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## SWSC Annual General Meeting

On Wednesday, November 25, the Annual General Meeting will take place at 8pm at the Clubhouse.

This is your chance to have your say about SWSC, how it's run and influence future change.

There will also be an Open Forum for people to ask questions. This is your club and we want you to feel part of it - it can only get better with your involvement and ideas, and the Committee would like to hear them.

The official notice will be issued soon, along with the minutes of last year's AGM and notice of Committee positions up for election. If you would like to join the Committee please speak to Joanne Douglas or email [joanne\\_douglas0@hotmail.com](mailto:joanne_douglas0@hotmail.com).

We hope as many club members can attend the AGM as possible - the bar will be open from 7.30pm.

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## Dinner Dance & Prize Giving 2015

Get your glad rags out for the annual SWSC dinner dance and prize giving night on Saturday, November 14 at the Pennine Manor Hotel at Scapegoat Hill, Huddersfield only a mile from the sailing club. The event is family-friendly and children are welcome to join in this great annual social event.

Please fill in the menu order form in this edition of Telltales and send it with your payment to Steve Yates as soon as possible so that numbers can be confirmed with the venue.

## Sailing Captain's report

After three years this is my final report as SWSC's Sailing Captain before a new SC takes over at November's AGM. I've seen that running a sports club can only be done with members involvement so I hope as many members as possible attend the AGM, have a say and also get involved – even if you can only spare a little time it will really help.

We've had a few Trophy winners since the last Telltales: Mick Meaker won the Father's Day trophy; Ben Ratcliffe won the Scamonden Cup and the Captain's Day trophy; Angus Illingworth won the President's Cup; and I won the Fleet Challenge Pursuit Trophy Day.

Julian Taylor won the Summer Saturday Series; I won the Summer Sunday Series and Steve Merriman won the Midsummer Pursuit.

We also held the Junior, Novice and Ladies Day – and a big well done to all of our young members who competed – some in their first official Club race.

Katie Ratcliffe won the Junior trophy ahead of Jonathan Barrett and Sam Wyatt; Laura Hutchinson won the Junior Novice ahead of Oliver Hirst, Giles Garside, George Garside, Oscar Bargh, Bea Bargh and Lily Garside.

John Hutchinson won the Senior Novice ahead of Chris Rice and Daniel Bargh, and Alison Ratcliffe won the Ladies trophy ahead of Annie Garside and Holly Hinchliffe. All the trophies and prizes will be handed out at the Dinner Dance & Prize Giving – I hope to see you all there.

There have had to be some recent changes to sailing – we've returned to a 2.30pm start for Saturday racing.

This year we brought racing forward to 1pm after a request at 2014's AGM, but it has sometimes meant we've had an OD and rescue team turn up, but not enough racers ready for the 1pm start.

The Committee are discussing options for Saturday racing next year – it is something some of you raised in the members' online survey & we'll discuss it further at the AGM.

SWSC has also hosted the Laser Open – there were some gusty conditions, my own capsized captured on camera! Ian Jones of Dovestone SC won the trophy and top SWSC competitor was Ian Lees.

Paul Cornish  
Sailing Captain

## Training Centre update...

In July our Training Centre was assessed and passed its annual RYA inspection. Our thanks go to Steve Yates for all his work in making the Training Centre ready for the Inspection.

It's been a busy summer for the Training Centre - well done to Alex and Alison Baskeyfield who have both passed their RYA Level 2 courses at SWSC - we'd like to welcome them and their children to the Club. Well done also to John Hutchinson and Stephen Walker who also passed their RYA Level 2 course.

Three of our Junior members - Katie Ratcliffe, Jonathan Barratt and Sam Wyatt - have all become Assistant Instructors.



SWSC continues to run Powerboat Level 2 courses with Mark Clarke tutoring. We will soon be running Safetyboat courses – this is the next stage up from Powerboat L2 and we'd like to invite Club members to put their names down for the course. Speak to Steve Yates (07917 690138) to register your interest.

