



Waldringfield Sailing Club Newsletter

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Rear View

Congratulations to our very own...

Robert Deaves – the 2013 OK National Champion and
Lucy Offord – the 2013 Cadet National Champion Crew

What was your “standout” event this summer? – For me it was the Cartoon trophy weekend – I made a guest appearance in the Larks and didn’t win (again) but what a cracking weekend sailing – perfect conditions and a great turnout (over 60 boats). There are lots of great photos on our Facebook page– Are you aware that WSC has its own Facebook page?

<https://www.facebook.com/WaldringfieldSailingClub>

This has been very active of late with several people posting lots of great photos from recent events. Anybody can post pictures and notes to the Timeline – but remember - the whole world can see!

Racing Survey – We are currently looking for feedback from members on a couple of questions; - (1) Would you prefer to have adjusted race start times (on a week-by-week basis) to make better use of the high water period? – and (2) Should the club be considering the adoption of other classes of boat? Please take 2 mins to complete the online survey here –

http://esurv.org/online-survey.php?surveyID=OCHMFH_a85974e3

New membership database system – We are currently planning to move to a new computer system called Medusa for managing club membership information – more details inside – please take the time to read.

500 Club Winners

July - Margaret Lake No 77
August - Alexis Smith No. 29

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? ring Norman on 01473 720744 or speak to him or Gwen at the Club

WSC 2014 Calendar –

get your work noticed!

Juliet Dearlove is in the process of preparing the Picture Calendar for 2014. As you will know, this celebrates our beautiful Club and hangs on the walls of many if not all of our approximately 400 membership families. Would you like to place an advertisement (business card size) in the 2014 calendar? The cost is £20 per month and you can buy just one month or up to 12 months. If you are able to buy even one space, please do so by contacting Juliet on Juliet@julietdearlove.co.uk. Could you please let Juliet have your response by 1st November.

Juliet would also be very pleased to receive photographs for submission, in digital format.

News from the Galley

Saturday Cakes

This year has been a very good year for Saturday afternoons food as not only have we got the eggy baps but we have been supplied with delicious cakes by one of our members Spanni Archer

Spanni sailed at WSC as a child in a Cadet, mostly in the mud of the river and exploring the marshes She moved back to Suffolk after finishing University and chef school to start up a business making cakes.

She has given us cakes full of naughtiness that makes them taste good and replenishes those energy stores in between races, whatever the weather.

She also decorates cakes and has made them for several members of the club whilst trying to get out on the water .

Her ambition next year is to complete a Laser Series without any discards but she has not been very successful this year due to our baking demands on a Saturday.

She is also into making Christmas cakes So if you are interested just email her or we have some cards in the clubhouse info@suzannearchercakes.co.uk or phone 07825719710

Jo McArdle Galley Secretary

Births, Deaths & Marriages

Births:

Milena Fish was born 18th September 2013, a daughter for Jonathan & Iza Fish

Rowan Charles Edwards born 21st Sept 2013, a 2nd son for Wayfarer Crew Chas Edwards

Marriages:

Congratulations to Kerry Ryan & Paul Robson who were married 31st August 2013

Deaths:

Joan Gray passed away on 9th August 2013. She was a Life Member of the Club & had been a very active Club member
Anita Carter passed away on 13th August 2013 after a bravely fought battle with cancer.

Welcome to new members

Allan & Heather Hall with Oliver & Ella. Alan has a Laser, and Oliver a Cadet, and cannot wait to join in the racing

David Southern - has joined with a Falmouth Bass Boat, having sailed in the past is now looking forward to exploring the Deben

Racing Results

Summer 2

Cadets: 1st Lucy Knott/Daisy Nun, 2nd Archie Penn/Hazel Whittle, 3rd Ed Harris/Triston Whittle

Larks: 1st Stephen Videlo/Maddie Harris, 2nd Ian & Alison Videlo, 3rd Chris Fish/Christian Trett

