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Commodore's report

With sailing well underway, a full lake and a good forecast for June, we'll hopefully see lots of boats out over the summer.

As we head into summer there are sailing events at Scammonden and away. Coming up at Scammonden we have several Major Trophy days including the Father's Day and Mid-summer Pursuit trophies and more, don't forget to check the sailing calendar or Yearbook for more dates.

We also have the Streaker and Enterprise Open on the 21st of June, which will be closed water as usual.

And away, I am sure there will be the usual contingents heading to the Abersoch dinghy week at the end of July, the Ullswater Birket weekend at the beginning of July and also the Ullswater week in August, these are always great family events.

Pennine Manor has proved a successful venue for our annual dinner and dance the past couple of years and has been booked again for Saturday November 14th, so get the date in your diaries and keep an eye out for booking form and menus.

We were recently awarded four stars for our food hygiene certificate, but we also need someone within the club who has taken an appropriate food hygiene course, if anyone has and is happy for their name to put down as a contact within the club please get in touch with myself.

Also we have an Open meeting on the 21st June, and require people to do some food, if there is anyone who can help please get in touch as it is always great to have some new volunteers.

Our club was recently awarded On Board and Champion Club status, both great achievements for us, it means the RYA recognises our club's efforts to introduce young people to sailing and encourage them to develop their skills and love of the sport, well done to everyone who has helped with this achievement.

Sophie Yates
Commodore

SWSC's Committee will soon be writing grant applications to fund projects and improvements at the Club. We want your views on the Club so please complete the online survey that will soon be emailed out to all members. Be as honest as you wish, it's anonymous & will help us improve.

Sailing Captain's report

As we get towards the summer, it's time to bring you up to date with the trophy winners so far this season: the Snowball series was won by Phil Davies, who also won the Spring Bank Series; I won the Warm-up series, Easter Series; Caretakers Cup and 1st Wednesday Series; Ian Turrell won the Challenge Pursuit Day; Derrick Jackson won the Spring Fleet; Mick Meaker won the Early Saturday series.

The Wednesday evening series also features the Personal Handicap system again. The 1st series was based on the personal handicaps those who sailed regularly on a Wednesday last year gained. As we go into the 2nd series, towards the Mid-Summer Pursuit, your results from this year will be added in to give you an updated handicap. Remember you will need at least 3 results to qualify for one. Thanks to John Horwood for doing the maths behind this.

As a result of the positive feedback the 1st race on Saturday will remain at 1pm with 3 races being run in all series except the Saturday Frostbite series. This will result in the New Starter Series running until 31st October and the Saturday Frostbite series running from 7th November and finishing on 28th November.

On the water, we are getting new marks. We've tried a new system with mark 3 and it hasn't blown away – despite some gusty conditions – so we're replacing the marks over the summer.

Summer will see some of us head off to other club's to compete and I will be sailing at the Birkett and Abersoch Dinghy Week – both events will see strong SWSC entries so I'm looking forward to the social side as well as the sailing.

Paul Cornish

Sailing Captain

Coming up at SWSC...

Father's Day – Sunday June 14 – trophy day for any father.

Mid-Summer Pursuit: Wednesday June 24 – personal handicap sailing

Scamonden Cup: Sunday June 28 – pursuit race

Captain's Day July 12; President's Cup August 16; Seamanship Trophy

August 30 (includes a quiz to prepare now); Fleet Challenge Trophy,

Monday August 31.

Away days...

Birkett at Ullswater July 4-5; Abersoch Dinghy Week July 25-August 1.



SWSC was recently awarded 4 out of 5 stars from Kirklees Council for food hygiene. We just missed out on 5 stars because we do not have a named person with a food hygiene certificate. If any Club member has one already & is willing to be our named person please contact any Committee member.

Training Centre update...

In February SWSC was awarded the Royal Yachting Association's OnBoard status. OnBoard is a grass roots programme which seeks to make sailing easier to get into for young people.

In May we were awarded Champion Club status. It means Scammonden has a "Centre of Excellence" status for junior race training and racing, validates what our Saturday Club is doing in encouraging new people to sailing and developing young sailors. Both schemes validate what our training centre is achieving.

Accredited RYA courses will now be run as part of the Saturday Club. We're always looking for volunteers so if you can spare a Saturday afternoon to help run it please let us know.



SWSC is approved to run Powerboat Level 2 courses, which teach the essentials for using safety RIBs, boat handling skills and the accreditation is recognised internationally. To take part in a L2 course this year, for more details & to put your name down speak to Steve Yates (07917 690138).