



# Waldringfield Sailing Club Newsletter Dec 2012 No.74

## Rear View

"Brrrr" –I can't believe how quickly we have descended into arctic weather conditions. Oh well at least we've had the Christmas Ball/LUS to cheer us up. It was a glittering occasion enjoyed by all, even if a little bit drafty at times. Thanks to Nellie Nunn and Jon Penn for organising this. Also many thanks to all who turned up for the "close-down" working party. As usual we got through a long list of jobs - all very necessary to keep the clubhouse in good order over the winter. We have a few improvements planned over the winter – including – installation of gripper rods on the slipways, a new fuseboard/rewiring (prevention of fuses blowing) and bag racks in the changing rooms.

We now have a new owner for the Waldringfield boatyard and we are looking forward to building a good relationship.

**Volunteering opportunity** – Felixstowe Regatta. 13/14 July 2013. This is a very prestigious event, attracting the top racing yachts from around the region and abroad, including (often) some ex-America's cup boats. Last year this event included the IRC east coast championships. It is organised by a consortium of local clubs including WSC. If you like the opportunity to be part of the organising team for this major international regatta – please let me know. Enthusiasm is more important than experience.

Season's best wishes – Bob W

## Stop Press

A team from WSC has just achieved a stunning victory in the Waldringfield Village Quiz and came home with the "Waldringfield Village Hall Cup". The team, consisting of David Copp, Ricky East, Peter Greatrex, Anthony Mason, Margaret Lake and YT smashed the final round of a close fought competition to leave the opposition floundering in our wake.

## Message from the Secretary

**Please note:** following the change in the rules please check that your membership category is correct. You will be a Young Person if you are aged 25 years or under on 31st December 2012

Please write your email address clearly at the top of the membership renewal form or better still email me if you have changed your address

If you have an email address but do not receive messages from - [mgtlake@btinternet.com](mailto:mgtlake@btinternet.com) with a subject line starting with [SAILINGSECWSC] - please let me know.

I still use [mgtlake@aol.com](mailto:mgtlake@aol.com) and do keep that address monitored so please use that if you want a quick reply.

**Car Parking** during the summer months - if you arrive early during the summer please park with consideration. Members who arrive halfway through the afternoon often find it very hard to park although there may be loads of spaces not quite wide enough in which to park a car - Margaret

## 500 Club Winners

Oct – John Cooney – No. 22

Nov – Bridget Dearlove No. 60

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

The full version of this Newsletter, with full colour photographs, is available on the Club website.

## Special feature – How the club is managed

As it is the time in the Club's year when new committees are being formed for the coming season, I thought it might be useful to set out the way in which the Club is managed.

It all starts with the Rule Book. We don't have a constitution as such; the Rule Book sets out the base structure of the Club. The Rule Book is available on the Club website.

As the Club is unincorporated, it cannot legally own property, so we have Trustees whose names go on the deeds (e.g. to the Clubhouse) and they own the Club property and hold it on trust for all the members.

The Club President is usually an ex-Commodore whose role is to act as a adviser to the Flag Officers but who does not have any decision making role.

Then we have three Flag Officers, the Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore. Each holds office for two years and in the normal course of events they move up a rung every two years and a new Rear Commodore takes office.

The Commodore of course is in overall command. The Vice Commodore, along with the Club Captain and Vice Club Captain, takes responsibility for "on the water" activities and the Rear (with the assistance of the House Committee) looks after the Club's shore based property.

There is a General Committee which meets once a month and makes most of the significant decisions about the Club's activity, including how Club funds are spent. Apart from the Flag Officers, the Club Secretary, the Treasurer, the Club Captain, Vice Club Captain and Cadet Squadron leader this Committee has 12 elected members who each sit on the Committee for a maximum of 6 years. Three of these members are always local residents.

The Flag Officers and the Secretary generally meet informally before each General Committee meeting to settle the agenda for the meeting and to review progress since the last meeting.

The Club Rules propose that any member can be nominated for any position within the Club hierarchy. As is common amongst members' clubs, it is usually the case that the current officers approach likely candidates to suggest that they put themselves forward, and to make sure that all sections of the Club are represented. Elections for the Club Officers take place at the AGM in November.

I am very proud of the fact that we don't generally have to twist any arms to fill the posts on the Committees or to find Club Officers when a post becomes vacant; all the signs of a successful and thriving Club of which we can all be proud.

**David Copp**

Vice Commodore (for one more year!)