Lasers: 1st Peter Mills, 2nd Jonathan Penn, 3rd Chris Woodard

Laser Radial: Daisy Collingridge, 2nd Patrick Cooney, 3rd Aaron Woolf

Wayfarers: Neil Collingridge & Anne Spalding, 2nd Guy Hacon & Kieth Vincett, 3rd Haydn Evans/Tim Power

Squib: 1st Tom Brazier/Geoff Morris, 2nd Richard Cooke/Jim Davis 3rd Peter & Jenni Greatrex

Wednesday 2

Fast Handicap 1st Harry Pynn & Gemma Cook (Lark) 2nd Robert Deaves (OK) 3rd Roger Challis/Kevin Knott (Wayfarer)

Slow Handicap 1st John Palmer & Leigh Belcham (Dragonfly) 2nd Derek Jacobs & T. Scott (Dragonfly, 3rd Richard Smithson & Roger Kaznika

Lasers: 1st Stephen Videlo, 2nd Peter Mills 3rd Hamish Stone

Laser Radial: 1st Cam Goodhead 2nd Aaron Woolf, 3rd Will everitt

Squib: 1st David Moon & Steve Condie, 2nd Steve Carter & Mark Stone 3rd Tom Brazier & Geoff Morris

Cadet Week

Gold Fleet, 1st Willow & Cara Bland (WSC) 2nd Sam Yale & Harry Chatterton (WSC) 3rd Ed Harris & Faye Chatterton (WSC)

Silver Fleet, 1st. Alex Eaton & Connor Line(WSC) 2nd Sean Woodard & Hugo Passmore 3rd Archie Goodhead & Francesca D'Enno

Laser Radial: 1st. Henry Stone (WSC) 2nd Josie Gummer (Fisher Green) 3rd Will Everitt (WSC)

Cartoon Trophy

Cadets: 1st Willow & Cara Bland, 2nd Ed Harris & Faye Chatterton, 3rd Archie Penn & Hazel Whittle

Lark: 1st Harry Pynn & Gemma Cook, 2nd Andrew Nunn &

Clare Gosling, 3rd Geoff Mayhew & Olly Jones

Laser: 1st Stephen Videlo, 2nd Seb Balch, 3rd Mike Hanes

Laser Radial: 1st. Charlie Linsell, 2nd Jackie McKellar, 3rd Lulu Knott

Mirror: 1st Neil & Ed Fletcher, 2nd Mark & Rebecca Hodge, 3rd Jamie & Tristan Whittle

Squib: 1st Peter & Jenny Greatrex 2nd Jo McArdle & Ed McArdle/Will Sudell

Wayfarer: Neil Collingridge & Anne Spalding, 2nd Gordon Harris & Simon Howlett, 3rd Matthew Lake & Rachel Parkinson

Round the Island

1st John Palmer & Leigh Belcham (Dragonfly) 2nd Robert Deaves (OK) 3rd Dan Ager (OK)

Turner Trophy for 1st Dragonfly in this race - John Palmer & Leigh Belcham

Bryett Trophy for 2nd Dragonfly in this race - Derek Jacob & Keating

Metcalf cup for 1st Squib in this race - Richard Cooke & Jim Davis

Bottle Boat Championships - report and pictures may come through in time if not next one?

Aldeburgh Week successes

Junior Regatta,

Archie & James Goodhead 3rd Slow Handicap in their Cadet

Archie Penn 4th in the Laser Fleet with his 4.7 rig

Ali Goodhead 12th with a Radial rig

Senior Regatta

Patrick Gifford won the Dragon Morning races and was 2nd in the afternoon

John Haile/ John Parish & Matthew Lake /Rachel Parkinson were 4th and 5th respectively in the Wayfarer class

Bob Whitehouse, Chris Woodard & David Copp came 2nd 3rd & 4th respectively in the Laser class

Whilst Pete & Jenni Greatrex finished 3rd in the Squib fleet

And Robin Whittle won the Shrimper class

Fireball Worlds (Slovenia)

Alan Krailing and Tim Linsell scored a very creditable 8th place.

