Commodores bit

As I write this, the new season is about to start. There has been, as usual, a huge amount of work done over the winter by many people to get ready for the new season – membership renewals, programme planning, duty allocations, clubhouse maintenance, support boat maintenance to name just a few. So it is always a big relief to get the first race started. Hopefully we can now all just enjoy the sailing for a while.

One of the big changes this season is the introduction of many more social and junior sailing sessions. I have always felt that it is quite difficult for the novice sailor to "get going" at Waldringfield SC – we are all too good! So the social sailing will attempt to bridge that gap. There is more on this later in the newsletter.

You will see that we have re-arranged the car park, with increased space for dinghy parking near the cliff. The intention is that all boats and trailers will now go into this area, freeing up the northern edge of the car park for car parking (only).

Let's enjoy our sailing, and be nice to each other!

Bob

Sailing Roundup

Yacht Class

We finished last season on a high with the annual outing to Walton Pond where we enjoyed a fantastic 'Indian Summer'. Safe Arrival Drinks (SAD's) were held aboard 'My Lady' courtesy of Trish & Richard Hopkins and this was followed by a superb dinner at the Walton & Frinton Yacht Club where we gave John Chaplin a good send off after having been at the helm of the yacht class for over 10 years.

Planning events in advance is proving increasingly difficult due to our ever changing weather patterns. Forecasts can't be relied upon for anything more than 3 days in advance making long range planning a real challenge. Lots of ideas for this seasons cruising calendar were floated at the impromptu laying up supper held at the club, some of which included:

Holland
Heybridge Basin
West Mersea
Lowestoft/Southwold
Orford (including a visit to the lighthouse)

Local family orientated trips including exploring the Walton Backwaters, BBQ at the rocks and inviting some of the club youngsters aboard to give them a taste of big boat sailing.

There is also a strong desire to get some 'fun racing' going and re-allocate some of the lovely trophies that have been gathering dust at the club. Suggestions and thoughts so far include:

Race to Oostende and back.
3 pubs race, collecting tokens from the Maybush, Ramsholt Arms and Butt & Oyster at Pin Mill.
Timed passage races.
Join in on the Classic boat race on the Friday of Regatta weekend.

These are all initial thoughts so if you have any ideas or suggestions of your own please let me know but equally if you're willing to help organise some of the above and share the load, it would be much appreciated.

One of the key objectives is to improve communications amongst the class and for those of you that use Facebook, we now have a closed group called "WSC Yacht Class'. The security settings have been made fairly rigid so membership has to be approved by an Admin (me at the moment). This aim of the group is to exchange ideas, share advice on boating issues, particularly around laying up and fitting out time.

Not everyone uses Facebook so on the basis that most use email, we also have a closed Yahoo Group (wscyachtclass@yahoogroups.com) that we can use to communicate to the class as a whole, or to individual members. This will be much simpler than everyone using their own email distribution lists plus members can opt in and out of the group themselves.

This is the link https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/wscyachtclass/info and if you need any help getting yourself setup please feel free to give me a shout.

If you don't want to use Facebook or the Yahoo Group please email me at wscyachtclass@yahoo.co.uk and let me have your preferred contact details and communication preferences.

Finally, the fitting out supper will be held at the club on the 2nd April so please put the date in your diary.

Here's to fair winds and tides for 2016.

Cheers

Bill

Bill presenting the retiring class captain, John Chaplin with a picture by Claudia Myatt

Club Wayfarers

Don't forget the Club owns 4 Wayfarers, kept in the corner of the dinghy park. They are rigged for cruising with small jibs and mainsails that can easily be reefed, and all the equipment is kept on the boats. You can recognize them by the masthead buoyancy bags and trailers marked WSC training. 2 will be ready by Easter and the remaining 2 by May 1st.

If any club member would like to borrow one of them to take out friends and family, please contact o.laws@btopenworld.com or text 07932 405541 You will then be sent some information on when and how to use them.

Squibs

The 2016 Season
This season will see two "firsts" for the Squib Class, one local and one national. Locally we will have our first open meeting. Nationally 2016 will see the first new re-designed Squib in nearly half a century being formally adopted and raced competitively.

Waldringfield SC Squib Open Meeting 4-5 June 2016. The fleet is to hold an open meeting in June 2016.We think it is the first we have had at the club.We will have 6 races over the two days on the top of a large spring tide so we should have plenty of water.

2018 will see the 50th anniversary of the Squib class nationally. We plan to have a significant open meeting in 2018 to celebrate. So 2016 and hopefully 2017 will help us to build up our knowledge of the best ways of doing things, so that in 2018 we can push to have a good number of visitors.

The New Rondar Squib (prototype)
Rondar boats completed the new Squib prototype at the end of 2015, no more plywood bulkheads, tanks and floors; no more bailing upwind at sea. The new boat is all GRP/foam with fully molded in self-draining cockpit with full buoyancy forward, aft and down each side.

The boat has been test sailed by a small team of Squibbers at Burnham and then taken to Weymouth for a wider group of Squibbers to run a series of races against 6 current boats. For most of February the new boat has been evaluated at Oulton Broad, where WSC members also had a chance to sail it.

So far the boat's performance has been similar overall to current boats, and many have commented on the nice clean and solid feel to the interior. Then new Squib will be much easier to maintain and will not need bailing out before, during and after racing.

There is still debate going on in the class about whether the hull skin should be all GRP or foam sandwich. If the latter, how to ensure that the current weight and weight distribution is maintained.

Further tests will be done in competitive events with NOAS/RYA dispensation in the spring and early summer, after the boat makes its début at the Dinghy Show in March. The National Chairman is hoping than an approved Squib Mark II will be sailed at a national event later in 2016 as a fully qualifying boat.

