



Waldringfield Sailing Club Newsletter

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Rear View

Changing rooms - It doesn't seem 5 minutes since I was writing in the previous Newsletter "Work on the new changing rooms has just started" and guess what? – building work on the extension is now complete and very smart it looks. The building work has been done on time and budget by Jeremy Stone – a club member (and professional builder). We now need to fit-out the new changing rooms with benches and racks and need some help with this – please let myself or Terry Watson know if you can help.

Social Committee – We need some party animals to help get things rockin' at WSC this summer. I know that you are out there ... (I just don't know who you are!)

Working parties – it's that time of year again. Terry W has (as always) got things well organised and now we just need lots of hands to turn up to make the work light. Please give a morning or two to the club to help get it spick and span for the start of the season – dates 18th, 25th Feb plus 3rd March if necessary. 10.00a.m. at the club.

500 Club Winners

Dec – Gillian Kerridge No. 95
Jan - Mike Nunn No. 97

Interested in finding out more? £12.00 per number to be included in 12 monthly draws. You can have as many numbers as you like for £1 each per month. Please send a cheque, made out to WSC 500 Club, to Norman Glen 12 Windermere Close, Ipswich IP3 0RU Any questions? then ring Norman on 01473 720744 or speak to him or Gwen at the Club

Births, Deaths & Marriages

Congratulations to **Jack Fisk** who will be 100 on the 4th March. I think that Jack must be our longest standing member – anybody know differently?

Welcome to New Members

Jamie & Kaye Whittle with Hazel & Tristan (family)- Jamie has a Laser and Hazel is thoroughly enjoying crewing for Archie Penn

Nick & Tom Fairhurst - Nick has a cruising Wayfarer and Tom has a Cadet in which he is hoping to improving his sailing and race tactics.

Colin Lord (Young Person) –Colin has a Europe and hope to be able to join in with handicapped racing on Wednesday Evening

Gillian & Hugo Sacker with Alice & Mary. Mary is going to crew for Henry Stone and gain experience before using her own Cadet, and Alice is hoping to do some crewing as well

Racing Results

The recent very cold snap has put a temporary hold on sailing at Alton Water but before this there have been strong turn-outs and performances from WSC sailors. For example on the 29th Jan, WSC was represented by 7 Larks, 7 Lasers, 2 Fireballs and a Phantom. Weather is now improving and the Frostbite series still has a couple of weeks to run so it's probably a good time to get over there for a bit of pre-season tuning.

Squibs

Normally a Squib Winter Programme includes little beside the annual Supper at Felixstowe Ferry and a few thoughts about how nice it is by the fireside rather than on the water. This winter brave Squibbers Jen and Pete Greatrex have taken Gunpowder Gertie to Waveney & Oulton Broad YC to race every Sunday. Tales of how easy it is to launch with the club's own crane, kind rescue boats who will tow them out of the mooring pens, no struggling with dinghies and outboards, plus fleets of 15 nice Squibs to race against, should make us all consider joining them for next winter. Especially as we might get faster as a result!

The Squib Supper and Mid Fleet Club Cabaret at the Ferry has been a fixture for many years. Collective old age looked as if it would cause the event to fade away but Jo and I volunteered to organise it as long as the cabaret remains in the capable hands of Lord Ted Reilly and FFSC Commodore Max Evans, supported by Tom Crean and Colin Bentley. Last year featured a Kangaroo Court, this year . . . we will have to wait and see! As we go to press, numbers exceed 70 and we hope to get up to 80.

We welcome a new Squibber, Mr Masterclass, David Moon who has bought Jonathan Penn's Grumpy but are sorry to lose Ted Reilly and Cowan Jamieson and Guy Ormiston.

Ricky East

Socials

A couple of early season dates for your diary;

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Contact</i>
17 Mar	Dragonfly Dinner – WSC – all welcome	Neil Cawthorne
24 Mar	Yacht Class Fitting Out Supper - all welcome - Waldringfield Golf Club	Will Green – 01473 736596
14 Apr	Talk on Margaret Catchpole + meal WSC	Mike Nunn

TRAINING

RYA Yachtmaster Coastal Skipper

This has been run over the winter at the club by Judy Harrison and we are now approaching exam time. A really interesting and useful course for anybody with a vague interest in how to navigate a small boat safely in coastal waters. Thoroughly recommended and an absolute bargain. Speaking as a dinghy sailor it has been a real eye-opener - BW

RYA DINGHY INSTRUCTOR COURSE 2012

The WSC Sailing School is pleased to announce the 2012 Dinghy Instructor Course

RYA Dinghy Instructors Course - 5 days - Tues April 10 through until - Sat April 14 running from approx 09:30 - 17:30 each day

- There is a short pre - assessment that takes place and is likely to be a Saturday morning prior to the start date, details to follow.
- Min requirements:
- Age 16 plus
- RYA Powerboat level 2 (WSC Course April 10 evening & April 15 all day)
- RYA First Aid Certificate (WSC Course May 13)
- Courses for the latter 2 requirements will be run at WSC and maybe obtained after the actual DI course.

The course costs £300 (the price at a commercial school is in the region of £390)

WSC is happy to offer a subsidised rate of £160 for this course in return for a commitment to instruct on either of the Junior Sailing Weeks running from July 30 - Aug 3 or Aug 5 - 10 (3 instructors per week)

THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLACES ON THE COURSE IS 6 (SIX). These will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Please email Graham Harrison on gunfleet@aol.com for a place

Kind regards, Graham