Remember Cockleshell?

In a recent newsletter we reproduced a lovely ink drawing of Deben Week circa 1980 by John Sherwill. John used to sail the classic racing yacht Cockleshell on the Deben and we recently received an email from John's son Jonty, telling us about a recent success...

Cockleshell wins at Cowes Classics Week

Cowes Classics Week (15-19 July) attracted 127 boats in 12 classes. It is the first time that the 87 year old Cockleshell has been entered in a major regatta and she won the Classic Dayboat Class with six 1st places from six starts.

In a varied class of 6 boats racing under the Scandinavian KLR handicap system Cockleshell finished ahead of Aubrey Finburgh's Requin Class 'Johnny III' from Lake Annecy in France, and Jonathan Evans' Loch Long 'Tantrum' from Aldeburgh. Other boats in the class included Andy King's 30 Sq. Metre 'Gluckhau', David Elliott's vintage 6-Metre 'Monsoon', and Rees Martin's Tumblaren 'Alert'. Another classic 6-Metre 'Sioma' was entered but didn't race.

Helmed by Jonty Sherwill and crewed each day by Vicki Weston, there were guest appearances from Gordon Bonney, Fiona Earle, and 6-Metre owner Robin Richardson on the final day.

And another Classic Boat success...

Kestrel wins at the Classic Festival in Cowes

The Old Gaffers Association is 50 years old this year and the main event among many celebrations was the festival at Cowes in August.. 200+ boats attended, including around 40 sailing down from the East coast including Kestrel.

There were various fun and games including probably the roughest and definitely the wettest race I have sailed Kestrel in. As part of the prizegiving the editor of Classic Boat, one of the event sponsors, spoke about the effort involved in maintaining old boats, authenticity etc and presented a Concours d'Elegance prize which was awarded to Kestrel. James Palmer's Kestrel is kept on a mooring at Waldringfield and positively gleams .

X-35s in Malmo - New members Jonno Baker & Gemma Thompson crewed on a HPYC X-35 at their Worlds in Malmo. The only GBR boat to compete they came a very creditable 7th and had a fabulous week

The 2013 Fastnet Race

Fastnet race The final finisher of the 2013 Fastnet Race was Duet. who crossed the line and arrived in Plymouth. Christopher Courtaulds 101 year gaff yawl, sailed by WSC member & Squib Helm David Cannell, tackled the 608 nm course in 6 days, 6 hours 31 minutes and 27 seconds. She raised more than £20,000 for the Cirdan Sailing Trust. This Charity provides opportunities for disadvantaged young people to experience the challenge and adventure of life at sea on large sailing vessels,

New Membership System

Changes to our membership renewal process.

Over the coming weeks we are aiming to phase out the use of our current membership database, which has served us well for very many years, but is based on an increasingly obsolete database system which limits what we can do to tailor it to our needs.

Instead we will be moving over to a membership system that has already been proven by several other sailing clubs, from the same people that provide DutyMan - our race management rota system. You may hear people refer to the new system as "Medusa".

How will this affect me?

In the short term you will notice a different layout when you receive your membership renewal form towards the end of December, and we also plan to offer you the option to pay by direct BACS transfer if you prefer that to writing a cheque.

In the longer term we expect to make more use of Medusa's capabilities which will include enabling you to interact with the system via an online portal. We will let you know more about this once we have a firmer view of how we will use this facility for Waldringfield SC (if at all).

Ian Videlo

Vice Commodores Notes

Honours board

I was lucky enough to eavesdrop when Geoff Revett and Richard Hopkins met in the Clubhouse in front of the Honours Board last week. I had never met Geoff before but his name is on the Board as Firefly Champion in 1953. A very different (but in some ways not so different) world then. They had a passage race as part of the championships. Another of the early champions on our board (crewed by Richard Hopkins) was in the Penguin class, an import from USA with a single sail but two person crew (<http://www.penguinclass.com/>). Jack Knights, who appears several times from that era, was a name much bandied about when I was learning to sail and I heard some interesting anecdotes from that time.