Fleet members are currently preparing their boats for new season and so far we have several that are intending to launch ready for the Easter Egg, after Easter of course this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage any club members, new or established to consider getting into a Squib in 2016, to crew or helm in a race and/or just come for a sailing our much-loved and local keel boat.

There will be opportunities for club members, guests or newcomers to sail in a Squib in 2016. The Squib class will do its best to support the club's social sailing initiatives being introduced this year.

We intend to have Squibs on the water particularly on the Saturday morning social sailing, to practise ourselves, to offer others the chance to sail a Squib keelboat and to provide opportunities to those new to sailing to get on the water.

Please feel free to speak to Pete Greatrex or any other Squib Class member for any further information.

Pete Greatrex

Laser Update

At this time of writing the Clubhouse and surrounding areas have all been prepared for the onset of the new season and people are starting to think about where they left their dinghy last year, and the Olympic haul along the beach to get it to the dinghy park in time for the first race of the season.

We have several new Laser members who have joined this year, so if you see a ‘new’ face, be sure to make them feel welcome.

First race is on the 12th March, and this is also the first of our Laser ‘social’ evenings. A curry in Woodbridge is on the agenda, with Tim Archer organising. For future events, please do get ideas in on locations etc. We hope to get together socially throughout the season.

This year we have a full training schedule for Lasers. This is open to juniors and seniors alike and dates are on the club calendar. We are starting them a little later this year in the hope of fairer weather, so the first is on Saturday 23rd April starting at 10am. This will be a shore based event to kick off the training. Jamie Whittle is the co-ordinator for our training.

If you want something a little less formal on the training side of things, then there will be Social Sailing on Saturday mornings too, and Friendly Fridays which always make for a good start to the

weekend! Contact Julian Rains – jules_rains@hotmail.com who is running these.

Juniors had a really good season last year, with plenty of trophies spread across different winners; all competing against adults too! This year we will have a specific U18 Trophy, which we will trial over the combined two Spring Series of races. Spread the word so we can make it successful. Remember we have two Club Lasers that can be utilised if you do not have your own.

Plenty of Trophy and Open events through the season as usual this year, but key date for the Waldringfield Laser Standard & Radial Open is Sunday 19th June. This forms part of a triangle series of opens, Aldeburgh YC 23rd July and RHYC on the 1st October; two opens to count.

Let's have a great season with some good turnouts!

Key volunteers for the Laser fleet this season are:

Class Captain - Alan Hall: alanhall833@btinternet.com 07766515553
Training - Jamie Whittle: jahn_cw@yahoo.co.uk
Dinghy Park & Stats - Peter Mills: pj.mills@ntlworld.com
Results - Chris Spark - chris.spark@yahoo.co.uk
Open Meetings - Toby Trace: tmctracey@hotmail.com
Laser Fun Day - John Hughes: john_a_hughes@btopenworld.com
Social Director - Tim Archer: tim.archer383@gmail.com
Club Laser Hire - Alan Hall: as above.

Waldringfield Cadets Update

We have a fantastic season ahead of us in the Cadet Fleet, with much to look forward to. A full programme of racing, training and social sailing is planned, with activities to suit all abilities.
Racing - at the time of writing we have just been to the first Open Meeting of the year at Corinthian Otters, Burnham-on-Crouch where Ellie Wootton & Amelia Mayhew in GBR9786 "Zest" were worthy winners, having dominated the 23 boat fleet in challenging, very cold conditions. Congratulations also to the other WSC Cadets who took part – 3rd Hattie & Hamish Collingridge (GBR8553 "Mistoffelles"), 6th Katie Spark & Connor Line (GBR9321 "Lift Off"), 7th Erin Marks & Sam Goult GBR9001 "Racing Stripes", 10th Hazel Whittle & Charlotte Leigh (GBR8852 "Wizard"), 13th Lucie Nunn & Ethan Davey (GBR9994 "May Contain Nuts"), 14th Cara Bland & Daisy Nunn (GBR9962 "The Great Escape", 17th Lia Fletcher & Olivia Gallard (GBR9576 "Ecko Gecko"), 20th Kate White & Rhona Enkel (GBR9386 "No Messin").

Ellie and Amelia Burnham 2016

Some 13 of our Cadets have been participating in the UKNCCA Squad Training during the winter months, and are now looking forward to the three World Team Selector events at Weymouth, Stone & Burnham this Spring to decide which 10 boats can represent Team GBR at the Worlds in Argentina this December. We wish all our teams the best of luck! Further ahead, we have the WSC Cadet Open Meeting scheduled for the weekend of 23-24 July and then Cadet Week 13-17 August (Saturday-Wednesday) – please put the dates in your diaries!

Training – we have three Sunday training dates organised with some top coaches lined up to get our young sailors up to speed. The dates for Sunday Training are 24 April, May 8 and May 22, plus we have our half term training camp arranged for June 1-3. We have the likes of Mike McNamara, Lucy Terkelsen, Alex Platt, Ed Harris and Suzie Gosling lined up to run the coaching across three groups of Gold, Silver & Bronze fleets. The cost is £20 per boat for each of the 3 x Sunday sessions, including a hot lunch for both the helm and crew, or £50 if you commit to all 3 sessions up front.

Social Sailing – the new initiative of Social & Junior Sailing every other Saturday morning from 7th May is designed to help introduce new junior sailors to the Club and to sailing Cadets! Currently we have an acute shortage of new crews, so please encourage your friends, relations, etc to come along and have a go. We will be arranging for experienced Cadet sailors to be available to take visiting kids out on the water… there will be adequate safety cover on hand and some basic sailing kit (i.e. buoyancy aids) can be loaned if required. You don't have to be a Club member, just turn up and sail! Please check out the club website for all the dates for this exciting new initiative!

