

# Redoubt Sailing Club



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## March 2015 Newsletter

### Commodore's introduction by Rob Purvis.

I have now been a member of the Redoubt Sailing Club for 16 years. Living at West Hythe we are lucky enough to be able to see the tips of the sails from our bedroom window! I started sailing when I was about five years, crewing in a Mirror dinghy called Squaw. We raced in Christchurch Harbour and belonged to Mudeford Yacht Club.

At the age of eight I managed to persuade my Dad to buy a Topper for the family and I sailed this until I was eleven. Windsurfing was just becoming popular and I persuaded my mum this time that we needed a family windsurfer. I was quickly addicted and spent the next six years windsurfing interspersed with crewing on a Dart 18 and Hobie 16.

At the age of 17 Chrissy and I bought our first boat together, which was a glass fireball. We had great fun in this boat until the hurricane of 1987 when it disappeared from Mudeford beach and was never seen by us again.

Since then we have owned and sailed another Fireball, two Laser 2s, an ISO, a Buzz, 2 Tasars, a Laser 4000 and a Laser 3000, plus too many Toppers to keep count of.

The Redoubt is a real gem on the marsh, with its safe environment and sea breezes. I have really enjoyed sailing there with the family and have taken great pleasure in introducing new people to sailing. Let's hope that we can keep on enjoying it for many years to come and I look forward to seeing you out on the water or around the club.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

This is a friendly reminder that it's that time of year again to renew your sailing club membership in order to carry on participating in club events and racing, as well as having issues of this wonderful newsletter emailed to you at random intervals.

If you haven't received an email from Mike Smailes then please contact him on [mike.smailem@talktalk.net](mailto:mike.smailem@talktalk.net) and ask for the membership forms.

## **2015/16 Committee Members**

For those of you not at the AGM, there have been a few role changes so the Committee now looks reads something like;

Commodore – Rob Purvis:

- Chair Club and Committee meetings
- Ensure that activities of the Club are carried out in accordance with Club Rules and to the general benefit of members
- Make a speech at the Annual Prizegiving
- Represent the club where necessary
- Ensure safety is regularly reviewed

Secretary – Tania Gauder:

- Conduct the correspondence of the club and keep custody of all the Club documents.
- Act as contact point for RYA general correspondence.
- Keep full minutes of all formal meetings of the Club which are to be confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to the agreement of those attending the meeting.
- Prepare and circulate agenda for formal meetings.
- Circulate copies of minutes, including action points, to committee members prior to next meeting.
- Be a signatory to the Club's bank account.

Treasurer – Keith Macey:

- Cause such books of account to be kept as necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the finances of the Club.
- Prepare the Annual Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> December each year, have it audited and have it published on the Club premises prior to Annual General Meetings.
- See to the maintenance of the Club's insurance policy or policies as may be needed fully to protect the interest of the Club and its members.
- Be a signatory on the club bank account and manage the bank accounts- Deliver a short verbal report on the accounts at the AGM
- Report on the accounts at each committee meeting.
- To advise the committee and make recommendations regarding the annual subscription rates

Training Principal – Brian Mumford:

- This position is not an elected position but the postholder may be elected to the Committee.
- Oversee all training and liaise with the RYA, KSSA etc.
- Liaise with the Club Committee.
- Responsible for safety, keeping an accident book, first aid box and provision of kill cord on safety boat engines.
- Be a signatory to the Club's bank account.

Membership Secretary: Mike Smailes:

- Keep a register of Club Members' names and addresses
- Prepare and print membership forms for each year
- Ensure members have copies of club rules
- Manage the membership renewal process, collecting subscription monies and banking them.
- Act as Club's Data Administrator.

Sailing Secretary – Jack Turnbull & Peter Brooker:

- Assemble the annual fixture list, including non sailing days (in conjunction with Training Principal).
- Run the club seasonal series competitions – providing the race score sheets, monitoring and working out the winners according to the series rules.
- Be responsible for the preparation and organisation of any class open race days (or specifically delegate the tasks) including liaison with Nickolls Leisure Facility.
- Prepare and publish local handicap adjustments.
- Represent Club at East Kent Yachting Association meetings.

Boson – Neal Gibson:

- Ensure Club boats, including safety boats, and engines remain in good working condition.
- Notify the Committee of any problems and necessary expenditures.
- Maintain stocks of oil and petrol for engines and mix as appropriate

Committee Members - Ian Hodge, Alan Baker, Bob Luckhurst:

- Contribute to discussions at formal Club meetings.
- Support Club events

## **Open Meetings**

We have 2 open meeting's planned for this year as advertised below, any assistance or offers of help will be gleefully accepted by the race organisers so please speak to either of us at the club or via email (see below)





Note from Jack Turnbull – As a club member and one of the Sailing Secretary’s I would like to see all club boats out for their respective meetings, you all still need to register your attendance, if I haven’t heard from you then I will give you a phone call nearer the time. If you know you will not be participating I would like if possible for another club member to borrow your boat. I completely understand if not however I ask that you let me know in your email either way.

