

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

please see our website at www.nsc.org.uk for full up to date information on forthcoming events. Here are some of the future social events planned :

- July **Themed Evening** – Tex/ Mex food evening, more details to follow.
- July 17th **NSSC heat of the Honda RYA Youth RIB Competition**- Piddinghoe
- July 17th 14.00 Ovington Boats **demo day** for Solution dinghy at Seaford
- July 17th **Saturday Fun Day**, Seaford at 16.00 followed by DIY BBQ – all welcome
- July 24th **Saturday Fun Day**, Seaford at 16.00 followed by DIY BBQ – all welcome
- July 31st Saturday **Expedition to Cuckmere Haven**
- July 31st **Saturday Fun Day**, Seaford at 16.00 followed by DIY BBQ – all welcome
- August 2nd - 6th **Sailing Week Seaford**
- September 11or18th **Club Outing to Southampton Boat Show**
- September 26th **Birling Gap/Cuckmere Haven (Open)**
- October (TBA) **Laying Up supper**
- November **Bonfire Night**
- December (TBA) **Annual Dinner Dance and Prize Giving**
- January 2011 (TBA) **Burns Night**

Honda RYA Youth RIB Competition at Piddinghoe

Are you between 8 and 12 or between 13 and 16 and think you could drive a RIB ? 'Yes' - Well come and have a go on **Saturday 17th July** at Piddinghoe Pond You will be taught in groups of 4 how to drive the RIB at speed around a complex course of buoys laid out at the Pond. You will then get two timed runs and your best time is used to identify the winner in each of the two age groups.

The two winners will go-on to represent the Club at the Regional finals of the Honda RYA Youth RIB Competition at Bewl Water on Saturday August 21st. , and if you win there would then be invited to represent the South East of England in the National Finals at the Southampton Boat Show in September.

How to book a slot – call or e.mail as soon as possible, if you leave it too close to the event you may well find there are no spaces left.

Contact: **Ian Lambert** on **01 273 846189** or e.mail: **ian_lambert@yahoo.com**

What to wear: your normal sailing clothes and bring your lifejacket

Mainsheet



July 2010

Newhaven & Seaford Sailing Club

SATURDAY FUN SAILING AT SEAFORD FROM 4.00PM

EVERY SATURDAY DURING JULY AND AUGUST THE SAILING CLUB WILL BE OPEN AND THERE WILL BE A RESCUE BOAT ON THE SEA FOR ANYONE WISHING TO SAIL. THE BAR WILL BE OPEN AND THE BARBE-QUE LIT FOR ANYONE WISHING TO COOK THEIR OWN FOOD.



IF YOU DONT HAVE A BOAT COME WITH YOUR KIT AND CHANCES ARE THAT SOMEBODY WILL TAKE YOU FOR A SAIL WITH THEM. THERE WILL BE CLUB PICOS AVAILABLE FOR EXPERIENCED SAILORS. POND SAILORS - A CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE SAILING ON THE SEA WITH FULL BACK UP.



LATER IN JULY A SERIES OF FAIRLY INFORMAL SIMPLE RACES MAY BE ORGANISED IF THERE IS DEMAND. THIS IS A NEW VENTURE PLEASE SUPPORT IT AND MAKE IT WORK FOR THE CLUB.

Terry Jones Sailing Secretary

Important Notice

Due to recent vandalism and unauthorised entry to Piddinghoe it has been necessary to change the lock codes with immediate effect. Please see posted version of Mainsheet for details

Chris's Scribbles

Well, the season is now well underway and I think we have so far had the best weather for at least 3 years, allowing us to have good racing conditions at Seaford and great fun sailing at Piddinghoe.



Please be aware that we suspect that there have been poachers at Piddinghoe

laying long lines at night for eels. The result is you may see some dead fish from time to time. This is due to them discarding these fish when they pull the lines up in the early hours. We believe they have also learnt the combinations to the club rooms, and they have been making a mess of the facilities at night. Unfortunately, this leaves us with no alternative but to change the lock combinations during July. Please note the new combinations for Piddinghoe (see front page). Please can everyone make sure they close the clasps and scramble the combinations as soon as you unlock a gate. It is too easy for non-members to look at open locks as they walk through on the footpath.

If you see a lock left open, please close it.



I am pleased to announce that Ian Lambert has kindly stepped in as Piddinghoe Rear Commodore for three months to cover this gap in the management team. We are still looking for volunteers to support us in the management of the club. We all meet up once a month at Seaford to go through the issues that face us in the day to

day operations. We have also been looking into the longer term planning aspects and aim to shortly complete the 5 year plan, which will identify our key aims and aspirations for the future.