## Births, Deaths and Marriages

**George Benedict Edward Ager** a son for Dan and Naomi was born 15th October weighing in at 7lb 4oz - Good news for the OK fleet

**Nathan John Stollery**, a son for Peter & Sarah. He was born on 9th November weighing 8 lbs. Bet his first sail is in a Punch or maybe a Bottle Boat?

**Marriages: Congratulations to Chris Mason & Anna De'ath** who got married on 29th October

## Welcome to new members

**Martin & Lisa Gunn with Phoebe & George.** Martin & George have joined Waldringfield in order to improve their racing in the Wayfarer Fleet.

**Richard Treloar** has a 12ft Wagtail dinghy which he will enjoy cruising on the Deben

## Racing Results

**Freezer:**

**Lark:** 1st Stephen Videlo & Maddie Harris, 2nd Chris & Cathy Fish, 2nd Matthew Stearn & Kerry Ryan

**Laser:** 1st Seb Balch, 2nd Tom Chippendale, 3rd Chris Woodard

**Laser Radials.** 1st Adam Eaton, 2nd Will Everitt, 3rd Robert Hughes

**Cadets:** 1st Henry Stone & Hattie Collingridge/ Liam Huxley 2nd Willow & Cara Bland, 3rd Daisy & Angus Collingridge

**Wayfarers:** 1st Roger Challis & Mark Johnson, 2nd Neil Collingridge & Anne Spalding, 3rd Neil Fletcher & Chas Edwards

**Dragonfly.** 1st Derek Jacobs, 2nd Richard Smithson

**Squib:** 1st William Sudell & Jo McArdle, 2nd Barry Searle & Fiona Baker

## Safety Officer

I want to take this opportunity, now that the season has ended, to thank all those who have driven or crewed the safety boats during the past season. There have been some glorious sailing days, and some horrible ones with either too much or not enough wind !!

My thanks also to Lance for maintaining the boats in such good condition, despite the heavy use they all get, and to John Smith who has organised the driver's rota quietly and efficiently throughout the year.

Finally, my special thanks to Robert Lake who has I believe been 'on duty' for virtually every weekend, and many other occasions throughout the season.

Thank you all. Ken Petherbridge Safety Officer

# Britannia rebuild



Did you know that WSC has an association with the historic royal racing yacht "K1 Britannia"?

This famous racing yacht was captained by one John Carter and later by his son Jack Carter. John won 122 races as skipper. King George V was a keen racer and was often on board. Full details here: [http://www.wivenhoe.gov.uk/History/Capt\\_J\\_Carter.htm](http://www.wivenhoe.gov.uk/History/Capt_J_Carter.htm)

John Carter is also the late great-uncle of our own ex-Commodore Tony Carter.

There is some fantastic footage of Britannia racing on this website: <http://k1britannia.org/>

## Sailwave

Sailwave is a word the racers may have noticed at the bottom of the series results which get circulated each week by Chris Fish. It actually is the name of the software which makes Chris' work a bit easier. It's used for open meetings too. It's capable of deciding discards and many other clever things. The reason for writing these words is that not many people know how to use it and we need more so we can spread the work. It sounds complicated but it isn't. The main reason for needing more people familiar with Sailwave is for the big entry open meetings – Easter Egg, Regatta and Cartoon. We had 94 entries for the last Cartoon in 8 classes, all but the OKs had 6 races. That's a lot of boats to be entered and processed in order for the prize giving to happen before everyone gets fed up and goes home!

What the Sailing Committee is looking for is a few people who do not race in these events to process the results using Sailwave. It will make life so much easier for the organisers. Would you be interested? A quick half hour spent with someone who is practiced with the system and you're ready for action. Please don't hesitate to volunteer. Alan Krailing, Chris Fish, Ian Videlo or myself would be pleased to hear from you.

**Ricky East**

## Beat the Stig- Round the Island Challenge

We are introducing a new event at the Club for next season; not a race, but a challenge to set the fastest times around our island.

We will have a ranking chart in the Clubhouse, based very much on the Top Gear "Star in a Reasonably Priced Car" format so that the chart can be updated each time a new time is recorded.

The object of the challenge is to achieve the fastest time sailing around the island at Waldringfield.

The basic rules for this challenge are:

- Attempts for the challenge can be taken at any time except when Club racing is in progress.
- The Challenger must arrange his/her timekeeper and verifier.
- The island can be circumnavigated either clockwise or anticlockwise and times are to be recorded when passing through the club line.

To ensure that a true circumnavigation is achieved there may need to be withies at the upstream and downstream ends of the island.

