

The NEWHAVEN & SEAFORD SAILING CLUB mag main Sheet



Fireworks Special November 2013



Commodores carpentry

I am pleased to say all the structural work to the balcony has been completed, mainly due to Kathy and Roger who worked consistently through October, a big thank you to both of you, assisted by Rupert and Dave, hampered by me. I was out ratcheted by Dave on the coach screws, he is fast. Those observant amongst you will have noted the extended decking and the not quite finished bit at the west end of the balcony. Now we have had the new patio doors fitted, on the windiest day for ages! The glass from two of the old window panels will make a windbreak with a view completing the west end. Maybe we will now need a window cleaning duty on dutyman? The east side of the balcony will be extended too, that will all be done over the next few weeks. The work is done by voluntary labour so many thanks to all.

There have been a few changes in the bar area, a new chiller, glasses and also a new till. The old coolers were inefficient and too small and the new till will let us control the bar and stock more effectively. Training will be given on the new till and the bar in general by the bar managers. Those of you who haven't had a go working behind the bar as a duty, don't worry have a go. I can now read the till buttons without my glasses and you don't have to measure everything, the glasses have lines on. It really is a great way to meet your fellow members and fulfil your club member duties.

At the time of writing I have just taken down the mast on my Dart and put everything away for winter. Mainly due to the high winds forecast, I have put messages on Facebook/Twitter and the website about the impending weather, so I hope you all secured your boats safely in time.



The Laying up supper had a good turnout, well done Louise with the table layout and decoration. The Prizegiving and Xmas Party is already nearly fully booked so don't be disappointed, there is a cut off point on numbers.

Hopefully the new macerator will be in place at Piddinghoe in time for the winter series, this does involve coordinating working parties, electricians and plumbers, not easy, so good luck Stuart.

There is a lack of volunteers to run the bar on Wednesday nights at the moment. So rather than have the bar opened for one or two people who may drop in, if there is nobody rostered then the bar may not be opened. Notification will be put on Facebook and Twitter on the day. Winter and Summer bar opening hours are currently under review but whatever is decided the bar will need to be staffed.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to mainsheet through the summer, keep it up over the winter months too please. Also thanks to Mike for the photos he put on the laptop at the club, I have also updated the gallery on the website. I am still looking for photos of 2011 and 2012 Sailing and Cadet weeks, if anyone has some please get in touch.

Ian Johnson
Commodore NSSC

Weir Wood Sailing Club, Forest Row

On the 12th and 13th October I headed up to Weir Wood Sailing Club with my mum, to take part in an Open 4.7 laser training run by the UK Laser Association. The weekend was a coaching weekend run by Tim, Marcus and Abby who are all RYA laser coaches. The weekend focused on mark rounding, tacking and gybing. In total, there were 25 of us, both boys and girls aged between 13-15. People had come from all over the country including people from the Isle of Wight and Cornwall. As usual, I was terrified but everyone was lovely and despite the slightly shabby state of my boat compared to the others, I was included and welcomed.

The level of training we received was incredible with our individual performances being filmed to allow us to identify the key points we needed to work on. Even the simplest exercise, roll tacking, was repeated numerous times to allow us to get to the automatic stage where we could use the skills we learnt in a racing situation. The camera itself was strapped to the back of the boat and this meant there were many amusing videos of people just as they were capsizing! The weekend allowed us to measure our progression over the weekend by breaking down the details of our performance in order to improve our sailing.

Having learnt so much during the weekend, I am looking forward to attending future training sessions and even competing in my laser 4.7 in the months to come. Hopefully, these key steps will lead to possible selection into a squad.

Jasmin Sayed (Jazz)

Recorders Notes

2013 Sailing Season Report

The season started off slowly but gradually the weather improved and sailing numbers have continually increased. It has been particularly nice to see the new sailors that have joined us during the past year maintaining their enthusiasm. These include Jazz Sayed who has sailed more than 70 races including some in conditions that many more experienced sailors opted out of. Bea Cameron has also been determined to sail whenever possible. Zoe McCaig has been another determined sailor, winning the Laser Class Autumn Series. Nick and Manuel Panzera now own Rupert Smiths Laser 2 and seem to be improving every time they sail it. Nia Hall has had a good season particularly during sailing week when she beat many experienced sailors in her Laser 4.7. Kathy and Roger Thomas have also been regular sailors, steadily improving in their Miracle. They did try an RS200 briefly but returned to their trusted 'Tres Trente' in which they came second overall in the Class Championships.

