

## Commodores Comments

Racing has started for the hardy at Seaford. And I mean 'hardy'. I can't remember sailing off the beach in sleet and snow before! Hopefully it will have warmed up a bit by the time you read this.

The work party weekends were a great success, with both sites looking much better thanks to the efforts of a pleasingly large number of workers. It made me start thinking just how many members are doing jobs around the place beyond the normal weekend duties. I won't mention names, but these jobs include (but are by no means limited to): Bosuns' team, maintenance of the buildings, berthing, disposing of abandoned boats, bar management, instructors, club house cleaning, school boat maintenance, site maintenance, mainsheet publication/distribution, duty rotas, sailing programs, administration, accounts, web site, training, social events, publicity, grass cutting, cadet organisation, people who carry a toolbox in the car just in case something needs fixing, etc. etc. etc.. Thanks to everyone for all the time you put in. It really is appreciated.



The Open Day on 19<sup>th</sup> April needs more help from the members. We are opening up to members of the public to show them some of the attraction of sailing and our club in particular. If you can help during the day taking people for trial sails, displaying your boat, manning a side show for an hour or two or just be around to chat to visitors, your help would be very welcome. Also we need posters displayed beforehand in local shops and car windows. If you can put a few up, have a word with Chris or Carolyn Turner, who have a supply.

Rupert

**News Flash :** Rotten thieves have stolen one of our outboard engines from the RIB whilst it was being kept at Seaford over winter. They even waited until after the engine had been serviced before purloining it !

## DON'T FORGET OPEN DAY!

### SATURDAY 19th April 2008

We operate from three locations providing a wide range of sailing options: inland, we sail on Piddinghoe Lake throughout the year; offshore from our Club house on Seaford Bay and from the marina at Newhaven at the mouth of the River Ouse. Come along and see us on Saturday 19th April at the Seaford Clubhouse for taster sessions at Piddinghoe and Newhaven.

Find out more at [www.nssc.org.uk](http://www.nssc.org.uk)

Hello All

I would like to welcome you all to Monday Night Cadets.

The structure this year is different from previous years in that we are having introductory theory before the season starts.

The calendar for Monday cadets is outlined opposite

## Joining Instructions

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April

This is an introductory session and we will meet at Piddinghoe Pond.

Due to the large number of Cadets and Parents the cadets will be broken into 2 groups with different start times

#### Group 1

This is the Oppi fun group and we will start at 5.30pm

This is the only time that this group have to attend the theory.

The names of the group are below

#### Group 2

This will be the Oppi training group and Sport 14 group and the start time will be 6.15pm

The names of the groups are below

There will be no sailing on any of the theory nights; however we will be outside so please bring warm and waterproof clothing to all theory sessions

### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Start time will be 5.30pm at the pond

This is only for Oppi Training and Sport 14 groups.

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Start time will be 5.30pm at the pond

This is only for Oppi Training and Sport 14 groups

## Practical Sessions

These commence on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May and we aim to be on the water at 5.45pm, so please arrive in good time to help set up, and we aim to finish between 7.00 and 7.15pm

#### Parents

A cadet parent has to be onsite at all times

#### Helpers

As in previous years the parent helpers are an integral part of the children enjoying themselves and cadets would not be able to operate without them.

On shore and on water helpers and instructors

We will produce a provisional list of who will help which groups and on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April we can get together to finalise

An information sheet will be given to each parent on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April and we look forward to meeting you all on Monday

**We are looking for safety boat drivers who have a level 2 certificate and over 16; please email me on Andrewbarns@aol.com if you would like to help with safety boat cover, preferably before Monday.**