Junior Team Racing Event – once again WSC Cadets have been invited to send a team to the Royal Hospital School's U18 Team racing event at Alton Water on 23 April, to be raced in RS Fevas (Year 7-9) and Fireflies (Year 10-13). Our new class captains Alex Eaton & Lucie Nunn are putting teams together so watch this space for the results – we are hoping to improve on last year's results when our Firefly team was knocked out in the semi-final and our Feva team was beaten in the final by RHS.

That's it! – Look forward to seeing you out on the water, best wishes for the 2016 Season.

Andrew Nunn – WSC Cadet Squadron Leader

Let's be nice …

Last season we did have a few incidents on the water where competitors got a bit too competitive and became a bit intemperate. Even if you are shouting "protest", you can still do it in a friendly way. The best place to sort out disagreements is in the protest room – having a shouting match or using bad language on the water doesn't do anybody any good and spoils everybody else's afternoon - please don't do it.

Wayfarers

The 2016 season got off to a great start within the Wayfarer Class with an interesting and insightful talk by Michael McNamara. The talk covered many topics from boat handling, sail trim, wind characteristics, heavy weather sailing etc. There was just under 40 attendees for the talk with a good showing from the Wayfarer Class, other boat classes at Waldringfield and some visiting sailors from Orford and RHYC.

This season should generate some excellent sailing from our Wayfarer A and B fleets. The Wayfarer fleet has seen a significant shift in the last 3 years over to the Mk4 Hartley Wayfarer (see below picture), with around ¾ of the fleet now sailing the latest Phil Morrison designed boat built by Hartley Boats in Derby.

I am pleased to welcome two new members to the Wayfarer Class, Matthew Leigh & Richard Bradshaw. We warmly welcome both Matthew & Richard to the class and look forward to helping them get the most out of the Wayfarer sailing at Waldringfield.

This year will be the Wayfarer Worlds held in Heeg, Friesland, Holland, with 47 confirmed entries already and an expected fleet in the region of 100 boats. Waldringfield has two boats entered to date, including the European No 2 pairing of Roger Challis & Mark Johnston.

Some key dates for the Wayfarer Class this year are as follows :

Wayfarer Easterns (National Circuit event), 21/22nd May RHYC.
2016 UKWA National Championships 17-19th June MYC.
Aldeburgh YC (National Circuit event) 2 / 3rd July.
Wayfarer Worlds 16th – 22nd July, Heeg, Friesland, Holland.
Aldeburgh YC Regatta 20th – 25th August.

Tony Geary

Lark Class

The Lark class look forward to the 2016 season with anticipation. 2015 marked something of a low point for the class but a resurgence in numbers in the Autumn and Winter series, and at least two new Lark owners, means we are optimistic for the year ahead.

Although the fleet has been smaller than we would like the standard of competition has never been in doubt. The Lark National Championship title has again returned to WSC after a years break so we could never say it was a bad year for Waldringfield larks.

And so back to this season, well for several of us it started some weeks ago at the Alton Water Frostbite series with 4 of us competing regularly in the Medium Handicap Class. The mix of old and new faces has been encouraging. Among the new it's been great to see Katie Spark, Kate White and Ed Harris out regularly and whilst family commitments have restricted them to 1 race a day Harry and Gemma have been out every weekend. Matt Stearn and Katie Spark have been out regularly and look well placed for a podium finish. The Frostbite series is more popular than ever this year it seems and with a strong contingent from Brightlingsea, WSC's traditional dominance has been under threat. However a late surge from Alan Krailing sailing most regularly with Charlotte Stewart (another potential new member) it's

possible a WSC boat could just secure overall victory once again.

So to the season at Waldringfield. This year will be all about growth. We look forward to welcoming back with greater regularity the numerous Larks who's wings have been clipped by the arrival of fledgling members. We also look forward to welcoming the various new members to the class. The class will be looking to support friendly Friday's and the new Saturday morning sailing and would like to hear from anyone interested in having a go in the front or back of a Lark. The fleet will be keeping in touch via the Lark Whatsapp group so if you would like to keep up to date with the latest WSC Lark chat please get in touch so we can add you to the group.

Alan Krailing Lark Class Captain
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RS 200 Class

In the last newsletter Chris Woodard wrote about the Club's new class, the RS200. Since then Becky & I have completed our 50% purchase of #1031, Richard & Fiona Eaton buying the other half. And we're very much looking forward to sailing this class again. It's our second RS200; we briefly owned #531 in 2001 and 2002. Our home then was Putney and the boat was stored in our apartment's basement car park. Every other Friday after work we hooked her up to an ancient Peugeot 205 and set off to various clubs to race in the RS circuit. That car even managed a non-stop drive to Gravedona on Lake Como in Italy for the Europeans – us taking turns to sleep curled up in the back. We didn't know them then but Chris & Linda Woodard were at many of the same events, though being new to racing we were probably at a different end of the fleet to them. Comically Becky & I took 5th place overall and a very nice trophy in the 2001 Eurocup … a combination of results from the Nationals at Mounts Bay and the Euros at Gravedona; this shows what you can win by just turning up to race! In 2003 our daughter Alice arrived, Lucy followed eighteen months later and #531 was moved on to less busy owners.

Waldringfield SC has added a 5th RS200 now, sailed by new members Robin Parsons and Liz Snelling. We want the fleet to grow and I encourage you to get in touch if you'd like to have a sail or are thinking about buying. RS200s are enjoyable boats to sail with multiple helm/crew options of adults, adult and juniors or (older) juniors. They're well-behaved and also exciting in a breeze. 200s can sail in all WSC series and currently start alongside the Larks. The boat's popularity in the Eastern region is growing too; 16 entered this winter's Frostbite series at Alton Water and the RS200 "Great Eastern Travellers Series" kicks off its 2016 programme at Waldringfield at the Easter Egg on 9th and 10th April.

Julian Rains

Ian Videlo looking for his rudder!!