Sailing Week was one of the best for years with very varied conditions. We had 36 boats competing in the afternoon races. For more details of that week have a look at the results on the club website under 'sailing' then 'club series results', also see Alan Simmons report in the last Mainsheet.

There are now 20 or more boats that regularly take part, which is very encouraging. I even heard one RO complaining that there were so many boats sailing it was difficult to record all their times. A nice problem to have! We had an amazing turnout for the Autumn series with an impressive 51 boats sailing at some stage during the series, which is a record for this late in the season.

Unfortunately the Brighton/Portobello and back had to be called off due to bad weather. Despite this, many boats still went out. After a lot of capsizes they all decided to call it a day and return to the beach and all racing was abandoned. Unfortunately there were no races at Seaford due to the weather on the 20th and 27th October although a few keen sailors went over to Piddinghoe to sail.

All in all it's been an amazingly good sailing season which hopefully we can build on next season.

The Winter series will be starting shortly at Piddinghoe. We are expecting more boats than usual and are therefore going to split the fleet in two with a Laser fleet and an Menagerie fleet.

The race box computerised auto start system has failed so we have been using flags. I have been pleasantly surprised how well the flag system has worked. Also, the race box wind anemometer has failed so we needed to rely on experience to judge what the wind was doing. Hopefully both of these will be replaced this winter.

Just a brief reminder of the basic flags (*useful to know as in the winter series we use flags*): -

Port (Red Flag) or Starboard (Green Flag) Flown from far right.

Class flag next on right raised on the 5 minute gun and lowered at the start - usually the general fleet NN4 red with white cross long tapered flag

Blue Peter - preparatory signal blue square with a white square in the center - 4 minutes up 1minute down before start, next on right.

The Left side of the flagpole will be for warning flags including: -

Postponements -Answering pennant, red and white vertical stripes on long tapering flag.

Committee boat start - 'C' flag, blue/ red/white horizontal stripes square flag.

General Recall - 1st sub, yellow/ navy blue triangular.

Boat over line - 'X' flag, square white with blue cross.

Shortened course - 'S' flag, white square with blue square in centre.

Race abandoned - chequered square flag 'N'

We will also be using flags at Piddinghoe so it is worthwhile making a note of what they mean/

Sunday Autumn 1stStealth.....John Morrison
Series 1 2ndDart 15 SprintTerry Jones
Multihulls 3rd Dart 15 SprintMike Godwin

Sunday Autumn 1st Streaker Laurence Venus
Series Menagerie 2nd Fireball Rupert Smith and Chris Turner
..... 3rd RS 200 Michael Veale and Mike Rosier

Sunday PM Series 1st Laser Matt Springall
..... 2nd Laser Steve Duncan
..... 3rd Squib Arf 'n' Arf

Class Championship1st Streaker Laurence Venus
Overall 2nd Miracle Kathy and Roger Thomas
..... 3rd RS 200 Michael Veale and Mike Rosier

Class Championship 1st Laser Radial Rupert Smith
Lasers 2nd Laser Charlie Gribble
..... 3rdLaser Radial..... Jess Cox

Class Championship 1st Fireball Steve and Penelope Duncan
Fireballs 2nd Fireball Rupert Smith and Chris Turner
..... 3rd Fireball Quentin Thorpe and David Murley

Class Championship 1st Streaker Laurence Venus
Menagerie 2nd RS 200 Michael Veale and Mike Rosier
..... 3rd Miracle Kathy and Roger Thomas

Class Championship Multihulls and Keelboats Insufficient boats to qualify for class champ result

Bosuns Cup 1st Fireball Rupert Smith and Chris Turner
..... 2ndLaser Steve Duncan
..... 3rd Squib Arf 'n' Arf

Sussex Express Cup 1st Laser Steve Duncan
..... 2nd Laser Graham Hardy
..... 3rd Streaker Laurence Venus

Tufton Beamish Cup..... 1st Streaker Laurence Venus
..... 2nd Fireball Alice Smith and Chris Turner
..... 3rd LaserCharlie Gribble

Birling Gap Race 1st Fireball Rupert Smith and Chris Turner
..... 2nd Fireball Alice Smith and Darren Field
..... 3rd RS 200 Michael Veale and Mike Rosier

Cuckmere Race 1st Streaker Laurence Venus
..... 2nd LaserCharlie Gribble
..... 3rd Laser Graham Hardy

