

The NEWHAVEN & SEAFORD SAILING CLUB mag

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## Commodores capsizes



What to write about, so much to chose from and so many pictures. Thanks to all who happily snapped away on and off the water at both cadet and sailing weeks. Sailing week started with tents going up and the next day tents coming down. As Matt mentioned he takes a week off in summer and who would expect a hurricane! Bertha certainly did as predicted, but thanks to the pond and all the members who pitched in there was plenty of sailing and a few capsizes. The clubs Toppers as ever came up trumps, nothing a rivet gun can't sort out.

The evening presentations of the yellow 'T' shirt and pink tabard was a great idea and a lot of fun. Well done to the yellow 'T' shirt winners and the less said about the tabard winners the better.

I have to mention the river race and utilize my editorial privilege. In order to run the river race you need to start it around high tide when the river is slack. The problem with doing it on the hoof with really high tides is the swing bridge. Getting a rib under the bridge sounds like an easy task, but if you are at the pond and can see the hulls of boats going up and down the river, then you will be disappointed. There was only a couple of feet between the water and the bridge, anyway we know for next time. Oddly as the environment agency have kindly carried out bank erosion repair on the pond we also found our dragging boats out places no longer existed. So we were trying to figure out where we could get the Toppers out of the pond and over the bank safely.



We will be writing a thank you letter to the Environment agency, if you haven't seen how much work they have done, take a walk around the pond, it really is a good job. As a club that was a major job for us and with other work already done the pond is looking superb.



I must mention Simon and his vintage tent again this year. Now we have a windguru on site we know just how much wind there is and on the first Sunday of sailing week we had wind gusting F9 nearly all day. His tent survived where the modern ones were flattened. Mine was back in the trailer and only came out for one night at the end of the week. Those in caravans and mobile homes faired well too.

We did manage a Beetle Drive and as usual once it started everyone had great fun, we ended up doing it twice. The first time I won but that was declared a test run and money staked on the next game. Stuart won as highest adult score and Joe as highest Cadet.

As I write this I am still waiting for articles so will just mention one more Sailing week adventure. For those of you old enough to remember the pond used to have more than one island, at the North end the islands have gone but lurk beneath the surface. At some points the water is only a couple of feet deep at best. For one race a mark was dropped unfortunately in shallow water, the result was everyone going aground. I was not in amongst the leaders but as they approached the mark, a gybe too, the leader stopped dead and those close behind all crashed into him. Where is a movie camera when you need it? The race was restarted and the mark moved to deeper water.

Ian Johnson  
Commodore



## Cadet Week and Sailing Week 2015

To organise and run the annual weeks takes a bit of doing, this year we camped at Piddinghoe and that was a great success. I think Cadet Week needs to stay at the start of the school holidays and straight after cadet night finish.

Do we have a week to recover or do we just move tents to Seaford and do two weeks on the trot? Not everyone does both weeks so maybe not such a bad idea, what do you think?

If you want to get involved with planning and organising next years Cadet or Sailing Week then get in touch with one of the club officers. I know it seems a long way off but it is a chance for some of the new members to get involved without everything being in a rush.

### EVERY SUNDAY MORNING, INTRODUCTION TO 'SAILING ON THE SEA'

0930 Rig boats move to beach

Briefing on beach on how to launch and recover boats

Demonstration on launching and recovery

Practice session launching and recovering the boats

Launch boats for sea sailing in company, approx. 40 minutes.

Recover boats and de rig

In clubhouse for tea and chat, questions and answers

Hosted by Roger, Kathy and keen helpers.



New ropes to tie up to at Piddinghoe on both jetties. Thanks to Brian for acquiring and splicing and to Roger for fixing. The pond is looking good.



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## THE LARGEST SAILING RACE IN THE WORLD 21ST SEPTEMBER 2014

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The Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation charity is proud to welcome you to Bart's Bash, a global sailing race and fundraising event at your local sailing club on Sunday 21 September 2014. Bart's Bash will be joining together thousands of worldwide sailors in a race to set a new Guinness World Record, raise money for charity, inspire the next generation and remember Andrew 'Bart' Simpson, Gold & Silver Olympic medallist and America's Cup sailor

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REGISTER MY VENUE

DONATE TO BART'S BASH NOW



You may recall that about a year ago Andrew (Bart) Simpson died in a tragic accident when the catamaran he was sailing in the Americas Cup capsized and he was trapped underneath. His friends and supporters have set up a charity in his memory and to initiate this they are organising a unique event. Many sailing clubs in the UK and countries around the world will be taking part in this event. We need a minimum of 25 boats on the water for our results to be included. We plan to run a race in Seaford Bay on Sunday morning for the usual Sunday sailors and anyone else who would like to take part and at Piddinghoe in the afternoon for cadets, pond sailors and anyone else who would like to take part. Club boats will be available to hire on a first come first served basis and will need to be booked in advance.