Waldingfield Regatta July 15th-17th

An early reminder to put the dates in your diary's. We have a fun packed weekend planned with something for all – trophy race on the Friday night, points races on the Saturday and of course the world famous Beach Games on the Saturday afternoon (Rio has nothing on us – there is a clue to the fancy dress theme here to..) more points races on the Sunday … all in aid of the RNLI..

Words of Thanks from last years beneficiaries

May I thank you for inviting the East Anglian Sailing Trust to attend the Waldringfield Sailing Club Regatta and for the hospitality shown to Mary and Bill. They were both very impressed. Thank you for your generous donation of £209.26, it is greatly appreciated.
EAST relies on its volunteers and is always seeking new volunteers for a variety of roles, skippers, crew, galley "slaves", maintenance, instructors and administration. EAST also runs three cruises each year for the visually impaired, one weekend at the start of the season, one weekend at the end, and a week long cruise normally in September. We are grateful to the skippers who provide their yachts, EAST are able to supply sighted crew if necessary and reimburse reasonable expenses.

Thank you,
Kind regards,
Geoff Dreher, Chairman, East Anglian Sailing Trust

Working Parties

Are qualifications needed for effective work parties?

In order to research into my dissertation of Qualifications for working parties, I attended the end of season working party for Waldringfield Sailing Club based on the River Deben in Suffolk. I arrived at 09:30 ready for a 10:00am start and was greeted by the main supervisor. I was given a list of jobs to make my selection. However, none of the jobs listed the requisite qualifications needed to successfully complete the tasks. Before I could make a decision I was roped into stacking tables. There was no Health and Safety Assessment for this and it was soon apparent that nobody had any stacking qualifications. It was a case of the visually challenged leading the visually challenged. So we had little option to take the committee approach. A tarpaulin was used to cover the tables with many members of our little committee professing qualifications in knot tying. This resulted in a brief master class in the art of knots.
In an effort to enable all volunteers to gain as many qualifications in 'working parties' I was placed in the 'clearing the leaves from under the decking on the balcony'. The team were obviously council trained, one on the brush, one on the spade, two lifting and one watching! Only one person had a GNVQ Level 1 (Generally Not Very Qualified) in brushing, with the result that a workshop of the finer points of the job had to be delivered. Unfortunately this on the job training did not improve productivity.
As in all teams we had the multi taskers who claimed they had up to 3 GNVQ qualifications; brushing, lifting and the effective use of the small spade.
As more volunteers arrived, it was apparent they had specialist skills in the art of brushwork.
We had the additional joy of a young Cadet helping us, he was on his apprentiship for brushwork. Unfortunately too much testing made him lose interest! (Thanks Gove for all the disillusioned pupils).
Health & Safety became an issue on numerous occasions. Lifting for one, as it was apparent that the NVQ (Not Very Qualified) Level 1 Lifts (Outdoors) had been inadequate. The use of plastic bags proved to be an issue with volunteers unable to identify the BS123 issue with added tapes as opposed to the Chinese produced substitute. This resulted in one of the team using the BS007 plastic bucket. How a fatal accident did not occur was little short of miraculous.
As the morning progressed many of the group were able to progress from NVQ Levels 1 & 2 to GVNQ Level 1. I felt this progress was largely due to many of the team trying to impress senior management who were moving around the room ensuring that all were on task and engaged in their work.
The break came with all volunteers returning to the galley for a well-earned drink and doughnut.

From my research it can be said that no formal qualifications are needed for an effective working party. A good sense of humour and a pride in the club are the vital ingredients.

Anon!

MOORINGS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

The Waldringfield Squib class looks after 17 moorings, all around or downriver of racing mark C. We need a good number of these for Squibs but it does leave a few free. They are only suitable for boats of 19ft and under in order that all boats swing together on tide and wind and don't hit each other. 2 of the moorings have heavier ground tackle to accommodate boats heavier than a Squib (680kg). In the past we found that Shrimpers and Hunter 19s are suitable but possibly others too. We would be pleased to offer guest moorings to club members with a suitable size boat. Allocations of guest moorings have to be approved by General Committee. If you would like to talk about a mooring, please email Peter Greatrex, Squib captain, pete.greatrex@btinternet.com

Waldringfield Trophy Races

There are 9 trophy races raced for at WSC during the year, and I just thought that newer members may be interested in the history of these races. Some have been competed for every year for the past 70 years , and some for 40 years. During that time people have come and gone. Some though have gone down in the history of the Club. Bob Garnham, George Turner, Cyril Stollery, Don Mossman, and Roy Webb. To read these engravings is to see the history of the club, and even better that many of these trophy winners have younger family members still competing for these trophies. Some winners were juniors when they first won, and are still competing to win as adults. In the individual roundups below I have mostly only named present members. Most of the following trophies have a designated course. They all originally started from the Club House and had all-in starts including yachts and dinghies on the start line together!!!!!

Victory Plate – was presented in 1946 by the Flag Officers of the Club for an all-comers race to Bawdsey Upper Horse Buoy and back to be held on Whit Monday. Dragonfly helm John Palmer won this in 1958 in his Cadet as did now Laser helm Trish Sudell in 1967 & 69 in her Cadet. Wayfarer Sailors John Starling won in 1971 in his OK, and Gordon Harris won it in 1974 in his Enterprise. Unfortunately from 1980 to 2010 a note was not kept of the class sailed, but winners include Mike Nunn, Steve Larkman, Jim Davis, Gordon Harris several more times and in 1991 Ian Videlo 3 times, Andrew Nunn, Alan Krailing, and Chris Fish. This continues as a handicap race to Felixstowe though now only to the Kingsfleet Buoy