***In other good news, SWSC has been awarded £1,000 from Kirklees Council's Sports in the Neighbourhood project. We applied for funding for two projects:***

***1) to upgrade the current, old kit on the Club Toppers and 2) to bring an old hull back into use - another boat on the water means more people sailing.***

***Our thanks go to Kirklees Council to awarding us the £1,000 grant.***

# SWSC away days...

## Supernovas on the circuit:

Congratulations to Phil Davies who won the Veteran's Cup at the Supernova Nationals in Paignton, coming 32nd out of 67 entries. Steve Yates also sailed and came 45<sup>th</sup>. Well done to Phil also for his sterling effort at the Inlands, where he came 27<sup>th</sup>.



## Abersoch Dinghy week:

Well done to team Scammonden (pictured left) at Abersoch Dinghy Week. - Paul Cornish was 1st in the Laser Radials; Ian Turrell was 7th in Laser Radials; Mick Meaker was 8th in the Laser Standard; Phil Davies 10th in Mixed Single Handers & Steve Yates was 14th (both sailing in Supernovas) and Jeremy Child & crew was 10th in the RS 400 class.

## Lord Birkett 2015:

Two SWSC boats took part in the annual Lord Birkett Trophy at Ullswater in July. Ian Turrell came 120th in his Laser and Jeremy Child & Paul Cornish in the RS 400 came 164<sup>th</sup> out of 232 boats (a tender moment with a Steamer on day 1 was to blame).

## Southport 24 hour race:



SWSC entered a team in the Southport 24 hour endurance race at West Lancashire Yacht Club. After a few beers and some questionable dancing on the Friday night, the team set sail at noon on Saturday in Mike Goodwin's Enterprise. Mike and Ol Boocock started the

race in last year's place - 36<sup>th</sup> – and after a strong start SWSC's boat was 10<sup>th</sup> at the changeover. But Team Scam were hampered by increased wind which forced the Ent back to 50<sup>th</sup> place by 5pm. An excellent midnight shift by Chris Smith and his son Owen saw

Team Scam rise back through the fleet and we were 13<sup>th</sup> fastest boat after 12.00 in the Midnight Cup. Sunday started as a perfect autumn morning in the warm sunshine, with James Wilson and John Hutchinson taking the 9am - 10.30am shift and Mike and Ol taking the final shift through to the finish line at noon on Sunday. As the cannons fired to signal the end of the race, Team Scammonden crossed the line in 32nd place, beating last year's result by four places

and retaining the Yorkshire Trophy for SWSC. Thanks to all who took part - Mike Goodwin, Ollie Boocock, Sally Ratcliffe, Ian Turrell, James Wilson, Julian Taylor, John Hutchinson, Helen Hutchinson, Laura Hutchinson, Sam Wyatt and Chris and Owen Smith. Next year is the 50th Anniversary of the Southport 24 Hour Race, so we hope to make it the best Southport Weekend for Scammonden ever! We hope to see you all there – speak to Ian Turrell to get involved.

## **Aaarrgggh – it's the Pirate Party... & Halloween!**

**The Saturday Club is holding its annual Pirate Party on Saturday, 31 October.**

**The fun will get underway after sailing – please come in fancy dress (pirate or Halloween themed) and there will be plenty of games and activities. There will be food & the bar will be open.**

### **Your say on SWSC:**

Earlier this year we emailed members a link to an online survey. We wanted to know what you thought about the Club for a number of reasons; we want to know what we're doing right and how we can improve, plus your feedback will help shape the Club going forward and it will give us a basis on which to apply for grants.

So far around half of SWSC's members (and some former members) have responded with views - it's totally anonymous so you can say whatever you like. And to show that we are listening, we've already on some points: one of you told us: "the race marks have been neglected in the last couple of years".

Recent sailors will have noticed the oil drum marks have now all been replaced with new marks. A new pulley system has been devised which means the new marks should rise and fall with the water line. It's also hoped the new marks will move less in windy conditions.

Thanks to Ian Turrell, Paul Cornish, Ben & Sally Ratcliffe for their efforts with the marks.

There are some of your suggestions we can act on quickly – there are some that we know are vital to you but will take time (and money) so please bear with us. The Committee will respond to all points raised in the next edition of Telltales. There's still time to have your say by visiting here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HGYQKJW>

And remember – it's totally anonymous.

### **Keys to the Club:**

**Do you have a locker key or a key for the Clubhouse? The Committee is doing an inventory of keyholders so please let Joanne Douglas know if you have a key .**