The idea is that every sailor will be timed over an accurately measured course and each club will then submit their results to a central computer which will work out each individuals position compared with other sailors in the same boats and in their handicap. We need your prior commitment to take part in this event and would ask all members who are available to sail to sign up and make every effort to take part on the day. We would also like non sailors to volunteer for duties so that those who can sail are able to take part.

### Steps to take part in Bart's Bash

1. Make sure that you are available on 21st September.
2. Decide what boat you will be sailing, if you want to hire a club boat (cost £5) please book it by contacting Terry Jones at [dutiesnssc@nssc.org.uk](mailto:dutiesnssc@nssc.org.uk)- await confirmation that you can use that particular boat.

Club Boats available for hire				
Seaford - morning	Toppers	Club laser	Pico	
Piddinghoe - afternoon	Topper	Pico	Oppie	Sport 14

3. Log on to Bart's Bash Website <http://www.bartsbash.co.uk> and click on sign me up button - follow instructions. If you are unable to access the internet and want to take part please ask a club member for some help.

4. We are suggesting a minimum donation of £5 per person to the charity - this can be done via the website. If you feel really inspired you could ask for sponsors - this might apply to cadets in particular - you can set up a 'Just Giving' account or create your own sponsorship sheet.

5. Turn up on the day - in good time - you will need to rig your boats in good time. The race at Seaford will start at 11.0am and the races at Piddinghoe will begin with the Oppie race at 2.30pm- over a small sheltered course - not less than 1km in length. The race for other boats - will start at 3.0pm and will probably last for between 45- 60 minutes.

6. You may sail at both venues but will need to make separate entries. If the launching conditions are bad at Seaford we may relocate to Piddinghoe to hold a race on club boats unless you have a boat and or the means to relocate your boat at short notice.

7. You will be kept up to date with the event in our weekly bulletins.

If you are not sailing but would like to support the event - you could:-

Help as a race official - run the galley etc

Come along and watch the race- bring grandparents to watch at Piddinghoe

Make donations on the day or sponsor a cadet who is taking part.

Let us all make an effort to be part of this international event and make NSSC a major part of this event.



Some of the bank at Piddinghoe being reinforced. Posts are driven in then bags of stone in heavy duty netting are placed between posts. Coir rolls, made from coconut hair are located behind the stones. They are robust and once saturated are ideal for reeds to grow in and get established. The bank is then filled behind and turfed or matting placed to reinforce the bank.



**Udo's Oktoberfest at Seaford Clubhouse on  
Saturday 20th September 2014 from 7pm  
Get those lederhosen dusted off , genuine German faire**



### **Piddinghoe Berths**

Now the summer is coming to end it is important that we get on top of a few administration matters. As the new Berth Master for Piddinghoe I am trying to confirm who has what boats on what berths. It is apparent that when memberships were renewed some members have not been sure of their berth number.

Can I ask all members to check their berth number and boat type and contact me via email so I can ensure the records are correct. To clarify as you look at the berth the post to your right is the berth number required.

Stored at Piddinghoe are two strimmers and a petrol mower which can be used by members to clear their berths. If you wish to borrow anything please make contact with me and I will ensure you can have supervised access and training if necessary.

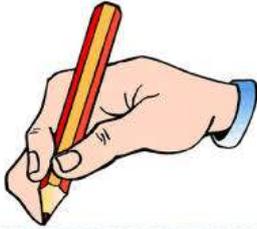
[andyjwalker@hotmail.com](mailto:andyjwalker@hotmail.com)



Charlie and Mike having a chat, photo by Kevin and Karen using the drone.



