

# Waldringfield Sailing Club

## February 2011 Newsletter

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**H**ere it is! All the information you will need to begin another eagerly awaited season of sailing at Waldringfield. Make the most of it, and let's hope for good weather.

A number of things have been happening in the "off season".

Many of you will already have seen the modifications completed to the bottom of the steps down to the beach. We are pleased with the job which has been done and hope that this makes it much easier, not only for our members, but also for all users of the steps to get up and down from and to the beach.

The old iron railings have now gone, and the foreshore between the Harbourmaster's hut and the Maybush has been tidied up. I think it looks really good.

A sub-committee has been formed and has had its first meeting to progress the proposed changing room extension. All being well, we aim for the building work to start at the end of October this year.

And, at long last, there is some progress to report on the pontoon proposal. The Waldringfield Fairway Committee have written to the Club to say that the Fairway Committee does not object to the Club approaching the Crown Estate to ask permission to site a pontoon in accordance with the plans. Consequently, applications are now going in to the Crown Commissioners and to Suffolk Coastal to seek the necessary permissions.

There is still work to do at the Club in preparation for the season. We didn't get as many people as hoped for at the shut down, so now is your opportunity to help with all the jobs to be done – and a chance to get to know other members who you might not meet during the regular club activities.

The early season racers amongst us will need to take note of the changes to starting sequences later in this Newsletter. Don't just think you can rock up expecting everything to be as it was last year. We are a progressive Club you know! Things don't stand still.

Also, be advised that the galley will not be serving any lunchtime food until Easter.

And the next item in this Newsletter is a bit of good news for your Rear Commodore. £25 in the bank!

*David Copp*

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## 1. 500 Club winners

December 2010 – David Copp – 121 £25

January 2011– John Cooney – 21 £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

## 2. Births

**Jemima Deacon** – a daughter for Amanda and Nick, born 25th January

## 3. Welcome to new Members

**Andrew Wood** a novice but has his own Wayfarer.

**Joseph McKay** (junior) has been through the various Junior Sailing Courses and is now keen to join in handicap racing with his Laser Pico

## 4. Racing Results

James Hayward & Tim Carter were 8th in the 420 Worlds in Argentina and 3rd GB boat

Our Larks have been going great guns. At the Royal Harwich Boxing Day race, Waldringfield Larks took the first five places in this order: Harry Pynn, Matt Stearn, Alan Krailing, Nick Bubb (not currently a WSC member, but "one of us"), Fiona Gray. At Alton Water, the first six places filled by Waldringfield Larks, in this order: Alan Krailing, Matt Stearn, Harry Pynn, Fiona Gray, Geoff Mayhew, Daniel Watson. In the singlehanders, Bob Whitehouse was 5th overall.

Well Done all of you. I bet it was cold at Alton Water, but warmer in Argentina!

## 5. Yacht Class Social Programme

**26th March** A meal followed by a talk "Atlantic Children" by Juliet & Charles Dearlove

**9th April** A meal followed by a talk by Sean McMillan - Spirit Yachts.

**Please let Mike Nunn (01394 212770) for either of these talks which are open to all members. He will need numbers for the catering**

**30th April** Yacht Class Fitting Out Supper at Waldringfield Golf Club - £20.00 (Tickets from Mike Nunn)

**10th June** Pimms Party in Clubhouse 7pm (Tickets from John Shambrook)

**11th June** Drinks at Ramsholt Arms Midday followed by BBQ at the Rocks

## 6. Yacht Class Sailing Programme

**May/June Spring Bank Holiday:** Cruise to St. Katharine's London - Book through John Chaplin 01223 350707

**27th/29th Aug (Bank Holiday)** Cruise to the Blackwater via Bradwell Marina more details nearer the time

**17th/18th Sept :** Cruise to Ipswich Haven Marina

**1st/2nd October :** Cruise to Walton & Frinton Yacht Club

## 7. Working Parties

There will be three working parties on successive Saturday mornings, 19 Feb, 26 Feb and 5 March. 10.30 at the Club. Tools and equipment are generally provided, but it is a good idea to bring work gloves, a spade or shovel. Also if you have a special skill which might be called for, please bring relevant tools.

## 8. Changing Room Locks

The code numbers for the changing room locks will

be changed on 19 February 2011, which is the date of the first Working Party. You will find a slip with the new number in your membership pack. Please don't distribute this number beyond your family. We have found non-members using the toilets and showers, and that is a cost to all of us.

## 9. LUS Raffle

The raffle at the Laying-up Supper made a tidy profit of £230. This has been donated 50% to Beating Bowel Cancer, which has claimed the life of one of our Club members, and 50% to the RNLI. Well done to the Cadets at the Laying-up Supper who were so expert at parting us with our cash – all in a good cause, or rather two good causes.

## 10. New race Starting Sequences

For Saturday points races we have revised the starting sequence as shown below with the OK and Dragonfly start now between the Larks and the Wayfarers.

Lark	1320 and 1520
OK + Dragonfly	1323 and 1523
Wayfarers	1326 and 1526
Lasers	1329 and 1529
Cadet	1332 and 1532
Squibs	1335

The intent is to stop leaders in the Wayfarer fleet catching backmarkers in the Lark fleet. Since Wayfarers and Larks are similar speeds this was causing problems for both so we will separate these classes by 6 minutes rather than 3 minutes.

To mitigate the risk of Wayfarers catching Dragonflies too quickly we are altering our guidance to course setters so that Wayfarers will sail a longer course or first beat.

We will review how the new sequence is working out during the season and if it turns out to be worse than the previous sequence or is causing too many problems we have the option to revert to the previous one.

Please send any feedback to your class captain or to me directly. *Harry Pynn, Club Captain*

## 11. RHOON 40th Anniversary

For those of you with yachts who do long-term forward planning, please put Rhoon in your diaries for the third weekend in May 2013. If you went to Rhoon last time, you'll know that they know how to put on a good party! Rhoon is just outside Amsterdam, and it is the 40th anniversary for the Yacht Club there. *More information from Tom Auber.*