

Telltale

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FROM THE COMMODORE

The season is now well under way and we are having some great sailing with still a full lake which is not a common site by this time normally! Last Saturday when I was up I think I counted 28 boats out on the water..... fantastic!

We have lots to look forward to at Scamonden over the next two months. We have four major trophy days, two open meetings, the yearly Ullswater Birkett pilgrimage and Absersoch Dinghy week.

I would also like to draw your attention to a change in our sailing calendar. On the 21st June SWSC will be hosting a Dragon Boat racing event to raise money for local charities. A Dragon boat is basically a large canoe that carries 17 people and there are at least 10 teams from local businesses and clubs that have entered. The teams will match race 2 boats at a time across a 200m long course to find the fastest team. This event is hoped to raise around £10,000 for charity, it will also be a fantastic publicity opportunity for our club, we plan to have boat trips available around the bay and a display promoting the club and all that we have to offer.

With the amount of people we are hoping to attract then I'm afraid it will be a closed water to normal sailing but it will make for a fantastic family day out spectating. There will be an outside bar, outside catering, games, stalls and music.

We will need to move some boats in the dinghy parks to make way for spectators and to keep the boats safe by gating them off. Boats will be moved by myself and I will take great care in making sure they are secure and put straight back to their original location and secured safely post the event. If you do not want your boat moving please can you get in touch with me to make alternate arrangements before the 14/06/14.



After the successful working party at the beginning of the season we have another one planned for Saturday 7th June at 10am. This time we hope to finish off the jetty and tidying up of the club grounds, it really is making a difference and making our site a safe and pleasant place to be for all the family.

We have just booked the Pennine Manor again for this year's Dinner & Dance the date is the 22nd November and tickets will be on sale soon.

Congratulations to Paul Cornish, Derrick Jackson, Sally Ratcliffe and Ian Turrel who have all passed their RYA Dinghy Instructors course and Steve Yates who has now become a Senior Instructor. It's great to see so many of you put your names forward for the RYA powerboat course too.

Happy Sailing

Mike Goodwin
Commodore

Coming up at SWSC...

Enterprise Open: Sunday, June 1. The water will be closed for normal sailing as we welcome the Enterprise class back to Scammonden for the Open.

Working Party: Saturday, June 7, 10am start.

Father's Day: Sunday, June 8.

Dragon Boat Race: Saturday June 21. Closed water.

Captain vs Commodore: Sunday, June 22

Captain's Day: Sunday, July 13.

Supernova Open: Sunday July 20 – closed water to all except Supernovas.

President's Cup: Sunday, August 17.

Challenge Trophy Day: Bank Holiday Monday, August 25.

Personal Handicap Final: Wednesday, August 27.

Seamanship Trophy: Sunday, August 31.

Laser & Streaker Open: Sunday, September 7 – closed to all except Laser and Streakers.

CAPTAINS LOG

It's almost June and we're witnessing a miracle for this time of year – we still have a full pond. It means there's plenty to sail on and we don't have to drag our boats all the way back up the slip way afterwards. And it's been great to see so many people out on the water enjoying sailing.

The Saturday Club is lively, with lots of new children and beginners learning the ropes, plus club racing is action packed. We've had a few trophy winners already, Sally Ratcliffe was the first Trophy winner of 2014, taking home the Snowball Series trophy, and Mike Goodwin won the Warm-Up Series. Isaac Marsh won the Easter Series and the Challenge Pursuit Day and Barbara Higgins won the Early Saturday Series.

This year has also seen club members gain new sailing or water-based certificates, I am thrilled to be one of four new Dinghy Instructors at Scammonden along with Sally Ratcliffe Derrick Jackson and Ian Turrell – we faced some windy weekends to become DIs but are already putting it into practice at the Saturday Club and on the first RYA Level 1 course.

Well done also to Helen Hutchinson, Catherine Hughes, David and Michael Wagstaff who passed the RYA L1 course, and also well done to Joanne Douglas, Derrick Jackson and Sophie Yates who were the first to pass the Powerboat L2 course – the first of many SWSC will host. If you want to do the Powerboat L2 or any other sailing courses then speak to Steve Yates, our Training Centre principal.

Paul Cornish
sailing captain

The Saturday Club and Race Academy are back for 2014

The Saturday Club is to encourage new and existing members to come up and sail with us, brush up or practice sailing/cruising skills and get to know everyone.

The Race Academy is for the more advanced sailor, introducing you to the art of going faster

If you are interested in coming along or even helping out please contact Mike Goodwin or Ben Ratcliffe

Away days...

Each year Scammonden members sail at national events, and this year is no different. The first team away-day was a trip to Southport for a team to take part in the 12 hour race. Scammonden Water Sailing Club (SWSC) members competed in the non-stop single-hander 12 hour race in Southport at the weekend.

Ben Ratcliffe and Ian Lees, of SWSC, and fellow sailor Ian Jones of Dovestones Sailing Club, won first place in the 12 hour race. They sailed a Laser 8.1 at the event, hosted by West Lancashire Yacht Club. They also won the prize for the fastest opening laps, sailed by Ian Jones.

The club's second team, Paul Cornish, Isaac Marsh and Sally Ratcliffe, came 7th in a Laser Standard and they won the prize for the fastest finishing laps, sailed by Paul Cornish.

SWSC is entering the 24 hour race in Southport on September 13/14. If you'd like to join the Enterprise team as helm or crew please contact Sailing Captain Paul Cornish on paul.n.cornish@hotmail.co.uk, plus Isaac Marsh will be taking part in the 24 hour race with his friend Robin Jones - and doing all of the 24 hours themselves for charity. We'll report more on that in the next issue.

Good luck to all Scammonden sailors on the Open circuit in the many classes. Let us know how you get on and we'll share with everyone else in the next Telltales.

First Aid...

The Clubhouse, OD box and safety boats have been re-fitted with First Aid boxes, which now include breathing masks.

All of the Club's Instructors are trained first aiders and the following club members got their First Aid certificates at a recent course held at the club, they are: Paul Cornish, Sally Ratcliffe, Ian Turrell, Ben Ratcliffe, Alison Ratcliffe, Sophie Yates, Andy Holland, Isaac Marsh, Jamie Holdaway, Mike Goodwin, Graham Lloyd and Steve Yates.

Socials @ Scammonden...

There is plenty to look forward to at SWSC during 2014. Vice-commodore Sophie Yates is organising the social calendar to tie in with trophy days and special events. There will be a BBQ after the Captain vs Commodore day on June 22.

A quiz night is planned for Wednesday, September 3 - it will be the week after the last Wednesday sailing.

Plus there will be the Pirate Party in mid-October when the Saturday Club finishes, the Dinner Dance returns and there will be a Christmas Party too.

All of the events are for all club members to get together off the water and we'd love to see you there.