

Waldringfield Sailing Club Newsletter

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The weather. It may be trite to talk about the weather, but it affects us sailors very directly.

I think it is human nature to remember only the recent past, and very English/British to look on the dull side. I have heard many people bemoaning “what a poor summer we are having”, but think back to April/early May and then we had wonderful weather. Since then we have had a number of racing days when we have had really challenging, but still sailable, days and I for one have really enjoyed those days. So let’s all be “glass half full” people.

There is a report in this Newsletter about the Regatta, and that was a beautiful weekend too. What a spectacle! Patrick Cooney did so well with the shore events. We distributed a questionnaire earlier in the year asking, among other things, for ideas/suggestions/additions etc for the Regatta. It is always good to get feedback, so if you have any thoughts as to how we could improve, please say so. It will be my baby for the next two years – assuming you allow me to climb the ladder to Vice Commodore – and I would be more than pleased to hear comments.

Our two planning applications are progressing. That for the changing room extension seems set to be allowed quite soon, while the application for the pontoon continues to arouse controversy. Fingers crossed, everybody for a successful outcome

Cadet Week is coming up. I have been at Woodbridge watching WSC Cadets and Mirrors having a wonderful time in the sun; a change of scenery and racing course is always enjoyable – provided you have written down the course correctly of course! The younger members are so vibrant and long may that continue.

And a big “**WELCOME**” to Teresa who has successfully moved in to the Galley to look after our inner men and women. Both Cathy Fish and Jo McArdle have done a lot to help Teresa get up to speed. Thank you to both of them.

David Copp
Rear Commodore

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Housekeeping Notices

- The Galley ask you, please, to return mugs and crockery to the trolley outside the Galley. That’s a great help to those who give up their time to feed and water us.
- Signing on and Declarations. We need to tighten up on this. Please read the notice in this Newsletter
- We have been aware that equipment has been borrowed from other people’s boats and not returned. We are a friendly Club, and it does happen that a missing piece of equipment might be borrowed from a friend’s boat for a particular race, but it goes without saying that this can cause great distress and suspicion if it is not returned, so if you are in extremis and borrow something from somebody else, tell someone else what you are doing and get them to remind you to return it.
- Yacht Class Sailing Logs. If you have a log which you will be submitting for a prize, this must be submitted by Friday 28 October, for judging by the Commodore.

500 Club winners

May - Tom Auber No.42 £25

June - Margaret Lake No.77 £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

Members’ News

Births: Joseph Scurrall a son for Dan & Lou & grandson for Peter. was born 10th May 2011. His sisters Isabella and Sophia love him. He weighed in at a very healthy 8 lbs 7 oz

Marriages Melissa Cowley and John Cutting got married at Helmingham 11th June 2011

Deaths Norman Langdon passed away on 12 May 2011. Norman had been a long time member of WSC although in recent years he had joined Woodbridge Cruising Club where he was Bosun. Also Anne Fraser, wife of Geoff Fraser, died in early July. Anne had been a member for many years and was always a stalwart in the Galley

Welcome to New Members

- **Peter & Linda Power** (Joint) who have an interesting Post Boat
- **John Page & Carole Harris** (Joint) John has bought a small 12 ft clinker dinghy to sail
- **Sarah Hill with Poppy, Jemina, Ianthe & Toby** - Poppy & Jemima are sailing a Cadet
- **Abigail Ruffles** has rejoined the Club and is keen to hone her skills in either the Laser or Lark fleets
- **Andrew James** Andrew has been a member on and off for many years. He usually crews in the front end of the Lark Fleet.

Signing on and Declarations

This note applies to you, both when you are racing and when you are on Race Officer duty.

The Club's permanent sailing instructions, which govern all Club racing, include the following section:

10. **Signing out/Declarations.**

All competitors shall ensure their name and sail numbers are entered on the declaration forms provided before racing. The declaration forms shall be signed, using the abbreviations listed in RRS Appendix A11, within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day. This time limit may be extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Signing "out" is important for safety reasons: it tells us who is out on the water as part of a Club event. It is also a prerequisite for competing in a race. The Race Officers will draw a red line on the entry sheets once the race has started, so that it will not be possible to retrospectively enter and sign off after coming ashore.