This will be open to anybody and we will record the fastest times from each class of boat so everybody can have a go; for example some attempts might be made in the time between Saturday races. More details to come ready for next season!

Now, does anyone have a foiling Moth?

**David Copp**

## Mirrors

The Mirrors enjoyed some competitive races in 2012 with 5 boats regularly competing in the Summer 1 series and good attendance at the open events (5 boats entered and raced in the Easter Egg, 9 boats entered with 5-6 consistently raced in the Regatta and 7 boats entered and 5 consistently raced in the Cartoon). This year was successful also for the new sailors: Grace Curry Hyde (6-years), Alice Rains (8-years) and Bethany Page (10-years) all raced for the first time, Lucy Rains (7-years) took the confidence she has built up in Mirrors into the Cadet fleet, crewing for Faye Gosling and the Sparks. Rebecca Hodge continued to build her helming skills. The Mirror class hopes to maintain these levels in 2013 and also to attract new sailors to the Mirror from both within and outside the WSC. Ex member Robert Bellfield has arranged for us to borrow a Mirror Class Association demonstration boat which will be available for racing and for Mirror taster sessions. There will be another summer racing series and shorter cup courses in recognition that Mirror crews are often too young for the longer slogs e.g. up to Kirton. Crews and ladies racing on Wednesday evenings are planned and a bbq / games cruise to Ramsholt. Some travelling both locally and also further afield is also on the cards; for example we expect WSC sailors to join in the Mirror's 50th anniversary celebration with a weekend's racing in Northampton in July and August brings the always-enjoyable DYC Regatta. One or two people are considering participation even further afield with the Worlds in Ireland (July) and Nationals in Pembroke (August) to choose from. Finally, with some WSC Mirror sailors moving to the faster (?) Bermudan rig, the AGM also resolved to find a way to recognise those racing the traditional Gunter-rigged boats. If you would like to start sailing Mirrors at WSC please contact Julian Rains.



Junior crews Ciara Woodard, Lucy Rains, Lia Fletcher and Alice Rains during the 2012 Cartoon Trophy at Waldringfield  
Jules Rains

## Lasers

Another great season for Laser racing at Waldringfield has come to an end, with the fleet having grown to 70+ Lasers, and regular race turnouts throughout the season in the high teens and early twenties. I think that we have ended the season with 20 different race winners again, which is a fabulous statistic that I suspect very few clubs or classes around the country could match.

The most prolific winner was, unsurprisingly, Tom, with 22 victories, followed by Steve Videlo with 15 wins. These two were head and shoulders above the rest, but Pennman had a great season with 6 wins, I managed 4, and Chris Videlo scored 3, albeit from a more limited number of starts! The rest of the race-winners had to make do with just 1 or 2 victories, but still no mean feat in our fiercely competitive fleet; a quick role call of the two-times winners being Charlie Dearlove, Peter Mills, Hamish Stone, Neil Collingridge (100% success!), Mike Hanes, Mark Hodge, Henry Mills, Sponge, Chris Cook and, with a very late charge, Seb Balch, and those with a single (but probably all the more satisfying for it) win were Patrick Cooney, Tim Archer, David Copp, Adam Eaton and Dan Scurrall. Sincere apologies if I missed anyone else's moment of glory!

Many thanks to everyone who took part this season, wherever you were in the results, and I hope that you all enjoyed it as much as I did. If you didn't feature amongst the winners this season, we have scheduled 6 Training Mornings for the early part of next season, to be co-ordinated by John Hughes, and remember, there is no substitute for "time in the boat"!

Chris Woodard

## Dragonflies

This autumn the Dragonflies have been busy not only competing in the Cartoon weekend but enjoying themselves with a gentle stroll from Falkenham Church across the lowland to the Felixstowe Ferry for a lovely lunch at the cafe.

The walk is about eight kilometres and on a sun drenched Sunday afternoon with views across the lower reaches of the Deben there is nothing to beat this walk. What I love is the sight of sails high above the defence bank without the sight of boat or people quiet serene and unhurried just the sound of geese and the wind.

Lunch at the Ferry Cafe these days is like stepping back in time with the interior decked out as if walking into the 1950's, the staff are always welcoming and even when very busy they have time to chat, what more can you ask for.

This year our AGM was held under the most genial conditions, on a cold evening gathered round a roaring fire we partook of a sumptuous meal, drank port and discussed the business of the day. A major part of the evening was taken up with the discussion over whom to add to the list of recommended sail makers. The general feeling was the individual should be within reach of knocking on their door!

