

The NEWHAVEN & SEAFORD SAILING CLUB mag

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Happy New Year  
January 2014 Edition



## Commodores New Year resolution



Happy New Year everyone, I hope you have all had a good couple of weeks and enjoyed the festive season. I don't really do resolutions as I inevitably fail miserably, but I will endeavour to sail more races this year. Feel free to nag me if you think I am slacking.

We managed to get through 2013 with some very ambitious projects being completed and even more boats sailed on the sea and raced than for many years.

I am pleased to announce that we have joined up with Plumpton College to provide sailing, canoeing, kayaking and many other activities. The College students will be joining the club and getting involved with club activities in addition to their training. In addition as Plumpton College provides a multitude of teaching and training courses we will be providing them with real life projects to work on. The first being a tractor to help tow boats along the beach and back for launch and recovery to avoid the shore break when the waves aren't so friendly. I can't emphasise enough how great an opportunity for both NSSC and Plumpton this represents and thanks to all involved in making this possible.

As you may have noticed Simon and I have continued the work on the balcony and decking at Seaford. The structural work on the balcony is now complete and there are just a few cosmetic bits to do to finish the decking. As most who have viewed the recently completed bit of decking refer to it as the stage, we will do our best to have some live music on it during the summer.

The Christmas party and Prize giving was a resounding success, seating so many people was a bit of a worry, but with some new table tops and a bit of furniture rearrangement we did it. Thanks to Steve, Udo, and abfabfoods for a superb meal, all delivered on time and with military precision, a hard act to follow. Congratulations again to Jack who was 97 on the night.



The Management Committee are keen to ensure that the club is a place where members and in particular families can come and enjoy sailing and other water sports in a pleasant safe environment and social atmosphere.

To that end the club is trying to ensure there are, in particular, no drinking issues and are looking to introduce suitable policies in the near future.

There is an issue with people expecting the bar to be open all hours or when they choose to drop in. The bar is a club facility and not a private facility, it is staffed on a volunteer basis. If there are no volunteers then it is not reasonable to expect the officers of the club to continually open and staff the bar all the time.

Hopefully we can sort a team of people to help with staffing. This isn't a new problem, hopefully if we can get a team of twenty or more together we can sort this out in 2014.

**Ian Johnson**  
**Commodore NSSC**



#### Some Important Dates for 2014

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February** 7.30pm- **Volunteers Night** a discussion about duties and a chance to resolve issues with Dutyman

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February** 7.0pm - **Safety Boat Helm and Crews Night** - a discussion about what needs to be thought about when working the safety boats.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February** 7.0pm - **Race Officer and Assistant Race Officer Night** - with an RYA official - a discussion about running races and events.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - 10.0am and 2.0pm - **Safety Boat Practical Refresher** - come along and practice your boat handling skills ; getting in and out of berths, anchoring, assisting capsized boats and catamarans.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April** - **Schools Day at Piddinghoe.** - lots of people needed.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May** - **RYA Push the Boat Out Day and Open Day at Piddinghoe**- lots of help needed.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June** - **Laser Masters Event** - we will be hosting a major national event - this brings in money and kudos to the club. Lots of help needed in various roles.

A full list of events will be published in the Club Brochure and Calendar which will be sent to you when your membership is renewed for 2014. You may sign up for duties on Dutyman for the whole year now.



# Christmas party & Prizегiving



## Newhaven & Seaford Sailing Club - Bar Duties

The bar team is looking to recruit a regular group of members to help staff the bar in 2014. You will see that Terry Jones has included a description of the duties in his Duty Article 2014. The more people that sign up to be a member of the team, the easier it becomes for everyone. The tasks involved are not difficult, and appropriate training will be given.

We hope to cover Wednesday and Friday evenings, and Sunday lunchtimes and afternoons, so the more volunteers we get spreads the load for everyone.

So to get more information, or to volunteer, contact Steve Mitchell Bar Manager on 07713197915 or Mike Beaumont Vice Commodore on 01323 895207.

### Bar Opening Hours

For the remainder of the winter season until 1 April 2014 bar opening hours will be:

Wednesday            1830 to 2200

Friday                    1830 to 2200

Sunday                  1230 to 1500.

Please note the bar will only be open if there is a volunteer available.

## Recorders Notes

### 2013 Winter Sailing Report

The Freeman Iceberg Winter Series has just finished. It was generally well attended, often with 20+ dinghies competing which led to some fairly congested starts. The results were often quite close, in fact in one race there were two winners on exactly the same corrected time and another only 8 seconds between 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place. The weather at the start of the series and towards the end was fairly windy. However, we had some nice gentle breezes around halfway with the lightest winds being on Boxing Day. It was nice to see Alex M-B joining us for six of the races and giving a great demonstration of his expertise during one of the windiest days when everyone else apart from the Pico capsized.

