

The NEWHAVEN & SEAFORD SAILING CLUB mag

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Commodores carpentry

A very busy month in June and another busy month ahead, Topper open on 5th, Streaker open on 19th, Race Night 26th and Cadet Week 28th to 1st August. At times it has felt like I lived at the clubhouse. If you can sail a Topper then come and race in the Topper open, you can camp out at the club if you want and make a weekend of it. We will try and get enough club Toppers for all.

The Laser Masters was a busy weekend with over 60 boats on the water both days. Thanks to all those involved making it a successful event.

We had a problem with the beach winch, the main shaft, about 1" thick steel rod, sheared and was proving very difficult to remove from the winch drum. We owe a lot to Mr Oatway Snr, Alans dad, who worked a miracle and not only managed to extract the broken shaft but turned and fitted a replacement. British engineering at its best, well done and thank you.



Only two members ventured to Hastings for the Federation Races, we ended up having three impromptu races at Seaford. The Federation are having a rethink as it appears not many are prepared to travel these days. I am writing this after the Seahaven Cup Races where only two of the three races were sailed, everyone packed up at lunchtime so no afternoon race. I admit to being puzzled as to why we have had an afternoon race on Federation day, which Dave and I won on his Hobbie Cat, yet no takers today in ideal conditions? If anyone has any thought or ideas let the sailing committee know.

Favourable weather and an excellent caller made the Barn Dance and Hog Roast a great success. Well done Steve, the Hog was beautifully cooked and the baps very tasty. The Endurance race had a good turnout even if the crews all got a bit muddled, it was a long day for those who sailed and danced. We camped along with a few others and were greeted by a lovely sunny morning and several breakfasts. Managing to take the marquee down too.

The Midsummer Party was on the decking till after ten, when it started to get chilly, but great food, and sitting in the sun on the decking was a brilliant way to spend the evening. A memorable night, good company and a lot of laughs.





We have been testing vehicles for towing boats along the beach and up the beach. For those who wonder why, well the shorebreak, the way the waves hit the beach, means that in some conditions we can't launch off the beach or get back if conditions change. However further along at Tidemills it is more sheltered, you may have seen some boats land there in difficult conditions. We are looking for the best solution to getting boats to and from sheltered parts of the beach. If

the weather had been bad for the Laser masters and they had beached at Tidemills that would have been a lot of boats to drag along the beach. Hard work! I know I helped push Dave's Cat along when it got damaged last year.

I hope you have seen and like the Cadet shed/hut with windsurfer board seats. The cadets now have a place to call their own and hopefully it will evolve with some sailing and surf shack style decor and add-ons.

We are getting on with a lot of long outstanding repairs and improvements so keep you eyes open and see what is different. A lot of effort has an is being made to security and this paid off as an attempt was made to break into the clubhouse a couple of weeks ago, this failed due to the improvements already made.

I hope you all enjoyed June's activities and look forward to the July programme, should be a lot of fun. Thanks to all who have pitched in and helped out with all the activities. There is a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make all the events work, if you want to get involved don't be shy, it is fun and you will be appreciated.

Ian Johnson
Commodore



Hello Sailing Secretaries,

Thank you all for rallying the troops for the Federation Cup and for safety boat support too. It was a great day for our club and I hope everyone who came enjoyed themselves
Congratulations to Bexhill who won the event.

The results are attached and can also be found on our club website (<http://www.hastingssc.org/ESCSF.html>) with a short piece written about the day. The results are provisional at this stage but they shouldn't alter much. It will be Newhaven & Seaford's turn next year.



Federation Cup Photos



'Spanish holiday house with Pool and Tennis Court'.

See it on: www.heave2rest.co.uk

Username: miracle1817 Password: trente tres

Cheap rates for all those associated with the club
*****including family and friends! *****



Cadet Week

Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August, 10am - 4pm each day

Come and have some fun on, in and out of the water at Piddinghoe Pond. There will be fun races and activities for all throughout the day whatever the weather.

The galley will be open for food and drinks at a reasonable cost, there will be a BBQ night too. For the first time camping too, in tents or mobile homes.

For those who want to race there will be an Oppy race and a Topper race each morning and an Open race in the afternoon.

The training room will be set up as a games room and there will be competitions daily and over the week.

Remember walk the plank, egg drop, and pirates from last year?