### HANDWRITING



### Sign on .....sign off

A note from Race Officers and the Recorder. Lovely though your handwriting may be it is not always readable on the sign on and off sheets. This may result in a strangely named entrant in the results. Also just putting your Christian name down in the expectation that the RO knows who you are, and your surname, may lead to disappointment. I know my own handwriting is appalling, and my printing not much better, so there is a lot of pot.....kettle.....and black going on here. Anyway message delivered.

*Enod Bloton*



'Spanish holiday house with Pool and Tennis Court'.

See it on: [www.heave2rest.co.uk](http://www.heave2rest.co.uk)

Username: miracle1817 Password: trente tres

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



## Alex ready for the big one

For the uninitiated the ISAF World Championships in Santander is the worlds largest and toughest event on the calendar, it only takes place every four years. Two years prior to the Olympics and is where a country qualifies to compete at Rio 2016.

Alex has been chosen for the second time in his career to be part of the 4 man Laser team to represent GBR and gain GB's class qualification for Rio. Whilst the Olympics gets all the glory the ISAF event is far more difficult to get a good result in, as all of the worlds best sailors will be competing not just one from each country.

It is the only World Championship where all 10 Olympic classes compete at the same venue, 1400 sailors, 950 dinghies from 95 countries and around 5000 people for sailors, coaches, race officials and safety support crew will descend on Santander for the 10 day event.

After a brilliant 2013 saw him move into the worlds elite, his early 2014 form has deserted him since he achieved a 4th at the Santander test event in January and just miss out on the Miami World Cup medal race, but his results have still been good enough to maintain his world top 20 ranking of 13th.

After a couple of weeks training in Estonia and Santander, Alex will head back to Spain for the event on the 5th September to try and end the season on a high and help Team GB qualify for the Rio games.

Hi All,

In response to an enquiry from Graham Hardy about the club trophies and what they are given for the list below should help. I am also interested in the history behind each trophy, perhaps a bit in Mainsheet each month. So if you know about any particular trophy and want to put a few words down then please do. If you want to do it in longhand that will be fine I will get it typed up, just drop it in to the club for attention of Commodore or Recorder.

## Sailing Instructions

## Trophy List

Commodores Cup .....	Commissioning Race
Bosun's Cup .....	Cup Series best 3 of 4 Races
Tufton Beamish Cup .....	Cup Series best 3 of 4 Races
Blois Johnson Cup .....	Regatta Series best 4 of 6 Races
Seahaven Cup .....	Cup Series best 2 of 3 Races
Pegasus Bowl .....	Pursuit Race
Games Tourney Cup .....	Cup Series best 3 of 5 Races
Vice Commodore's Cup .....	Brighton & Back
Howatson Cup .....	Portobello Race
Seven Sisters Trophy .....	Birling Gap Race
Gunfleet Trophy .....	Cuckmere Race
Friars Bay Trophy .....	Martello- Friars Bay Outfall Race

*Middle & Long Distance race series. A trophy will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> Fast Fleet boat, 1<sup>st</sup> Slow Fleet boat and if sufficient boats 1<sup>st</sup> Multihul and keelboat. (best 3 of the 5 races)*

Pirouette Trophy .....	Class Championships .....	Overall
Laser Trophy .....	“	Lasers
Tempo Cup .....	“	Keelboats
Miracle Class Champ Trophy .....	“	Multihulls
Challenge Cup .....	“	Menagerie

Waller Cup .....	Sunday AM Series 1 Overall
Lewes Cup .....	Sunday AM Series 2 Overall
Royal Sovereign Cup .....	Sunday AM Autumn Series Overall

**There will be individual Class Cups awarded if 5+ boats enter the Sunday AM Series**

Lycidas Cup .....	Sunday PM Series Overall
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Trapidos Trophy .....	Wednesday Evening Series 1
Enterprise Trophy .....	Wednesday Evening Series 2

Cup Winners Trophy .....

Open to cup winners  
*winner of a Cup or Trophy during the sailing season excluding fun events*

*Qualifying sailors-*

Burfoot Cup .....

