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FROM THE COMMODORE

Autumn is now definitely here and our sailing activities will become more affected by the weather. Wednesday evening series has been and gone and was a well attended series of races for those competitors who took part.

Now we look forward to the Frostbite series, the Freezer and finally the Snowball series which takes us into next year's events proper.

SINCE THE LAST TELLTALES

Much has happened, both on the water and off. Anyone who has been keeping an eye on the area around the clubhouse will have seen that there has been an enormous amount of work being undertaken all the way around the water and, like it or not, this is going to have an impact locally which must include us as we are right in the middle of all that is happening. I believe that it presents opportunities for our club to become better known in the area and potentially to attract more members.

Yorkshire Water have designated the area as one of natural interest to the general public and are making huge strides to improve access all the way around the reservoir. If you have some time available take a walk along the new pathways that have been constructed and see for yourselves the improvements to access and to drainage. The idea is to make the area accessible to all, including wheelchair access so the paths are now wide and flat and make for relatively easy walking.

Many more trees have been planted on the banks in an ongoing programme of forestation that is intended to create both a beautiful landscape and a reliable, renewable timber resource. This is clearly a long-term project as it takes some years for the trees to reach a harvestable maturity.

Kirklees Culture & Leisure Services are closely involved with Yorkshire Water in developing the area as a local amenity and we are helping in a small way. We have very recently reached an agreement with the Countryside Officer to allow the use of our clubhouse facilities for limited time each week as a base for the new Park Warden to operate from whilst performing his duties at Scammonden.

I believe that some of the projects that are in the planning stages are things like art workshops for school pupils, dry stone walling tuition and competition, orienteering etc

In the last Telltales I mentioned the arrangement with Newsome High School & Sports College whereby they will be providing sailing tuition during some school hours for their pupils and this is likely to commence in earnest next spring. With a school sailing on the water during the week and visitors becoming attracted to the area all around the water, together with our own activities at weekends the profile of SWSC is set to increase and this could be to our advantage as a sailing club.

RECENT SAILING ACTIVITIES

SWSC took two Enterprises and a number of sailors from the club to Southport (West Lancs Sailing Club) and took part very successfully in the Southport 24hr race. Jamie will be including a review of this event in his Sailing Captains article and there is a write-up with photos on the website so I will say no more here, except to say a huge thank-you to our sponsors who made the entrance of two teams from SWSC possible.

SOUTHPORT 24hr



flowHIRE LTD.

Aka the Bancroft family – thanks guys!

They sponsored our entry to this event not only as a sailing expedition but as a fund raiser for ‘Sail 4 Cancer’, so we have also supported a good cause.

Also thanks to Mike Goodwin for doing the boat renovation and repair that made it possible for the club Enterprise to be used as second boat.

(Ps if you want to join in an awesome weekend event next year get your name on the list of sailors/helpers for Southport 2012 – don’t be shy!!)



OPEN EVENTS

LASER EUROPEANS

Ian Lees and Graham McWhirter have been tackling the Laser Travellers circuit which is incredibly competitive racing and their travels also included a trip to France for a week to participate in the Laser European Championships. This was held during the week 20th August – 26th August at Douarnenez which is between Brest and Quimper in North West France.

Ian who competed in the Laser Standard Europeans came in at 52nd overall and Graham who competed in the Radial Masters fleet managed a creditable 18th place overall. Well done to these sailors for achieving good results in the very toughest of competitions.

SUPERNOVA EVENTS

Phil Davies and I have been trying some of the Supernova circuit events which include the Nationals at Saundersfoot, the Inlands at Northampton and the first Supernova Open meeting held at Combes Sailing Club in Derbyshire. We both performed reasonably well with Phil doing a lot more reasonably well than me! Enough said.

Next year SWSC will host its first Supernova Open meeting so we will be trying to inspire all of our existing and potential club Nova sailors to get involved. Join in and show what you can do against visiting competitors. They are all very friendly and it's great fun.

TOPPERS

Isaac and Sally have been regularly attending the events in the Topper North West Open circuit and have also attended some North East circuit events. They have been putting in some very good performances and also been sailing on the sea. Clubs that they have sailed at include the following:- Elton, Winsford Flash, Leigh & Lowton, Crewe & Nantwich, Bolton, Pennine, Nth Lincs & Humber, Beaver etc. This obviously shows a high level of commitment to improving their sailing skills and this is certainly bringing its rewards.

Constant improvements in racing skill has allowed Isaac to compete in the Nationals at East Lothian YC and also in the World Championships at Dun Loaghaire. This was an especially eventful occasion as I understand from Isaac that the racers were joined by a number of dolphins that decided to accompany them around the race area.