This is FREE for cadet members with their own boats, if you want to use a club boat you can for £25 for the week. Register early to be sure of a boat, form on last page.

Race/sailing fees	Member	Non-member – payable per sailor	Camping fees – SMALL TENT (<4)	Camping fees – LARGE TENT (4+)
Whole event (28/7-1/8)	Free	£25	£10	£15
Boat hire	£5 a day	£5 a day		



Laser Masters Open

Thank you to everyone who helped out or entered the Laser Masters Open Meeting. Everything seemed to go smoothly, despite the lack of wind. Ironically, my biggest worry before the event was too much wind from the south-west.

The 60 entries were split evenly into Standard and Radial fleets, including eight entries from NSSC. Full results are on the club web site.

Federation Cup

This was held at Hastings & St Leonards SC this year held in shifty offshore 3-4 winds, with NSSC represented by a solitary Fireball. However, despite only having sailed together once before, Zoe & Rupert managed a second overall in the Fast Fleet, keeping NSSC above Pevensey Bay SC in the overall results. This is a team event, with results counting from different fleets, so there was no chance of bringing home the Cup this time. You missed a really good day.

We are hosting this event next year, and I hope we are able to put a team together to show off our club at its best.

Topper Open

Saturday July 5th is our Topper Open at Seaford. We will have some club Toppers available Cadets to borrow and for 'oldies' to hire. The first start is at 11.00, so please make sure you arrive in time to enter, rig and launch.

If launching conditions are not good, we will run the racing at Piddinghoe, so the event will take place whatever the weather.

Streaker Open

Although this is in the programme at the same time as the Toppers, the Streaker Open is now being held on **Saturday 19th July**. Again, if the weather is bad we will run the racing at Piddinghoe Pond.

Rupert

Sailing Secretary



**Race Night Saturday
26th July at 7pm
food available, bar open**



Chris Rosier strikes again! The winning team in the Cambridge end of term cardboard box and gaffer tape race. For more info see link below:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2658425/A-real-brain-box-Students-Cambridge-University-cause-chaos-river-racing-homemade-boats-cardboard-boxes->

SWEDEN EXPEDITION GETS PLUMPTON STUDENTS ONBOARD

Ten Plumpton College students have just returned from a challenging sailing expedition of a lifetime in Sweden thanks to the skills they learned as part of the RYA OnBoard grassroots sailing programme at Newhaven and Seaford Sailing Club.



In the first such expedition, the students, all aged 16 -18, plus two members of staff, travelled to the remote Lake Runn in central Sweden, where they explored the large lake, wild camped on the many islands and used all their navigation and seamanship skills.

For the year building up to the expedition, the students, who are all members of Plumpton College Sailing Academy, along with a number of other classmates, honed their sailing skills on Piddinghoe Pond under the banner of Newhaven and Seaford SC and RYA On-Board.

The aim of the expedition was to expand the students' experience and qualifications ahead of the expedition, then lead into employment within the sailing industry, with companies such as Rockley Watersports, Neilson and Sunsail, at the end of their second year at college.

Elliot O'Dwyer, expedition student, said: "For many of us this was our first experience abroad let alone living in the wild. We all learned a huge amount about sailing, living in remote places and about ourselves. We will reflect on the trip with fondness and use this experience in our future careers as outdoor instructors and coaches.

"Many of the islands allow camping in line with the Swede's national policy of a right to roam. Some even provide camping shelters and toilets for those visiting, although the lack of flat camping ground meant that we tried sleeping in the Wayfarers dinghies. Despite a little discomfort, the group agreed this was the best camping we had ever experienced.

"A pattern of delayed starts in the mornings, due to strong winds, meant we tended to use the light in evenings to sail by, often not arriving into camp until around 8pm. As students who find it difficult to get up anyway, we found this arrangement suited us well!"

"The Plumpton College students have demonstrated the experience and life skills that can be gained from sailing expeditions such as this and we look forward to





Andy Hamilton, Level 3 Programme Leader in Adventure Education at Plumpton College, added: "Although there was only space for 10 students on this expedition, I'm sure it is the first expedition of many. We currently have 18 students signed up to the Academy with numbers growing steadily as the word gets out. The plan is to make this a college wide sailing initiative next year, giving access to all 2,500 students at Plumpton College."