Race Officers should mark as "DSQ", any competitors who have not signed off within the time limit. It is not the Race Officer's responsibility to remind competitors to sign off, but it is the Race Officer's responsibility to check that Declarations have been signed before publishing the results.

PS. The full sailing instructions can be found on the website under "Race Man Info".

Team Bosun

With the departure of John Smith to his new role as Harbourmaster, we have reorganised the Bosun function in the Club. Lance Cooper will be in charge of a Bosun Team, and he will call on appropriate people in the Club, with relevant skills, as needed. We are pleased that John Smith will undoubtedly be one of those people, along with Robert Lake and others.

***** REGATTA *****

Once again, the Regatta weekend of 8/9/10 July was blessed with glorious weather. We started on Friday afternoon with the first sailing race, and I have to say "sailing" because there were probably more non-sailing races than there were sailing races.

We had visitors from Northampton, including a Flying Fifteen, a Laser 2000 and a regular laser, Squibs from Aldeburgh and from Felixstowe Ferry and a gaggle of Shrimpers. Most of these had been to the WSC Regatta in previous years and had clearly enjoyed the experience



Photo: Alexis Smith

Anyway, the wind was blowing on Friday for the Birketts Trophy races. Several of the Lasers opted for the smaller radial rig, and Tim Archer showed us that he was on top form by winning the race on the water with his radial rig, beating the other competitors even though some of those were using full rigs. The winners of the Birketts Trophies were calculated by Harry Pynn, based on each class handicap.

Friday evening and Mike Tuckwell laid on his penultimate WSC supper, the beer flowed from the bar, and music floated out into the evening. There were some tired sailors heading home to rinse out their kit, ready for the fray on Saturday afternoon, but before that could happen....

THE SHORE EVENTS . Aply choreographed by Patrick Cooney, Waldringfield's answer to Bruce Forsyth, the whistle blew and the shore events were under way



preceded of course by the sandcastle competitions and the fancy dress competition with crabs and gardeners strutting their stuff in front of the Clubhouse.

The shore events are, to me, the highlight of the Regatta. Fun for all ages, and a unique and very special part of summer at Waldringfield. What a lot of enjoyment for the participants and for the spectators on the bank.

Back to the sailing, and the two races in the second half of the day were punctuated by the Yacht race; what a pity we don't have more entrants for this. And then a stonking good band for Saturday night and steaks all round as Mike's swansong.

Sunday morning started with crabbing and I was watching from the balcony as Claire Gosling ran her ruler over the crabs dredged up from the river for her perusal, the whole resulting in a mass distribution of Maltesers!

Two more races followed; I remember prime sailing conditions, and tea and prizegiving rounded off the weekend very appropriately.

Regatta results

Birketts Slow Handicap Trophy 1st Patrick Cooney & Lucie Nunn (Mirror) 2nd Mark & Elizabeth Hodge (Mirror) 3rd Maddie Harris & Ellie Wooton (Cadet)

Birketts Fast Handicap Trophy 1st Tony Fraser & Louise Hinshelwood (Lark) 2nd Dan Ager (OK) 3rd Simon Cox (OK)

Fast Handicap 1st Dan Ager (OK) 2nd Tim Cripps & Hilary E Hittington (Laser 2000) 3rd Will Gardner & Kevin Hope (Flying fifteen)

Slow Handicap & Mirror race 1st Chris & Sean Woodard (Mirror) 2nd Mark & Rebecca Hodge/Andrew Keman (Mirror) 3rd Neil & Lia Fletcher (Mirror)

Lark 1st Matthew White & Ollie Jones, 2nd Patrick Cooney & Annie Turner, 3rd Geoff & Maggie Harris

Cadet 1st Annie Knott & Faye Chatterton, 2nd Maddie Harris & Ellie Wooton 3rd Emma & Joshua White