It's your club

We are very lucky at WSC to have such a "hands on" bunch of members. All Club members are asked to do "duties"; usually two a year which can be Race management, rescue, bar or galley. You are asked on your membership renewal if there are any dates you know you cannot do, or if you have any preferences for the type of duty you could do. And then, once the majority of renewals are in, a group of dedicated people (this is an extra, unscheduled duty!) sit down for a day and set up the rotas for each task.

"Duty" is a word which seems to imply that the job is done reluctantly. It really isn't like that. Taking part in the Club's activities and making the racing and the social side of the Club work as it does so well is so worth doing. Apart from your free tea, it is great to have a chance to mix with the other members; getting thanked for your efforts and being an essential part of a highly successful organisation.

Those of you who have been on the race management rota will be familiar with the DutyMan software which allows you to organise changes of duty days, and next year, this will be available for rescue and galley duties too.

On the whole, we have very few "no-shows", but please do your best to turn up or organise a replacement if you are unable to come. Everything works better if we don't have to rush around and (in the case of race management) persuade somebody to give up their afternoon's sailing so that racing can go ahead. Very many thanks to those who are prepared to be press-ganged in this way.

David Copp

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



2013 Cartoon trophy start – photo Alexis Smith

Squibs

The Squibs are going strong right into the autumn with 6 boats out on the first Saturday of October for a very difficult race beating along the island shore against a fierce ebb. It served to encourage some of us to continue into November. Unheard of in recent years! This reflects an energy in the class which has been seen all summer. Lots of different winners of races and good turnouts. Having new boats in the fleet has been very helpful in this direction.

The Cartoon was hard going. Conditions for Saturday's racing were breezy and very gusty. The modest entry of six were cut to four before the first race when Barry Searle's main halyard failed and the Easts decided it was too much for their advanced ages. The three races were dominated by Richard Cooke and Jim Davis in Jumpin' Jack 814 who had a clean sweep. Behind them Pete and Jen Greatrex in Gunpowder Gertie 763 had two solid second places and a third which came to be their series discard. Jo MacArdle, crewed by son Edd, in Ariel 141 on Saturday notched up a 2nd and a 3rd before sensibly deciding two hard races was quite enough. Sunday was a much more kinder day but sadly Jumpin' Jack did not appear to continue their winning way. The Greatrexes took good advantage of this taking two wins and a second. Jo, crewed today by her brother Will Sudell, had a first, second and a third which earned her second overall behind the very consistent winners. Richard and Jim had enough points from Saturday to be third overall, ahead of Gill Lamb in Inarchus 745.

Our Squibs have been travelling. Peter and Jen Greatrex have been to Aldeburgh Week (3rd overall) and Burnham Week and this has been reflected in better consistency and race wins back at Waldringfield. David Cannell and David Craig went to the Squib Inlands at Rutland and won the Bronze fleet. David Cannell took time off from Squibbing to skipper the classic yacht Duet in the Fastnet in order to publicise the Cirdan Trust who run her. We are proud of him.

Cadets

The season so far:

We've had 4 training Sundays with 18 to 20 boats out whatever the weather, we've had 4 or 5 Junior Sailing Saturdays with more little ones than we've had helms for, we were blessed with legendary Mike Macnamara for half term training, we've been out to sea at Felixstowe when the rest of the club stayed behind, we've had 40 knt gusts during the cadet open and seen our home sailors beat many in the worlds team. We've seen beginners growing in confidence, learning to put their kites up even when it's blowing and we've had more smiles than tears virtually all the time. Some have travelled, quite a lot - Weymouth, Farmoor, Burnham, Parkstone, Poole, Nieuwpoort (twice for some), Abersoch, Rutland, Fishers Green, Grafham, Datchet.....others (perhaps wisely) have stayed put - sailing on the Deben is different but it is often difficult to beat and its always a pleasure to get back to.