All the boats are now out of the water and slowly drying out in preparation for the maintenance campaign

which normally starts in early March, this maintenance starts just as the rest of the club begins racing.

In the past couple of years March has been a glorious month with the late spring deteriorating into high winds and rain, so maybe this year the Dragonflies should sail in March and then take their boats out until July! --

Richard Smithson

## Cadets

As the season draws to a close it's been a great year for Waldringfield's Cadet Squadron.

We've qualified 3 boats for the World Championships in Hobart Tasmania (30 percent of the UK team) and two are going. But whilst everyone is hugely proud of that, the class has so much more to look back on too: A wonderful Seamark Nunn sponsored Cadet Week which went to the wire on the last race and virtually the last beat at that; a fantastically breezy cadet open in June - any of the boats which stuck that out deserve a trophy in their own right; 15 boats travelling to Carnac for a European Championship in search of wind; Saturday mornings of Junior Sailing to get the next generation afloat; Spring Half Term Training....everyone will have their favourite moments....mine, for obvious reasons, was watching one of the kids protest the leading Wayfarer for a rule infringement which handed me the win! These cadets get everywhere!

We have the Overall Club Champions in the form of Emma and Josh White, we have new helms starting out on a new great adventure, we have boats travelling the length and breadth of the country to get winter training and we have maintained turnouts right to the end of the season irrespective of the weather.

There are going to be a lot of kids with a gap in their lives on Saturday afternoons after next weekend. Some are going to Alton Water for Sunday morning racing, Willow and Daisy have borrowed a 420 to learn to trapeze (and swim a bit). Some no doubt will just have the sense to keep warm until March.

The Class has elected Gus Cooney and Willow Bland as its Squadron Captains and at the recent AGM we said thank you to Clare Gosling and Matt White who have run things so well for the last 2 years and set the bar so high for the new Squadron Leader - that's me!

I'm sure some things will be the same as they've always been and probably some things will be a bit different, but change in moderation can be a good thing. I want to ensure the Squadron goes from strength to strength - what really matters is that the cadets have every opportunity possible to achieve their goals - whether that's staying dry in a force 5, winning a race, a trophy, hoisting a spinnaker for the first time, beating their best mate for the first time, qualifying for a squad or winning the World Championship - whatever it is, I'm sure the Waldringfield Cadets will have more fun and make more noise in doing it!

Good luck to Emma White, Ellie Wootton, Sam Yale and Harry Chatterton in Tasmania in December....England expects and all that...."

