



Waldringfield Sailing Club

Newsletter

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From the Commodore

It has been said 'Volunteers are not paid – not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.' This may be a cliché but in this club it is absolutely true. Without you and your 'volunteer duties' we would not have the extensive racing we do, with enough safety cover to watch for less experienced sailors as well as for the incidents that can happen to anyone. Even boats at the front of the fleet can end up capsized with the top of the mast in the mud – I speak from experience!

Your volunteering also makes possible a welcome in the club with the food and drinks we offer. Whether this is for sailors before, between and after sailing, or for spectators and supporters sitting

at the club, hot drinks and tasty food are essential, with maybe a drink at the bar at the end of the day.

As I hope you know, there are also volunteers enabling people to get out cruising (Go Sailing), or to have some training (especially in Cadets and Toppers), or to help put on our social activities, or to help maintain the clubhouse and grounds, or the club's boats. What a difference you make!

So thank you all for your volunteering, whether it is a 'duty' or in some other way. May you enjoy your volunteering, as well as your sailing, this season.

Anne Spalding

New to a volunteer Galley duty?

Nothing to fear, Heidi is welcoming into her kitchen.

She is very calm, helpful and explains what needs to be done. She'll always find a job if you are looking for something to do. There's a variety of jobs in the kitchen that need doing on a regular Saturday. You could be making bacon sandwiches, serving tea or coffee, washing up, or taking a breath of fresh air to collect dishes from outside (and have a quick chat to anyone you know!).

It's a friendly atmosphere to work in and a good way to meet new and old members of the club. You never know what to expect as a duty can be really busy or slow and steady – it all depends on racing events and the weather!

(Jane Spark)

New to the club, I thought I had the skills for a galley duty! It has been a good way to get to know people and to be known. (Phil Skinner)

Heidi is a brilliant boss who knows exactly how to get the best out of her crew. She gives clear instructions on what to do, and plenty of tea and breaks to chat with the other helpers. As the cold wet sailors file past the hatch for their tea and egg baps, it is an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. (Wendy Revill)

I always enjoy Galley duty as we work in a friendly team and it is great to welcome hungry sailors back ashore. They always work up a good appetite, especially on a windy day. I never regret volunteering as it's a good way to get to know people in the club and to know you have made a contribution to making people feel welcome.

(Philip Young)



Larks making a splash...

Matt White has been sailing Larks for years, lots of years. In fact, he has been a regular at Waldringfield since 1977 when he first started sailing Cadets at the ripe old age of 11. In 2022, after many years of trying, his dream came true – Matt, with Marion Enkel as crew, won the Lark National Championships. It was an emotional win for Matt and Marion after spending many years looking to pip a high calibre fleet. Matt openly admitted, 'I thought my opportunity to win the Lark National Championships had gone. The fleet has always been very strong and I'm not getting any younger! I've tried for many years to find my way to the top, but never thought I'd do it now. However, being able to put in some late 2021 season practice and competing in some early 2022 season events, I found my form just at the right time. Marion and I felt good going into the event and we won the event after seven races, as the last day was not sailed.' Matt continued, 'Also at the Nationals, Waldringfield won the club trophy. This just goes to show how competitive the racing at Waldringfield is, and the depth of talent on offer. I feel privileged to sail here.'

At the other end of the experience spectrum is Philippe Kerampran, who is amongst a new contingent of members taking up sailing, joining Waldringfield and sailing Larks. Not having an upbringing of sailing, Philippe has learnt (is still learning) later in life... He started as a fair-weather sailor, taking up sailing as a great outdoor activity to enjoy with his son and a few friends. Enjoying that, Philippe recently 'upgraded'



Matt White and Marion Enkel at the Nationals *Photo: Robert Deaves*

from cruising to racing at Waldringfield. He purchased an ex-Club Lark (2474) and, with some reluctance, let go of his older, beloved Lark Flip-Flop! Philippe now regularly races with his friend and fellow newcomer Gerry Ducatel. This 'French team' are out most weekends and Wednesdays. He says, 'Sailing at Waldringfield is so delightful and, now that I'm racing, I'm getting to see a different aspect to the Deben. Whilst I may be spending less time admiring the scenery, I'm learning a great deal about the intricacies of sailing a small dinghy against others. I may be at the back of the fleet but I'm really appreciating what all the strings on my boat now do (!) and how they can help my boat go faster around the waters.' Philippe continues, 'Being a member of Waldringfield Sailing Club is fantastic. There is no better place, after a sunny Wednesday evening race, being back at the clubhouse, enjoying a drink and one of Heidi's dinners. Via the club, I have met a great community of people.'

