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With the summer season now over, *Rupes Ramblings* hardy types will no doubt be moving their boats to Piddinghoe for the Freeman Iceberg. Those competing regularly can use the temporary boat park for the series, but please make sure you take your boats away promptly after the series has finished. We still have one Laser left over from last year, and we don't know who it belongs to!

Dinner & Dance tickets are selling well with the return to Seaford. The venue is smaller this year so make sure you get your tickets before we run out of space. See Michelle or Mike if you need tickets. The advert below has the details.

Memberships are due soon, and renewal forms will be coming to you shortly. We have been able to keep price increases to a minimum this year, being only £5 more than last year. And to encourage you to rejoin on time, any renewals received before the end of January will have that fiver returned to them in the form of a 'Bar Token'. You can spend this Bar Token over the bar at Seaford at any time next year. You can't say fairer than that.

Please don't forget that there are lots of maintenance jobs to be done at Seaford and Piddinghoe. If anyone has time during a weekend they're not sailing to help, please get in touch.

Rupert

A note from the Sailing Secretary:

Well our Seaford Bay sailing season is now drawing to a close. We had a few nice weekends in September/October with lighter winds and SUNSHINE, which I think was much appreciated by everyone. But then last weekend, we were back to strong winds and big seas again. A few brave people ventured out - although getting back in was not without difficulty. After the Cup Winners and Burfoot Cup Races this weekend, sailing within the Bay will finish for the year. BUT the ever popular winter series at the Pond will commence the following weekend. This is a great series and a good opportunity for those with less experience who do not yet want to be sailing on the sea to make a start on racing. The sailing starts at 11 am and lasts usually around one hour - not enough time to get too cold but sufficient time for a great sail. The Squib winter series will also start that weekend - so lets try to have a good turnout for both series.

Enjoy, Penny Springall



Newhaven & Seaford S.C.

Dinner & Dance

And Prizegiving

At Seaford Golf Club, Firle Road, Seaford

Saturday 22nd November 08

6.30 pm for 7.00pm

Adults £27.50 Cadets £17.50

A limited no. of bedrooms are available ring 01323 892442

NSSC Maintenance Jobs

I thought it might be useful to share some of the Seaford maintenance jobs list with you all. So for anyone with a little time on their hands they might like to call or mail me and do some over the winter rather than leaving it all to the work party dates. This list is an ongoing task list and is likely to grow before the work party so if I have missed anything feel free to tell me!

Changing Rooms

- Unscrew bench seats from walls
- Check lighting wiring intermittent fault in Gents C/R swap wire on switch
- Varnish bare wood in changing room
- Remove mould (with wire brush) from bottom 18inches of wall around beer store and paint with GR4.
- Ladies central light fitting to be checked (overheat damage)
- Fit new flooring and sink drains A/R (Longer term project)
- Paint radiators
- Fit heater in gas boiler cupboard
- Service boiler and pressurise system
- Office and entrance areas
- Clear all rubbish from Office put anything not sure about in ISO container and document same.
- Clear out office cabinets
- Fit new burglar alarm panel

Galley

- Re fit
- Investigate drain leak above lobby
- Install industrial dish washer.
- Fit under sink water boiler?
- Club Room
- Sand & Varnish floor in stairs area
- Replace runner ceiling lights
- Find and duplicate keys for lockers
- Replace curtans
- G4 the damaged area of ceiling
- Replace bulbs
- Race Box
- Replace RED postponement light with brighter version
- Check and seal drain on corner (J Lawley might have hints)

Outside

- Balcony hand rail check uprights and replace bolts A/R with studding
- Check shingle height under balcony and remove to DPC level
- Weld up main gate and re fix
- Make new door and frame for petrol store
- Machine plain flag master base block so that shutter moves past freely

Re fix door bottom runners into UPVC frame on balcony exits

Try and make all double glazed window locks work better and more freely close.

Repair water tap adjacent to ramp (sea side)

Paint frame for wet entrance

Sort paint store door and lock and paint

Check contents of paint store is usable

Paint doors on all sheds and mower store

Re-pair strimmer (cuts out at high revs)

Repair water tap outside bosons workshop

Winch

Paint winch housing inside and out

Re fit vertical guide tubes for winch rope in housing

Boat Park

Clear all old scrap trailers to store by ISO

Cut up old trailers for removal to Scrap yard

Clear litter from boat park double check

Ramp wood grips

Rescue Boats

Jet wash underside

Anti fowl underside

Re do electrics

Re-enforce tubes for mooring rope protection

Replace VHF aerial mast and fit new weather station

Remove spot light on East wall and re fit with new or seal wires

Re Paint shuttering after clearing jams

place batteries in clock (AA)

Check and replace wood frame for shuttering.

Vice Comm

Chris Turner

Training News

As the 2008 season draws to a close, we have had a better year with encouraging new people into sailing and in joining the Club than the previous year from sailing courses

We have an active cadet section which met on Monday and Thursday evenings in the Spring, to help and encourage them in their sailing.