### EASTER SERIES

Easter series will be run in the usual format of 5 races with 3 to count.

- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Race 11am
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Race 11am
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April Pursuit 3<sup>rd</sup> Easter Race & Start of Spring series am
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April Pursuit 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Race & Start of Spring series pm
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 5<sup>th</sup> and Final Easter race



Start times of each boat for the pursuit will be posted in due course ☺

Many Thanks



A treasure hunt may be organised but this is yet to be arranged.

### **Dinghy Cruising by Hilary Pittock**

I hadn't intended going to the Dinghy Show this year but the RYA Spring magazine arrived a few days before and featured dinghy cruising. The dinghy *cruising corridor* at Alexandra Palace showed a variety of boats from Wayfarer (*Hafren*) to Illur set up for camping, cooking and sleeping aboard



Jeremy Warren and Phil Kirk set out to break the record of sailing round Britain in 76 days in a Wayfarer. They made several modifications - notably replacing the low thwart in their Wayfarer *Hafren* with a carbon tube attached to the centreboard case with a carbon/foam box to make more room for sleeping. They also suspended from it a gimballed home designed and built camping gas stove and when things got a bit dramatic would brew up. They decided to sail right round rather than using the Caledonian canal and also to sail at night helming in 2 hourly shifts unlike the previous crews who slept ashore. Most of the time the weather was on their side although they did have a hairy moment in the dark off Ratray Head nearly pitchpoling in confused seas. They completed the challenge in 32 days! There is more about their voyage at [www.xtremedinghamcruising.com](http://www.xtremedinghamcruising.com).



Round the show I'd seen a whiskery geezer in a faded red denim top and a wide brimmed leather hat who turned out to be Roger Barnes, the President of the Dinghy Cruising Association. He was in his sailing gear – informal and comfortable. He made the cruising sound more appealing – pottering up unspoiled creeks, exploring different sailing areas, mooring in tiny harbours and sleeping aboard or pulling the boat up on a quiet beach and



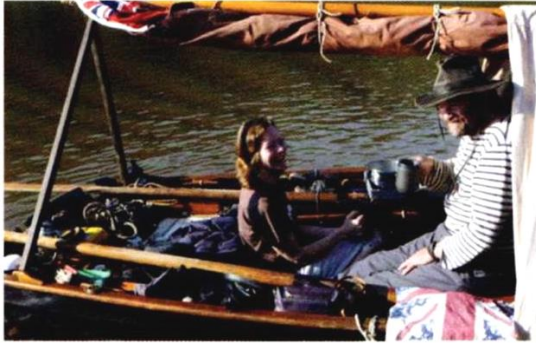
camping ashore. His dinghy, a French Illur (above) was simple with only 3 control lines, clinker built and heavy but easy to bring ashore if you have a good trailer with winch. I did notice he had plenty of waterproof covered cushions on the side decks.

**CCC Programme:** Tony Gilbert      01303 276402

Advance notice: 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August Norfolk Broads camping with dinghies and bikes.

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May Annual cycle ride in France – early start.

Please ring Tony as soon possible if you are interested.



## **Winter Series**

The results of the winter series are as follows

Winter AM 11 Races Sailed 3 Cancelled

1 <sup>st</sup>	Yvonne & Brian Mumford	Miracle 4047
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jenna & Andy Gibson	Snipe 29374
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Phil Johns	Solo 3826
4 <sup>th</sup>	John Hope	Solo 4853
5 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Filby & Abbey Mumford	Miracle 3831

Winter PM Unfortunately only 6 races were sailed with 8 being cancelled

1 <sup>st</sup>	Yvonne & Brian Mumford	Miracle 4047
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Roger Filby & Abbey Mumford	Miracle 3831
3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Bashford	Streaker 1610
4 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah Mumford & Max Behrens	RS Feva 5021
5 <sup>th</sup>	Andy Reeves	166579

## **Tea Bar Notice:**

During April, May, June, July and August, the only Sundays that Marion will be covering the Tea Bar are:

- April 19<sup>th</sup>
- May 24<sup>th</sup>
- June 28<sup>th</sup>

- July 26<sup>th</sup>

A rota will be needed for the rest and milk will be needed. Marion will cover the Saturdays when needed. There will be a sheet of paper at the club, please put your name down to a date that you can do if possible. **There is a sheet down the club to sign your name for Race officer safety boat and tea bar.**

The days that the Tea Bar needs cover are as follows:

- April 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>
- June 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>
- July 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>
- Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Training Courses Programme 2015:**

Junior & Youth Sailing Course Saturday 2nd & 9th May, follow on training day Sunday 5th July 2015. Click below for details and booking form -

Junior & Youth Sailing Course 2015 Booking Form & Details

Adult Course (2 day) either Level 1 (Beginners) or Level 2 (Improvers) .Saturday 2nd & 9th May Click below for details and booking form.