Sam Yale and Harry Chatterton won the Easter Egg, Ed Harris and Faye Chatterton won the Cadet Open. Daisy and Hamish Collingridge won the Regatta and Willow and Cara Bland took the yellow jerseys on the first day of cadet week and didn't give them up all week. We've had 4 different winners of the 4 club series so far and too many race winners to count. And we have a National Champion crew in Lucie Offord.

The Autumn series saw Daisy Collingridge 1st counting 5 1st places after the unveiling of her new supalite crew Hamish, Willow and Cara Bland second with Alex Eaton and Connor Line/Anna Firth third and Sean Woodard and Hugo Passmore 4th.

At the RYA Zone Champs at Grafham Waldringfield scored a 1,2 overall - Lulu Knott and Daisy Nunn beating Daisy and Hattie Collingridge by 1 place in a fleet of 35.

Final dates are October 13 Sunday training, October 19/20 inlands at Datchet. Agm November 3rd and Christmas Party December 14th.

Numbers remain healthy - we are massive beneficiaries of the club only allowing class racing rather than a menagerie, and talking to other Squadron leaders it rapidly becomes clear that our

strength comes from not having the threat of teras, fevas, oppies, mirrors, or whatever. They envy our position - what a paradox from having too small a boat park!

We need more helms and we have seen a number moving out of cadets relatively early which is a slightly worrying trend. Only they can answer whether what follows matches what has gone before. We need to properly address the Radial class - we had 17 radials at cadet week (up 100 per cent on prior years). The club needs to think hard about how to grab the opportunity it has. I fear we will miss it.

We are also heavily reliant on Parents to make things happen. And we are indebted to the safety boat crews - John Smith in particular is a total hero with the effort he puts in; even when I tell him we've probably enough cover he happily smiles and says he'll just come and check up on us anyway. Sponsors must get credit too - Sponge at Seamark Nunn, Gill, Harken, Anglia Factors, Suffolk Sails...it's they who help keep costs down and ensure lots of prizes.

And finally from me on my favourite hobby horse - we need to make sure other sailors treat our kids with respect. Too often have other classes got unnecessarily in the way on a start line or pushed a set of rules which went out in the 80's and yesterday I saw an appalling incident where a relatively inexperienced cadet helm called starboard on a Wayfarer only to be bullied into tacking onto Port. We always impress on the cadets how important it is to do a 720 when they are in the wrong. It would be nice to see that reciprocated.

Plenty of sailing still to do. Thanks to everyone at Waldringfield who supports the Cadets - it's something I hope everyone can be proud of. There's lots to be positive about including new boats, new joiners, new crews....well done everyone.

Neil

2013 BOTTLE boat Championship

On the river Deben at Waldringfield Sailing Club on 6th October.

A full day's entertainment!

Ten races provided a colourful spectacle for family supporters, so close to the shore in front of the clubhouse, as well as intense competition for both young and old sailors. The championship came to a nail biting climax with a tie for first place separated from third by only one point! This colourful one design class made from recycled materials provided very close racing at times. However both the skill of the sailors and the ability of the BOTTLE boat to beat the tide were needed in the light and flukey westerly winds blowing over the clubhouse. The warm and sunny weather conditions were enjoyed by everyone and the contrast between large and small yachts enhanced the scene on this part of the river Deben. Once again, one third of the 23 boat fleet were juniors, racing over a simple 250 metre 'sausage' course. There was a great deal of fun created, with good sportsmanship as the inevitable collisions resulted in penalty turns, which were carried out without much hesitation or repeated hails from the observers.

Morning racing

Racing started on the flood tide beating upriver and after a good start, Race 1 was won by young Laser sailor, Tom Barton from

Forthcoming Socials

Saturday 26th October –

The annual MasterClass Quiz –

David Moon will be exercising our grey matter once more and Clive Schlee will once again provide the fantastic Sushi Supper (pizza also available). Teams of 6, £5.00 per head (includes supper).

