

# Redoubt Sailing Club

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## MAY 2013 NEWSLETTER

Congratulations to Keith and Gemma who are now qualified RYA Racing Coaches

Well done Brian for his initiative in raising more funds for the Club through the Waitrose Community grant collection. The Wednesday afternoon series at 4pm starts this month. Our Miracle Circuit travellers have made a great start to their season. The personal handicapping system has come into operation and PYs will be reviewed at the end of each series.

There are two closure dates for fishing competitions: Army in July 7am Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> to 12 noon Sun 7<sup>th</sup> ; Nickolls 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October, 9am to 4pm. Also watch the boards for a Dragon boat race when the lake will be closed for a few hours.

### Safety

A reminder that the safety boat should be equipped with a knife and paddles as well as the usual throwing rope and anchor. Also the fuel locker must be closed during the day as well as when the fuel tank is returned to the locker. We now have to bring the buoys in again and beware of fish hooks caught in the cord.

### Training

#### RYA Racing Coach

23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March

The course at the Redoubt organised through the RYA was run by Nic Wymer formerly Head of Sailing at the Plas Menai National Sailing Centre and now operating from NJW Coaching. In bitter showery gusty weather Keith and Gemma together with four other students took part from 9am to 6pm on Saturday and 9am to 3pm on Sunday in a mixture of theory and practical sessions. The focus was more on the candidates running a lot of short practical sessions afloat. The use of video and student self-analysis was a feature of the training rather than didactic teaching. Each candidate had the opportunity to deliver a pre-prepared short talk on a subject chosen by the examiner. Well done Gemma and Keith! Shall we look forward to some race training in the future? Gemma will be coaching at the Miracle Nationals.

### Junior Course

It was sunny for the first session but a northerly breeze lowered the temperature. 12 Oppies and 5 Toppers took part.

Right: the Mantaray group learning their knots with Mike

### Saturdays, 27 April, 11 May



Other events at the Redoubt:

- **Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June** – Kent Schools Sailing Association Topper Team Racing.

### Miracle Open

**Saturday 12 October**

Members from other classes will be needed to help run the races and support our Miracle fleet. Also baking skills were in demand last time.

### August Bank Holiday Fun Day

**Monday, 26 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, Pacer 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 2013

9 races were sailed with 5 to count and there were 18 entries

1	Jenna & Andy Gibson	Snipe 29374	7.5
2	Peter Brooker	Streaker 1384	14.75
3	Bob Luckhurst	Solo 4126	14.75

## Easter Series 2013

It was dry but there was a biting east to north east wind which gradually strengthened over the four days. Fifteen different dinghies competed over the weekend.

	No.	1st	2nd	3rd
Good Friday	8	Jenna & Andy Gibson Snipe	Bob Luckhurst Solo 4126	Dave Pescod Laser 172694
Saturday	8	Jenna & Andy Gibson Snipe	Peter Brooker Streaker 1384	Tony Russell Solo 4150
Sunday am	13	Yvonne & Brian Mumford	Jenna & Andy Gibson Snipe	Tracy Amos & Keith Macey
Sunday pm	5	Jenna & Andy Gibson Snipe 29374	Yvonne & Brian Mumford Miracle 4047	Ellen Main & Hannah Mumford club RS Feva

On Good Friday, eight dinghies took to the water and it was great to see cousins Ellen (aged 11) and Hannah (aged 13) giving the club RS Feva an outing. Easter Saturday again saw eight boats starting in fluky conditions although not all the same as on Friday. A tussle developed between the Feva and the Miracle 3831 with Ellen & Hannah (Feva) finishing 4<sup>th</sup> ahead of Roger & his daughter Karen 5<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday morning (also the last race of the Frostbite series) thirteen boats took to the lake in blustery conditions and with the wind increasing there were several retirements. After a good start Yvonne & Brian (Miracle) moved clear of the pack with only the Snipe getting past before the end. A notable achievement from Ellen & Hannah (RS Feva) finishing 7<sup>th</sup>. Only five dinghies took part in the afternoon race and Monday's race was cancelled because of strong winds. The overall results were as follows 1<sup>st</sup> Jenna & Andy Gibson (Snipe 29374), 2<sup>nd</sup> Yvonne & Brian Mumford (Miracle 4047), 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Brooker (Streaker 1384) and 4<sup>th</sup> the RS Feva sailed by Ellen Main and Hannah Mumford. A special prize was awarded to Abbey for her help and surviving the cold conditions afloat on Sunday afternoon. Special thanks to race officer Mike Smailes and to Marion for running the tea bar.



## Annual Dinner Dance and Prize giving

**23 March**

Brian was Master of Ceremonies organising the venue through Steve, Folkestone Rugby Club again, working out the seating plan and running the Disco. An enjoyable time was had by all.

