

Redoubt Sailing Club



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November 2014 Newsletter

Newsletter Editor

Hello to all Redoubt sailing club members. For those of you that do not know me, my name is Emma Bambridge. Just a note to say that I have taken over the role of putting together the club newsletter. I am looking forward to keeping you all up to date on club events and all other news on what other members of the club have been getting up to. Any pictures or articles that you would like put into the next newsletter please can you send them to the following email address: rscnewsletter@outlook.com or you can pass them on to me at the club.

Changes

On behalf of the club and the committee we would like to start with a very big Thank You to Keith Macey for all his hard work and the commitment he has put in with his role for the club over the past few years.

As some of you are aware there have been a few changes on the club committee. Brian Mumford is now the club Training Principal, taking over from Keith. Jack Turnbull and Peter Brooker are sharing the role of Sailing Secretary and Tania Gauder has joined as well.

We are always open to new members joining the committee or if you simply have something you want us to discuss then please speak to one of us at the club or email to rscnewsletter@outlook.com

Miracle Nationals Hunstanton 2014

Three boats from Redoubt Sailing Club along with entries from across the country, made the journey to compete in this year's National Championships at Hunstanton sailing club, Norfolk. Ten races were scheduled to be held over five days, with start times from 11am to 4pm being dictated by the tide at this venue located at the eastern entrance to the Wash. The first scheduled days racing saw a strong north westerly breeze, this combined with spring tides to cause rolling breaking waves up to six feet and prevent the fleet from launching. The race officer had no option but to postpone the start of the championships till the afternoon of the following day.



When the competition finally got under way 2 of the Redoubt boats featured high up the field, Neal Gibson & Keith Macey with a 3rd and 2nd place finishes on day one were placed 3rd overall. Neal & Keith continued to perform well throughout the week with consistent results in the top 5 places and finishing with an impressive 3rd place overall in the Championships. Yvonne & Brian Mumford with two 4th place finishes on day one and consistent finishes within the top ten across the week resulting in worthy 6th place overall. Throughout the week conditions at times were very difficult the sea state having a large swell and short choppy waves between, with wind speeds varying from a light breeze to near gale force. Many boats chose not to launch at times and many retired from several races throughout the week due to the challenging conditions. The 3rd Redoubt boat sailed by Jack Turnbull & Emma Bambridge were competing at their 1st Nationals and at times found conditions daunting, however consistent finishes in the teens and twenties and sheer determination resulted in a hard earned 24th overall and 2nd place in the Bronze fleet.

Brian Mumford



Bart's Bash Final results

This report comes from Mike and Marion Smailes' daughter, Karen who took part in this event:

Finally the Bart's Bash final results have been published. I am sorry to admit I did not beat Sir Ben...but hey there is always next year!!! The results are.....30,644 sailors competed, over 20,000 of those in the UK.

Ben Ainslie 1374th overall with a speed of 2.75304

Karen Smailes 5287th overall with a speed of 2.13668

Stuart Cook crewing for Sally Newlove 8955th overall with a speed of 1.7382

I was also 669th lady out of 2357 but best of all I was 17th out of 98 ladies sailing Lasers.

£291,847 has been raised so far for the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation.

Once again thank you for all your support
Karen Smailes

Miracle Open

The end of Season Miracle Open meeting was held at the club today. A completely glass like lake greeted the sailors in the morning however after an hour of postponement the first race begun. With everyone on the water (eventually) there was good close racing, after a few laps the positions seemed to have settled down with Brian and Yvonne drifting off into the lead.



Another visitor arrived during the first race and was ready for the afternoon races which were thankfully greeted with a bit more wind. Both afternoon races had good close racing throughout with a few wind shifts that split the fleet at times. Both races were won by Neal and Keith with the positions behind competitively fought over. A huge thanks to Andy Gibson for being race officer along with all the other club members who were down helping out and supporting. A good day was held by all even through the showers.

Jack Turnbull

1st Race: 1st Yvonne & Brian Mumford, 2nd Neal Gibson & Keith Macey, 3rd Tracy Amos & Gemma Gibson

2nd Race: 1st Neal Gibson & Keith Macey, 2nd Tracy Amos & Gemma Gibson, 3rd Brian Jones & Paul Cook

3rd Race: 1st Neal Gibson & Keith Macey, 2nd Brian Jones & Paul Cook, 3rd Yvonne & Brian Mumford

Overall Results

1st 4040 Neal Gibson & Keith Macey Redoubt SC

2nd 4047 Yvonne & Brian Mumford Redoubt SC

3rd 4021 Brian Jones & Paul Cook Maidenhead SC

4th 3692 Tracy Amos & Gemma Gibson Redoubt SC

5th 3831 Roger Filby & Hannah Mumford Redoubt SC

6th 3254 Jack Turnbull & Emma Bambridge Redoubt SC

7th 210 Andrew Clarke & Abigail Clarke & Stephanie Clarke Wilsonian SC



KSSA Fixtures 2015

These are the KSSA fixtures for next year, please be aware that these are subject to change.