Contact – Bob Whitehouse

Saturday 30th November –

Prizegiving and Laying Up Supper

at Seckford Hall Hotel –

Contact – Jonathan Penn or Bob Whitehouse



the experienced Punch sailor, Noel Fraser and current champion, Wayfarer sailor, Neil Collingridge. The keenness of competitors and the tide forced a general recall in Race 2 and in the restart previous champion, Punch sailor, Bernard Kufluk got away well to win followed by Tom and Noel. PRO, Roger Stollery changed the course with a start against the tide. Neil's course on the beat well into the tide gave him Race 3 ahead of Paul Morgan and Alan Viney. There was competition for sea room in Race 4 as a large seal popped up to investigate the strange shapes, including the dragon-like decoration on Noel's leading boat. He was not caught by the chasing pack of Graham Viney, who had gradually improved during the morning and Bernard who finished in 3rd place.

The BOTTLE boat sailors joined new WSC members for a welcome break at the lunchtime barbecue. The lunchtime scores

2013 BOTTLE boat Championship



Neil
Collingridge

Tom
Barton



with one discard were very close with Noel 6, Tom 8 and Bernard 9 points.

Afternoon racing

Refreshed by a good lunch, Graham Viney improved still further to take Race 5 in front of Laser sailor, Robert Norris and Bernard. The tide was on the turn for Race 6 and Paul overtook several boats by taking advantage of the tide changing first next to the shore and finished in 3rd place behind Neil and Tom. The races had been taking about 10 minutes each until Race 7 when the gathering strength of the ebb tide and the complete lack of any gusts of wind were making progress upriver very difficult.

Gordon Harris made good start, but was overtaken by a group of 4 boats, Dot Fraser, Graham, Bernard and George Barton who all beat the tide and got round the leeward mark, whilst the rest of the fleet were going backwards towards Felixstowe. Once the leading 4 got round the windward mark they too were having difficulty in stemming the tide and eventually after nearly 40 minutes the race was abandoned in the interest of fairness, with half the fleet having retired. After a 20 minute tea break the wind started to fill in more from the South and so the course was reset further upriver where there was more wind and 3 more races were sailed.

In the rerun Race 7, Tom got his 2nd win in front of Graham and WSC Commodore, William Sudell. Robert Norris came to the front again in Race 8 to win from Graham and Neil. At this point, Graham had 21 points whilst Neil had 22 and Tom had 24, so the championship would be determined by the last race. Both the leading boats had a good start, but Neil rounded the

leeward mark in front, with Graham chasing and maintained the advantage to win both the race and the championship. Their scores were tied, but this was resolved by count back, with Neil's 3 firsts to Graham's 2.

At the prize giving, PRO Roger Stollery thanked the Lake family and those behind the scenes in the club for providing the barbecue lunch and John Smith and Robert Lake on the water for separating entangled competitors and keeping the course adjusted relative to the beach. Neil Collingridge, thanked Roger and his family team for running another good championship, despite the poor wind conditions.

Tom Barton was delighted to win the Junior trophy, as this was his first complete radio sailing event. In addition to sailing well, Tom and his brother George are now licensed builders of the BOTTLE boat, with enquiries through the Waldringfield Boatyard Ltd.

Results:

1st Neil Collingridge WSC 23, 2nd Graham Viney Guildford 23, 3rd Tom Barton DYC 24, 4th Paul Morgan Guildford 31, 5th Noel Fraser WSC 32, 6th Bernard Kuflik WSC 35, 7th William Sudell WSC 42, 8th Robert Norris WSC 53, 9th George Barton DYC 95, 10th Angus Collingridge WSC 63, 11th Alan Viney Guildford 69, 12th John Fish WSC 72, 13th Hugo Fraser 80, 14th Dot Fraser WSC 82, 15th Gordon Harris WSC 85, 16th Matt Lake WSC 86, 17th Chris Fish WSC 90, 18th Christophe Fraser 119, 19th Simon Kernthaler 123, 20th Alan Hall WSC 125, 21st Various sailors 132, 22nd Oliver Hall WSC 142, 23rd Iselin Fraser 143.