Andrew Barns

Claire Cornish

Date	Event
<b>SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	<b>Club Open Day</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Theory Training
	Group 1 5.30pm Group 2 6.15pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Theory Training
	Group 2 5.30pm
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Theory Training
	Group 2 5.30pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	No training (Bank Holiday)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday Training begins (on the water 5.45)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	No training (Bank Holiday + Half Term)
TBA	Topper Open at Seaford
TBA	SE Federation Event
TBA	Endurance Race at Piddinghoe
	Laser Open at Seaford
<b>TBA</b>	<b>SE Youth Federation Event at Bexhill</b>
Monday 21st July	Last Monday night training
Sat/Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> August(provisional)	Games Tourney at Seaford
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> August(prov)	Sailing Week at Seaford
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Caffyn's Shield (Piddinghoe)
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Ridley's Shield (Seaford)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Cadet Week at Piddinghoe
Sun/Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> August	Regatta event at Seaford
	RYA Oppi Novice Regatta at Chipstead
	RYA SE Zone Championships at Bewl Water
	RYA Topper Novice Regatta at Bough Beech
	Laying Up Supper at Seaford
Friday 7th November (provisional)	Fireworks at Seaford
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Start of the Winter Racing at Piddinghoe
	NSSC Annual Prize-giving Dinner and Dance

<p><b>GROUP 1</b> Oppi Fun</p> <p>ANDREW-BEALE Max Roberts Daisy ANDREW-BEALE Moss Roberts George Balker Roberts Tabitha BERGIN Maisie Rye James BLACKHOLLY Hannah Smith Grace COWLEY Angus Smith Joshua COWLEY Iona Woolmer Max DAM Sasha Wye DAVIS Isabel Wye Gartland Jones Gartland Jones Greaves Holly Greaves Duncan Haukeland HITCHINS Abigail HITCHINS Joseph HONEYWOOD Dylan HOOKER Jethro HOOPER Jack LUNN Joe MILLER Henry MILLER Scarlett MORTIMER Marianne PASCOE-EASTERBY Flint</p>	<p><b>GROUP 2</b> Oppi Training</p> <p>BARNES Pearce COOK Hattie CORNISH Jenny CORNISH Pippa COX Tiger Dasent Gemma GORRINGE Anya GORRINGE Christina HALL Nia LOWTON Francesca VEALE James VEALE Sarah</p>	<p><b>GROUP 2</b> SPORT 14</p> <p>Balker BARKER Jack BERGIN Owen BLACKHOLLY Laura BLOSS Jacob CLIFFORD Emily CLIFFORD Tom CORNISH Andrew Haukeland JEFFERSON Esther JEFFERSON Flora LANE-BEALE Daisy LUNN Samuel MORTIMER Miles Quinnell Daniel SADLER Mykola</p>
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**Secretary's "Notes for the Record"**  
**COMMITTEE NEWS - AGM**

The AGM was held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April with 31 club members in attendance. The Report and Accounts for 2007, which were sent to full members prior to the AGM, were presented and accepted. The club finances continue to be healthy with turnover comparable to 2006 with adult training continuing to be lower (although is significantly up this year). A mention was made of the loss last year and so far this year of a number of senior club members that have passed away and the club will no doubt continue to remember them in the future through building/boat names or trophies which are all under consideration. Efforts are to be made by me to present revised Articles at an EGM during Sailing Week – they are in need of update and there have been revisions from recent EGM's which are on a marked up copy.

The Directors' and Officers' remain as last year (full list elsewhere in this issue) and as shown some are ready to stand down and let others take up the running of the club. If you are interested then please do not hesitate to contact a member of the committee. We are all volunteers and we all try to fit in with our business commitments.

The AGM agreed Jack Baker and John Kalisch as Life Members and Stephen Clapham as President (the previous being the late Arthur McCarroll).

Discussion in the Open Forum included future plans over the next 12 months for involvement in the "RYA Onboard Scheme" whereby matching of RYA expenditure enabled a licence to train non club members and courses are being arranged for the August period. Cruiser Racing is also being introduced one Sunday a month to satisfy the many club members now with keel boats and the Newhaven Yacht Club was being invited. It was hoped that the Offshore Section of the Club will re-appear after an absence of many years.