Wayfarer 1st Gordon Harris & Neil Ravenscroft, 2nd Neil Collingridge & Anne Spalding, 3rd John Haile & John Parish

Squib 1st Richard Cooke & Jim Davis, 2nd Jo McArdle & Ed McArdle/William Sudell 3rd Peter Wylie & James Morgan

Laser 1st Tim Archer, 2nd David Copp, 3rd Charlie Dearlove

Dragonfly 1st John Palmer & Leigh Belcham, 2nd James & Mary-Beth Skellorn 3rd Richard Smithson & Mick King

Shrimper 1st Robin & Gillian Whittle 2nd Andrew & Tina Fitzgerald

Yacht 1st Kevin Gosling,(Bear Necessity) 2nd Graham Harrison (Alana)

Class Reports

Lasers



Photo: Alexis Smith

Chris Woodard reported recently::

RACING: Having missed out on much of the recent action, I'm probably not the best person to be reporting on this, but from what I've seen, all is still going well, even if turnouts have fallen a little as the family holiday season has kicked in.

Last night saw 15 Lasers contesting an incident packed race, with a novel running start and a first leg comprising of a 12 minute dead run against the tide to the Tips! Unsurprisingly the fleet remained tightly packed, with much blanketing and jockeying for position, followed by an almighty pile-up at the first mark. However, this didn't faze Linda, who rounded first, and then led round every mark, despite a late challenge from Ben Stone, to record a confident maiden victory (that Minorca Sailing coaching has paid off again!).

The previous weekend had been the Waldringfield Regatta, which was a huge success. The shore/beach based events are a spectacle to behold, harking back to long-gone days, before "health and safety" had been invented, but the racing side was well supported as well, with, I believe, around 75 entries. There was a decent Laser fleet, despite the defection of 3 Laser helms (including myself) to the newly resurgent Mirror Class (9 boats!). In the Lasers, Tim Archer was on fire, and recorded 4 straight wins, across a whole range of conditions, to blitz the fleet, and take the trophy with a race to spare.

This coming weekend sees the start of the 2nd Summer Series on Saturday, and the Adnams Trophy races on the Sunday. When I checked this morning, Wind Guru was suggesting 6-7 mph under a cloudless sky (so expect a nice sea breeze?) on Saturday, and 12-16 mph on Sunday, which all sounded rather nice, but I've just looked again and, a mere

12 hours later, they are now suggesting 14-18 mph on Saturday, and 12-25 mph on Sunday, both with up to 100% cloud cover! So it seems that this weekend's weather is anyone's guess, so why not just turn up and see what happens?!

NEW MEMBERS: We have recently gained a couple of new, hopefully regular, Laser members; a warm welcome to Charles Curry-Hyde and Richard Gibson.

Squibs



Photo: Alexis Smith

The best thing that has happened this summer is some very good turnouts, not consistently but nonetheless very good by recent standards. Wednesday evenings have seen as many as 8 Squibs racing and the Regatta had 10 entries, nine of our fleet and a visitor from Aldeburgh. We hope that at least 3 of our Squibs will return the favour and go to Aldeburgh Week in mid August. We currently have 11 Squibs on our own moorings plus 3 others on other moorings. It would be good to see all out at once. Maybe in the Cartoon Trophy?

The Regatta provided the fullest range of weather conditions possible. Friday evening was extremely gusty and provided many alarming moments, mostly on a congested starting line. We had two races on Saturday in reasonable conditions but by Sunday morning, there was very little wind. It did increase by Sunday afternoon to give pleasant racing in the last race. There was close racing throughout the weekend, finishing with an overall win for Richard Cooke and Jim Davis with 3 wins and a second, edging out Jo McArdle and her family crews who had 2 wins and 3 seconds. Peter Wylie came third.

Most Saturday and Wednesday racing has been dominated by Will Sudell and Jo McArdle but on Wednesdays Steve Carter and Mark Stone have shown that they haven't forgotten how to make a Squib go fast after a long absence. We're delighted to see them back keenly racing.