Jubilee Cup. - This Cup was presented by Mrs Stollery in 1971, in memory of her husband Cyril. This splendid trophy had been won by Cyril Stollery crewed by Dr Kenneth Nicholls Palmer in 1936 at Poole when they won the National 12' Championships. It was agreed that this cup should be awarded to the first keel boat in the Victory Plate. This cup has been won by Yachts, Dragons & Squibs in the past. Gordon Harris was the first winner in a yacht. Peter Fraser, Mike Nunn, Ted Sudell, Mark Stone, Patrick Wilton, Richard Cook, Henry Baker, Jonathan Penn, Jim Davis, and William Sudell all followed on with many of these having won multiple times. This race is now included in the Victory Plate,

Coronation Cup – This cup was presented by the Mossman family to commemorate the Coronation year. Frank Mossman was Commodore in 1963-65, and Joan his wife was for a long time a very efficient Club Secretary. There is a real mix of classes amongst the winners of this handicap race, including Oks, and Lasers, and helms Mike Nunn, Patrick Cooney, Gordon Harris, Colin Johnson, Ian Videlo, Geoff

Sinton, Mike Pert, & Chris Fish. This race was also an all-in start, originally to a buoy off DYC but in recent years to Kyson Point

Seasons Points Cup – the Deben Dragon – Navigation Race
This lovely trophy was first presented by Mr & Mrs T. Page for Dragon Points races in 1957 and raced for until 1981. Winners included George Turner, and ex Commodores Roy Webb, and Ken Wincer. In 1993 it was reallocated to the Navigation Race. Gordon Harris instigated this race to enable the upper reaches of the river to be explored. This Is usually a really fun, but tactical race on handicap up to Wilford Bridge and back, finding a buoy in Martlesham Creek on the way up, and another buoy off Woodbridge. There is a staggered start within a 2 hour window. The helm has to decide what start time is best to hopefully make the best use of the tides and predict any sea breeze. The starts and finishes are timed. Every class has featured in the results including Alan Krailing in his Fireball, and Simon Howlett in a Mirror.

Cork Plate - Was presented in 1955 by the Rev'd Trevor Waller for a race for Yachts to the Cork Light Vessel and back. And Rev'd Trevor won the first race. This race appears to have included Dragons which were a Club Class at the time and then Squibs, with names featuring Ted Sudell, Mike Nunn, Gordon Harris, Steve Larkman, Will Sudell, Richard Cooke, Peter Fraser, Jim Davis. At one time dinghies also competed. The Cork Light Ship was replaced by the Washington Buoy which is no allowed to be used as a turning mark so Cutler Buoy is now used. This race continues as a challenging handicap Keel Boat race to sea but has not been raced several times in the last 15 years because the weather has been too awful to risk crossing the Bar.

RNLI Pennant
This race was first raced to raise awareness and money for the RNLI where the first prize was a Pennant. I have found a reference that pre 1971 a special race was run to raise money for the RNLI. Unfortunately neither the names of the winners were recorded in the Trophy Record Book until 1992 but neither were the classes. But a number of names, Andrew Nunn, Matt White, Alan Krailing, Harry Pynn, Jonathan Fish all feature in the Trophy Book. This year (2015) thanks to Roger Challis and Anthony Mason, a brand new trophy has been made so that the names can be recorded on it. This handicap race remains the only one when an entry donation is requested. There was even a slot in the door frame of the old pre-1980 clubhouse where entrants had to post their half-a-crown to enter this race

Round the Island
A Trophy named the A.R.G.Curjel Trophy was first sailed in 1936 for sailing dinghies of 12 ft; National 12 & Firefly. It was won in 1936/37/38 by K.W.N.Palmer, then there was a gap for the war, and Dr Palmer won again in 1946 & 48 before becoming Commodore in 1949. Anthony Mason won it 3 times in 1962/63/64, and again in 1968. In 1971 it became the Enterprise Wednesday Evenings Trophy for 2 years, and won by Ted Sudell, and Stuart Quantrill when it was changed again to the Dinghies Round the Island Sweepstake - now a pursuit race. Names engraved on the trophy include Andrew Nunn several times, Ian Videlo several times, Mike Oldroyd in 1991, then 1992 to 2001 there was a bit of a monopoly for Mike Pert, Ian Videlo & Matt White, but since that date Wayfarers,

Lasers, Larks, Dragonflys, & Cadets, have all won this race.

Jubilee EIIR Trophy. This splendid silver Trophy was presented by the Nunn family in memory of Mr Harry Nunn, who was a boat builder on Waldringfield Quay, to be sailed on May Day Bank Holiday, and first sailed on the present Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977. Won 2 years running by Andrew Nunn in 1978 & 1979, Matthew White twice, Gordon Harris, Ian Videlo a total of 5 times, Patrick Cooney twice, Haydn Evans in a Wayfarer, Mike Pert, Chris Fish in his Lark, Mark Yale (Cadet) Stephen Videlo once in 2006, again in 2011 in his Lark and again in 2012 in his Laser. Looking back Squibs have won this handicap trophy at least 6 times. This was originally an all-in start, but without a designated course and if often now run as a Pursuit race.

Trafalgar plate was first presented in 2005 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the battle of Trafalgar. Presented by Mike and Rani Pert, it is sailed as a pursuit race on the Saturday nearest 21st of October each year since then.

Quantrill Trophy – this splendid Silver Bowl was presented by the Club in 1953 in memory of Jimmy Quantrill, (who was part of the history of Waldringfield and figures in several Club members' family history) to be competed for in the last race of the season. As the Club racing now goes on longer so this is usually raced as the last race of the Autumn Series. Jimmy Quantrill was a mariner who kept the Maybush. You will have already seen his grandson George Turner named as winner of many of the above trophies, and other grand & great grandchildren still compete) This Silver Bowl replaced the tankard which was previously raced for. There is a traditional course for this race which is a buoy in Ramsholt Reach, round a buoy off Waldringfield Quay, round Galleons and back to the Club line if the wind and tide are suitable. Winners have included the Bob Garnham (several times), Mike Nunn, George Turner, Ted Sudell, Andrew Nunn (several times) Gordon Harris and Ian Videlo (several times) Over the last 15 years, Ian Videlo (Lark) A. Krailing, Chris Fish (Lark) Toby Mace, Neil Collingridge,(Wayfarer) James Hayward (Cadet), Robert Deaves (OK) Mike Pert (Wayfarer), Chris Woodard (Laser) Roger Challis (3 times in a Wayfarer), Archie Penn (Cadet) and not raced for 3 times because of the weather.