I am delighted to inform the club members that as a result of Isaac's efforts he has been invited to join the **National Youth Squad** and as such he is recognised as being one of the best 30 young Topper sailors in the country. Congratulations to Isaac on a splendid achievement – well done!

Congratulations also to those who have helped, inspired and generally supported Isaac and Sally in their racing development. Particular mention must go to **Ben** as he is the person who, through the Race Academy, has coached a young member from club racing to inclusion in the National Squad. That is quite an achievement!

LORD BIRKETT MEMORIAL TROPHY

Several sailors went to Ullswater to compete in the Birkett. This has become a firm fixture in the SWSC sailing calendar and I am sure a great time was had by all. Unfortunately this year I missed it as it clashed with the Supernova Nationals but Ullswater is a terrific sailing venue and again I would thoroughly recommend this outing to all of our new members and to anyone who has not tried it yet.

Congratulations to Simon & Joan Bottomley who upheld the honour of the Club by finishing 30th out of a total of 156 finishers. Well done! Great job.

ABERSOCH DINGHY WEEK

Held at the end of July this is another firm favourite with many Scammonden members and makes a great weeks activity with sailing, golfing, sunbathing, dining out, barbecues etc etc. All who went had a very enjoyable time and those who sailed experienced some great offshore sailing and some intense competition. An event not to be missed.

ROUND THE ISLAND RACE

Once again our Club involvement was organised by Jeremy Child who put together a superb weekends sailing on a rather large yacht in very demanding conditions. This was clearly evidenced by the number of vessels upside down, broaching and sending out maydays for losing their crew members overboard! It was a good job that we had Matt Ostler as our skipper to keep us right, ably helped by his dad who is also a very experienced sailor. Our yacht must have performed reasonably well as despite the conditions we still managed to come 480th out of a total number of starters in excess of 1900! The beer and food were great although some did manage to lose the latter en route!!

WORKING PARTY

On the 4th September we had a very successful working party at the club and several important tasks were completed, some of which were required by our insurers. During a busy late morning and early afternoon we managed to remove some of the old wrecks from the area of the dinghy park to the graveyard. The steps adjacent to the OD box were re-laid and, along with those steps leading up to the clubhouse, they were painted on the leading edges. Racking was installed in the top training container to properly store the foils belonging to the club boats. The Club EPS was recovered from the undergrowth and generally tidied up in order to be offered for sale. Various bits and pieces were done and I would like to thank the helpers on the day for their help and their enthusiasm. In no particular order thanks to ;- Chris Lancaster, Paul Cornish, Ben, Allison, Sally and Katie Ratcliffe, Derek Jackson, Jaqui Reaper, John Horwood, Eddie & Isaac Marsh and Jamie Holdaway. If I've forgotten anyone I apologise but thanks anyway.

DINNER & DANCE

Our premier event of the year is fast approaching. A time when we can all let our hair down, enjoy some good food and company and hopefully pick-up a prize or two!

In this edition of Telltales you will see the menu and order form for our evening do on the

26th November at The Rock, Holywell Green.

So please get your orders sent to Simon & Joan as soon as possible in order that they can start to pull the event together. All are welcome and that especially applies to our newer members who may be a little reluctant to get involved. Come along and have some fun!

WEBSITE

Some people may have noticed a significant change in the appearance of the club website. We have been developing this change over recent weeks in order to make the site more up-to-date and dynamic. When I say we I basically mean that Chris Lancaster has done the work and I have been cheering him on! Nice job Chris.

Thanks also to Graham McWhirter who had previously developed and looked after the site and who I know was instrumental in the transition to Chris, enabling him to bring it to its current status.

Please watch the site on a regular basis as we intend that it should be an important avenue in keeping members up-to-date with developments in your club.

TRAINING CENTRE

Members might like to know that Max Townend will be standing down as Principal of the training centre with effect from the AGM. The TC has become an important part of the club's activities and its success to date is due in great part to the work and effort given by Max in getting it started. So thanks Max and now please take the chance to enjoy your personal sailing and we look forward to seeing you in your Supernova very soon.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In this issue of Telltales you will see the Notice of AGM issued by the Secretary, Steve Webb. This takes place on the evening of **30th November 2011**.

I would implore all members to please make the effort to attend. This is the chance to hear what is happening at your club, what your committee are doing and most importantly of all, your chance to have your say about the direction that you wish **your** club to take. So please come along and get involved.

NEW MEMBERS

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to those new members who have recently joined our club. Some are experienced sailors from elsewhere and some are complete newcomers to sailing who have learnt the basics in the training centre and now have joined the club in order to enjoy our favourite sport. Please make them welcome.