**Sailors not qualifying for cup winners race**

Freeman Iceberg .....	Winter Series Piddinghoe (ends Boxing Day)
Elford Numbum Trophy .....	Icicle Series Piddinghoe (Jan/Feb)
Cruiser Shield .....	Winter Series Keelboats (ends Boxing Day)

Wallis Cup .....	Sailing Week PM Races Fast Fleet
Britannia Cup .....	Sailing Week PM Races Slow Fleet
Jean Barnard Salver .....	Sailing Week PM Races Overall
Miller Cup .....	Cadet Champion best 3 of 5 Races

Chairman's Cup .....	<b>Highest scoring helm not winning a trophy</b>
Crews Cup .....	Highest scoring Crew
Cadet Helm Trophy .....	Highest scoring Cadet Helm
RNLI Plaque .....	Highest scoring Cadet Crew
Tony Barr Trophy .....	<b>Cadets showing most commitment to sailing</b>

## Moving on

From the 1st October 2014 'The Galley' will be changing. Shore Break will close on 30th September and we say goodbye and thank you to Jane and Clive for all the meals and refreshment they have provided.

The club went through a galley review procedure in August, Shore Break and two other parties were invited to participate. The review was in two parts, with a panel of three people, and prompted by a visit by the Environmental Health in July 2014.

The first part concentrated on the following areas: professional and mandatory requirements for running a cafe facility, menus and pricing, opening hours, and lastly customer service/capacity.

The second part, purely financial, what is the facility worth to the operator within the terms of the contract.

In going through the process at all times provision of service to sailing members and members was stressed as the main priority. A few changes have been made, one is the name, it will be called 'The Galley' and this name will be NSSC property. As far as I can remember it has always been referred to as 'The Galley' so this seemed sensible. Another change is 'open book', this gives transparency to both parties involved, by allowing an exchange of financial and managerial information. This is important as it ensures that the arrangement is fair to both parties. The investment by both parties is recognised and quantified and is the means by which a fair and reasonable rent can be determined.

Two parties took part in the process, after the first stage there was little to choose, both had good experience and knowledge and could provide satisfactory fare. Both parties accepted 'The Galley' as the operating name and 'open book'.

In the second stage one party had a higher financial return to the club and received the recommendation of the panel. This recommendation was accepted by the Clubs Board of Directors and I am pleased to let you know that Steve Mitchell, the current Bar Manager, was successful. For those who don't know Steve has his own catering business, "abfabfoods", and as "abfabfoods" catered the Xmas dinner last year as well as the hog roast at the barn dance.

There will be some work carried out in 'The Galley' from the 1st October as we will be rearranging things and doing a deep clean. Whilst this work is going on there will be temporary facilities and your patience and tolerance will be appreciated.

Change is always difficult and there will always be different views on what is best. Decisions are never easy but they have to be made sometimes. As Commodore I will always make decisions in the best interests of the club, its sailing members and members. I also retain as my original policy to ensure NSSC is a family friendly club, I hope you find it so.

Ian Johnson  
Commodore NSSC



### **Sailing week from one campers view...**

So, who was Hurricane Bertha? She was a naughty deep depression who wreaked hell on those across the Atlantic, then spied N.S.S.C.'s sailing programme and thought she would put the dampers on things....

....And how many of us went into 'denial' when we spied the forecast for sailing week? Quite a few, as some of us pitched our tents on the Thursday and Friday, only to hurriedly take them down on Friday and Saturday, when the wind misbehaved, as predicted, and howled! Fine for those of us in campervans but not great for those in leaky tents when it rained! Sailors, of course, don't mind being wet but do draw the line at sharing ones sleeping bag with rainwater! That's why we removed our tent!

Just how lucky are we in this club that we have Piddinghoe? As usual, when the weather turns against us for sea sailing, fun and antics can be had on the 'pond'. Battling against gusts of up to F7 many braved the wavelets and took to the water in anything that floated, mainly Toppers and did very well, considering people were sailing boats they were unaccustomed to. For us landlubbers (of course we didn't sail) sitting on the bank, cup of tea in hand, the mishaps in the testing conditions on the water, were often nothing short of hilarious. Fishermen, the island, banks and shallow patches all leapt into the way of the fast moving boats and many enjoyed practising their capsize drills...over and over and over.....!

Finally, on the Thursday, conditions allowed the brave amongst us, onto the sea. Still testing times and many more capsize practise but lots of fun for all. Friday allowed all of us onto the sea, a first sail for us and a good demonstration on 'how not to win a race'. First of all, do have ones stop watch on one. Secondly, don't have the spinnaker pole wrapped round the forestay at anytime. Thirdly, on hearing a sound signal and seeing lots of transoms disappearing at a rate of knots away from you, do take action, sheet in and try to join the race that has obviously started. Last but not least, do sail all of the course, including all of the sausages and don't be disappointed when you are disqualified for not doing so!