The WSC Dinghy Championship Trophy This was presented by then Club Captain Alan Matheson in 1962 for the best helmsman of the year.
Over the years there have been various ways of deciding this trophy. In the past each class have picked their best helms to race against each other. Other times the races have been between the class's best helm in borrowed boats from one class. Sometimes teams have competed in match racing. For the last few years it has been the best results from the nine Trophy races. Robert Deaves has won 3 times, Stephen Videlo and Emma White once each and Roger Challis 3 times. The Cadet Class and the Squib Class each re-designated one of their Class cups to be awarded to the first boat in these two classes.. Definitely a case of having to be in it to win it.

Waldringfield Sailing Club Sailing School
Try something new this year!

The training school's new programme is out and already underway. I hope that you received a copy with the mailing that went out in February.

Our season started with an RYA First Aid Course, this is a regular event in our calendar and is a good qualification to have if you are part of the Race Management or Safety teams. The next one will be in early 2017 so please let me know in advance if you would like to participate. This is followed by the 5 day Dinghy Instructor Course, this could be the last year we are able to run this course as take-up has been low, this is a shame because it is one of the few courses that enables our young people to gain a qualification that they can use to earn money from a UK based or overseas sailing school. This comes in handy during long University/School holidays and gap years. In the past our DI's have worked for Sun-sail in Turkey, in the Scilly Isles and at Rockley Point in Poole.

Powerboat courses are always popular and the Powerboat 2 course is running at the end of April, demand is always high so please get in touch quickly if you wish a place. The course focuses on handling Ribs and Displacement boats carrying out basic tasks such as coming alongside, anchoring and towing as well as shore-based work on charts, buoyage and collision regulations. The follow up Safety Boat Course happens later in the year.

May and June sees the return of our popular "Learn to sail in a weekend" courses the first of which is nearly fully booked but there are still places on the June and August courses. These are aimed at people who have tried sailing and want to learn how to sail properly, although based on the RYA teaching method the weekend is tailored to the needs of individual students. They are good fun and a good opportunity to learn in easy stages. Also in June we are running 2 Ladies Days (details in a separate article in this edition) to encourage Grannies, Mums, Wives, Girlfriends and older young people to try different aspects of sailing water-sports.

In July the Children's "Learn to sail" course runs for the whole week from 25th to 29th, demand has been exceptionally high this year and there are just 4 places left out of the 40. So please get in contact if you have a child who would like to learn to sail. The course runs over 5 mornings or 5 afternoons and follows the RYA junior syllabus.

As the autumn approaches so the school swings into shore-based mode and we will again be offering shore-based Yacht-master and Day Skipper shore-based courses.

Each runs in the evening for 22 weeks finishing around Easter 2017. They cover Practical navigation, weather, collision regulations and Safety at sea. Other courses include the VHF/SRC Operators Course – anyone operating a VHF radio at sea must hold an Operators' licence – and this

course which lasts one long day takes you through how to use a Digital Selective Call VHF radio (All radio sets sold are DSC enabled). The club has 2 linked pairs of training radios' on which to practice and there is an exam at the end of the day.

Our courses are very popular and are usually fully booked early so please do not delay, if there is any other training that you think we can assist with please contact training@waldringfieldsc.com.

Ladies Taster Days

This is a new idea this year to encourage all women to participate in sailing at the club. The club has invested time in promoting social sailing for all who do not wish race and these 2 days (June 25 and 26) are aimed at giving Grans, Wives, Partners, Girlfriends, Mums and girls over 15 the opportunity to try the sport.

There are 24 places available each day which will run from 09:45 until 17:00 and there is a small charge of £20 for the day. There will be 3 separate activity bases (8 in an activity group) consisting of:

a. Sailing
   The club's 4 Wayfarers will be available with a qualified female instructor aboard to take 2 people per boat and give you a taste of how exciting sailing can be, there will be an opportunity for you to take the tiller and control the boat.
b. Power-boating
   An opportunity to learn a bit about handling both Displacement launches and the fast RIBS. You can try driving the boats and manoeuvring them as well as understanding how they work.
c. Shore-based
   An opportunity to learn a bit about the sea, tides, weather and Charts (sea-maps). Also you can try out using a 2 way VHF radio and how to call up using one. The club has 4 training radios for this purpose.

All together it is an action – packed day led by female instructors who can tell you how it feels to be participating in the sport from a female perspective.

So **PLEASE** **do come and try it out,** it aims to be a friendly, helpful and exciting day for which you need no prior knowledge just a willingness to give it a go!!

Please contact training@waldringfieldsc.com if you would like a place

Special Award for Cathy Fish

In November 2015 Cathy Fish, Membership Secretary and previous Commodore was presented with a RYA Community Award for Lifetime Commitment to the Sport of Sailing.

Cathy being presented her award by HRH Princess Anne

I'm sure you would all like to say a huge congratulations to Cathy for being presented with such a prestigious award and one that is very well deserved and we should all be very pleased and grateful that she is a member at our club. Well done Cathy….

Social Sailing 2016

This year we have put a lot more Social Sailing sessions into the programme. The first session will be on Saturday morning, May 7th and the next is Friday evening, May 13th and then alternating between Saturday and Friday every week until October (or beyond if the weather holds). So there should be one social sailing session every weekend, unless there is a clash with a major event (e.g. Easter Egg).

Who is it for?