With Darren Field's help, we have identified that the club has to increase income in order to maintain the facilities in their current form. We will be looking into ways of achieving this goal, but membership numbers are obviously critical. So, if you can introduce other people to the club either as sailing members or for the social side, please help us in this aspect.

An update on Alex Mills Barton's season so far



A good start to the season gave Alex the momentum to reach his first Gold Fleet final at the grade 1 and Sailing World Cup event in Hyeres, France. Lying 27th going into the last race a bad start and poor result saw him drop 16 places to 43rd, but in G1 events and against the best in the World still a great result.

The Spa Delta Lloyd regatta

was next up another G1 & Sailing World Cup event, a second Gold Fleet finals and another good finish to boost his ISAF points.

In June Alex headed out with Team GBR to Estonia as 1 of a six man squad including World number 1 and Olympic Champion Paul Goodison for the Senior European Championships, Paul was also attempting to win his sixth European in a row.

The Worlds best laser sailors turned up in numbers, the European Championships is three events in one with various results extracted, the European Trophy (includes non European), European Championship (European sailors only) and the European under 21

Championships. Alex had another really good event but left Gold Fleet qualification a little late putting a 12th and 3rd in the last 2 races and pull back 23 places, eventually finishing the event 45th in the Trophy, 36th in the European Championship and take Silver in the in the Under 21's, he was also one of only two U 21 sailors to make the Gold Fleet.

A last minute decision to compete at Kiel in the penultimate Sailing World Cup event proved a good decision with yet another good finish in 33rd his best G1 to date .

After almost 3 months of solid competition a well earned couple of weeks to chill out now before one of his seasons target events the European Youth Championships in Poland.



Laser Standard / Radial European Championships 2010
Photography: Alvar Kullamaa

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Other dates for your diaries are the re-sail of the last 3 races for the Tufton Beamish Cup to run concurrently with the AM and PM Series races on 25th July

On Saturday 17th July we will be running a Fun Day and Solution dinghy Demo. This will be a fun day with a short informal race starting at 4pm and general messing about in boats. There will also be demo Solution sailing dinghies provided by Ovington Boats for anyone to try out from about 1pm. So please note:-

17th July - Fun Day and Solution dinghy Demo

25th July – Re-sail 3 Tufton Beamish Cup Races

15th August – Re-sail 2 Regatta races No.s 3 & 4.

22nd August - Re-sail 2 Regatta races No.s 5 & 6.

Lastly, I have noticed some new names appearing in the results this season and wish to welcome them to racing at the club. They are Tony Parsons Hobbie and Laser, Conrad Levy Hobbie, Bill Wates Laser, Petra Kopp Squib, Steve Flowers Squib, Chris and Mike Rosier Magno,

Laurence Venus.
Recorder



INSTRUCTORS NOTICE

All instructors must complete a CRB form to be able to teach at Newhaven and Seaford Sailing Club ,and the forms can be obtained from me.

I also require photocopies of dinghy instructor certificates along with first aid certificates, they can be scanned and emailed to me at trainingnssc@nssc.org.uk

**Thanks
Andrew Barns**

On a lighter note we had the Mid-Summer Party at the Seaford Club-house, with the Seaford Head Jazz and Rock Band playing on the beach. This was a great event which I hope we can repeat in a similar form next year. Many thanks go to Gilly Jones our Social Secretary for organising this event.

Our latest news on Alex Mills-Barton is that he is now Top Youth Laser Sailor in the UK and 4th in the overall UK Laser rankings. Please visit his website from the link on our club site. Well done Alex - keep up the good work.

For those of you who normally helm boats at Piddinghoe and would like to try out sailing on the sea, please come down on Saturday evenings or Sundays when racing is scheduled as, for the summer, we have moved some Picos down to the sea. Weather and sea conditions permitting, you can borrow a boat and try out sea sailing. You do not need to race - just enjoy!

Finally, I would remind you all that the Club's Sailing Week fast approaches (2nd to 6th August) This is great for all levels of sailor, with fun races in the mornings, serious races in the afternoons and social events every evening – information is on the website. So, please come down to Seaford and join in the fun.

**Chris Turner
Commodore**

A Note from the Mainsheet Editors

The Mainsheet is an important part of the communication within the club along with the Website. We do however rely upon members to provide the information and photos to go into it. Therefore if you have any interesting articles or photos of either sailing or social events at the club then please send them to us so that we can publish them.

We would prefer articles to be produced in word format and photos to be sent as jpegs (not too large) as this makes the job of putting Mainsheet together easier. Please note that items and photos to be included in the August edition need to be sent to our new email address squibtempo@hotmail.co.uk by Friday 6th August.

