advice from Walton & Frinton YC:

- a. The latest survey indicates the minimum depth in the vicinity of No.16 buoy and No.9 buoy is currently around 0 metre chart datum.
- b. Depending on draft, exercise caution when navigating round the Stone 2 hours either side of low water.
- c. To minimise the effect of the overfalls and turbulence near No.16 buoy in wind over tide conditions at high water, pass close to the green buoys No.9 and No.11. Recreational craft are advised to approach the Stone Point channel with care and watch for eddies and strong tidal flows.
Swimming in that area is very strongly advised against.

COMING SOON

The Club is arranging a new source of club branded clothing; polo shirts, sweatshirts etc. Look out for full details shortly on the email, on the website & at the Club

Coming Soon: Members Survey

Over recent weeks your sailing committee have been considering a range of ideas aimed at improving peoples enjoyment of racing and increasing participation. What we would like to do next is get your views on our ideas. In the next few weeks we will be putting together a simple survey to capture your feedback.

Alan Krailing

TRAINING

2014 RYA INSTRUCTORS COURSE

The above course will be held in April 2014. Anyone wishing to take this course needs an RYA First Aid Certificate and the only course that will run at Waldringfield SC in time will be on Sunday May 12th 2013.

So if you plan to take the course you need to sign up for the First Aid.

Please email gunfleet@aol.com for a place

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE DINGHY INSTRUCTOR COURSE IS LIMITED TO 6 PEOPLE.

Best wishes

Graham