We still have several coaching days planned and they are on
Saturday 1st November and Saturday 22nd November

Please see the website for further details and contact Darren Field who is organising this event and there will be coaching from Race Coaches from the RYA and the event is for adults and cadets that can sail competently

Winter Training

During the winter we will be running two courses on a Saturday at the Seaford Clubhouse subject to enough applicants

The basic 2 day navigation course

This will be run over 2 Saturdays and the cost will be £75 per person including all course materials

There will be one course before Christmas and another course in February

VHF course

This is a one day course and the cost will be £55 including certificate

For further information and course dates please see the website or email me at Andrewbarns@aol.com and I can send you a factsheet

Training in 2009

We hope to start our training and coaching sessions at Piddinghoe from the beginning of March and a calendar of events with the related costs will be published in January both in Mainsheet and on the website.

There will be dates for Adult, Cadets and family sessions

Courses

We hope to run the following courses next year

Cadet Courses

Stage 1,2,3 and 4

Honda Rib Challenge

Race training for Cadets in Picos and Toppers

Windsurfing

Adult Courses

Dinghy level 1 and 2

Powerboat level 2

Windsurfer courses

Sea sailing

Refresher training for powerboat level 2

Refresher course for Dinghy Instructors

Adult race coaching

Instructor training

If there are any sailors that would like to become an instructor please let me know and if we have enough participants a course could be run at Piddinghoe in the Spring

We will also be offering

Taster Sessions

Where you can try out sailing with an instructor on hand

Supervised Sailing

Where you can hire a pico or topper for a morning or afternoon and enjoy the sailing at Piddinghoe

If there is anything that the members would like please let me know and we can consider the suggestion.

Please email me on Andrewbarns@aol.com

Cadet Training

Next year this will be run on a similar format to this year with a group having fun sailing in the oppies and a group using toppers who want to learn to sail and progress with their stages. This will involve both theory and practical sessions.

Events

There will be a calendar of events both with NSSC and at other venues and these will be on Cadet Calendar and it would be good to get a group of cadets and parents together to go to some of these open events and a spring meeting would be useful to take this further

Instructor Database

I am in the process of updating contact details for existing instructors and I would be grateful if the instructors that would like to be involved in training with either Cadets or Adults please email me at andrewbarns@aol.com

with the following details

Name

Address

Telephone number

Expiry date of First Aid and Instructor Certificates

Scanned Copy of the Instructor certificate

Whether you would like to be involved with Cadet or Adult

Training

Thank you to all those that have helped with training of both Cadets and Adults and without your help we would not be able to undertake the training and coaching sessions



Hi Winter Sailors

Yes, it's that time again already - after this glorious sunny season with the right amount of wind throughout summer, we will move inland to face the elements on Sunday mornings for the next 4 months!

There will be one big change this year which I, along with all of you I am sure, will go down really well. **THERE WILL BE NO CHARGES.** All visitors will be charged a winter membership fee, equal to a third of the annual fee, so I will no longer be hassling you all for your hard earned pennies.

The fun starts at 11.00 on 2 November culminating in the final race of the Freeman Iceberg Trophy on Boxing Day. We will as usual be celebrating during the prizegiving in our traditional way with mulled wine and mince pies and for those of you who wish to continue on through lunchtime, the clubhouse in Seaford will be running the main event.

On New Year's Day, we will follow our tradition of a fun race at 14.00 to blow away the cobwebs. The Elford Numbum series begins on 4 January and finishes on 22 February, a total of 8 races, so only 2 discards for the Elford Trophy this year.

Don't forget that all your friends and sailing colleagues from other clubs will be most welcome to come and join us with winter membership and we look forward to seeing old and new friends in November.

Look forward to seeing you all on 2 November at 11.00

Kay - Purportedly - Organiser, Race officer, Muddler and General dogsbody

Marine VHF Course (Short Range Certificate)

There will be a VHF SRC course run at the Clubhouse on 15 Nov at 9.30am until 4.30. The cost is £60 and includes tea and coffee, the test and certificate (if you pass!).

Interested then email Bill Giles at bill@billgiles.org.uk.



Navigation Courses

The South Downs College Navigation courses did not start on time this year and have been delayed until the start of the Winter term in January and will start during the week of 5 Jan.

The Monday class will be the Day Skipper course and Thurs 8 will be the Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster course. The courses are held at Denton Island, Newhaven and start at 7pm. There will be 2 Saturdays all day sessions held at NSSC. Further details from South Downs College 01273 511400.



A note from Mr Rod Patching

Whilst being unable to participate anymore in cadet training at Piddinghoe, it has been a great pleasure to witness their continued progress. Some have moved on to Topper, Lazer 4.7 and radial competitions to the extent of being selected for R.Y.A. junior and youth regional training squads. Many thanks are due to parents who support them admirably in travel arrangements countrywide.

At the Island Barn Sailing Club Topper 'Open' in September, N.S.S.C. were well represented by Charlotte Fenn, Jonty Freeman and Louis Knevett who took 4th, 5th and 6th place respectively. This in an event where adults were competing.

Daniel Fenn also sailed well to finish in the middle of the 26 strong fleet.