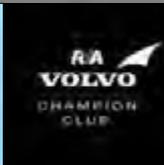


The NEWHAVEN & SEAFORD SAILING CLUB mag mainSheet



Summer Sailing Season Edition

May 2013

Commodore Comments

Becoming Commodore on the 13th day of the Month in 2013 will hopefully prove lucky !

I spent most of my first day helping knock walls down in the toilets at Seaford clubhouse, with interludes to carry bits of Terry Jones wrecked Catamaran up the beach, then help push Mike Godwin's Catamaran along the beach from Tidemills. It was quite surreal to look out at a calm sea in the sunshine on Sunday afternoon after the mornings events.

I was Rear Commodore Piddinghoe for part of last year, taught sailing some years ago and my kids were among the 100 plus cadets at the pond in the past. I ran Cadet week in 2012 and opened up the pond for sailing week last year when too difficult to launch at sea. So hopefully those who weren't at the AGM will know me.

At the AGM it was Suggested by Penny Duncan that we have an open forum meeting to discuss what is going on and what the members want. A great idea and I and the other Directors have pencilled in Saturday 22nd of June for that. Please let any Director know items you wish to have discussed.

I am totally in favour of regular communication and will do my best to get mainsheet out quarterly or possibly more frequently if needed. I will also try and increase the family membership and will take on board comments made to me by members before I became Commodore.

Thanks to all for putting up with the work going on with the cycle path and the steelwork at the Seaford Clubhouse, also to the volunteer helpers and Jane and Clive who have been excellent.

Here's hoping for a warm sunny summer and some good fun on the water both at sea and on the pond. If you haven't done Sailing week and cadet week then give them a go, especially camping at the club for sailing week, it is brilliant fun.

Ian Johnson (Commodore)



Our New Management Team

Following the Club AGM held on Saturday 13th April the following Directors and Company Secretary were appointed for 2013/2014:

- Commodore – Ian Johnson
- Vice-Commodore – Mike Beaumont
- Treasurer – Michael Veale
- Rear-Commodore Seaford – Rupert Smith
- Rear-Commodore Piddinghoe – Stuart Ford
- Rear Commodore Newhaven – John Evans
- Training – Bill Giles
- Sailing – Terry Jones
- Social – Peter Lavin
- Club & Company Secretary – Jim Skinner

Thanks were expressed at the AGM to the retiring Directors for the year 2012/2013 notably Ian Lambert, Andrew Barnes, and Dave Robertson. There were other Directors who left during the period.

Officers

The Management Team cannot exist without the support of a large number of Officers and for 2013/2014 notably the following roles:

- Principal Training School – Andrew Barnes
- Book-keeper – Michelle Smith
- Membership Secretary – Sara Evans
- Duties Secretary – Terry Jones
- Recorder – Laurence Venus
- Bosun's – Paddy Turner & Chris Turner
- Berthmaster Seaford – Howard Minto
- Berthmaster Piddinghoe – Met Metcalfe & Michael Rosier
- Bar Manager – Teresa Hide
- Cadet Co-ordinator – Sharon Allen
- Child Protection – Carolyn Turner
- Communications – Cathy Powell
- Safety Officer – Chas Humphreys
- Fleet Captain Squibs – Penny Springall
- Fleet Captain Lasers – Bill Wates
- Fleet Captain Catamaran – John Morrison

Again thanks are expressed to those who have stood down for the coming year and apologies if I have missed anyone from the list above. Further roles are being clarified but as can be seen the Club is very dependent on a large number of volunteers to keep it running. This is one of the essential points about the sailing club – it is run by club members for club members.

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Management Meetings

For this issue of Mainsheet there has only be one ad-hoc meeting of the new Committee and its was focus was the forthcoming Open Day arrangements, future meeting dates and agreement for an Open Meeting for the membership as suggested in the AGM Open Forum. An understanding was sought on the status of the Seaford Clubhouse remedial activities, Seaford Cycle Path build, Fishing Club arrangements at Piddinghoe as well as current Grant Applications.

For future Mainsheet editions there will be a summary of key activities being carried out by the Management Committee.

Jim Skinner – Club Secretary

Upcoming Dates for 2013

- 📅 **May 13th Cadet Monday night training starts at Piddinghoe 17.15 - 19.45**
- 📅 **May 18th Streaker Open at NSSC - Seaford Beach**
- 📅 **May 18th Honda RYA Youth RIB Challenge - club heat - Piddinghoe**
- 📅 **June 1st Honda RYA Youth RIB Challenge - regional final - Bewl Valley**
- 📅 **July 20th Saturday S.E. Topper Open at NSSC**
- 📅 **August 5 - 9th - Sailing Week**
- 📅 **August 26th to 30th Cadet Week at Piddinghoe**

SOCIAL MATTERS

John Evans has stood down as bar manager and is now Rear Commodore Newhaven. John did some great work for the club as bar manager and we thank him for his past efforts.

