

Redoubt Sailing Club

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MAY 2012 NEWSLETTER

Our new season begins with drought conditions and a ban on hosepipes but also a succession of low pressure systems with heavy showers and high winds. Pity they didn't arrive in the winter.

Well done Brian on qualifying as an RYA dinghy instructor. We're on Facebook thanks to Brian and Hannah. Keith has organised a full programme of Training and helpers are always welcome. Neal has offered to run some workshops and it's up to us to take advantage of his offer. A lively discussion took place at the AGM on the Miracle handicap. Also at the AGM it was suggested that a later start time of 7pm would give more members the option of competing in the Wednesday afternoon/evening series and another survey on the timings is being issued (2 forms for family membership & one for single). Our Miracle Circuit travellers have made a great start to their season.

Derrick has restocked the Lake and there are three closure dates for fishing competitions.

Training

by Keith Macey

Congratulations to Brian Mumford who has successfully completed his Dinghy Instructor Qualification after a course at Dover over three weekends in March. The participants, all volunteer helpers and trainers from Clubs, enjoyed sunny weather and light winds. The RYA Instructors' Course, organised by Stuart Bishop (Head of Centre) involved three visiting instructors and the sailing was in two Wayfarers, two RS Visions and on the final day in Laser Picos.

Instructors Conference

Hayling Island SC Sat., 24th March

Following the Club Dinner & Dance on Friday night, Brian and Keith set off early Saturday morning to drive down to Hayling Island for the South and South East Instructors Conference. The morning session comprised of talks from Andy Hooper, the Regional Development Officer; Amanda Van Santen, Chief Dinghy Instructor and Dave Cockerill, the National Topper Squad Coach. The afternoon session was on the water with choices of catamarans, personal watercraft, SB3 keelboats and asymmetric dinghies. Whilst the wind was light, the sun was out and the venue was fantastic. There were over 200 attendees

RYA Winter Workshops

During the winter Brian and Keith attended 3 RYA Winter Workshops at Herne Bay Sailing Club. The workshops covered volunteer participation, club development plans and funding.

The Club has submitted several Grant Applications for replacement training boats – fingers crossed we are successful!

3 New Training Oppies

Continuing the renewal of training

Oppies, the Club has purchased 2 new hulls, sails from Gibson Sails and a secondhand Oppie in good condition. One of the old Oppies is going to be used as a training simulator for teaching onshore tacking.



Keith is running the following courses at the Club:

Sats, 28th April & 12th May Junior Learn to Sail Course

Sat, 2nd June & Friday evening 29th June OnBoard Junior Training

Sats 8th & 15th Sept.

Adult Level 1

Other events at the Redoubt:

Sat 19th May – Kent Schools Sailing Association Topper Team Racing. This is

Keith's first year of running this event and he would be glad of help with safety cover etc

Sat 16th June – KSSA New Racers event. It will be run by KSSA but will need Redoubt people to unlock the Club, rig safety boats etc.



Club Facebook Page

Brian and Hannah have set up this site and you do not have to belong to Facebook to access it. Simply type in the address www.facebook.com/RedoubtSailingClub but if you want to contribute you will have to sign in. Log on for the latest Club news and events. Facebook picture of Neal taken by Brian and suitable caption added.



Workshops

At the AGM, Neal offered to organise sessions at a convenient time eg lunch time or after sailing, some in conjunction with Hythe & Saltwood SC either run by himself or other experts. He is leaving it to us to suggest topics principally to sharpen up our racing skills. Some we came up with include rules, tactics, the 3-boat length circle at marks, sail setting and boat handling in light or strong winds. Please discuss your ideas on useful areas to cover with other members and with Neal and sign up so that we don't lose this

opportunity.

August Bank Holiday Fun Day

Monday, 27 August

11am Pursuit Race, 12.30pm Barbecue – own food, 1.10pm Games. Approximate timings.

Boat Hire

A reminder to all new members or any members without boats, that the Club's training boats - Optimists, Toppers, Mirror, Pacer, Enterprise and two Lasers are available for hire when the Club is open - £2.50 per half day session for juniors and £3.50 per half day session for adults. For insurance purposes, non-members must sign the form (kept in the drawer) which gives them free temporary membership for the day.