Midsummer party and Women on Water (WOW)

Recent Member Survey

We recently conducted an internet survey of members, principally to check that they have been receiving our regular updates, appeals for volunteers to fill vacant duties and links to Mainsheet. The respondents are mostly the lead members of family groups.

When we send out our emails there are around 300 sent – there have been 186 responses to date and the results are summarised below.

Question 1 asked how easy or difficult do you find access to Dutyman.

77% or 136 members find access to Dutyman easy.

17% or 29 members can access Dutyman but find it difficult.

16% or 11 members do not use Dutyman.

Interestingly the people who find Dutyman challenging tend to be some of our longer serving members. Dutyman has certainly improved the attendance of people on duties when they have selected their own dates. We still need to refine the way some duties are filled and would welcome any constructive suggestions on how we can improve our systems.

Question 2 asked whether or not people followed the club on Facebook.

39% or 72 members follow NSSC on Facebook.

40% or 75 members do not use Facebook.

21% or 37 members use Facebook but have yet to add NSSC.

Facebook and Twitter are a great medium for contacting our members in an informal way and of sharing photographs of events, even whilst they are going on. I can understand that people are apprehensive of joining Facebook – it is possible to do so and remain quite anonymous to the rest of the world.



Question 3 asked if members found the e-mailed bulletins useful.

94% or 170 said yes

6% or 11 said no.

Question 5 asked if members found Mainsheet useful and informative.

96% or 174 said yes

4% or 8 said no.

Question 6 asked if members planned to bring their children to Cadet week (28 July - 1st August at Piddinghoe)

From the responses there should be over 40 children at this years Cadet week.

Question 7 asked about sailing week (10th August- 17th August at Seaford)

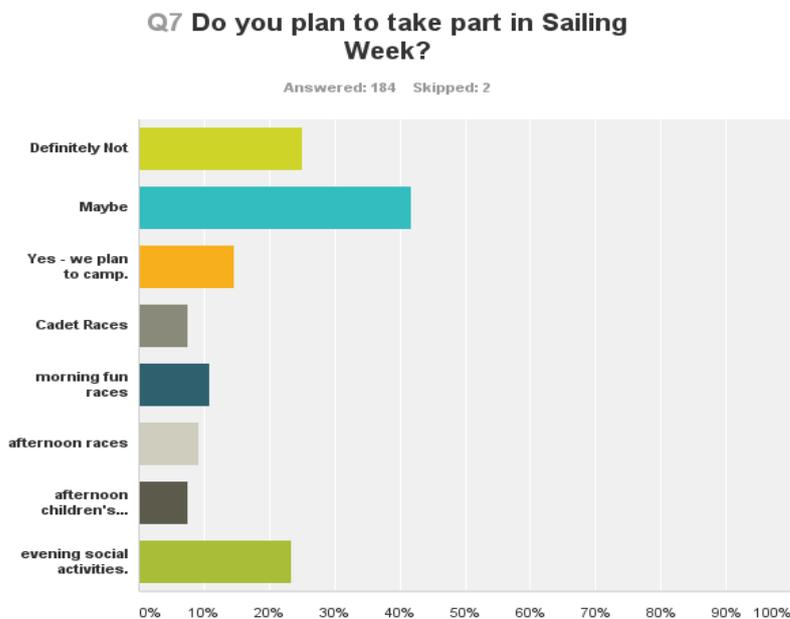
25% of respondents will not be at Sailing Week

33% of respondents are planning to attend all or parts of Sailing Week.

42% or 77 maybe attending Sailing week

27 will be camping at Seaford – plus families -

43 will be attending some of the social events in the evenings.



Thankyou to all who responded to the questionnaire – We still need to contact some 80 people who have not responded and we must assume that they are not receiving e-mails from the club. They will be contacted soon by mail to check that their e-mail addresses are correct.

Terry Jones
Public Relations

If you want to advertise in mainsheet, sell a boat, looking for a boat, need a crew, have some good pictures, got some questions or something to say.

Then email mainsheetnssc@nssc.org.uk



NEWHAVEN AND SEAFORD SAILING CLUB



SAILING WEEK 2014.

If you have never been to Sailing Week you are missing out on a great part of being a member of NSSC. You do not have to attend every part of the week. Pick and Mix.

Some members bring their families and camp for the week – without sailing.

Some members work mornings and come just for the afternoon races.

Some members come for the evening social events.

The event is open to non members – so you can bring friends to join in the fun.