There were wins during the series across a wide range of classes including a Finn, Laser, Laser Radial, Streaker and the Pico. If you want to read more about the individual races either go to our club's website then links and click on 'Streaker Ramblings'. Alternatively, go to the Streaker Class Owners Association and click on 'Alan's Blog'. For details of all the results go to the NSSC website click on 'sailing' then 'club series results'.

After the Boxing Day race we enjoyed mulled wine, mince pies and cake. Prizes were then presented.

The next race is on New Years Day at 2:00 pm, then the Elford Series, for the toughest sailors, starts at 11:00 am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Hope you all have a Happy New Year and a great sailing season in 2014.

**Laurence Venus.**  
Recorder

The final results for the Freeman Iceberg winter series.

Overall :- 1st Alan Simmons  
2nd Dave Murley  
3rd Tim Cox

Lasers :- 1st Steve Duncan  
2nd Tim Cox  
3rd Rupert Smith

Menagerie:- 1st Alan Simmons  
2nd Dave Murley  
3rd Michael Veale and Mike Rosier

Cadet Winner :- Josh Smith



Alan Simmons in festive mood on Boxing day



John, Rupert, Alan, Steve, Tim, Michael, Mike, Josh



Dave



## Duties and Work Parties

Our sailing club is a members club, we do not employ any staff, it is run by members for members. Do you take for granted the enormous amount of voluntary work that goes on behind the scenes to keep the club running? Perhaps you are a regular sailing on the sea or at Piddinghoe, perhaps you sail less frequently than you would like, perhaps you are members so that your children can learn to sail in our cadet section, perhaps you are a social member who enjoys some of the social events, perhaps you just enjoy The Shorebreak Cafe or relaxing on the balcony on a Sunday or joining in on the social themed evenings.

Whatever your reason for joining NSSC there is a commitment we all make when we renew our membership to attend at least one half day session at one of the work parties, **this is not covered by the duty discount**. Many of our regular members will be there for all of the working parties. Working party days can be fun days - an opportunity to meet other members, bring along family members - no skill is needed - jobs include cleaning and tidying, painting, gardening - there are more specialist jobs for anyone able to offer more professional skills. Just turn up and ask someone for the working party organiser who will direct you to a task within your capabilities. Those who stay for the whole day will be fed and watered at lunchtime. If we did not have people volunteering their skills and labour our membership fees would have to double to pay for professionals to maintain our facilities.

**Don't leave it to the dedicated few to get the club ready for the forthcoming season sign up on Dutyman and come along from 9.30am onwards**

**Seaford Clubhouse on**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**or at Piddinghoe Pond**

**on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of March.**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**Please bring some tools - drills, hammers, screw drivers, strimmers, pruners, loppers general gardening tools, etc if possible.**

**If you cannot make these days please contact the Rear-Commodore Seaford or Piddinghoe who can allocate you tasks.**

## Sailing Duties

Every time we have sailing on the sea there is a team of volunteers in the race box and on the sea.

The **Race Officer** is in charge of the sailing for the day. She/he arrives first to unlock the Race Box and designs the course to be sailed.

The **Assistant Race Officer** - helps the RO to prepare the race box, taking down the shutters, putting up the flags checking the electronic starting system, putting the course on the sailing noticeboard and the signing on sheets.

When the race is in progress the RO and ARO record each lap of the course sailed and calculate the results of the race. Sometimes the RO and ARO will run the race from a committee boat on the sea. We have a shortage of people experienced and volunteering to be RO. If you are an experienced sailor we would like to encourage you to have a go at being a Race Officer with an experienced Race Officer at your side.

You could also gain experience as RO at one of the Winter Series Races at Piddinghoe.

**Safety Boat Helm** - She/he need to hold a RYA powerboat level 2 - this can be gained by attending one of the courses which are run throughout the year. The keys and fuel are collected from Seaford along with instructions from the Race Officer, the boats are stored at Newhaven Marina. Once out of the harbour the marks for the course are laid with instructions over the VHF radio with the Race Officer. Once the race is under way the safety boat will be on station to assist any sailors who get into difficulties. At the end of racing the race marks are collected in, boats returned to their berths in Newhaven and fuel cans and keys are returned to Seaford and well earned drink or cup of tea.

**Safety Boat Crew** - a good opportunity to get on the water and see the racing close up and learn some of the things that the helm has to do. The crew helps the helm as directed.

The Safety Boat Helm or Crew might be on ARK, our small fishing type boat with an inboard engine, in which case they can dress in clothing appropriate to the weather, from shorts and tee shirts in the summer to full weather proofs if it is inclement. If on one of the RIBs (Rigid Inflatable Boat) the helm and crew will need to wear wetsuits or dry suits in severe weather. The crew must be ready to enter the water if a sailor needed rescuing.