We were well entertained every evening, with the quiz, bonfire on the beach, beetle drive, karaoke, bbq, live music, dancing and fireworks.

One evening, we were graced with the arrival of the luscious 'Davina', or was it 'Simone'?

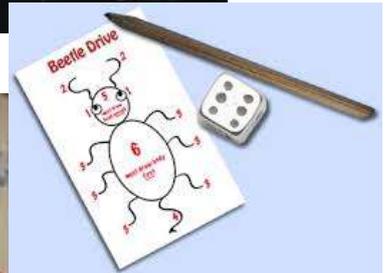


Not sure but anyway, Simon Suter, suitably dressed! His/her arrival had most of us in hysterics, as normally, he is such a 'butch' man, but suddenly transformed into a lovely lady! Of course, Roger and I are very used to this as it is highly popular in Spain. It is not unusual out there to find your Doctor, Bank Manager and local Butcher, tottering about as ladies to much applause and laughter, as the onlookers get into the spirit of the thing!

All good things have to end but sailing week was a success, despite the intermittent wind and rain.

100 POINTS TO US      0 FOR HURRICANE BERTHA      WE WON!!

Roger and Kathy





## Recorders Notes

We have now completed the two Sunday AM and two Wednesday Evening Series.  
The overall result was very close between my Streaker and Rupert and Chris sailing their Fireball with the Streaker winning both of the first series and the Fireball winning both of the second series.  
Another notable winner was Bea Cameron who won both Sunday AM Laser Series sailing her Laser 4.7.  
Sailing Week went well considering the weather conditions. Matt Springall and Nia Hall had a particularly good week apart the fact that Matt broke his mast on the Thursday while trying to beach after winning the race.  
The results for July and August are:-

### Sunday AM Series 1

Overall Series .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Laurence Venus - Streaker
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rupert Smith and Chris Turner - Fireball
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Steve and Penelope Duncan - Fireball
	4 <sup>th</sup> Michael Veale and Mike Rosier - RS 200
Sunday Series 1	
Laser Class .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Bea Cameron
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Graham Hardy
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Zoe McCaig
Sunday Series 1	
Multihull Class .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Mike Godwin - Dart 15 Sprint
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Terry Jones - Dart 15 Sprint
	3 <sup>rd</sup> John Morrison - Stealth
Sunday Series 1	
Menagerie Class .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Laurence Venus - Streaker
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rupert Smith and Chris Turner - Fireball
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Michael Veale and Mike Rosier - RS 200
Seahaven Cup .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Laurence Venus - Streaker
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Charlie Gribble - Laser
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Yves Horent - Laser
Birling Gap .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Rupert Smith and Chris Turner - Fireball
(only went as	2 <sup>nd</sup> Terry Jones - Dart 15 Sprint
far as Cuckmere)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Howard Minto - Dart 15 Sprint
Wed Eve Series 1 ....	1 <sup>st</sup> Laurence Venus - Streaker
Overall	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rupert Smith and Chris Turner - Fireball
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ruth Rhodes and Neil Arnott / Dorrinda Dodd - Fireball
Wed Eve Series 1 ....	1 <sup>st</sup> Jazz Sayed
Lasers	2 <sup>nd</sup> Colin Cryer
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Terry Jones

### Sailing Week :-

AM Piddinghoe ...	1 <sup>st</sup> Matt Springall
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nia Hall
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tiger Cox
PM Piddinghoe ...	1 <sup>st</sup> Matt Springall
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rupert Smith
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Alice Smith
AM Seaford .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Nick and Manuel Panzera
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tim Cox
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Graham Hardy
PM Seaford .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Alan Simmons (Lancing SC)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Matt Springall
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nia Hall

## Sunday AM Series 2

Overall Series ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Rupert Smith and Chris Turner - Fireball  
2<sup>nd</sup> Laurence Venus - Streaker  
3<sup>rd</sup> Steve and Penelope Duncan - Fireball  
4<sup>th</sup> Michael Veale and Mike Rosier - RS 200

### Sunday Series 2

Laser Class ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Bea Cameron  
2<sup>nd</sup> Chas Humphries  
3<sup>rd</sup> Zoe McCaig

### Sunday Series 2

Multihull Class ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Dave Edwards and Alan Oatway - Dart 18  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Godwin - Dart 15 Sprint  
3<sup>rd</sup> John Morrison - Stealth

### Sunday Series 2

Menagerie Class ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Rupert Smith and Chris Turner - Fireball  
2<sup>nd</sup> Laurence Venus - Streaker  
3<sup>rd</sup> Steve and Penelope Duncan - Fireball

It was too windy and rough to sail the Class Championship races so they are to be re-sailed on 28<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> October to run concurrently with Autumn series races No 7,8,9 &10.