The Shorebreak Cafe will be open all day for food and drinks.

The bar is open at lunchtimes and evenings.

Sailing Week (provisional timetable)

Saturday 9th August – Sunday 17th August

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Saturday	Set up camp	Free Fun Sailing ?	Bar Open
Sunday	Class Championships 1 & 2	PM race 1.7	Bar Open
Monday	Cadet Races – approximately 45 minutes long for the Len Miller Trophy. For Adults – a series of informal novelty races.	Series Handicap Races If possible 2 races per day – 1 on Friday (prize Giving) if 9 races – best 6 count. Children's Activities	Quiz Night Cocktails BBQ & Social Sailing Sailing Pizza and Chill out Beetle Drive Music Jam session Karaoke Race Night
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday	Expedition to the Cuckmere		Live Music and Party
Sunday	Class Championships 3 & 4	PM series 1.8	

Race/sailing fees	Member	Non-member – payable per sailor	Camping fees – SMALL TENT (<4)	Camping fees – LARGE TENT (4+)
Whole event (9/8-17/8)	Free	£35	£15	£30
Expedition	Free	£5		

Wanted

Volunteers to make sailing week bigger and better.

Please sign up on Dutyman.

Every one participating in Sailing week are expected to do their share of duties - no duty points allocated.

Race Officer – for the week or different days.

Safety boat helms and crews.

Camp site manager – to manage the campsite.

Children's activities organisers – can you organise something to entertain children who may not be sailing. Treasure Hunts, Scavenger Hunts, board games, volleyball, art and crafts competitions.

Bar Staff – to man the bar – especially in the evenings

Any queries to : Terry Jones, Mike Beaumont, Rupert Smith, Ian Johnson.



Topper Open
Seaford beach
Saturday July 5th

Cadets, WOW and anyone who can sail a Topper, come along on Saturday and race on the sea. We will get the club Toppers to Seaford and give as much help as we can to get you racing. If you want to come down and help or just watch, you will be welcome, galley open for food and drinks.



NEWHAVEN AND SEAFORD SAILING

CLUB CADET WEEK

Monday 28th July – Friday 1st August

10.00am to 4.00pm

Last year we had a very successful cadet week and this year we want it to be better still. New to this year is the option of camping at Piddinghoe for the week. The camping facilities available are down at the far end of Piddinghoe pond and evening activities such as a BBQ, film night and wind surfing instruction will take place to keep us all occupied.

Cadet week is for all cadets up to the age of 18 to come and have some end of school holiday fun out on the water. There will be fun races and activities, opportunities to try a different boat.

Parents and carers are expected to stay with their children and volunteer to help with the activities. Parents and carers are an important part of the week and we couldn't make it as fantastic as it has been in previous years without your support.

Each Day there will be:

- Morning Oppy Race
- 2 X Morning Topper Race
- Afternoon Open Race

There will be on water and onshore games and activities, all weather dependant, one or more a day, such as:

Fastest rigging, for topper and oppy, teams of two.

- Most knots in a minute
- Slalom races
- Ball bingo
- Bulldog
- Aqua Frisbee
- IT (it not information technology)
- Fetch
- Relay races
- Treasure hunt
- Sailing football
- Walk the plank
- Racing surfboards
- Water pistol wipeout
- BBQ night

Galley will be available for food

CONTACT :

Email : nssccadets@outlook.com

Please fill in the form and email back to Zoe at the above email address; print out and hand in on cadet night or send to Stuart Ford. Spaces will be limited and first come first served.

CADET BOOKING FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE AND DETACH THE BOOKING FORM AND ATTACH WITH A CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO NEWHAVEN AND SEAFORD SAILING CLUB

£25.00 for 5 day use of club boats per person

No fee payable if using own boat

PLEASE WRITE THE NAME OF THE CHILD/CHILDREN ON THE BACK OF THE CHEQUE

AND RETURN TO ZOE ON A MONDAY NIGHT OR POST TO

**Stuart Ford
47 Haven Way
Newhaven
BN9 9TD**

BOOKING FORM

BOAT REQUIRED TOPPER Y/N

OPPIE Y/N

£25.00 per cadet (using club boats) for the week

CHILD S NAME.....

CHILDS NAME.....

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PARENT NAME.....

PARENT NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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MOBILE.....

MOBILE.....

HOME.....

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER.....