Welcome to:- Joanne Douglas, Dominic Pumfrey, Martin Huby, Philip Shaw, Natasha Kitchen, Dominic Turner and the Turner family, Gus Allurt and Soren Waters.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

This year we are planning to hold the old style traditional Scammonden Water Christmas Party in the clubhouse at the end of December.

This is planned for **Sunday 18th December 2011** starting at 12.00noon until later. Please put this date in your diary now and a warm welcome is extended to all. More details to follow soon!

Stephen Yates

Commodore SWSC

Captains Report

Winter is on its way once again, the days are getting shorter and the weather getting colder. This is a good time of the year to ensure that your boat is properly tied down, it might also be a good idea to remove your sails if you leave them in the boat, as Mr Mouse sometimes likes to make a nest out of them.

Trophy Night is drawing close again, so if you were lucky enough to have won a trophy last year, please could you clean it, engrave it if you wish and return it to the club asap. This helps me sort out and re-allocate them before the evening of the dinner dance, thank you.

At Scammonden we sail on through the cold, we still have some major trophies, the Autumn Series and Frostbite Series, to be won. Now is the time to unpack your dry suit, if you ever put it away!

Southport went well, this year we sailed 2 boats, which were sponsored by flowHIRE and Black 5 Design, so a big thanks to them. The A team used Chris Smith's Enterprise, (thanks to Chris for that). We started 18th and came 26th overall. The B team sailed the club enterprise, this boat recently refurbished by Mike Goodwin started 64th and finished 60th overall. Well done to everyone who took part. The wind was challenging especially on the Sunday morning.

The Ladies Coffee Pot was an excellent days sailing! After a late start as Ben Ratcliffe, Paul Cornish and myself went and put number 8 mark in. This really put the icing on the cake for the sailors as it gave a broad reach down to number 5 that was second to none. The race got under way and Jeremy in his Super Nova pulled out an early lead, but due to technical difficulties he had to retire. Chris Smith in his fully rigged laser was first on the water and took the Scratch Salver trophy, but it was the Streaker of Ben Ratcliffe who took the Coffee Pot. He finished first overall and came second on the water. I was third on the water and second overall.

Up and coming events at Scammonden are:-

The Scammonden Cup- October 16th a 2 hour pursuit race 14:00 start.

The Freezer- Tuesday 27th December one race 1:30hrs long 11:30 start.

Jamie Holdaway

SCAMMONDEN WATER SAILING CLUB

Notice is given of the 40th Annual General Meeting of the Club, to be held in the Clubhouse at 8pm on Wednesday 30th November 2011.

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 re-election.
- 3) The VICE-COMMODORE retires and being eligible stands for re-election.
- 4) The REAR COMMODORE retires and being eligible stands for re-election.
- 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 has indicated his wish to retire.
- 8) The VICE-SAILING CAPTAIN retires and being eligible stands for re-election.
- 9) GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER Graham McWhirter has indicated his wish to retire.

- 10) The HON. AUDITOR retires in accordance with rule 7a and being eligible stands for re-election.
- 11) The RYA TC PRINCIPAL has indicated his wish to retire.

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

SWSC DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2011

MENU

THE ROCK, HOLYWELL GREEN

Entertainment: Live Band Psychoslinkys

Arrival Time 1900 hrs Dinner to be served 1930 hrs

Starters

Duo of freshly prepared soups

Salad of crab, prawn and crayfish tails, basil mayonnaise, pickled cucumber, red wine essence

Pan-fried ham hock terrine, red peppers and leeks, sesame seed jus

Main

Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, vegetables, roast and new potatoes

Crisp skinned sea bass fillet, saffron and garlic potatoes, roasted courgette, olive oil and thyme

Wild mushroom and pine nut risotto, parmesan lace, dressed rocket

Dessert

Sticky toffee pudding, butterscotch sauce, vanilla cream, shortbread biscuit

Chef's selection of organic British cheese, grapes, celery, chutney and crackers

The Rock's knickerbocker glory: Strawberries and raspberries layered with vanilla and toffee ice-cream, fruit jelly and fresh cream topped with hot fudge and honey comb

Coffee

Prices: Adult £28 Children (under 18) £18 Children (smaller portions) £12

Please let us know your menu choices before Friday, 11 November. Return menu to Simon Bottomley, 1 Longfield, Holywell Green, Halifax HX4 9AE (01422 377288) or email

joan.bottomley@gmail.com

Please bring a tombola prize

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Cheques made payable to SWSC and sent with menu choice to the above address.

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