Frostbite 2012

9 races were sailed with 5 to count and there were 15 entries with 9 qualifying

1	Tracy Amos & Brian Mumford	Miracle 3692	3.75
2	Bob Luckhurst	Solo 4126	8.5
3	Neal Gibson & Keith Macey	Merlin Rocket 3484	13

Easter Series 2012

The weekend began well with sunshine on Good Friday although a light mainly NE wind. Saturday was overcast with a gustier NE wind again but none raced on Sunday and Monday as showers and gales set in.

6 sailed on Friday: 1st Hilary, 2nd Alan, 3rd Dave and on Saturday 5 sailed: 1st Dave, 2nd Alan, 3rd Tony

Overall result: 1st Dave, 2nd Alan, 3rd Hilary

On Friday, a select band stayed behind for the working party and the gleaming Oppie hulls are a credit to their endeavours.



Club Website

We are grateful to Linda King for continuing to maintain the site, she has offered to accept members' photos of this year's sailing on the Lake for inclusion. Email them to her on linda@frithcc.demon.co.uk Please compress the files for quickness of viewing.

By Ian Hodge

Annual Dinner Dance and Prize giving

12 March

Brian was Master of Ceremonies organising the venue, Folkestone Rugby Club again, working out the seating plan and running the Disco. It was an enjoyable evening with good company, tasty food and a well-sequenced disco. In the absence of Colin, Ian marshalled the prizes and Alan presented them.

Dinner Dance Distribution of Prizes and Trophies

Burgess Rose Bowl Frostbite	T. Amos & B. Mumford	Redoubt Cup - Winter am	N. Gibson & K. Macey
Spring am Trophy	R. Filby & Y. Mumford	Winter Shield - Winter pm	T. Amos & B. Mumford
Spring pm Redoubt Shield	T. Amos & B. Mumford	Miracle Walnut Trophy	Tracy Amos
Surrenden Cup - Summer am	T. Amos & G. Gibson	Channel Cup - Summer pm	T Amos & B. Mumford

Frostbite			
1	Tracy Amos & Brian Mumford Miracle 3692		
2	Alan Baker Rooster 8.1 377		
Spring am		Spring pm	
1	Roger Filby & Yvonne Mumford Miracle 3831	1	T. Amos & B. Mumford Miracle 3692
2	Tracy Amos & Gemma Gibson Miracle 3692	2	A. Distefano Streaker 1384
3	Alan Baker Rooster 8.1 377		
Summer am		Summer pm	
1	Tracy Amos & Gemma Gibson Miracle 3692	1	T Amos & B. Mumford Miracle 3692
2	Roger Filby & Hannah Mumford Miracle 3831	2	R. Luckhurst Solo 3766
3	Alan Baker Rooster 8.1 377		
Winter am		Winter pm	
1	Neal Gibson & Keith Macey Miracle 3812	1	T. Amos & B. Mumford Miracle 3692
2	Tracy Amos & Gemma Gibson Miracle 3692	2	N. Gibson & K. Macey Miracle 3812
3	Alan Baker Rooster 8.1 377		

Annual General Meeting

23rd March

A good attendance again at the meeting in the Clubhouse. Numbers sailing were down slightly and so were the race qualifiers though some of this was due to the bad weather. The lake was frozen over in February. Alan thanked Keith and his team for running the training and Keith especially for his efforts in procuring grants for new equipment. On the social side, Alan would have liked to have seen more than 45 people at the Dinner Dance. He thanked Brian for organising the venue, for doing the table seating and for running the disco. He thanked Bob for organising two cycle rides and for planning two more this year. He emphasised that the rides were fairly leisurely and not a race. He also thanked Marion for running the Tea Bar, Linda King for maintaining the Club website and Hilary for the newsletter compilation. And finally he thanked the Committee and Club members for their support.

An increase in membership fees was proposed and adopted: £35 – Family, £21 – Single, £9 – Student, £9 – Social and £18 – Block.