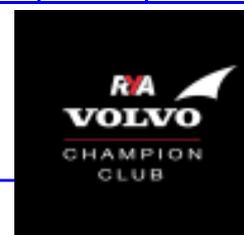
BOAT SAILED IN 2014.....

Terms and conditions as per cadet registration form

Camping required- Y /N (delete as appropriate)

Please indicate below with a tick which days you anticipate your child/children will be attending. This helps us with planning for food and activities.

Childs Name	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri



Recorders Notes

June /July 2014

The Bosun's Cup was held over the Easter Bank holiday on the 20th and 21st April which were two very contrasting days.

On the 20th it was dull, gusty with the threat of rain, but nevertheless, 14 keen sailors took to the water. By the time we started the wind had dropped a little to F3-4 E and it was raining. It was a close race and first to finish was the RS 200 sailed by Michael Veale and Mike Rosier followed by Matt Springall's Laser and then my Streaker. When handicaps were applied the results were 1st Streaker, 2nd was Nia Hall's Laser 4.7 and 3rd Jazz Sayed's Laser 4.7. and the RS200 was 4th.

It was still raining for the next race and only 11 boats stayed out to compete in this race. This was another very close race with my Streaker finishing just 3 seconds ahead of the RS who was one second ahead of Matt. It doesn't get much closer than that. However, not far behind was Graham Hardy (Laser) and Jazz Sayed (Laser 4.7). When the handicaps were applied 1st Streaker, 2nd Jazz and 3rd Matt.

The next day was completely different, very light wind, sunny and warm. The start was biased towards the ODM with the tide against us. Yves Horent sailing his Laser had the best start closely followed by my Streaker. My Streaker was first to the seaward mark followed by Rupert Smith and Chris Turner (Fireball). The Fireball set his spinnaker and managed to sail through my lee. The Fireball extended their lead throughout the race to finish first followed by the Streaker then Steve and Penelope Duncan's Fireball with Yves just behind them. When handicaps were applied the Streaker managed to beat Rupert and Chris's Fireball who were 2nd and Yve's Laser was 3rd.

For the final race the wind had picked up a little. Rupert and Chris had the best start in clear air and led throughout the race but was 2nd on handicap to my Streaker with Matt Springall sailing his Laser into 3rd place.

Bosun's Cup Overall Result:- 1st Streaker, 2nd Laser Matt Springall, 3rd Jazz Sayed, 4th Graham Hardy.

The following weekend the racing was called off due to a large 1.5 - 2.5 m swell.

Over the May Bank holiday four races were sailed for the Tufton Beamish Cup. On the Sunday for the first two races we had a light F2 southerly breeze, 14 boats competed. There was a general recall on the first start so the race was late getting underway. Rupert and Chris thought they were over the line so returned to restart. I had a good start but it wasn't long before the Fireball sailed by Steve and Penelope Duncan caught up with me. Soon the Stealth cat sailed by John Morrison overtook everyone and finished first followed by Rupert and Chris who made a good recovery after their restart, followed by Steve and Penelope. When handicaps were applied my Streaker was 1st, Rupert and Chris 2nd and Steve and Penelope 3rd. The next race John Smith had the best start in his Laser Radial followed by Alice and Brendan Smith sailing their Fireball. They managed to lead the race for most of the first lap but they were eventually overtaken by (dad) Rupert who again finished 2nd on handicap with Streaker 1st and Charlie Gribble 3rd sailing his Laser who just managed to overtake Matt Springall on the last leg of the race.

The next day we sailed races 3 and 4 of the Tufton Beamish Cup. The wind was stronger - F3 - 4 SE. We had a long beat from the Tidemills mark to the windward mark. 17 boats entered. Rupert and Chris romped away to finish well ahead of the fleet. Also doing very well further down the fleet was Jazz Sayed in her Laser 4.7. When handicaps were applied it was Rupert and Chris who won, 2nd my Streaker and 3rd Jazz.

For race 4 there was some very close racing between Nia Hall and Jazz Sayed both sailing Laser 4.7's.

This time with a slight drop in the wind the Streaker just managed to beat Rupert's Fireball on handicap to take 1st place while Nia managed to beat Jazz to take 3rd place.

Tufton Beamish Overall Result - 1st Streaker Laurence Venus, 2nd Fireball Rupert Smith and Chris Turner and 3rd Laser 4.7 Jazz Sayed, 4th Fireball Steve and Penelope Duncan.