Everybody! – The idea is to give people the opportunity to get out for a sail for an hour or two. No racing, but advice and support will be on hand for those that need it. The galley (Saturday

mornings) or bar (Friday evenings) will be open when we come ashore for some light refreshments. Non-members are welcome and can be signed in as guests for a few "taster" sessions.

We hope to get a good mix of experience levels so that novices can go out for a sail with more experienced sailors.

There will always be;

- A session leader – who will be a very experienced sailor and who will be responsible for organising the session.
- At least one safety boat, or two if we get a big turnout
- A beachmaster
- A safety briefing at the start

What will we do?

This very much depends upon the conditions and the experience level of the participants. If the weather is really bad then it might just be a chat over a coffee (or beer) in the clubhouse. More normally perhaps it might be a cruise to Ramsholt or Kyson or, some fun training exercises, if that's what people want to do on the day. We will need to keep the fleet reasonably together, for safety reasons.

What boats are we using?

- Club boats;
    - Wayfarers, Cadets, Mirrors etc. for those who want to build up their experience
    - Lasers and Lark for the more experienced.
- Members own boats
    - Anything! – Toppers, Shrimpers, Squibs, Yachts ….

Members will be encouraged to try out a range of boats – this is a great way to build up your experience and confidence

Sailors from the junior and senior racing fleets are also being encouraged to take their boats out – this is a great way to spot potential future racing crews. For more information again have a look at the club website or give Jules Rains a shout and he will be able to help.

Social round-up

Its been a busy start to the season with talks by Mike Mac and the working parties and there is still more to come …

Jim Bacon the Weatherman will be doing a talk at the club on April 15th – details have been in the weekly bulleting and are on the web site

Yacht class have their fitting out supper on April 2nd again more details on website or from Bill Hughes

Please keep an eye out on the weekly bulletin to be kept up to date with what is going on.

WSC 500 Club winners

Month	Winner	Ticket
Nov	£50 J Chaplin	65
Dec	£25 D Burt	93
Jan	£25 J McArdle	72

Many of you may look at this and wonder what on earth it's all about … Well the 500 club is a great way of winning some money – you pay only £12 for the year and your numbers are put into the monthly draw with the chance of winning £25 each month and £50 in November. It was originally started as a way of fund raising for the club and has carried on ever since. We are always looking for new members and it's much better odds than the lottery… if you are interested in joining them please speak to Gwen or Norman Glen at the club or have a word with a Flag and they will point you in the right direction.

Little Nippers

Just a reminder that there are several boxes of toys available in the Mossman Room for anyone with little people to use. The Bobs team have replaced the outside decking on the balcony so it is much more child friendly. So if there are times when you are fed up with them eating sand there is an alternative …

Photo's in the Mossman Room

If you have been into the Mossman Room recently you many have noticed that the photo's are getting a little tired. We have decided therefore that we need to replace them and we would like you to decide with what…

Please find following 6 possible photographs to choose from, we would like you to take a vote on which two to get made into large canvases to go on the wall. There will be a box at the club to put your votes into – please choose the two that you would like to see..

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The majority of the photos taken at Waldringfield are courtesy of Alexis Smith who does a great job of capturing our sailing week by week, and putting on a great display on the clubhouse TV monitor as well as Facebook.

Trophy Winners 2015

Paul Bartlett	Wickman Regatta Cup (Yacht Long Distance Crossing)
Alex Bell-Jones	X2 Cup (Cadet Summer 2)
	The Cutting Trophy (Cadet Autumn)
Tom Brazier	Thistle Trophy (Squib Most turnouts without another trophy)
David Cannell	Mossman Trophy Squib Club Championship
	Clapham Trophy (Squib Spring)
	Medusa Trophy (Squib Summer 2)
	Metcalf Cup (1st Squib in Round the Island race)
	Squib Trophy (Saturday overall)
Roger Challis	RLNI Pennant
	Jubilee (E11R) Trophy
	Round the Island Cup
	Quantrill Bowl
	WSC Dinghy Club Championship Trophy
	Trafalgar Trophy
	Paul Johnson Memorial BT Trophy (Wayfarer Spring 1)
	Wayfarer X2 Trophy (Wayfarer Summer 2)
	Overall Trophy (Wayfarer Spring/Summer overall)
	Autumn Cup (Wayfarer Autumn)
	Wayfarer Picture (1st Wayfarer Wednesday 1)
	Wayfarer Friday Trophy (1st Wayfarer Wednesday 2)
Harry Chatterton	Autumn Centre Plate (Radial Autumn)
Angus Collingridge	Liddell Trophy (Cadet Most turnouts)
Daisy Collingridge	Laura Cooney Cup (best under 21 Lady)
	Summer Centre Plate (Radial Summer 1)
Neil Collingridge	Coronation Cup
Steve Cooney	Minx Challenge Cup (Dragonfly Summer 2)
Robert Deaves	Alexander Cup (Wed evening points)
Alex Eaton	Patrick Ogden Junior Trophy (best 3 of 5 all-in race)
Chris Fish	Fish Freezer Trophy (Lark Freezer)
Neil Fletcher	Summer Series Beaker (Wayfarer Summer 1)
Tony Geary	Transom Chasers Trophy (Wayfarer 'B' fleet Spring)
Pete Greatrex	Mason Cup (Squib Wednesday 2)
Oliver Hall	Katie Archer Trophy (Laser, most improved helms)
	Radial Tankard (Radial Wednesday 1)
	Heather Cutting Tankard (Radial Freezer)
Ed Harris	Autumn Points Trophy (Lark Autumn)
Chris Hawkes	To be supplied by Alan Hall (Laser Great Grand Master age 65+
Derek Jacobs	Dragonfly Class 'A' Trophy (2nd Dragonfly in Summer 2)
Colin Johnson	The Navigation Race
Robert Keen	FFSC Bostock Challenge (Radial Wednesday 2)
	Nicholls Palmer Deben Week Tankard (now Radial Summer 2)
Archie Penn	Sally Balch Memorial Trophy (Cadet Spring 2)
	Law Cup (Cadet Summer 1)
	Parker Cup (Cadet Spring/Summer overall)
	Green Cup (best under 16 Cadet helm)
Mike Pert	Autumn Points Picture (Wayfarer Freezer)