Our representative on the National Squib Owners Association committee, Ian Waite, came back from a social visit to the National Champs which resulted in a surprise crewing job as well as modelling our smart new fleet polo shirt! He, like a few others, plans to take his Squib to the Nationals in Dartmouth in 2012.

We've been glad to have visitors to our fleet, Peter Wylie from Aldeburgh and Dave White from Felixstowe Ferry and we expect to see them again at the Cartoon. The subject of

visitors has been discussed very positively at both Sailing and General Committees as a result of their appearances. The Squibs are now able to nominate the club series after any open meeting as an open event to encourage visitors to stay on and we wish to take our part in helping fulfil the club's role in promoting sailing on the river Deben. Reciprocity with the other two clubs on the river is being promoted and we hope that all club members will welcome our Squib visitors.

Cadets



Photo: Juliet Dearlove

Charlie Linsell reports:

The cadets have had a challenging few events this year after the inlands at Grafham being cancelled and the Weymouth indicator only allowing 1 race for the silver fleet due to too much wind.

At Parkstone we had 5 boats travel with Emma White and Josh White coming 17th, Maddie Harris and Edd Harris coming 22nd, Annie Knot and Eve Bottalico coming 24th, Charlie Linsell and Lisa Rose coming 33rd and Sam Yale and Harry Chatterton coming 37th.

Next was the Weymouth indicator with 6 boats from Waldringfield. Annie and Eve in 15th, Maddie and Ed in 16th, Emma and Josh in 20th, Henry Stone and Sammy Jones in 40th, Charlie and Lisa in 43rd and Sam and Harry in 53rd.

At the re-set inlands 3 boats attended, Maddie and Ellie in 14th, Annie and Eve in 18th and Emma and Josh in 25th.

That's all for now But Nationals are approaching quickly!

Charlie Linsell

STOP PRESS!

Lulu Knott crewed for the 5th placed boat in the Cadet 2011 Hanse Youngster Promotional Regatta held at Kuhlingsborn, Germany alongside the Cadet World Championships.. Annie Knott helmed the 7th Boat

RESULTS

Spring 2

Cadets 1st Emma & Josh White, 2nd Maddie & Ed Harris, 3rd Charlie Linsell & Lisa Rose/Sean Woodard

Larks 1st Chris Fish & Cathy Fish/Helena Fish 2nd Ian & Alyson Videlo 3rd John & Melissa Cutting

Laser 1st Stephen Videlo, 2nd Patrick Cooney, 3rd Tom Chippendale

Laser Radial 1st Chris Woodard, 2nd Heather Mills, 3rd Sarah Northey

Wayfarer 1st Neil Fletcher & Chas Edwards, 2nd Mike & Rani Pert, 3rd Neil Collingridge & Anne Spalding

Dragonfly 1st Steve Cooney & Colin Jacobs, 2nd Richard Smithson 3rd Derek Jacobs

Squib: 1st Richard Cooke & Jim Davis, 2nd David White & Max Evans 3rd William Sudell & Jo McArdle

OK 1st Rob Deaves, 2nd Dan Agar, 3rd Simon Cox

Summer 1

Cadets 1st Daisy & Angus Collingridge, 2nd Gus Gooney & Ali Goodhead/Hattie Collingridge, 3rd Charlie Linsell & Lisa Rose/Sean Woodard/Hugo Passmore

Larks: 1st Alan Krailing & Tim Linsell, 2nd Harry Pynn & Gemma Cook/Adam Owens, 3rd Ian Alyson Videlo

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

Squibs: 1st Peter & Jenny Greatrex, 2nd David Cannell & David Craig, 3rd Tom Brazier & Paul Bartlett.