## Dinner Dance Distribution of Prizes and Trophies

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

	Frostbite		Wednesday afternoon
1	Tracy Amos Gemma Gibson Miracle 3692	1	Bob Luckhurst & Caroline Hodge Scorpion 1821
2	Bob Luckhurst Solo 4126	2	Dave Pescod Laser 172694
3	Neal Gibson & Keith Macey Miracle 4040	3	Ian Hodge Splash 1755
	<b>Spring am</b>		<b>Spring pm</b>
1	Yvonne Mumford Topper 21413	1	Tracy Amos & Gemma Gibson Miracle 3692
2	Tracy Amos & Gemma Gibson Miracle 3692	2	Bob Luckhurst Solo 4126
3	Brian Mumford Laser Radial 139425	3	Brian Mumford Laser Radial 139425
	<b>Summer am</b>		<b>Summer pm</b>
1	Tracy Amos & Gemma Gibson Miracle 3692	1	Bob Luckhurst Solo 4126
2	Yvonne Mumford Topper 21413	2	Roger Filby & Yvonne Mumford Miracle 3831
3	Alan Baker Rooster 8.1 377	3	John Bashford Supernove 434
	<b>Winter am</b>		<b>Winter pm</b>
1	Neal Gibson & Keith Macey Miracle 4040	1	Neal Gibson & Keith Macey Miracle 4040
2	Tracy Amos & Gemma Gibson Miracle 3692	2	Yvonne & Brian Mumford Miracle 4047
3	Roger Filby & Yvonne Mumford Miracle 3831		Roger Filby, Vicky Morris, Hannah Mumford Miracle 3831

## Annual General Meeting

23<sup>rd</sup> March

Twenty members attended the meeting at the Clubhouse and there were six apologies for absence.. In his Commodore's Report, Alan said it had been a good year for sailing and it was nice to have the Miracle Open in October but hopefully more members will support it this year. He thanked Keith and his team for all their efforts with the training. He felt the Facebook site was a good way for people to see about the Club. Thanks to Brian, the Club has received a cheque from Waitrose for £418 for the January collection. He also thanked Marion for running the Tea Bar and Hilary for the newsletter. Finally he thanked the Committee and Club members for their support.

Bob in his treasurer's report, for the year ending 31.12.2012, began by warning that although this year's subscriptions were held, with the Club's increasing costs, especially insurance, the Committee could be looking to raise the subscriptions next year. He emphasised that we needed more members and more adults on our training courses. He thanked Marion for being at the Club house most sailing days to run the tea bar, this most essential facility and to increase the profit by £94.85. We were very fortunate to receive a large grant of £4500 from the De Haan Trust which enabled us to purchase a new RS Feva. He reported that thanks to Brian running the disco at the dinner dance, the Club made a profit of £173.69. Our first Miracle Open meeting netted a profit of £66.71. On the expenses front, the insurance bill was considerably higher at £1321.95 due partly to having to insure the new RS Feva, £123.73. New purchases covered two new Oppie hulls and sails at £1959, a second-hand Oppie and Topper at £725. After expenses the Club lost £1775.74 – mainly due to these new purchases which were needed to improve our training fleet and the Club's training image. He ended by hoping that we will return to a small profit next year and as stated at the start we need more members. "We have a good Club with excellent training facilities, we have had a number of new members this year who are keen and enjoying their sailing – let's have more".

Membership fees were held at Family £35 , Single £21, Student £9, Social £9 and Block £18.

The committee for 2013 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, Rob Purvis and Peter Brooker.

Under Items for debate there were two amendments to Club rules: paragraph 3.6 and 8.1. It was proposed that Committee meetings should be held "at least four times a year". This was passed with one person against. The second proposal, for boats "not exceeding 15 feet in length" to be amended to "not exceeding 5 metres" in length with the proviso that the Committee be authorised to exclude any boat with PY number considered too low, even when within the 5 metre length, was passed unanimously.

Two other items were discussed: more work party days and some Club members present on training days. The latter was suggested by Gemma who felt that having members around to talk to parents and boost the Club would bring in new members.

## Adjusted PYs

The Sailwave program has been pre-loaded with the appropriate PY for each person. In the event of the computer being unavailable there is a chart showing the adjusted PY for each class. Classes with no adjustments have not provided enough results and newcomers to the club or class will use the standard RYA PY until enough results have been accumulated. Please see page 6 for the adjusted PYs.

## 40<sup>th</sup> Bloody Mary, Queen Mother Reservoir near Staines

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> January



Four members from the Club ventured out in a -4°C chill factor to take part in the Bloody Mary Pursuit Race, one of six SailJuice Global Warm up Pursuit races, hosted by various clubs throughout the country. The Bloody Mary which lasts for 2½ hours is the largest inland dinghy race held in the UK and draws competitors from all over the UK and the continent.



From a fleet of 295 entries and 253 finishers Neal and Keith in Miracle 4060 finished in 64<sup>th</sup> place and Tracy and Brian in Miracle 4047 were 76<sup>th</sup>. The wind strengthening from force 3 to 4 in the first half to force 5 gusting 6 in the second half made the going tough for Tracy but she was 5<sup>th</sup> lady helm finisher from 50+ lady helms.