We also need safety boat helms and crews at Piddinghoe during the Winter Series and at other times during the year.

## Bar Duties

The Seaford Bar is usually opened for members on a Sunday in the summer sailing season from 12 till 4.30pm and Wednesday evenings from 7.0pm to 10.30pm and for various social and training events throughout the year. There may also be some Friday evenings where bar staff are needed. We have a volunteer bar manager who ensures that the bar is stocked and ready to go and if you are doing a bar duty for the first time we can arrange for somebody to take you through the necessary knowledge.

## Social Events

We try to have at least one social event per month and details of these can be found in the club brochure. For each of these we need an event organiser. This is not as daunting as it might appear. The organiser should take ownership of the event:-

with the help of the social committee to organise pre event publicity;

we have a graphic artist who will design posters.

Liaise with Shorebreak regarding the food being planned. Help take bookings

On the day, help to reorganise the furniture and decorate the clubhouse to suit the theme.

Ensure that all attendees have paid for their tickets.

Help with anything that arises on the night.

On the following day, assist with clearing up the event.

## Points system

A few years ago each member group was expected to do a set number of duties, 4 for a family, 3 for an individual etc. This didn't take account of the time, skills and effort that perhaps a stint behind the bar on a quiet evening required compared with spending the whole day on a safety boat on a less than pleasant day. Consequently there are different points allocated for different duties. Full details can be found in the club brochure and on the club website.

Whilst we set a minimum number of points we expect members to achieve during the year without having to be pressured.

We are always sympathetic to individuals whose personal circumstances are made known to us and will make necessary adjustments to points.

Many of our members far exceed the minimum and without them we would have to raise the minimum requirement. Please do not view the minimum points requirement as being the target.

If you have a particular skill or expertise that the club might otherwise have to pay for; it may be possible to negotiate duty points for this.

If you do anything for the club on a voluntary basis please ask for duty points to be assigned.

If you have questions or observations on the Duty Points please feel free to contact me.

## DutyMan

Three or four years ago we decided to try the internet based system, developed by members of another sailing club. Dutyman has enabled us to manage our duties without the need for the administrator and Race Officers to spend, often fruitless, time trying to telephone people about duties. If you are having difficulties accessing Dutyman please let me know so that we can overcome the difficulties you are having.

I have also completed some work on a survey about duties which you can complete on this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/75KZ25C>

Terry Jones

Sailing Director



# Burns Night

## Saturday 25th January

### at Seaford Clubhouse 7.30pm till late



## NSSC Training Meeting

Are you an instructor (that is assistant, dinghy, powerboat, windsurf or indeed any other sort of RYA instructor)?

Were you once an instructor and allowed your skills or qualification to lapse?

Would you like to be an instructor (dinghy or powerboat)?

Would you like to help with cadets but do not know where to start?

Then come along to the Club Training Open Evening on Tue 25 Feb 2014 at 7:30pm.

We can talk about:

Plans for adult training in 2014

Beginners' courses (staffing and dates) and 'Is it better to run intensive weekend courses or spread over several evenings or weekends?'

Assistant Instructor training

Cadet helpers

Instructor courses (power and dinghy) and a Senior Dinghy Instructor course

Getting back into instructing and updating and refreshing instructor qualifications

Other RYA course availability:

First Aid

Radio

Diesel Engine

Shorebased Navigation (already started)

Cadet plans for 2014

The rules for instructor expenses.

Bill Giles

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## Piddinghoe Berthing

As you may know Met Metcalfe, who has been Berth Master at Piddinghoe for many years, has been poorly recently. We are trying to update the list of berth holders and their boats. If you have a boat at Piddinghoe please complete the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/R2MTFYH>

Or email these details:

First Name, last name, boat class, sail number, hull colour, cover colour, boat name plus if you have a windsurfer etc on your berth.

To me at [Bill@billgiles.org.uk](mailto:Bill@billgiles.org.uk)



If you are unable to access Dutyman to book your club duties you might choose from the following options.

Contact Terry Jones by telephone 01323 893911 to discuss available dates. Arrange to meet with Terry Jones or Ian Johnson at the club to put duties directly onto Dutyman or another club member with a computer could help you; Complete the form below and return to Terry Jones, 193 Princess Drive, Seaford, BN25 2QT. I will endeavour to fill in your duties for you.