This year, on Easter Saturday, the 2023 Lark Youth Championships takes place at the club with FREE ENTRY and FREE PIZZA for all under 25s. Dan Watson, Lark Class Captain says 'Waldringfield is an ideal venue for the 2023 Youth Champs as the club is a hot-bed of young sailors. Just contact me and I'll fix anyone up with a boat – see you there!'

Dan Watson



The 'French team'

Photo: Alexis Smith



Winter Sailing: RS200s at RHYC

A hardcore group of RS200 sailors from WSC moved over to sail on the River Orwell from late October and join in with the Royal Harwich YC Winter Series. The opportunity of racing on Sundays, always over a high tide, and a nice pint of Adnams afterwards was a big attraction for many of us! RHYC winter sailing is made up of just two fleets – ILCAs (Lasers) and a dinghy handicap fleet – generally racing round a small course opposite the Club with starting and finishing from their Committee Boat Lion.

The WSC RS200 contingent of Chris and Nicole Mayhew, Spunge and Becky Rains, Geoff Mayhew and Sarah Northey, and the father/daughter team of Jules and Lucy Rains made up the boats from WSC, to be joined by two further RS200s from RHYC over the series. The rest of the handicap fleet comprised a mixture of dinghy classes, including five Solos, a Wanderer, a Finn, a Contender, a Phantom, a Firefly and several others – 22 boats in the series altogether.

The weather got progressively wetter and colder as the series went on but, as Billy Connolly says, 'There's no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong clothes,' so drysuits, superwarms, neoprene gloves and woolly hats were put into good use. But getting down to your boat to find the sheets and control lines frozen solid did take some getting used to.

The series ended after 15 races on 11 December, with your scribe and Becky Rains the eventual overall winners, narrowly beating the Wanderer sailed by Mike Clayton and Pete Smallwood from the host club.



Photo: RHYC

Chris and Nicole Mayhew were third overall, but handicapped themselves by Chris changing from his Solo to the RS200 halfway through the series. Given that only half of the races sailed were actually to count, Chris managed third overall (RS200) and eighth overall (in his Solo) – quite an achievement!

After Christmas, we stayed at RHYC for their 'Shiver' series, and we were joined by three more RS200s, including Matt Leigh and Victoria Theaker sailing the club RS200, Cheeky Monkey. Races are scheduled every other Sunday to take advantage of there being a high tide, so there is plenty of room out on the race track! At the time of writing we are halfway through the series and have enjoyed some exceptionally close racing, with some nice

sunny mornings and decent breezes. Currently the lead in the dinghy handicap fleet is being fought out between Bob Portway (in his Phantom), Spunge/Becky and Chris/Nicole who are all within 2 points of each other. It has been great to see as many as six RS200s joining in the racing. All the WSC sailors would like to thank Royal Harwich YC for their excellent race management, safety cover and, above all, their hospitality!

Andrew (Spunge) Nunn, RS200 Class Captain



Photo: RHYC



Roger Kaznica

With great sadness we heard of the death of Roger Kaznica on Sunday 5 February. Roger had been a Waldringfield resident all his life, and was widely known from working behind the bar at the Maybush. His father Ted manned the safety boat at the Club for years. Roger went on several sailing trips on Skye of Deben with Neil Cawthorn, who writes:

Roger's father, Ted, who was Polish, was captured by the Russians in 1939, and a POW until Germany invaded Russia, at which time he was freed and managed somehow to reach the UK, where he worked as an engineer on airplanes – Spitfires, I think.

Roger's mother was a Turner. They were legends on the River Deben, most notably George, his uncle, who won pretty well everything going in every class he sailed in, particularly Dragonflies. Roger first sailed a Dragonfly, I think, before he attended school. He never helmed, but was always keen to crew.