An enjoyable buffet provided by the galley team of Clive and Jane ended the evening.

**Jim Skinner, Club Secretary**

**NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS 2008/2009**

<b>COMMODORE</b>	<b>RUPERT SMITH</b>
<b>VICE COMMODORE</b>	<b>CHRIS TURNER</b>
<b>REAR COMMODORE SEAFORD</b>	<b>STEPHEN DUNCAN</b>
<b>REAR COMMODORE NEWHAVEN</b>	<b>BOB CORBETT</b>
<b>REAR COMMODORE PIDDINGHOE</b>	<b>DARREN FIELD</b>
<b>COMPANY SECRETARY</b>	<b>JIM SKINNER*</b>
<b>BOSUN</b>	<b>PADDY TURNER</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>HEIDI ROBINSON*</b>
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>TRAINING DIRECTOR</b>	<b>BILL GILES*</b>

**\* INDICATED WILL COVER UNTIL REPLACEMENT FOUND**

**RYA 1st Aid Course**

I have arranged a RYA 1st Aid Course with John Stewart to take place at Seaford clubhouse on Saturday 21/06/08 starting at 0900hrs. This is of special interest to any new instructors who need to obtain it and to existing instructors who need to renew their 1st Aid.

If we have spare spaces for any club member is welcome to attend, but preference will be given to instructors or parents that are actively helping with cadet training.

If we have sufficient demand another course could be arranged. The cost will be moderate depending upon numbers.

Please contact me to reserve your place on the course

Mike Woollard

tel 01323 893542 or email [schoolnssc@nssc.org.uk](mailto:schoolnssc@nssc.org.uk)

# CATAMARAN INTRO DAY

June 7 & 8 2008  
Newhaven & Seaford Sailing Club

**Are you aged between 11 and 16?**

**Would you like to try sailing a catamaran?**

**If you already sail, would you like coaching from a top UK sailor?**



The British Hobie Cat Class Association (BHCCA) is coming to Newhaven & Seaford Sailing Club for one day sessions to enable young people to try catamaran sailing.

The day includes: on shore briefing and instruction, on the water coaching, trapezing, racing practice, and debriefing session.

**Cost:** £15 per sailor

**Bring:** sailing kit including life jacket (trapeze harnesses will be provided) and lunch.

**If you would like to book a place email: [bhcca\\_youth\\_coord@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bhcca_youth_coord@yahoo.co.uk) or call Nick Henson on 07968 310077 for more details.**

Newhaven & Seaford Sailing Club,  
The Club House, Marine Parade, Seaford BN25 2QR  
Tel: 01323 890077

## Newhaven News

The Sailing Club has a presence at the Newhaven Marina which is where we keep our rescue boats during the sailing season. Therefore anybody lucky enough to do a rescue boat duty will pass through the Marina where they will find that some of our members keep their larger yachts. The Marina is in the process of being redeveloped which should hopefully improve the facilities. Newhaven Marina is also the base for our active and friendly fleet of National Squibs. These are the racing keelboats that are often seen out and about in Seaford Bay with their distinctive red sails. The Squibs are one of the easiest boats to learn to sail in as they have a fixed keel which means that you can't capsize them. They are however one of the hardest boats to sail really well as they can be as technical as you want to make them with lots of bits of string to tweak to make them go faster. They have a manageable spinnaker that can be handled by cadets or ladies which makes them an ideal boat whether sailing as two men, male and female, two females or adult and cadet.

The squibs take an active part in the clubs racing fixtures but also like to have some social fun with a full cruising programme planned for this summer (please see your sailing calendar for full details) If you want to join us on one of our cruises or would like to try out a Squib either as a helmsman or crew then please contact me.

Bob Corbett  
[rearcommodorennewhaven@nssc.org.uk](mailto:rearcommodorennewhaven@nssc.org.uk)

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

All renewal membership packages have been posted out at the beginning of March, so if you have not received yours please contact me.