Tereasa Hide is now bar manager, assisted by Dick Gardener who is already responsible for maintaining the beer pumps etc.

We now have a social committee, chaired by Peter Lavin, who meet once a month to discuss club issues and organise various events including 'theme nights'. The last one being 'Indian Night' which was a great success and Clive and Jane supplied some wonderful Indian cuisine. These events serve to increase the club funds throughout the year.

For information, members can hire out the club and bar, details/application form can be found on the web site and this is becoming more popular for parties, weddings etc.

Sea Sunday service at Bishopstone Village

Sea Sunday is a celebration and thanksgiving day organised by the Mission to Seafarers on a worldwide basis on the second Sunday of July each year. The purpose is to reflect as an island nation of how we depend on the sea and those who sail on it. The 2013 'Sea Sunday' service will be held at St Andrews Church, Bishopstone Village on Sunday 14th July at 10.15am. The service will last approximately fifty minutes after which there are some refreshments in the church.

The Parochial Church Council has extended a cordial invitation to NSSC members to attend the service in this seaside parish. Those wishing to attend can contact Christopher Laycock on 07710143089 or by letter at 1 Monksdown Barn, Bishopstone Village, BN25 2UD

Their letter will be put on the notice board at Seaford Clubhouse.

RYA TRAINING CENTRE

As the training season starts, I would like to thank all the instructors and parents for their support over the last few years , because without them we would have not have such a successful club.

Training started earlier this year with a series of Friday night lectures ,which included a Race Officer session followed with sessions on Powerboat and Safety Boats ,an Instructor update and a series of seminars with the RYA. This year our on water training starts on 10th May 2013 with an Adult beginners course, followed by the start of our family cadet evenings on Monday 13th May..

GET INVOLVED—This year is going to be a great year and please come and support the club and take part in the events And to help the club in any way that you can.

VOLUNTEERING— For the successful running of the Club and the Training Centre, we require as many volunteers to help out with the events that go on throughout the year.

If you would like to volunteer and get involved, or to get more out of helping adults and cadets and to start help instructing why not attend the free RYA endorsed which will start in May and will run over Monday nights and this may lead to a dinghy instructor course later in the year.

YOUTH SAILING

This year we have changed some of the content of our Cadet programme compared to previous years and the application forms are on the same form as application for membership form which can be found front page of the website.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL PARENTS ARE PRESENT WITH THEIR OWN CHILDREN ,EVERY MONDAY NIGHT TO HELP THE CADETS GET THE MOST OUT OF THEIR TIME AT THE CLUB AND IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO HAVE ONE NOMINATED PARENT LOOKING AFTER MANY CHILDREN THAT ARE NOT THEIR OWN, OTHERWISE THIS PUTS UNDUE WORKLOAD ON THOSE THAT ARE THERE

Parents are required to volunteer, to help open up, rig the boats, supervise the sailing, put away the boats at the end of the session, as well as, for the galley ,and qualified safety boat drivers.

If any club member would like to come and help and pass on their knowledge to the cadets they will be very welcome on a Monday night at Piddinghoe

The RYA youth sailing scheme has been developed to give young people a fun and enjoyable way to learn to sail. This is broken down into four stages and once each stage has been achieved, a certificate will be awarded.

NSSC CADETS

Monday night Sessions

This for cadets of full family sailing members and the boats that we will be sailing will be Oppies, Toppers and Picos

Oppie fun group

For those that want to come and learn and have fun on the water under the guidance of parent instructors

Oppie Group

For those that would like to achieve a qualification

Topper Group with some Picos

The pre requisite for this group which is run using the RYA Youth Sailing Syllabus as a guideline is the ability to right a capsized Topper and to be able to sail a triangular course in light winds.

Cadet Nights

Monday Night Sailing

5.15 to 7.45

Monday 13th May parent and cadet induction

Monday 20th May

Monday 3rd June

Monday 10th June

Monday 17th June

Monday 24th June

Monday 1st July

Monday 8th July

Monday 15th July

Monday 22nd July

£21.00 per Cadet

There will be the opportunity to continue sailing in the Autumn on a Saturday morning commencing 7th September

For further information please email Sharon Allen at Cadetsnssc@nssc.org.uk

CADET WEEK

Monday 26th August to Friday 30th August

10.00am to 4.00pm

This 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 are expected to stay with their children to join in and help with the activities.

Each Day there will be

Morning Oppy Race

Morning Topper Race

Afternoon Open Race

Fun and games dependant on the weather

and a BBQ night

Galley will be available for food

CONTACT : Sharon Allen at cadetsnssc@nssc.org.uk

This is a fantastic week for cadets with sailing, racing, fun and games.