## Christmas Ball Photos



## 2012 Trophy Winners

Seb Balch	Mayhew Freezer Trophy (Laser Freezer)	Minx Challenge Cup (Dragonfly Summer 2)
Tony Carter	The Admirals Trophy (Cannons) (1st WSC yacht in Haven Series)	Spear Challenge Cup (Dragonfly Spring/Summer overall)
Neil Cawthorn	The Globe -Cruising Log Trophy	Wednesday Evening Tankard (Dragonfly Wednesday 1)
Roger Challis	BTrophy (Wayfarer Spring 1)	Large Sudell Cup (Dragonfly Wednesday evening 2)
	Wayfarer Picture(1st Wayfarer Wednesday 1)	Turner Trophy (1st Dragonfly in Round the Island race)
	Wayfarer Friday Trophy (1st Wayfarer Wednesday 2)	Round the Island Cup
	Autumn Points Picture (Wayfarer Freezer)	Rachel Parkinson Wayfarer Cup (Best Crew)
Tom Chippendale	Deacon Laser Class Cup (Laser Spring 1)	Jonathan Penn John Gilmour Memorial Cup (Laser Summer 2)
	Admirals Cup (Laser Summer 1)	Seamark Nunn Laser Centre Trophy ( Laser Masters)
	Angela Penn Memorial Cup (Laser Autumn)	Mike Pert Autumn Cup (Wayfarer Autumn)
Daisy Collingridge	Sally Balch Memorial Trophy (Cadet Spring 2)	Harry Pynn Lark Plate (Lark Wednesday 1)
	Law Cup (Cadet Summer 1)	Grebe Trophy (Lark Wednesday 2)
	X2 Cup (Cadet Summer 2)	Lisa Rose Novices Trophy (best cadet helm not winning a race)
	Parker Cup (Cadet Spring/Summer overall)	Barry Searle Squib Pot (most improved helm)
	Liddell Trophy (Cadet Most turnouts)	James Skellorn The Navigation Race
	Hunt Cup	Bill Earle Trophy – now for 1st Dragonfly in Navigation Race
Hattie Collingridge	Bottoms up Cup (for most capsizes)	Chris Spark Katie Archer Trophy (Laser, most improved helms)
Neil Collingridge	Lake Tankard (Wayfarer Spring 2)	Henry Stone Cathy Fish Cadet Trophy (Cadet Freezer)
Richard Cooke	Medusa Trophy (Squib Summer 2)	William Sudell Clapham Trophy (Squib Spring)
Steve Cooney	Dragonfly Class 'A' Trophy (2nd Dragonfly in Summer 1)	White/Smith (Summer) Cup (Squib Summer 1)
	The Bryett Trophy (2nd Dragonfly in Round the Island race)	Squib Trophy (Squib Spring/Summer/Autumn overall)
Robert Deaves	Sherwill Trophy (OK Spring)	The Plodwyn Trophy (Squib Freezer)
	Alexander Cup (Wed evening points)	Mason Cup (Squib Wednesday evenings)
	Bush Trophy (Wed Evening II Points)	Wincer Warmer Trophy (Squib Autumn)
Adam Eaton	Friday Points Overall Trophy (Handicap Wednesday evenings Series 2)	Ryder Cup (1st Squib in the Navigation Race)
Neil Fletcher	Summer Series Beaker (Wayfarer Summer 1)	Jupiter Cup (Squib best 3 out of 6 all-in races)
	Wayfarer X2 Trophy (Wayfarer Summer 2)	Jubilee Cup (1st Keelboat in the Victory Plate)
	Overall Trophy (Wayfarer Spring/Summer overall)	Mossman Trophy Squib Club Championship
Tony Geary	Wayfarers Tigers Cup (most improved helm)	Commodore's gavel (2nd year)
	Wayfarers Chasers (Wayfarer 'B' fleet Summer)	Roger Thompson Transom Chasers Trophy (Wayfarer 'B' fleet Spring)
	Wayfarer Chasers (Wayfarer 'B' fleet Autumn)	Ian Videlo Seamark Nunn Trophy (Lark Spring 1)
Peter Greatrex	Metcalf Cup (1st Squib in Round the Island race)	Challenge Trophy (Lark Spring/Summer overall)
Cam Goodhead	Green Cup (best under 16 Cadet helm)	Autumn Points Trophy (Lark Autumn)
Guy Hacon	Wayfarer Chasers (most turnouts without any trophy)	Stephen Videlo Archer Trophy (Laser Wednesday 1)
Ed Harris	Dragonfly Cup (Best cadet helm with no other trophy)	Summer Series Tankard (Laser Wednesday 2)
Gordon Harris	Victory Plate	E11R Jubilee Trophy H02
Mark Hodge	Mirror Deben Week Points (Mirror Summer 1)	Bombadier Trophy (Handicap Wednesday evening Series 1)
Derek Jacobs	Dragonfly Class 'A' Trophy (2nd Dragonfly in Summer 2)	Challenge Cherub Trophy (Handicap Wednesday evening overall)
Annie Knott	Laura Cooney Cup (best under 21 Lady)	Fish Freezer Trophy (Lark Freezer)
	Spear Cup (Cadet Spring 1)	Palmer Cup (Lark Summer 2)
Lulu Knott	Branton trophy (most promising Cadet novice helm)	Emma White The Cutting Trophy (Cadet Autumn)
Robert Lake	Commodore's Cup for outstanding contribution to the Club	Patrick Ogden Junior Trophy (best 3 of 5 all-in race)
Charlie Linsell	Summer Centre Plate (Laser Radial Summer 1)	Coronation Cup
	Autumn Centre Plate (Laser Radial Autumn)	WSC Dinghy Club Championship Trophy
Antony Mason	Wickman Regatta Cup (Yacht Long Distance Crossing)	Matthew White Bird Bowle (Lark Summer 1)
John Palmer	Wickman Challenge Cup (Dragonfly Spring)	Chris Woodard Commodores Cup (Laser Radial Spring 1 & 2 Overall)
	Maybush Trophy (Dragonfly Summer 1)	Nicholls Palmer Deben Week Tankard (now Radial Summer 2)
		Linda Woodard Radial Tankard (Wednesday evening overall)

Trophies not already collected at the Laying Up Supper will be either distributed via the Class Captains or available at the club next year. Winners are entitled to one WSC-engraved glass each and those not already collected at the Laying Up Supper can be collected from the club.