The Wednesday Evening series should have started on the 7th May but it was too windy so no race held.

The following weekend it was blowing a good F6 - 7 with big waves so no racing.

14th May the Wed Eve series began. After a late start, the wind dropped to nothing towards the end of the race so most boats retired on the third lap. We therefore decided to base the results on the times of the 2nd lap of the retired boats.

Next weekend we held the Brighton and Portobello races. Unfortunately, the tide was against us going out and also against us returning and we also had a dropping wind. The boats sailing in the Portobello races were less affected by the conditions than the boats in the Brighton and back race. They managed to get to the Portobello and most of the way back before the tide turned and the wind dropped but the winning boat still took 2 hours 44 minutes to complete the race. Ed Hall Laser and Graham Hardy Laser had a very close race throughout with only a few seconds between them but Ed eventually won by 9 seconds, 3rd was Zoe McCaig Laser Radial, and 4th Nia Hall Laser 4.7. Unfortunately only four boats competed and a minimum of 5 boats are required for a cup race. However, only 3 boats are required for a series race so they will be awarded points for the slow fleet middle/long distance series.

For the Brighton and back we had quite a good fleet with 4 Fireballs, 5 cats, RS 200 and a keelboat 'Dynamo'. I was sailing Rupert's Fireball and although we had a reasonable start the helm felt very strange to me. Rupert then noticed the rudder was fitted over the mainsheet strop instead of under so we stopped to sort it out which allowed the other Fireballs to overtake. We kept inshore going down to Brighton to minimize the effect of the tide which paid off as we were in the lead rounding the Brighton mark. The cats had all sailed well out to sea and lost out massively. On the way back the other Fireballs seemed to be catching us up as we neared the shore but we restored our lead as we sailed back out. We eventually got back to Seaford at 3:53 pm. However, the others behind were struggling against a strengthening tide and all of them accepted a tow back from the rescue boats.

The next race was the Wednesday Evening series R3 on 21st May. The forecast was horrible with gusty winds, rain and squalls expected but surprisingly it was quite nice, no rain and a F3 NE dropping to 2 towards the end with a few gusty bits between. Tim Cox was sailing Rupert's boat with Chris Turner crewing. They got off to a good start closely followed by my Streaker. Once their spinnaker was set they were away but I managed to gain on them on the beat. Not far behind me was Graham Hardy's Laser who was doing well until the wind dropped on the last leg. The Fireball was first boat to finish but when handicaps applied my Streaker was 1st, Fireball 2nd and Graham one second behind in 3rd place.

The Wednesday Evening series result wasn't decided until the very last race as the Fireball and Streaker were on equal points. However, neither of us won the last race as Alex Mills-Barton turned up and convincingly won sailing his Laser, with my Streaker 2nd, Jazz's Laser 4.7 3rd just 10 seconds ahead of Rupert and Chris in 4th. Therefore the overall results were : 1st Streaker, 2nd Fireball Rupert and Chris, 3rd Fireball Ruth Rhodes and Neil Arnott and Dorrinda Dodd.

Probably one of the most grueling races I sailed in was the Friars Bay race on the 22nd June. All started well with John Nash leading the race to the first mark in the bay. Then there was a long reach of 3 miles to the Friars Bay outfall mark by which time Steve and Penelope sailing their Fireball were in the lead. Then panic ensued as the rescue boat discovered that one of the many fishing boats sailing in the area had tied itself to the mark with a 20 meters line, so the rescue crew were frantically trying to warn the fleet of the obstruction. There was then a hard slog back, a fetch (for some a beat) all the way to the bay mark, which for me was a full on hike in the same position for 50 minutes by which time my legs were killing me and my feet were numb. Steve and Penelope were first back followed by Terry Jones sailing his cat then Matt Springall Laser closely followed by Michael Veale and Mike Rosier RS 200 and my Streaker. Results on handicap were: 1st Streaker, 2nd Matt Springall Laser, 3rd John Nash Laser and 4th Steve and Penelope Duncan Fireball.

Rupert Smith took his Fireball to Hastings for the Federation Race. It was the only boat representing the club but with Zoe McCaig crewing they managed a very credible 1st and 3rd place in the fast fleet.

On the same day there was 3 impromptu races at Seaford. Bea Cameron won overall with a 3rd and 1st place.

Laurence Venus.
Recorder