Bob & Julie Corbett

Topper South East Traveller Open Saturday 3rd July

Well done to NSSC sailors – a first and a third !

Despite a massive reduction in the number of our club sailors competing in Topper Open events at the moment it was great to see 4 of our experienced helms take to the water in borrowed boats and trounce the opposition.

At our Topper Open in 2003 we fielded 25 boats, and in 2004 we won the 'Top Topper Club' National award as we were consistently seeing ten or more of our cadets competing at every local, National and International event. However interest does run in waves and we can see some good young Topper helms coming through in the Saturday Race training, hopefully they will get the opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie and wide experience of travelling to other local clubs and representing their club on the water.



The Topper is a brilliant boat for youth or smaller adult sailors at NSSC. It is virtually 'bomb proof' and capable of surviving the rigours of training at the pond and then moving easily (on a roof rack) to the sea. Its fully decked hull and retractable rudder make it much more suitable for launching at Seaford than say an Oppie. Like the Laser it comes with both a small and a standard sail, so can be sailed effectively by light youth sailors. There are always plenty of second hand boats on the market with an older boat for (say) £450 and a competitive boat for the open circuit with the newer rope control systems including centre main, a launching and road trailer for perhaps £900

I spent many happy years as a 'support crew' on both the Optimist and subsequently the Topper and then Laser circuits as my son grew from a Monday nighter at Piddinghoe to competing Internationally and am happy to take a conversation with any NSSC parents who may have questions.

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Results for the Open

The full results together with photos and report are available on the club web site: <http://www.nssc.org.uk/results2010/htm>

our own club members results were:

- 1st Jonty Freeman with 3 firsts after a discard
- 3rd Louis Knevett with two 3rds and a 4th
- 6th Darren Field with a first, a 7th and an 8th
- 14th Will Bovington with a 10th, a 12th and a 14th

Given that all our helms put a great deal of effort into helping visitors launch and come ashore, I think these four sailors are all deserving of the award 'Club Hero'

Recorders Notes

The weather has been kind to us and most races have been sailed so far this season. All the Wednesday Evening Series 1 races have been sailed in light winds except for race 8 when it was blowing F5-6 offshore. Only the Lasers and Darren's Byte C11 went out and all capsized at some point. Jessica Cox won the race in her Laser Radial.

Generally the conditions for the series have suited my Streaker which won the series with Ruth Rhodes and Dorinda Dodd in their Fireball 'Conflict' coming 2nd and Steve Duncan with his Laser 3rd overall.

The Pursuit Race was held in a gentle F2 southerly breeze with plenty of boats enjoying the warm sunny conditions. For most of the first lap Ralf Teubert and Stuart Little led in 'Cloudstone' but then were overtaken by Streaker 'MistyBlue'. From then on Ed Thorburn was gradually catching up in his Finn with Rupert Smith and Ross Turner in their Fireball closing in behind. The final result was 1st Streaker, 2nd Finn, 3rd Fireball.



The last two races for the Bosun's Cup were held on 27th June. Alex Mills-Barton in his Laser led the first of these races from start to finish with Ed Thorburn in hot pursuit in his Finn. The second race saw the reverse happening with Ed leading and Alex close behind. Unfortunately, Alex couldn't do the last lap as he had an appointment with an Argus reporter but it would have been a close result on handicap. Overall Ed won 3 out of the 4 races so he won the Bosun's Cup with Chris Turner 2nd and Matt Springall 3rd. The Sunday PM Series 1 was not very well supported with only 4 of the 8 races being sailed despite good weather. Overall results were 1st Laurence Venus Streaker 'MistyBlue', 2nd Steve Duncan Laser, 3rd Darren Field and Jacob Bloss Vago 'Bob'.

The Brighton & Back was shortened due to the F4 offshore wind. It was decided not to go to Brighton but to just sail to the Portobello and Splashpoint. The cats really did well in this race taking the first three places. Overall results were 1st Dave Robertson sailing his Hobbie 16 'Men Behaving Badly' 2nd Terry Jones Dart 18 'Objet D'Art' and 3rd Mike Godwin Dart 15 Sprint. The Portobello Cup was won by Matt Springall Laser, 2nd Jonty Freeman Laser Radial, 3rd Darren Field Laser



The Sunday AM Series1 is almost over now with only one race to sail on the 11th July. At present leading the Lasers is Steve Duncan, Keelboats is Ralf Teubert and Stuart Little, Menagerie is Laurence Venus and Multihulls is Mike Godwin.

For the Regatta bank holiday weekend races only 2 races were sailed in which Steve Duncan dominated. The other 4 Regatta races will be held concurrently with the two AM Series races on the 15th and 22nd August. So please make a note in your diaries especially if you entered the first two races.