## Newhaven and Seaford Sailing Club Duties form

Name		Home Tel			
		Mobile no			
Names of Family Members doing duties	1			2	
	3			4	
Are You *	A regular sea sailor / wind-surfer	An occasional sea sailor / wind surfer	A regular pond sailor	A non sailor	
Preferred duties	<b>Wednesday *</b> <b>Sundays *</b> <b>Saturdays*</b> <b>BH Mondays*</b>	<b>Wednesdays *</b> <b>Sundays *</b> <b>Saturdays*</b> <b>BH Mondays*</b>	Wednesday evening duties fill up quickly <b>so if full</b> you will be allocated Sunday duties instead. Saturdays could be evening social events in the bar, or open events.		
Race Officer			<b>Experience needed</b>		
Rescue Boat Skipper			<b>Qualification needed</b> <b>PB 2 Held confirmed</b>		
Assistant Race Officer			Help the Race Officer, learn to become a RO		
Ark Crew			On large motor boat – no experience needed		
Rib Crew			On inflatable – be prepared to get wet – wetsuit needed		
Bar duty			Work in club bar – no experience needed		
Social Event Organiser			To be the main driver of a social event.		
Gardening Piddinghoe			Can be done at own convenience.		
Do you prefer your duties to be <b>close together or spread out</b> * (delete) Please delete dates that you will not be available. <b>Sundays in Bold</b> <i>Wednesdays in Italics</i> Saturdays and Bank Holiday Mondays normal type.					
Early season	May	June	July	August	Late Season
March/April	<b>4 5 7 11 14</b> <b>18 21 25 26 28</b> 31	1 4 7 <b>8 11</b> <b>15 18 22 25</b> <b>29</b>	2 5 <b>6 9 12 13 16 19</b> <b>20 23 26 27 30</b>	<b>3 6 9 10 13</b> 16 17 20 23 <b>24 25 30 31</b>	September/October
<b>Working Parties</b>			<b>Seaford</b>	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> March Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> March Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	
Please indicate which work party dates you will be attending. All members are expected to attend at least one working party.			<b>Piddinghoe</b>	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> March Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> March Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> March Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	
Do you have a profession or special skills that you are willing to share to benefit the club?					
Any other requests or information (continue overleaf if necessary)					



Family Info.	First Name	Surname	Date of Birth	(optional) Cadets
Partner:			/ /	Covers 10 Mon nights
Children under 18			/ /	£21
or full time			/ /	£21
Student			/ /	£21
			/ /	£21

**Declaration by parents of cadets under 18yrs**  
 I confirm that I have given permission for the cadet(s) named herein to sail, and understand they must wear personal buoyancy aids and appropriate clothing at all times whilst afloat or close to water. I understand that the club cannot at any time accept responsibility for children or any other persons. At all times Parents or Guardians have sole responsibility for their children and must exercise suitable control and supervision.

.....  
 signed Parent or Guardian

Storage details: These prices assume existing Sailing membership.							All subject to availability	
Each Dinghy, Catamaran or Keelboat £45, berth numbers are on posts next to berth							£	
Boat type / other details		Sail number/ Other		Pidd. / Seaford		Berth No.		
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Total storage fee								

**TOTAL FEES DUE** = Membership + Cadet Sessions + Storage £

<b>Preferred Duty Arrangements</b> please book duties yourself using the Dutyman system, otherwise we will use the following information to assign you to vacant duties. Details on website. Duty Role — (minimum age 18 years)	Lead Member	Partner	Other
<b>Race Officer</b> skilled role : experience of dinghy racing and undertaken Assistant R.O. role			
<b>Assistant Race Officer:</b> no experience necessary, usually a clerical/timing job on shore			
<b>Safety Helm:</b> experienced and skilled role: RYA powerboat 2 certificate required			
<b>Safety Crew:</b> no experience but needs wet or dry suit and be prepared to enter the water			
<b>Bar Helper:</b> no previous experience but have attended a familiarisation session before duty			
<b>Gardening</b> at Piddinghoe : clothing and equipment to clear brambles and long grass			

Please send completed form and cheques (made payable to 'NSSC Ltd' ) to:  
**The Membership Secretary ~ Sara Evans** Email: [membershipsecnssc@nssc.org.uk](mailto:membershipsecnssc@nssc.org.uk)  
**15 Marine Drive, Bishopstone, Seaford, BN25 2RT** Phone: **01323 893098**  
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**Declaration by all applicants**

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for membership and undertake to be bound by the rules of the club and to pay such fees and subscriptions as the rules may require. If I renew online in future then this declaration is carried forward implicitly.

I agree on behalf of myself and any joint members included in this application to abide by the company's articles of association and byelaws. I undertake to hold a valid certificate of insurance to cover all boats and boards used by any person included within this application for at least £2,000,000 third party liability, and I also undertake that all persons included within this application will use personal buoyancy aids at all times whilst on the water at Seaford, Piddinghoe or Newhaven. At no time will the club accept responsibility for children or any other persons.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_