

Telltales

The official newsletter of Scammonden Water Sailing Club



FROM THE COMMODORE

OCTOBER 2012

It's that time of the year again as we look from Autumn into Winter and soon we will be looking at the final Saturday Series of the year and the change from three to two races on a Sunday afternoon.

But before that comes there is lots of good stuff to do and to look forward to.

We have been very fortunate all year with our water level and the reservoir remains full to the brim as I write this article. This bodes well for next season as we are likely to enjoy good levels of water for our Spring sailing.

Turnouts have been good at SWSC and there has certainly been a lot of interest in our sport with many enquiries about club sailing and the enrolment of some new members. It's always nice to see new faces and I extend a warm welcome to all who have joined the Club this year.

Welcome to The Rhodes Family, Jonathan Barrett, Charmian Johnson & Anthony Smith, Torin Glazer and to The Branton Family.

Since the last Telltales we have hosted a Laser Open meeting; our members have travelled to a number of different competitions both at home and abroad and of course we sent a successful team to the Southport 24hr race at West Lancs Yacht Club. As a Club that is probably our premier event as it is a true team competition and requires all team members to co-operate and work well together. A big thank you goes to Mike Goodwin for allowing the use of his Enterprise and well done to the whole team. We improved upon last year's excellent result and came in 25th overall out of 57 starters.

The target now must be to improve on that for next year so if you fancy a good social and sailing weekend next September speak up!

The Laser Open that I mentioned earlier was a successful meeting with 17 competitors taking part including 11 visitors from other clubs. The standard of racing was good and the feedback that came from the racers was of a well organised event that was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who helped on the day to make the event the success that it was. The visitors were saying before they left that they wished to return next year which is just what we want other sailors to say about our Club.

Coming Soon

Three major events that I hope you will all take part in.

RYA Training Day. You will see a notice attached to this issue giving you details of a days free race coaching for all club members to take place on the **21st October 2012.** I know this will be short notice to

some but it is an opportunity not to be missed and I would thoroughly recommend it to all members. Take the chance to avail yourselves of some top quality coaching by an RYA Race Coach.

Dinner & Prizegiving. This will be taking place on the **24th November 2012**. Notice attached for all the details. This is our premier social activity of the year so please make the effort to attend it and to support the worthy prize winners.

Annual General Meeting. Taking place on the evening of **28th November 2012** in the clubhouse. This is the evening when members have the opportunity to elect their Club Officers and to have their say about how the club is run. It is your club – please come along and make your views known.

Training

On the 29th September we were visited by an RYA assessor to undertake our annual inspection and to decide if we are fit to continue in operation as a training centre.

I am delighted to report to members that we received a good report and a renewal of our accreditation to operate as an RYA Training Centre. There were some small elements that drew constructive criticism and I am in the process of addressing these. Again I would like to say thank you to all who help out with the running of the Training Centre in whatever way. We are all volunteers who make it possible for newcomers to learn to sail and hopefully to join our club if they wish.

Ben Ratcliffe and his team have carried on the good work with The Race Academy this year, despite the winds in the early part of the season trying to blow them off the water. Each Saturday afternoon sees an enthusiastic group of beginners honing their skills and getting closer to achieving their accreditation.

If anyone wishes to help with the running of the Centre it would be a great help. Perhaps there are some members who aspire to becoming an Assistant Instructor or a Dinghy Instructor and would like to teach others. If so please let me know so that we can make arrangements in preparation for next year.

Web Site.

Can I please remind everyone that we have an excellent website, run by Chris Lancaster, through which we try to keep everyone informed as to what is happening. It only works if members use it.

If you are new to the club or to the website try www.scammondensailing.com

Finally.

This is likely to be my last Telltales as I stand down as Commodore at the forthcoming AGM and make way for a newer, younger, better looking, fitter, stronger etc etc replacement.

Please come to the AGM and give him your support to enable him to take on the role.

Thank you all for the support given to me.

Stephen Yates Commodore SWSC

Captain's Report

As the nights draw in it's time to take stock of another year that has flown by. Luckily this year the reservoir has remained full. The downside is the weather has been against us on a number of occasions.

We are now at the business end of the season and it's time to bring all your trophies back ready for handing out at the dinner dance. If you require them engraved I've heard that a certain Mr Ratcliffe will do it for a small fee. Please can you ensure that they are returned to the club house by November 17. I hope to see you at the dinner dance, which takes place at the Pennine Manor Hotel on November 24, for members, family and friends.