The year my son Jamie was born, Roger said he wanted to crew in my Dragonfly on his night off from the pub, which was Wednesday. Most of the time we were literally in a class of our own, but Roger's quiet charm and knowledge were what got me going and, I would say, what encouraged the fleet to grow. He would always want to go to the Maybush, where he worked, after the race. It could be said that drink was never a problem for Roger!

Sailing to France was, I think, the first time Roger left the country, and I was concerned he might not turn up. We were storm-bound for a day at Levington and had to make up time the next day, covering over 90 miles to Boulogne. We sailed into the harbour after the natives had gone to bed, and left before they woke up, so it wasn't until the next day at Fécamp, after a notorious grounding at the entrance, that France was blessed with Roger's feet. I remember a young native trying to pounce a fag off him, but he wasn't having any of it.

Despite the gradient of the canal at Caen, Roger conquered the bike ride up to Pegasus Bridge, celebrating the British victory there with a cognac and coffee.

The following day the wind came up as we crossed the Normandy landing stages. Lunch and dinner went over the side as the Beaufort scale headed towards higher figures. We were heading towards Dartmouth but it was clear that in the westerly gale we would not get there. The only issue for Roger, crossing the Channel at night in a full gale, was whether his fags were going to get wet. Fortunately the lager supplies held out until next morning when we made Weymouth.



Photo: Neil Cawthorn

The following year we sailed first to Dartmouth and thence to Ireland, via the Scillies. Again, dinners were lost in the Irish Sea but, whether it was because of his small appetite, or the settling effect of beer and fags, Roger remained indefatigable. From Arklow to Dublin and from there to Campbeltown, via the Isle of Man, Roger was always available, and will be particularly well remembered by the strength of a gin and tonic he mixed for a lady at Peel.

Roger rejoined Skye of Deben the following year at Portree. It was June and the plan was to take part in a race round the Hebrides over the summer solstice. Fresh snow had fallen that month on the Cuillins. The air temperature was cold and the water so cold the fish had stopped spawning. But as long as the fags didn't get wet, and the lager continued to flow, Roger continued to be an essential part of the crew.

The next year in the Orkneys, via a night courtesy of ScotRail at John O'Groats, Roger was with us crossing the Pentland Firth and sailing the east coast of Scotland. It was only a rumour that Roger was reduced to eating fresh fruit at Edinburgh!

Always rock steady on the helm when yachting, or kite-flying in a Dragonfly, he never got flustered. And in the quiet moments, in the bar or the cockpit, he'd occasionally let slip his meetings with the Queen, other royalty, Frank Sinatra, and other stars. His was a classic case of standing still and letting the world come to him.



Cadets in Australia

On a chilly morning on 11 March, at a farmyard in Essex, 26 young sailors gathered around a bright blue shipping container ready to welcome home their Cadets, and to draw what has been an adventure of a lifetime to an end. Like their dinghies, this tenacious group had travelled around the world to represent their country in the International Cadet World Championship in Melbourne, Australia. Amongst these world class competitors were WSC Cadets Mish Collingridge and Rhona Enkel, Ed Fletcher and Alex Enkel, Amelia Mayhew and Hettie Thorogood, Robert Stewart and Dylan McArdle, Toby Bush and Kemmel Thorogood, Oscar Bush and Dom McArdle, and Gwen Thorogood.

Sailing with the Melbourne skyline as a backdrop, in challenging conditions and, at times, 42 degree heat, the team really brought the competition to the Aussie sailors. Frensham Cadet sailors Will and Annabel Shepherd ruffled feathers when they took first place in the Australian Nationals, with WSC sailors Toby and Kemmel taking third, and Mish and Rhona fifth. It set the scene for what was to follow.

After a Christmas day of swimming in Port Phillip Bay and barbecuing on the steps of the Royal Victorian Yacht club, team GBR really turned up the heat. A gruelling regatta of 12 races over six days saw WSC sailors Toby and Kemmel claim the title of Cadet World Champions 2022 with one race in hand. They were the first British boat to do this since Jamie Harris and Antonia Wilkinson in Buenos Aires in 2017.