## Snipe Regatta at Dover

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> April

Jenna & Andy at Redoubt SC Easter 2013

It was eighty years ago that the Snipe International Class racing dinghy (slogan *Serious sailing, serious fun*) first raced together at Dover. When they last met there in 1933, it was reported in the local press that “members of the Little Ship Club attended by boat and by car.” The Little Ship Club advertised the regatta to celebrate the Snipe class, with racing on both Saturday and Sunday, hosted by the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club and the Snipe Class International Racing Association. A Snipe sail past was scheduled to take place on Sunday and a celebratory evening meal was planned for Saturday evening. The organisers hoped to share memories, photos and other information to

mark the anniversary.

Jenna and Andy Gibson and one other Snipe sailed, with Jenna and Andy the victors, but there were plenty of Snipe and ex-Snipe sailors on the shore including on Sunday Mike accompanied by Marion.

## Miracle Open Meetings

by Marion Smailes

### Welton Sailing Club (Hull)

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April

Ten boats in all, with six home and four visiting boats took to the water. Racing on Saturday began with a cold light breeze force 1-2. Neal Gibson and Geoff Phillips (Welton S.C.) in Miracle 4040 got off to a good start and held the lead throughout the first race to finish first. The second race of the day saw Neal and Geoff coming second. Sunday saw extremely light winds. The morning race was abandoned and racing finally took place at one o'clock when a slight sea breeze began to ripple the water. Neal and Geoff were sixth. Unfortunately any further racing was impossible as the wind again dropped. Results were therefore decided on three races, no discards and second place went to Neal Gibson and Geoff Phillips.

## Broadwater Sailing Club

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> April

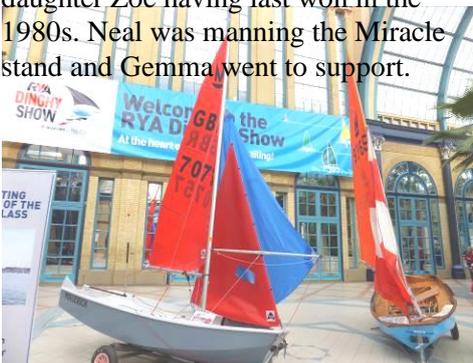
Crews and supporters of four Miracle Class dinghies from Redoubt Sailing Club travelled to Broadwater Sailing Club near Harefield in Hertfordshire for the Miracle Southern Area Championships - a contingent of sixteen people.

Five races were sailed over two days in light shifty winds and plenty of sunshine. Excellent racing was had with competition throughout the fleet of seventeen dinghies. Good positions were obtained by the Redoubt sailors with 4040 sailed by Neal Gibson and Keith Macey, counting second places in three races, taking second place overall. 4047 sailed by Yvonne and Brian Mumford, counting two second places and a third, was placed third overall, 3962 sailed by Tracy Amos and her sister Karen Smailes from Reading Sailing Club took fifth place overall counting three fourth places and 3254 sailed by Jack Turnbull and Emma Bambridge, counting two sixth places and a seventh, took eighth place overall. A good weekend was had by all.

## Dinghy Show

Several of the Club made the annual pilgrimage to Alexandra Palace. This year the show was celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mirror dinghy. There were dozens of excited youngsters in red T-shirts buzzing about the show. The national Champion in 2012 was Ian Walker with his daughter Zoe having last won in the 1980s. Neal was manning the Miracle stand and Gemma went to support.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> March



The Easter Series





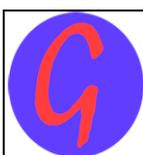
Class	2013 PY	Adjusted PY	Difference	Class	2013 PY	Adjusted PY	Difference
Comet Duo	1178			Scorpion	1044	1043	-1
Laser EPS	1024	1032	+8	Snipe	1117	1094	-23
Laser Radial	1110	1138	+28	Solo	1148	1130	-18
Laser	1085	1115	+30	Splash	1184	1224	+40
Merlin	994			Streaker	1153	1180	+27
Miracle	1200	1162	-38	Supernova	1070	1108	+38
Pico	1300			Tasar	1018	1002	-16
Rooster 8.1	1050	1026	-24	Topper	1313	1271	-42
RS Feva	1210			RS Vareo	1052	1091	+39

### Canterbury Cruising Club 2013

Tony Gilbert 01303 276402

DATE	LAUNCHING POINT	LAUNCH TIME	DESTINATION	HW at DESTIN	EST TIME OFF WATER
Tues 18 Jun	Annual cycle ride in France	Early start	Marck, Vieille Eglise, Ardres Numbers early	please.	
Tues 25 Jun	Sandwich Bay SC	1000	Sandwich Quay. Lunch afloat	1445 6.3m	1400
Wed 10 to-Sat 13 July	Norfolk Broads. Camping w. dinghies and bikes	Arrive 1900 ish	Bureside camp site at Oby. Launch straight into the dike rivers Thurne Bure and various Broads	1540 HW Gt Yarmouth	Sat midday
Tues 23 July	Whitstable Harbour	0930	Harty Ferry. Pub lunch	1345 6.m	1800
Sat 14 Sept	Kent Churches - cycle ride	1000	Chez Gill at Littlestone		
Sat 5 Oct	Hythe & Saltwood SC	1100	Folkestone & return	1150 6.2m	1700

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.



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