Over the last few months the club has held several trophy days, including the very breezy RNLI trophy day which saw 2 visitors join us and attempt to sail a course which proved rather difficult. The trophy was won by Sally Ratcliffe who sailed brilliantly considering the gusty conditions.

Over the summer we hosted the Laser Open with 17 boats taking part in a lively **competition**.



We also took an Enterprise to the Southport 24 hour race with 12 members taking part and the team coming a very respectful 25th after the 24 hours. For those who have not seen the report it is on the Scamonden website, www.scamondensailing.com, which is updated with all the latest news, sailing reports and photographs. Thank you and well done to all who represented the club at the race.



In September we had a visit from the local MP Jason McCartney who came to have a look round the club and have a go at sailing. He has written us a letter of reference which we hope will help us to obtain funds to purchase new boats for the club's training centre.

It's now time to prepare for sailing through the winter. The final Saturday sailing is on November 10th but we hope to see many boats for Sunday sailing throughout winter. Until December 9th we'll host the Frostbite Series and, as usual, the club hosts the Scammonden Freezer on Sunday December 31st. We'll be running the Snowball series throughout January and February with 2 races every Sunday starting at 1pm. As this is an open series there will be a small fee of £2 per session, which is open to anyone so tell friends at other sailing clubs they are welcome to join us. There is a £5 fee for the Freezer which goes to support the club.

Looking forward to next year I will be taking over as Sailing Captain following in Ben's size 5 footsteps. There's much to look forward to - the Open events, trophy days, developing the training centre and Saturday Club. Plus we hope to take part once more in the 24 Southport race and we'd like club members to enter the Southport 12 hour single hander race on Saturday, April 27.

Paul Cornish – Vice Sailing Captain

INVITATION TO

SCAMMONDEN WATER SAILING CLUB



ANNUAL DINNER & PRIZEGIVING

At THE PENNINE MANOR HOTEL 24TH NOVEMBER 2012

We are pleased to announce the forthcoming Annual Dinner & Prizegiving to take place at the Pennine Manor Hotel, Outlane, Huddersfield on the 24th November 2012.

All members are cordially invited to attend together with family, friends and any other guests.

Meet at the hotel from 7.00pm for dinner to be served promptly at 7.45pm.

The function, which will include dinner, prizegiving and a disco afterwards, will be held in the BRANSON room and will finish at 12.30am.

For members requiring accommodation rooms can be booked, at a preferential rate of £69.00 per room B&B including VAT, directly with the hotel on 01484 642368.

Please see the attached menu for further information.

RYA race coaching

Receive tips from a professional coach



Sunday 21st October

10.30am – late

Bring your own packed
lunch

Important AGM information

Notice is given of the 41st Annual General Meeting of the Club, to be held in the Clubhouse at 8pm on Wednesday 28th November 2012.

The bar will be open from 7.30pm.

Agenda:

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
- 3) Hon. Treasurer's Report
- 4) Sailing Captain's Report
- 5) Commodore's Report
- 6) Election of Officers & Committee
- 7) Open Forum

Election of Officers & Committee Members (rule 2.4)

- 1) The PRESIDENT retires and being eligible stands for re-election.
- 2) The COMMODORE retires and being eligible stands for election as Rear Commodore.
- 3) The VICE-COMMODORE retires and being eligible stands for election as Commodore.
- 4) The REAR COMMODORE retires.
- 5) The HON. SECRETARY retires and being eligible stands for re-election.
- 6) The HON. TREASURER retires and being eligible stands for re-election.
- 7) The SAILING CAPTAIN retires and being eligible stands for re-election.
- 8) The VICE-SAILING CAPTAIN retires and being eligible stands for re-election.
- 10) The HON. AUDITOR retires in accordance with rule 7a and being eligible stands for re-election.
- 10) The RYA TC PRINCIPAL retires and being eligible stands for re-election.

Nominations

In accordance with rule 4.29, Nominations are invited to replace retiring Officers and Committee Members.

These should be sent to the Hon. Secretary (srwebb99@btinternet.com) at least 7 days before the Annual General Meeting, the consent of the Nominee having first been obtained.

On behalf of the Committee

Steve Webb

Hon. Secretary