In fact, team GBR had a total of four boats in the top ten with WSC sailors Mish and Rhona in fifth, and Ed and Alex in tenth. The full results are on the International Cadet class website (sailingresults.net)



Victory! Toby Bush and Kemmel Thorogood
2022 Cadet World Champions

*Photo:
Corinne
Whitehouse*

From competing for their place on the team, to fundraising, and finally competing in the stunning Aussie waters, it has been a tremendous experience for crews as well as helms, as crews Hettie and Rhona explain:

'Going to Australia was an amazing experience for me. It not only helped my sailing ability but gave me an opportunity to meet new people from around the world as well as talking to friends I haven't seen in years.' (Hettie)

'It was a fantastic experience to explore the other side of the world and meet up with competitors and friends from previous Worlds.' (Rhona)

I realise, as Mum of some of these sailors, and as the UKNCCA welfare officer, I might be seen to be biased when I tell you that these young people did us proud, but they really did shine! Not only was their sailing world class but their media skills, team spirit and behaviour were exemplary as they represented their country and their home club of Waldringfield.

Alice Thorogood



A good time was had by all

Photo: International Cadet Class



Trophy Winners 2022

Congratulations to everyone!

Oscar Bush	Novices Trophy Liddell Trophy	Best Cadet helm not winning a race Cadet most turnouts
David Cannell	Cork Plate Metcalf Cup Mossman Trophy	Keelboat trophy race 1 st Squib in Round the Island race 1 st Squib in Club Championship
Tony Carter	The Admirals Trophy (Cannons)	1 st WSC yacht in Haven series
Roger Challis	Dinghy Friday Points overall Cherub Challenge Trophy Victory Plate Summer Series Beaker Wayfarer X2 Trophy Autumn Cup Wayfarer Picture Wayfarer Friday Trophy Autumn Points Picture	1 st Wednesday 2 Wednesday evening overall Trophy race Wayfarer Summer 1 Wayfarer Summer 2 Wayfarer Autumn 1 st Wayfarer in Wednesday 1 1 st Wayfarer in Wednesday 2 Wayfarer Freezer
Hamish Collingridge	Law Cup	Cadet Summer 1
Neil Collingridge	Paul Johnson Memorial BT Trophy Lake Tankard	Wayfarer Spring 1 Wayfarer Spring 2
Alfie Craigie	Summer Centre Plate Katie Archer Trophy FFSC Bostock Challenge	Laser U21 Summer 1 Laser, best senior & U21 combined in Saturday series Laser U21 Wednesday 2
Imogen Crossfield	Laura Cooney Cup	Best under 21 lady
Simon Davis	Goddard Trophy	OK Autumn
Robert Deaves	Sherwill Trophy Gold Cup Alexander Cup Howard Trophy	OK Spring 1 OK Summer 2 OK Wednesday OK Freezer
Ricky East	Clapham Trophy Half Model Trophy Ryder Cup	Squib Spring Squib top boat not winning a race 1 st Squib in the Navigation Race
Ella Edwards	Most promising crew Trophy	Cadet most promising crew
Alex Enkel	Dragonfly Cup	Best Cadet helm with no other trophy
Rhona Enkel	Branton trophy The Cutting Trophy	Most promising Cadet novice helm Cadet Autumn
Adrian Farthing	Globe Trophy	Best Log
Luke Farthing	Bush Trophy	OK Wednesday 2
Chris Fish	Jubilee EIIR Trophy Bombardier Trophy Challenge Trophy Autumn Points Trophy Lark Plate Grebe Trophy Fish Freezer Trophy	Trophy race 1 st Wednesday 1 Lark Spring 2 Lark Autumn Lark Wednesday 1 Lark Wednesday 2 Lark Freezer