£50.00 for the week using a club boat or £25.00 if using your own boat

£15.00 per Day

HONDA RIB CHALLENGE

This two age group event is for youths aged between 8 and 12 and 13 and 16. It involves a timed circuit around some buoys with a skills assessment in a Rib at Piddinghoe. The fastest competitor in each age group goes to Bewl Water to compete in the regional finals, so please make sure you are available on Saturday 1st June 2013 for the day

NSSC heat will be held on

Saturday 18th May

Regional Final at Bewl Water will be

Saturday 1st June

The winner of the regional heat goes to the Southampton Boat Show to compete in the National Final for a chance to win a safety boat for their club

for further information and to register please email Ian Lambert on powerboattrainingnssc@nssc.org.uk

SAILING WEEK 2013

Saturday 3rd August to Saturday 10th August

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.

Racing in the morning and afternoon

Leisure sailing throughout the week

Limited amount of club Toppers available

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.



For further details email Mike Beaumont at

vicecommodorenssc@nssc.org.uk

ADULT SAILING Beginners Dinghy Training

START SAILING

LEARN TO SAIL IN A WEEKEND

BASIC SKILLS

RYA Adult level 2 Course

Friday 17th May 6.30 pm to 9.00pm

Saturday 18th May 9.30 am to 4.30pm

Sunday 19th May 9.30 am to 4.30pm

Non Member £120.00

Member £90.00

COMBINED 5 DAY

RYA Level 1 and 2 course

This 5 day combined course introduces the adult sailor with little or no experience to the world of sailing. It covers both background knowledge, with on water training with an instructor. The course includes

safety, boat controls, sailing around a triangular course and the ability to right a capsized dinghy. On completion of this 5 day course it will enable you to sail a boat safely in light winds.



Autumn Course

9.30 am to 4.30pm

Saturday 7th September

Saturday 14th September

Saturday 21st September

Saturday 28th September

Saturday 5th October

Non Member £210.00

Member £180.00

For further information and to book a course please email trainingnssc@nssc.org.uk

REFRESHER SESSION

Would you like a refresher to get you started ,or to brush up your skills ,if so come for a half day either 10.00am to 12.30pm or 1.00pm to 3.30pm on Sunday 19th May at Piddinghoe

Places are limited and if you are interested please email trainingnssc@nssc.org.uk

WANTED old Drott or Dumper

After pushing a catamaran from Tidemills back to the club along the beach it would be nice if we had a mechanical recovery option.

If we could find an old Drott or Dumper, they have high torque and low speed, then I am sure we could fashion a trailer. We could then not only recover boats that beach at Tidemills but we could take boats to Tidemills to launch.

If anyone knows of any suitable vehicles or has the ability to create something, scrapheap challenge creation, then let any of the directors know please. It wouldn't need an MOT but must be able to cope with the shingle and be regulated to walking pace.

Duties (a discussion document)

As a members club, with nobody directly employed to run the club, we depend upon everybody to make a contribution to the running of the club. Some years ago members were expected to do a minimum of three duties or four for a family plus attend at least one work party meeting. With the introduction of Dutyman we decided that some duties were a lot less demanding than others so came up with a points system to try to balance the duties, this is all set out in the Sailing and Social Calendar and is published on the club website.

Getting all members to volunteer and to do their duties has been a long running issue and so about five years ago we responded to a suggestion that those doing their duties should receive a discount and those who do not should pay a higher membership fee. The purpose of this was to allow those who found it difficult to find time to do duties, especially family members with younger children to opt out of duties. It was never the intention that members who could afford the higher subscriptions could maximise the time that they could sail. Last year there were a significant number of members who opted for the duty discount who deliberately avoided doing their share of duties by only making themselves available on a limited number of obscure dates. This year it is our intention that everybody claiming the duty discount does fulfil their minimum number of duties or will be expected to pay the difference back to the club.

The directors and officers of the club are all volunteers, most of whom also work full time. This group of people do a significant number of hours every week keeping the club running, maintaining boats and facilities, running courses, keeping accounts, planning events, planning the development of the club, dealing with memberships. The directors and officers will also be the people who step in at the last minute to fill duties, in addition to those that they have been rostered for. Last year some of our directors achieved in excess of one hundred duty points (the minimum for a family member being 16), this was not because they wanted to but because other members failed to volunteer for duties. We are particularly short of people who are experienced or qualified to act as Race Officers or as Safety Boat Helms. Anybody who sails regularly should be capable of learning to be a Race Officer by working with an experienced RO and then having a go themselves with an experienced RO to support them. To be a safety boat helm you need to have attended and passed a RYA powerboat level 2 course; there are courses being arranged for this season. For those who cannot do these duties but are regular sailors we would anticipate them volunteering for safety boat crew. Assistant Race officer is a good role for those who would like to one day become a Race Officer or who cannot sail regularly due to age or infirmity.