The committee for 2012 were elected as follows: Alan Baker Commodore, Ian Hodge Secretary, Bob Luckhurst Treasurer, Dave Pescod Membership Secretary, Neal Gibson Sailing Secretary, Geoff Earland, Colin Howard, Keith Macey, Brian Mumford and Rob Purvis.

In Any Other Business one item had been submitted about the ever increasing favourable Handicap for the Miracle class. In the past Miracles, Comets, Streakers and Solos had had the same handicap or very near and all except the Miracle had remained reasonably similar. Mike suggested bringing the handicap nearer to that of the Streaker. Gemma spoke against this citing the fact that although the Streaker sailors may have been outstanding or good sailors in the past they were not as sharp or as agile as they used to be. As Sailing Secretary, Neal proposed calculating the times according to the RYA system but running in tandem a ghost system involving personal handicaps as a comparison. This proposal was passed. Neal also offered to give some coaching or workshops. Neal then suggested that we consider changing the system for qualifying for a series. Even if a member only sailed one race they could still qualify but the points allotted when not sailing would be the number of boats in the series plus one. So if 30 boats sailed non-starters would get 31 points.

The meeting was somewhat longer than those in recent years but it was good to have given our *bugs* an airing.





Club Cycle Ride

Sat., 28th July

Bob is again organising another bike outing, 10am start but details nearer the time.

Bob brought this photo to the Club recently showing what was on the site at the beginning of the last century. The Dymchurch Redoubt is just visible on the right towards the top and the Botolph's Bridge road snaking past the three huts. Also there are groins on the beach.



Miracle Open Meeting

Broadwater Sailing Club

21st & 22nd April

At the Miracle Puddleduck 7 visiting boats including our sailors Tracy Amos and Gemma Gibson in "Bounty" no. 3692 and Neal Gibson and Brian Mumford in Miracle 4040 and 7 home boats took part. Six races were sailed with three to count

After day one, the Redoubt sailors were lying first and second after light airs for the first race and in shifty conditions and an increasing breeze for race two. On Sunday, all was to play for going into the last race with the lead changing 4 times, but the wind blew and Neal & Brian came out on top. With a 3rd and two 1st places, Neal & Brian finished 1st overall. Tracy & Gemma with a 2nd, 3rd and 2nd finished 2nd overall.



And Sun 22nd April at the Club -Alan in the water, Roger & Yvonne flying





Canterbury Cruising Club 2012

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DATE	LAUNCHING POINT	LAUNCH TIME	DESTINATION	HW at DESTIN	EST TIME OFF WATER
Wed to-Sat 6 to 9 June	Norfolk Broads. Camping w. dinghies and bikes	Arrive 1900 ish	Bureside camp site at Oby. Launch straight into the dike rivers Thurne and Bure etc	1540 HW Gt Yarmouth	Sat midday
Tues 28 Aug	Annual cycle ride in France	Early start	Étaple, Le Touquet, Montreuil. Numbers early	please.	
Sat 8 Sept	Kent Churches - cycle ride	1000	Chez Gill at Littlestone		
Sat 15 Sepr	Hythe & Saltwood SC	1100	Folkestone & return	1100 6.0m	1730
Sat. 29 Sept	Whitstable SC	0900	Harty Ferry. Pub lunch	1300 6.m	1600
Sat., 20 Oct	Sandwich Bay SC to Sandwich	1130	Sandwich Quay. Lunch afloat	1650 6.2m	1600

For all cruises please bring oars or paddles, but there will normally be at least one dinghy with outboard if weather etc indicate likely need. If in doubt re weather etc., please ring Tony. Route may be switched at short notice, or one-way cycle ride (downwind) laid on Decision normally made on morning of cruise. **HEALTH WARNING: All cruises undertaken at own risk. Please bring buoyancy aids. Please ring Tony as soon as possible to indicate which events you are/ are not likely to attend** as it does helps to know numbers well in advance.

Deadline for Autumn newsletter: articles to Hilary by 15th August please.