Sailing club:	Date:	Event:
Chipstead	14 th March	Spring Training (TBC)
Herne Bay	11 th April	Spring Training
Medway	25 th April	Opening Splash
Redoubt	16 th May	Topper Team Racing
Bough Beach	6 th June	New Racers Event
Downs SC	13 th and 14 th June	Laser/Topper Open
Sandwich Bay	11 th and 12 th July	Mid-Summer Coastal Regatta
Broadstairs	12 th September	KSSA Annual Regatta
Margate	17 th October	Autumn Training 1
Blue Circle	7 th November	Autumn Training 2
Bewl	5 th December	Autumn Training 3 (TBC)

Summer Series Results

Here are the long awaited results for the Summer Series of 2014:

	Morning		Afternoon
1 st	Ian Hodge Streaker 1409	1 st	Phil Johns Solo 3826
2 nd	Bob Luckhurst Solo 4126	2 nd	John Bashford Streaker 1610
3 rd	Phil Johns Solo 3826	3 rd	Andy Reeves Laser Radial 166579
4 th	John Bashford Streaker 1610	4 th	Hilary Pittock Streaker 1435
5 th	Hilary Pittock Streaker 1435	5 th	Bob Luckhurst Solo 4126

Well done to those people above and to everyone took part this series. Let's see what the Winter series brings!

Club Website - Official and Bogus

Members will know that the Club website is 'redoubtsc.org.uk.' an address which belongs to the Club. This address has been in use for some years now; previously we paid to use 'redoubtsc.co.uk.' In October the .co.uk address was re-registered in an apparent false name using information largely gleaned from our site. Some of the information is inaccurate and includes a picture of a yacht. The registered address is a restaurant on a barge floating in a part of Bristol Docks, so there is some waterborne activity involvement. Please only use the .org.uk address if you are looking for information which is valid. You may also wish to avoid providing any personal information to the bogus site.

Ian Hodge



French Lakes, English Lakes and the Pond

One of the most noticeable features about inland sailing in England is the lack of freedom to be able to take your dinghy to the nearest lake and sail it without having to pay a fee for both launching the boat and parking your car. If you think about the lakes and reservoirs near to us in the South East you will know what I am writing about. Bewl Reservoir, Bough Beach, Tonbridge are all strictly controlled and if you go further afield, or further afield, places like Grafham Water, Rutland and all of the large reservoirs around London are just as tightly controlled. With many of these waters crowded, especially on a nice sailing day in the Summer, the car parking becomes difficult involving carrying your gear for some distance to the dinghy park. When you reach the dinghy park due to the large number of members your boat maybe some distance from the launching area. You have to make sure that you arrive a day or two early to ensure arriving at the launching area in time. If you leave something important, like a sail, in the dinghy park then you just as well go to the bar and forget about sailing. All this is before the costs imposed by the various sailing clubs for membership and dinghy parking. Then there are the various restrictions concerning safety and RYA levels of ability before you can go out on the water. All in all it makes you wonder why we take up the sport and continue with it, apart from the fact that it is a tremendous sport gives lots of pleasure. You might not think that when you go sailing in January and the sheets are frozen and there is a thin sheet of ice on the water.

Compare the above problems with France. I have a limited experience of seeing some of the lakes and reservoirs in the Burgundy region. The lakes are large and I mean large. All of the lakes/reservoirs that I have visited have ample free parking. In fact that they look at you a bit strangely if you park your car and ask if it is Ok where you have put it, in France you park where you like and I have seen cars parked on a roundabout. They also have good launching facilities and, as far as I can see, no restrictions. I cannot see anybody coming over when you are launching and asking to see your RYA level 3 certificate. It is interesting to know that some of the reservoirs in the Morvan National Park were constructed many years ago to float logs down the rivers to Paris. This is no longer done which is just as well as it could make a nasty mess of your paintwork.

So we have lovely scenery, large lakes and easy parking. However, there is one thing missing, there aren't any sailing clubs or any organised racing which is pretty amazing given the facilities.

So back to square one and the Redoubt Sailing Club. We might not have a large stretch of water but we do have a friendly club atmosphere, close racing which needs some skill and we can park next to the dinghy park. Let the other clubs have their large areas of water, let France have its huge reservoirs and free parking, we will enjoy our own lake (or pond as we call it) and long may it go on.

Bob Luckhurst



Race Officer and Powerboat Coaching

Over the Winter and Frostbite series I would like to hold a couple of training sessions based around race officer duties and driving the powerboat for those who have never done it before or for those who aren't confident and would like a bit of guidance. This is so that hopefully everyone that is down on Sundays has the ability to do these roles. This is not official training, it is merely club tuition however it will be relevant and relaxed. If you are interested then please drop me an email on rscnewsletter@outlook.com. Dates will be arranged once I know who's interested and then agreed with all participants.

Jack Turnbull

Instructor Training

There is the opportunity for members to receive a £200 contribution from the RYA for instructor training courses. If you want to become a Dinghy Instructor, Senior Instructor or Powerboat Instructor then please speak to Brian Mumford.

Personal Handicap

As most of you are aware the club have been attempting to implement a successful personal handicap system for everyone at the club over the past few years and series. However as a process to maintain it is very difficult and time consuming so has recently been simplified. Everyone is sailing off the RYA recognised handicaps apart from the Miracles who have been deducted 19 points so are now quicker than expected. This has been based on top 3 results over the past 3 years in the series and looked at which boats have won. These will be occasionally updated when sufficient data has been collected and providing a change seems required. A sheet is hanging up on the board in the clubhouse showing previous winning boats along with each class handicaps, should anyone fancy a look.

Redoubt's RS Vision

Redoubt SC has now invested in a RS Vision, which is a welcome addition to the range of club boats that can be hired. The Vision compliments the current fleet and offers a pathway from the humble beginnings of the Optimist, Topper, Laser and RS Feva. The RS Vision is a proven Training, Family friendly and very flexible boat which is widely used across the UK at clubs and RYA training centres. It can comfortably accommodate up to 3 Adults with a variety of sailing options from main sail only to 3 sailing with Asymmetric and trapeze. Please use the RS Vision it is available to all Club members for the nominal charge of £4.50 per session, why not introduce a family member or friend new to sailing and take the RS Vision for a sail; you won't be disappointed!

Brian Mumford





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