Seaford Regatta 1st Fireball Rupert Smith and Chris Turner
2nd Laser Radial Tim Cox
3rd Miracle Kathy and Roger Thomas

Friars Buoy race 1st Streaker Laurence Venus
2nd Squib Arf 'n' Arf
3rd Laser Chas Humphries
4th Fireball Rupert Smith and Chris Turner

Pursuit Race 1st Streaker Laurence Venus
2nd Laser Charlie Gribble
3rd Laser Matt Springall
4th Fireball Rupert Smith and Chris Turner

Seaford Tourney 1st Dart 15 Sprint Terry Jones
2nd Dart 15 Sprint Mike Godwin
3rd Fireball Tim Cox and Julia Cox
4th Squib Arf 'n' Arf

Sailing Week

PM Overall 1st Fireball Rupert Smith and Chris Turner
2nd Streaker Laurence Venus
3rd Laser Mark Lambert
4th Laser Matt Springall

PM Fast Fleet 1st Fireball Rupert Smith and Chris Turner
2nd Dart 18 (Touch of Madness) Steve Turner/Ian
Johnson and Trevor/ Ian Fen
3rd Dart 18 James and Jenny Clapham

PM Slow Fleet 1st Streaker Laurence Venus
2nd Laser Mark Lambert
3rd Laser Matt Springall

AM 1st Squib Arf 'n' Arf
2nd Laser Steve Duncan
3rd Laser Matt Springall

Len Miller Cup 1st Laser Radial Alice Smith
(Cadet Champion) 2nd Laser Ross Turner
3rd Laser 4.7 Nia Hall

For more details either look at the Club website 'Results' or you may see them on the club results notice board next to the canteen.

Hopefully we will have more keelboats next year and be able to reinstate class racing for them.

See you all at Piddinghoe for the winter series.

Laurence Venus. Recorder

South East Topper ZONE championships 28-29 September.

On the 28th and 29th of September Bea, Nia and I all headed to Queen Mary Sailing Club in London to compete in our first-ever South East Topper Zone Championships. Ed kindly brought Nia and the club toppers up, with Alex bringing Bea and me up to join them.

We left at 7 in the morning to arrive around 9 to rig and change. The reservoir itself was massive and fairly daunting after sailing on the Pond; we estimated that we could fit at least 50 ponds into it! A sea of pristine-looking toppers and lots of people immediately met us with fancy squad jumpers. It was fair to say, we were ever so slightly freaked out.

We went to register and soon realised there were 51 competitors overall. This was the biggest fleet we had ever sailed in and the start line was something of a challenge! However, with a few reassuring words from Mat, our heroic coach, mainly along the lines of "you'll be fine; just have fun", we were ready to go.

The wind conditions were favourable, with the wind not being too strong but enough to make it exciting and hard work. The start line was terrifying for all of us, with every boat jostling for a good position. This meant lots of shouting from our competitors and trying not to damage anyone else. However, after one go it was exactly the same as starting on a usual Sunday morning race at Seaford, just a few more people.

The racing itself was exhilarating, especially the first beat as everyone was shouting 'starboard' at everyone else. The fleet would soon spread out and you got to know the people who were sailing close by and for me, this meant having a chat and generally a laugh. It turned out everyone was just as scared as everyone else and no one meant any harm; they all just wanted to have some fun.

We took part in a total of 6 races over two days, which was fairly exhausting but a fantastic experience and a good laugh. I think we all learnt that our sailing skills are as good as any other club's, if not better and we managed to secure 13th, 17th and 28th position in the fleet. I would recommend that all cadets give such competitions a go. The experience is well worth it.

Finally, we would like to thank the Club for giving us the opportunity to participate in the event and particularly a big thank you to Ed and Alex for taking us there and Mat for making the time to come and support us.

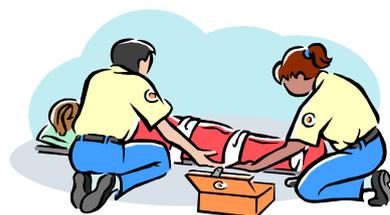
Jasmin Sayed (Jazz)

First Aid Course

Location: Piddinghoe Pond Training Room

When: 30th November 2013

Time: registration 09.00 for 09.30 start, end 16.30



Bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee making facilities available

Cost: NSSC Members doing duties £30
 NSSC Members not doing duties £45
 Non Members £70
 Cost includes St Johns Ambulance Manual

For more information or to sign up contact: commodore@nssc.org.uk



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Prizegiving and Xmas Dinner



**Prizegiving and Xmas Dinner Saturday 7th December
At Seaford Clubhouse, 7.30pm for 8.00pm start.**

Sharing Platter

Parma Ham / Serrano / Chorizo

Tomato, Mozzarella & Basil, Lemon Olives

Roasted Vegetables, Green Salad, Warm Breads

Main

Beef in Red Wine

Hot New Potatoes with Seasonal Fresh vegetables

Vegetarian option: sweet potato parcel with coriander/green chilli/coconut paste

Dessert

Baked White Chocolate Cheesecake

Pecan & Toffee Meringue Roulade

bookings before the 30th November please.