Ed Fletcher	Sally Balch Memorial Trophy	Cadet Spring 2
Neil Fletcher	Challenge Cherub Trophy Quantrill Trophy WSC Dinghy Club Championship Trophy	Round the Island trophy race Trophy race 1 st in Trophy race series
Jos Glen-Gowing	International Lambo Doggy Foil Commodores Cup Autumn Centre Plate	Laser most amusing grounding or capsizing Radial Spring 1 Laser U21 Autumn
Peter Greatrex	Medusa Trophy Autumn Points Trophy	Squib Summer 2 Squib Autumn
Mike Hanes	Deacon Laser Class Cup Angela Penn Memorial Cup Archer Trophy WSC Laser Tankard Apprentice Master	Laser Spring 1 Laser Autumn Laser Wednesday 1 Laser Spring 2 Laser best 35 - 44 yrs, 4/6 races
Gordon Harris	Overall Trophy	Wayfarer Spring/Summer overall
Geoff Harris	Farthing Trophy	OK Summer 1
Martin Hawkes	Seamark Nunn Laser Centre Master	Laser 45 – 54 yrs, 4/6 races
Doug Hutton-Squire	Admirals Cup John Gilmour Memorial Cup	Laser Summer 1 Laser Summer 2
John Hughes	The Hall Great Grand Master	Laser best +65 yrs, 4/6 races
Ollie Jennings	Challenge Trophy	Laser best under 21 in Laser Open
Philippe Kerampran	Madelaine Plate	Most help to the Commodore
Alan Krailing	RLNI Pennant	Trophy race
Tom Krailing	Patrick Ogden Junior Trophy Dragon Cobbold	Best 3 of 5 all-in races Junior Club Championship
Matt Lake	Wayfarers Tigers Cup	Wayfarer most improved helm
Amelia Mayhew	Spear Cup Parker Cup	Cadet Spring 1 Cadet Spring/Summer overall
Dave Merritt	Venmore Rowlands Commodore's Cup	Outstanding contribution to the Club
Peter Mills	Summer Series Tankard Quantrill Grand Master	Laser Wednesday 2 Laser best 55 - 64 yrs, 4/ 6 races
David Moon	Coronation Cup Thistle Trophy	Trophy race Squib most turnouts without winning a race
George Moss	Heather Cutting Tankard	Laser U21 Freezer
Henry Myers	Mossman Trophy	Cadet non-travelling/ squad Summer 1 & 2
Charlie Newell-Johnson	Radial Tankard Nicholls Palmer Deben Week Tankard Branton/Mills Plate	Laser U21 Wednesday 1 Laser U21 Summer 2 Laser U21 Spring 2
Mike O'Malley	Wayfarers Chasers	Wayfarer 'B' fleet Summer
Clive Quantrill	Challenge Cup	OK Spring 2
Barry Searle	Trafalgar Plate White/Smith (Summer) Cup Squib Trophy Jupiter Cup	Trophy race Squib Summer 1 Squib Wednesday 1 Squib Wednesday overall
John Shambrook	Wickman Regatta Cup	Long distance crossing
James Skellorn	Wednesday Evening Tankard Large Sudell Cup The Bill Earl Memorial Deben Dragon	Dragonfly Wednesday 1 Dragonfly Wednesday 2 1 st Dragonfly in Navigation Race Navigation Race
Anne Spalding	Gavel Wayfarer Cup	Commodore Wayfarer best crew



William Sudell	Jubilee Cup Mason Cup Squib Trophy	1 st Keelboat in Victory Plate Squib Wednesday 2 Squib Saturday overall
Gwen Thorogood	Green Cup Cathy Fish Cadet Trophy	Best under 16 Cadet helm Cadet Freezer
Toby Tracey	Mayhew Freezer Trophy	Laser Freezer
Dan Watson	Palmer Cup	Lark Summer 2
Matt White	Seamark Nunn Trophy	Lark Spring 1

Dates for your Diary

Friendly Fridays: 9 June, 7 July, 28 July, 11 August, 15 September from 6.30pm

Hosted each time by a different one of the club's classes, the bar is open and the BBQ on ready for you to cook your own food. You (and some friends) might want to get on the river before coming ashore to eat.

Regatta: 23-25 June

- Handicap races (Birketts trophies)
- Fleet dinghy racing
- Shore Events with fancy dress and races for children and their families
- Yacht timed passage from Felixstowe
- Yachtsman's Service at 1800 on 25 June, after the prize-giving

Cadet Week: 17-20 August

Racing in Cadets and RS200s for people in year 13 and under (as of 31st August), with lots of fun on and off the water.

Summer Hog Roast: 19 August

Delicious food (with vegan option) on a summer early evening for members young and old.

Cartoon Trophy: 16-17 September

Fleet racing in six races over two days, to win trophies of cartoons by Giles or Mike Peyton.

Master Class Quiz Night: 14 October

Make up a team for the ever-popular Quiz Night, with food and bar.