Wayfarers: 1st Neil Collingridge & Anne Spalding, 2nd Neil Fletcher & Chas Edwards, 3rd Guy Hacon & Keith Vincett/Kieran Barnes

Dragonfly 1st Derek Jacobs & Simon, 2nd Richard Smithson & M. King

Wednesday 1

Laser 1st Stephen Videlo, 2nd Chris Woodard, 3rd Peter Mills

Fast Handicap 1st Chris Fish & Beth Condie/Cathy Fish (Lark), 2nd Ian & Alyson Videlo,(Lark) 3rd Gordon Harris & Simon Howlett (Wayfarer)

Slow Handicap 1st John Palmer & Leigh Belcham/David Sharp, (Dragonfly) 2nd Steve Cooney & Bryony Harding (Dragonfly) 3rd Richard Smithson & Roger (Dragonfly)

Squib 1st William Sudell & Jo McArdle, 2nd Steve Carter & Mark Stone/Richard Woolf, 3rd Richard Cooke & Jim Davis

Trophy Races

Navigation Race 1st Alan Krailing and Tim Linsell, 2nd Harry Pynn & Andrew James, 3rd Stephen & Chris Videlo.

The Bill Earle Memorial trophy for first Dragonfly in the Navigation Race - James Skellorn & Maria Skellorn/Ollie Ballam

The Navigation Race incorporated a fund raiser for East Coast 50 (Disabled Sailing at Levington) and about £170 was raised for this charity.

Adnams Trophy Races

Pursuit Race 1st Annie Knott (Cadet) 2nd Ian Videlo (Lark) 3rd Stephen Videlo (Laser)

Handicap Race 1st Ben Stone (Laser) 2nd David Copp (Laser) 3rd Harry Pynn (Lark)

Shrimper Race: 1st Andrew Fitzgerald, 2nd Robin Whittle, 3rd Bryn Bird

Personal Handicap

Cadet, Ed Harris

Lark Stephen Videlo & Tim Linsell

Laser Chris Hawkes

Wayfarer. John Haile

Squib Peter & Jenny Greatrex

Ladies Trophy Daisy Collingridge

Junior Trophy Daisy Collingridge

Novice Trophy Pip Dearlove

Summer Trophies

Cadet, Daisy & Angus Collingridge

Lark, Andrew Nunn

Laser Sarah Northey

Dragonfly Stephen Cooney

Squib, Will Sudell & Jo McArdle

Wayfarer - Neil Collingridge & Nellie Nunn

Sailing School news

The training season has reached its climax as the second of our two Junior Weeks gets underway. In total 70 children will have either learnt to sail or improved their sailing this year. Quite a number have gained advanced certificates in seamanship skills and sailing with spinnakers as well. In addition to the Club's Wayfarers, the school hired in two RYA Topper fleets (12 boats in all) and the RYA RS Feva fleet (3 boats) to give us sufficient flexibility and coverage. Without doubt it is a big event to manage and at its height there were 25 support staff on site including Instructors (all home grown), RIB and launch drivers & crews - a really big thank you to all those who volunteered to help out.

In addition earlier in July the club hosted a taster day for Year 6 pupils from Waldringfield Primary and 3 other schools including Bucklesham and Bealings. In all 60 10-11 year olds spent the day on or by their local river. It is part of the club's desire to spread the sport of sailing to as many as people as possible.

Our adult sailing courses and our Wednesday evening 'Sandhoppers' events have been well attended. There is one more adult course this year 'Sailing with Spinnakers' on September 3/4. This is a great opportunity to not only develop your skills around conventional spinnakers but to try out the asymmetric version using the new Wayfarers 'Resolute' and 'Redoubtable' with their bowsprit poles.

As the autumn approaches the school turns to running courses for the yachting side of the club. There is a VHF/GMDSS course in October and, for the first time, a shore based Coastal Skipper/ Yachtmaster course starting on 19 September. 11 people have signed up for it already but there are still a couple of places left if you wish to learn more about Navigation.

Finally planning is well advanced for the 2012 Training Programme, but it is not too late to let Graham Harrison, the Training Coordinator, have any suggestions for particular courses you would like to see run. Graham can be contacted at gunfleet@aol.com.