The gate codes all change on the first of April so make sure you know these to gain access, there's nothing more annoying than not being able to get in and hoping someone else will turn up soon and open the gate!

The new database has been an ongoing development and many thanks to Steve Allen who has spent many hours creating it and sorting out all the hitches I keep making.

If address details are spelt incorrectly on your renewal letter please let me know so you can be assured of getting your Mainsheet, etc.

Helen Lawley  
Membership Secretary

## An invitation from the Social Secretary

### The New Sailing Season

Since this is your club, I am interested to find out what sort of social activities you would like to support. Please let me have any ideas for events and if there is enough interest, the club will arrange them!

### Spontaneous Social Events!

On days when the weather is nice during the summer months, Friday nights, Saturdays and during the summer holidays, we plan to open the club at short notice. We'll open the bar, have a BBQ, play music CDs, go beach fishing, enjoy the sun, whatever! Why not come along and bring the family for a relaxed social day out? Obviously, because this will be dependent upon the weather, we'll hold these events at short notice so if you're interested, please contact me at [socialsecretarynssc@nssc.org.uk](mailto:socialsecretarynssc@nssc.org.uk) leaving your e-mail address and a telephone number on which we can reach you in a hurry!

Robin Chapman, Social Secretary



FREE—to anyone willing to collect. We have an old, slightly dilapidated glass fibre "Minisail" (in need of some attention), complete with sail, boom, tiller, centre board and all rigging, which we are happy to give to anyone who is willing to collect it.  
David & Susan Rix—01273 512357



Just announced!! Power Boat Course 31st May/June 1st

Contact Bill Giles for more info

## A Note from your Mainsheet editing team

We are always looking out for interesting/unusual articles, photographs and anything else that would be of interest to your fellow sailing readers. If you have anything suitable or something that you feel should be aired (!) then please email it to [mainsheeteditor@nssc.org.uk](mailto:mainsheeteditor@nssc.org.uk)

We can also put in your adverts for sailing items free of charge. We need your submissions to be in Word format or for photos in Jpeg format.

We look forward to hearing from you!



## BEGINNERS DINGHY SAILING

### LEVEL 1 AND 2

This is a 5 day dinghy sailing course over five consecutive Saturdays

At the end of the course the successful sailor will be safety conscious, have a basic knowledge of sailing and be capable of sailing without an instructor in light winds

### COURSE DATES

#### SPRING COURSES

##### Course no 1

Saturday 10th May 9.00am till 4.30pm  
Saturday 17th May 9.30am till 4.30pm  
Saturday 24th May 9.30am till 4.30pm  
Saturday 31st May 9.30am till 4.30pm  
Saturday 7th June 9.30am till 4.30pm

##### Course no 2

Saturday 14th June 9.00am till 4.30pm  
Saturday 21st June 9.30am till 4.30pm  
Saturday 28th June 9.30am till 4.30pm  
Saturday 5th July 9.30am till 4.30pm  
Saturday 12th July 9.30am till 4.30pm

**We are able to offer other course dates and times for information on these courses  
please contact Mike Woollard on 01323 893542**

The syllabus will include helming (steering) and crewing a dinghy on all points of sailing, rigging, launching and recovery, approaching jetties up and down wind, recovering a person from the water and capsizing.

### LOCATION

The location for the course is at Piddinghoe near Newhaven

### WHAT TO BRING

For the Saturday a packed lunch will be required, however tea and coffee is supplied

Always bring a complete change of clothing and a towel, along with a wet suit or dry suit( if you have one) and wind and water proof outer layer and flat shoes that don't mind getting wet

### COST

Members                      £180                      Non Members      £210

To book and for further information please

**CONTACT MIKE WOOLLARD 01323 893542**

The 5 Day autumn Dinghy course will begin in September.



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