With an increasing number of social events we are trying to have the club bar adequately manned for these events and it is anticipated that this duty will be carried out by social members or maybe family members who are club members for the benefit of their children. There seems to have been some misunderstanding with some of our newer social members that if they are of a certain age or suffer incapacity where doing a bar duty or other duty may be difficult that they can claim an age exemption and duty discount. At present no such category of membership exists. If there is a case to be made then an application needs to be made to the directors.

Volunteering for duties was open up until the beginning of April, so that members could choose the dates and duties that suited them best. After the start of April, the roster was filled in by the Duties Administrator up until the end of July. The Duty Roster was circulated by e-mail to all members and hard copies posted to those members who do not have access to email. Despite this we have already, before the end of the month, had several people failing to turn up for their duties. If you have not signed up for duties yet please look on Dutyman and find suitable dates. The Duties Administrator will be allocating duties beyond the end of July over the next few weeks. If you are unable to access a computer to choose your duties please make contact with Terry Jones on 01323 893911 to arrange your duties. The onus must rest with the members to ensure that they carry out the minimum requirement for their duties and many thanks to all of the people who do in excess of the minimum. If you would like to raise any points or make any suggestions as to how we can improve the duty system please do let one of the directors know, preferably in writing.

Terry Jones Sailing Secretary and Duties Administrator.

INTRODUCTION TO SEA SAILING

Activate your sailing with fleet Captains

Saturday 18th May 2013 - Start 9.00am at Seaford

This day will help you get your boat out of hibernation and back onto the sea and introduce you to racing on the sea. This coaching day will cover, boat set up, launching and recovery on the beach, sailing on the sea, and background knowledge on tides, weather and race management and basic rules of racing. This is suitable for those who sail at Piddinghoe and would like to get out sailing on the sea and those that would like a refresher. Please wear appropriate clothing. There is no charge for this coaching and a safety boat will be present. Own boat and/or crew required

This will be followed on

Sunday 19th May—Start 9.00am at Seaford

With a novice race or leisure sailing on the sea. There is no charge for this coaching

For further information and to register please email Bill Giles on trainingdirectornssc@nssc.org.uk

SUNDAY MORNING COACHING

There is no charge for this coaching

Starting at 9.00am on Sunday 19th May at Seaford

and every other Sunday there will be a programme of coaching run by Bill Giles and then have the opportunity to put into practice what has been discussed by joining in the Sunday morning sailing.

For further information and to register please email Bill Giles at trainingdirectornssc@nssc.org.uk

LEISURE SAILING

As a club member why not come to Seaford with your own boat for a leisure sail on a Sunday or Wednesday evening when there is a safety boat in attendance. Please see the Race Officer to let them know you are leisure sailing and for them to keep an eye on you and to let them know when you are

View From the Beach

Any visitor to the Clubhouse over recent weeks can't help but notice big works going on. The cycle track has been taking shape, causing the road to have been closed for several weeks. Hopefully, by the time you read this it should all be finished, leaving us with a new fence along the road and a shallow ramp to the sea wall at the eastern end of the boat park. We can then get the cats back on their berths to give a bit more space again in the boat park.

Meanwhile, the clubhouse has been undergoing some structural repairs with new vertical steel pillars fitted to support the floor and ceiling structure. Simon Suter has been hard at it opening up for the steel fabricators and making good afterwards. Alan Oatway, who I asked just to move a few cables, found the wiring in a state that he couldn't leave, so we now have all the sockets in the clubroom re-wired and additional sockets fitted. Many others have been lending a hand to get the jobs done with the minimum of disruption - if you ever want a word with the new Commodore, he seems to spend most of his spare time working in the loos' or clearing drains!

The next big job planned is the reinforcement/rebuilding of the balcony. Simon has the details planned out, and will need some help to put it all together. In the mean time, Acrow props have been put in place to help the current structure. Against this background, Sunday sailing is going really well, with 17 boats competing in the Sussex Express Cup and twenty over the Bank Holiday weekend, including recent converts from pond sailing, new members and 'old hands' that have been away for a while. An entirely new fleet has sprung up in the form of the Dart 15, with six boats now at Seaford. It should be said that one of these is due to the recent demise of the Dart 18 'Newt'. It's not often things go badly wrong on the beach, but Terry got it very wrong indeed. Still, his young crew, Jaz, came out smiling and has been back for more every weekend - although she hasn't sailed with Terry since....

Rupert (Rear Com. Seaford)