Cost : £12.50 per head, children 12yrs and under £9.50

Vegetarian and child portions, specify when booking please.



To book call Steve on 01323 899063 or 07713197915
or email: steve@abfabfood.co.uk,
With numbers and any dietary, child requirements.
Envelopes for payment will also be behind the bar at Seaford

Fancy A Ski Trip?

Many years ago NSSC did a ski trip to Montgenevre, I happened to be chatting to a member about it and he said " I've got a place in Slovenia that does skiing trips". So I asked him to put the details together, which his wife has done, details below.

Accommodation and area Link: Sleeps 10 +2 www.mountainhouseslovenia.com Can reconfigure sleeping space depending on who comes.

Suggest:

One week in Slovenia catering for all standards of skiers from beginners to advanced. Beginners will take lessons in Kranjska Gora and intermediates and advanced will ski in the resorts of depending on where has the best conditions. Details of these resorts on the web site.

Kranjska Gora and Podkoren
Gerlitz
Tarvisio and Monte Lussari
Dreilander
Vogel and Kobla
Krvavec
Bovec Kanin - Sella Nevea
Nassfeld
Badkleinkirchheim
Turracher Höhe
Katschberg

More details on the web site.

Price (for group of 10+):

Non Skiing: £300
Own equipment: £500
With equipment: £600
With lessons and equipment: £650

What isn't included: Food, Drinks, Motor Fuel, holiday Insurance, Clothing.

Flight prices are subject to change and may result in a surcharge for late bookings.

Are you interested? If so email: commodorenscc@nssc.org.uk



Notes from The Autumn Sailing Committee Meeting and dates for your diary.

Commissioning Race -start of summer season Sunday 23rd March 2014

Annual General Meeting Saturday 12th April 2014

Open Day Piddinghoe - Saturday 19th April, Seaford Sunday 20th April 2014

Cadet Sailing begins Monday 12th May 2014.

Saturday 7th June and Sunday 8th June we are hosting the Laser Masters and expect 50-75 boats - we will need teams of people to help with this.

Saturday 5th July Topper and Streaker Opens

Throughout July we will be putting a safety boat on the sea at Seaford on Saturday afternoons to encourage people to come to free sail.

Cadet Week 2014 will be from Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August

Sailing Week 2014 will be from Saturday 9th August to Sunday 17th August

Throughout July we will be putting a safety boat on the sea at Seaford on Saturday afternoons to encourage people to come to free sail.

Because of the increase in the numbers of boats sailing on the sea we will be scheduling two safety boats for the whole season.

The electronic starting system will be repaired for next year, we also hope to have a web cam mounted on the race box so that sea conditions can be checked from afar.

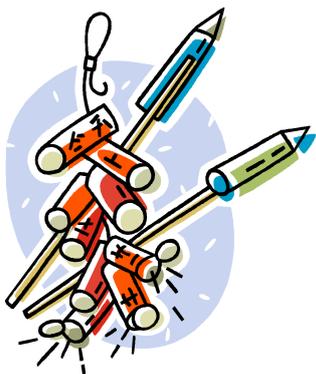
We are looking to have tractor at Seaford so that we can tow boats to and from Tidemills if the shorebreak prevents launching and recovery from the club beach.

We are trying to encourage some advertisers in this years calendar- if you have your own business or work for a company that would like to place an advert please contact Terry Jones.

Winter Series Sailing every Sunday at Piddinghoe from November 3rd - if you have never witnessed this come along for a coffee and watch the racing from 11.00am to about 12.30pm

Sailing Instructions - SI 17.1 was re-phrased to read " Points will be awarded to the winning boat if at least one of the regular crew is aboard."

Terry Jones Sailing Secretary.



Remember Fireworks Night at the club

Friday 8th November from 6.30pm

Please bring one large firework

Bonfire, food and bar available