Although the weather was fine most Sunday afternoons the Sunday PM Series races were cancelled due to the lack of participants. However, the Seaford Games Tourney took place and included an afternoon race with a really good turnout of 15 boats.

**Just a note to ROs.** We often get Dart 15 and Sprint 15 cats PYs in a muddle. Most cat sailors use the Sprint set up i.e a main and jib but some mistakenly still use the original name Dart 15 (which doesn't have a jib). If it has a main and jib it's a Sprint 15 on a PY of 900. However, if a Sprint 15 has a helm and crew on board it has a PY of 983. Another mistake sometimes made is with the Lasers. Often the Laser Radial rig and Laser 4.7 rig are given the same PY as the full rig Laser. They all have different PYs so please check the signing on sheet to confirm which is which.

**A note to new sailors** at Seaford, please sign on properly, print your full name, I'm afraid your recorder is not a mind reader.

Coming up .. Pursuit Race on 14<sup>th</sup> Sept, Barts Bash on 21<sup>st</sup> Sept, Class Champs 28<sup>th</sup> Sept and 5<sup>th</sup> Oct, Burfoot Cup and Cup Winners Cup on 19<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Good sailing this autumn, I've heard we can expect an Indian summer.

Laurence.

## **First Aid Course**

Are you happy that you know what to do when faced with a medical emergency?

Fret no more. The club is laying on a certificated first aid course on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October at Piddinghoe Clubhouse 0930 to 1630.

Whether you are a lapsed RYA dinghy instructor, or are looking to become an instructor this is the course for you.

Carolyn Turner will be your instructor, and fees will range from;

Lapsed RYA instructors and budding instructors	£25
Other club members	£45
Non club members	price to be advised
First aid manuals will be available if required	£5

So don't delay, sign up today!

For details contact: Mike Beaumont, Vice Commodore, Tel 01323 895207 email : mike\_b@fsmail.net

With the last of the Wednesday evening series over, it's still too early to make jokes about 'winter drawers on'.

The weather of Sailing Week let us down more than usual, but we were able to have some very close racing at Piddinghoe when the waves were too much at Seaford. The wind was enough to really sort the men from the boys - and consequently the girls showed us all how to do it.

As well as the standard PY handicap system, we also ran a Personal Handicap - Acquired Rating Technique, which gave some surprisingly close results. I have kept a note of all the finishing PHART numbers and we will use these to start with next Sailing Week. For those of you who missed how the handicap and results are worked out, bad luck - I'll explain again next year!

While we were being blown by Hurricane Bertha, Jazz Sayed was off touring the country doing National Championships in the Laser 2000 at Exe SC with Roger McColl from Pevensey and the Laser 4.7 in Largs. She asked me not to embarrass her, but I will anyway. In the 2000 Nationals she and Roger came tenth overall, getting in the prizes at the first attempt at a championship. With the 4.7's, Jazz managed 29<sup>th</sup> overall, 15<sup>th</sup> Brit and 3<sup>rd</sup> British Lady. Not bad for only 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  years sailing experience.

### **Junior Federation Cup**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September is the Junior Fed, held this year at Bexhill. This year the choice of boats has been opened up to allow those cadets who normally sail other classes and maybe don't fit in a Topper anymore to take part. We would like to take as many cadets with a bit of experience along as possible and to make a big day of it. Club Toppers will be available, but let me or Zoe know if you need one so we can make sure we get enough boats for everyone. I'm hoping that all our 4.7 sailors can make it, and that we can show everyone how good our cadets really are. If the forecast is bad, Bexhill SC will make a decision on the Thursday before whether to carry on at Bexhill or move the event to Piddinghoe. Keep an eye on the website or 'Twitface'.

### **Rupert**