Diana Pipe	Summer Series Tankard (Laser Wednesday 2)
Julian Rains	Seamark Nunn Laser Centre Trophy (Laser Masters age 45-54)
Chris Seear	Half Model Trophy (Squib top boat not winning a race)
Freddie Simpson	Most promising crew Trophy (Cadet Most Promising Crew)
Alexis Smith	Madeline Plate (1st year)
Anne Spalding	Wayfarer Cup (Best Crew)
Katie Spark	Hunt Cup (best Cadet female helm)
	Cathy Fish Cadet Trophy (Cadet Freezer)
John Starling	Wayfarers Tigers Cup (most improved helm)
William Sudell	Ryder Cup (1st Squib in the Navigation Race)
Ian Videlo	Bombadier Trophy (Handicap Wednesday evening Series 1)
	Challenge Cherub Trophy (Handicap Wednesday evening overall)
	Seamark Nunn Trophy (Lark Spring 1)
	Bird Bowle (Lark Summer 1)
	Palmer Cup (Lark Summer 2)
	Challenge Trophy (Lark Spring/Summer overall)
	Lark Plate (Lark Wednesday 1)
Stephen Videlo	Victory Plate
	Friday Points Overall Trophy (Handicap Wednesday evenings Series 2)
	Grebe Trophy (Lark Wednesday 2)
	Deacon Laser Class Cup (Laser Spring 1)
	Admirals Cup (Laser Summer 1)
	Archer Trophy (Laser Wednesday 1)
	WSC Laser Tankard (Laser Spring 2)
Chris Woodard	John Gilmour Memorial Cup (Laser Summer 2)
	Mayhew Freezer Trophy (Laser Freezer)
	To be supplied by Chris Woodard (Laser Grand Master age 55-64)
	Commodores Cup (Radial Spring 1 l)
	Branton/Mills Plate (Radial Spring 2)
Aaron Woolf`	The Admirals Trophy (Cannons) (1st WSC yacht in Haven Series)

The rules of the road vs. the RRS

Most of our dinghy racers are pretty well versed regarding the racing rules of sailing (RRS) but we do seem to have a few members who are a little bit confused about who has right-of-way when they meet a boat that is not racing. This situation is covered by the "rules of the road" (COLREGS) which are similar to the racing rules, but not quite the same.

It must be borne in mind that some yacht owners have never raced dinghies, and may not fully appreciate what racing dinghies are doing. Some of the yacht skippers we meet in the river are strangers to the Deben and do not know the waters as well as we do. For avoidance of doubt, and where there is a conflict, COLREGS always take precedence over the RRS.

Here is a quick summary of the differences that might catch you out when racing at Walders;

- When both boats are under sail, in plenty of open water, then generally the COLREGS are the same as the RRS – i.e. port/starboard and windward/leeward rules apply just the same. There is one important exception; The COLREGS stipulate that an overtaking boat ALWAYS keeps clear of a boat being overtaken, regardless of which tack etc. the boats are on.
- If one of the boats is under engine power, again in open water, then they should keep clear of a boat that is sailing (unless the sailing boat is overtaking the other – see above).
- Everything changes if the other boat is a deep-keel vessel sailing or motoring up the fairway. The main general principle of the COLREGS is that a boat that is more manoeuvrable should always give way to a boat that is less manoeuvrable. A deep-keel yacht motoring or sailing up the fairway at Waldringfield is probably doing so for a good reason, and might have very limited ability to manoeuvre. So in this situation also, the dinghy racer should keep clear.

COLREGS also states that two vessels approaching each other head-on in a confined waterway (e.g. the fairway) should pass each other portside to portside. In practice this is often ignored in the fairway but you might meet a stickler for the rules.

Whatever happens, do not shout at a cruising yacht because they have interfered with your race. Yachts have just as much right to use the river as

us in our dinghies, and remember, the reputation of our Club is at stake.

Hope this helps.

BW & GH

YOU SAID.....WE DID

Over the past few months the club has sought to engage with members by asking for some future ideas for WSC as it continues to develop. This started with an invitation for ideas that would make use of the Paul Johnson Memorial Fund but the idea grew beyond that to general invitation to the whole membership. The most notable of these new ideas was time for people to go sailing without needing to race. This has led to the creation in the new programme of **Social Sailing.** This is going to run throughout this season. Similarly the idea of some taster days to encourage more women to try out sailing has been put in place at the end of June (25/26).

Ideas have continued to come, so a big "thank you" to all those who have contributed, whilst all the inputs have been discussed briefly at General Committee it is clear that not all can be taken forward at the same time and some have considerable impracticalities that need to be thought about. However to ensure that members can the status of different contributions a **"You said.....We did"** notice will be put on the club notice board and updated periodically.

Please do keep your ideas coming in they are very welcome and will lead to a hugely more active dialogue between members and their elected committees.

Alton Water Winners 2016

A good number of Waldringfield sailors took park in the Alton Water Frostbite series. We had representatives in the both the medium and slow handicap fleet and they did us all proud.

In the medium fleet, Alan Krailing and Charlotte Stewart (Lark) came first, with Archie Penn and Ben Warrington 3rd in the 420 and Ed Harris and Peter Farthing 5th (Lark)

In the slow fleet, Cara Bland and Ines Green (Cadet) came 2nd and Hazel Whittle and Charlotte Leigh came 4th (cadet)

And two cups went to

1st Best overall - Alan Krailing WSC (lark)
2nd - Perseverance Cup - Alex Bell-Jones -WSC (Terra)

Well done to all who took part on what were some very wet , windy and cold days.