Adult Level 1 or 2 Sailing Course 2015 Booking Form & Details

To contact Redoubt Sailing club Training Principal Brian Mumford email:

[training@redoubtsc.org.uk](mailto:training@redoubtsc.org.uk)

### **Purvis Power by Hillary Pittock**

Firstly Mac was down at Dover at the end of half term doing his **Power Boat Level 2** on a two-day course through the Seaspots Centre. The Instructor and two candidates were together in the 5.7m 150hp RIB. It was sunny but very



windy with big gusts blowing through. In the harbour they demonstrated their power boat low speed close quarters handling with picking up a mark, man-overboard, mark laying and recovery, anchoring and then high speed manoeuvres. Mac was in his element taking the RIB on the plane. To leave or enter the harbour they had to radio to the different controls in the harbour. They buzzed up to St Margaret's Bay and practised chart plotting and taking transits on the lighthouses and other features and also discussed collision regulations. On their return with the strength and direction of the wind and current (4 knots), they crabbed into the harbour and a large wave came over the side threatening to engulf them. An adrenalin packed course and congratulations to Mac gaining his Level 2 at the age of 14.

Next up was Rob attending the **Power Boat Instructor** three-day course from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> March. For this course you need experience in a variety of boats and situations. It was sunny but with a bitter easterly wind and clouding over on Saturday. In the morning Steve, the Instructor from Gillingham Marina, took them through the theory – principles of practical instruction, lesson planning, teaching styles and the like and then in the afternoons they practised delivering the theory on the water. In the inner harbour and Marina they had to demonstrate boat handling in a confined space eg coming alongside and in the outer harbour man overboard recovery and picking up a mark. On the Saturday, the RYA Moderator/Assessor appraised their performance and needless to say Rob passed with flying colours and is now a qualified Power Boat Instructor. Many congratulations on his success.

### **Frostbite results**

Here are the results for the Frostbite series:

1st	Rob Purvis	Laser 123895
2nd	Ian Hodge	Streaker 1419
3rd	Tracy Amos and Gemma Gibson	Miracle 3692
4th	Graeme Fuller	Laser EPS 124
5th	Phil Johns	Solo 3826

### **Work party day**

There will be a work party day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 10am as it is time for Redoubt to have its annual spring clean. Help would be much appreciated by as many club members as possible. Many hands make light work!

### **Team Feva!!! By Brian Mumford**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of March Hannah & Max attended the KSSA spring training at Chipstead SC where they were one of only two double handed boats; the other being the Snipe sailed by Jenna & Ellie Gibson. Both crews had a great day and also enjoyed the Gibson and Smailes support Team, many thanks to Gemma & Neal for delivering the boat and helm to and from the event. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of March Hannah & Max attended the Feva specific training at Dover Seasports which was Funded by the RYA and arranged by Karen at Dover Pirates. This day turned out to be the best days training so far, as on arrival conditions were windy with a large swell and breaking rollers on the beach. There was a reluctance from boats that had turned up to sail and when the rescue boat being bought round from the marina by a DSS instructor capsized in the surf only Hannah and Max put their hands up to give it a go. The RYA Feva coach (Rich) spent the rest of the day giving one to one coaching to the Redoubt duo and the improvement Hannah & Max made from the beginning of the day to the end was amazing. One instruction to Max which stood out and





was subsequently adopted was when either hoisting or dropping the spinnaker to “adopt the Sumo position and Rip the block out of the bottom boat!” I thought steady on this could be my boat soon, but this seems to have worked the trick with no more planking on the foredeck trying to wrestle a wet saggy sail down the chute. I believe Max is going to write Rich a letter of thanks confirming his now approval of this technique.

Next up for the Team Feva Redoubt is RS Feva class association training at Crawly Mariners on 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> of March, then Kssa Feva Training at Downs SC on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April all support/followers are welcome. Oh and if you are thinking the Club Feva is being monopolised, don't worry it will soon become available; Feva 3333 is sitting in the garage awaiting trip to RS Feva Tuning Centre at Fareham (Steve Main) for what he said is “pimping up” his words not mine!

### **Future Newsletters**

If you have an article your writing let us know, then email it to us at rscnewsletter@outlook.com, or if you think there is something you want including please let us know and we'll do our best to accommodate it.



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