FROM THE COMMODORE

Happy New Year and welcome to the first edition of Telltales in 2014. This year we have lots of ideas that we are busy working on in the background. By far our biggest project is investigating the possibility of a new Clubhouse, purpose built and closer to the water. For those of you who did not attend the AGM this was unanimously agreed by the membership as something we should do. Don’t get too excited yet. All we are doing at the moment is opening up conversations with Yorkshire Water and the RYA to see if the idea of a new clubhouse is feasible, we would then have to find funding etc, so it’s going to be a long term project. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved in the process please speak to me. This year we are also aiming to become an RYA powerboat accredited training centre so that we can get as many of us powerboat trained as possible. This is all on top of everything we already do.

The official season kicks off on Saturday 8th March at 10am with a repeat of last year’s very successful working party to get the club in shape. There will also be some informal rescue boat and OD training for those that want it. All this is followed by the Start-up Party that begins at 4pm with FREE pie & peas for those that have either worked all day or attended the rescue boat and OD training.

As in previous years we will be running RYA sailing courses. If you know anyone at work, or have any friends or family that may be interested please tell them to get booked on it early. All the details are on our website. This year we hope to have 4 new Dinghy Instructors amongst the membership. Sally Ratcliffe, Ian Turrell, Paul Cornish and Derrick Jackson are all currently doing their Dinghy Instructor course - good luck guys.
In June we are trying to plan a Dragon Boat event aimed at raising money for local charities but also creating publicity for the club and getting a lot of local people up to see what a great place we are – more details to follow soon.

The Yearbook is now ready so as soon as you renew your membership you will get full details of the season ahead and also be eligible to race in the Warm-up Series. Renewal details are included in this Telltales.

Happy Sailing 2014

Mike Goodwin
Commodore

Coming up at SWSC…

Sundays until March 2: Snowball Series - there will be two races every Sunday from 1pm. Entry fee is £3 per session collected by the OD prior to sailing.

Saturday March 8, Start-Up & Working Party: All members are requested to help get the clubhouse and training centre ready for the new sailing season. There will be a few DIY improvements plus we will be running Powerboat training for club members wanting to boost confidence and skills on the rescue boat head of OD and rescue duties in 2014.

March 15-23, Warm-Up Series: The return of Saturday sailing and both weekend days form part of SWSC’s first trophy series.

Wednesday April 2, Wednesday sailing begins: Sailing to start at 7pm prompt with one race each week.

Sunday, April 6, Caretakers Cup: The first trophy day.

Saturday April 12, Saturday Club @ SWSC: The Training Centre re-opens after the winter break for beginners and those wanting to improve sailing skills. Ben Ratcliffe will lead the sessions and other club members are asked to volunteer to assist.

Sunday, April 13: Streaker Open: SWSC welcomes the Streaker class for the first Open of the year. The water will be closed to all non-Streaker sailing for the day only.

April 19, 20 and 21, Easter Series: A Bank Holiday weekend of sailing.
CAPTAINS LOG

It's been a few months since the last Telltales and there has been plenty on and off the water to talk about.
Off the water, we've had the Pirate Party, dinner dance and Christmas party, thank you to everyone who came along and joined in the fun and to those who organised the events too.
The final trophies of the 2013 season have been claimed and I'll start by congratulating Mick Meaker who topped the SWSC series table.
Ben Ratcliffe won the Ladies Coffee Pot trophy and the Scammonden Cup and Derrick Jackson won the RNLI trophy day. Visiting sailor Wendy Jones, of Dovestones Sailing Club, won the Freezer, which was the last trophy day of 2013.
Just because there’s a chill in the air doesn’t mean we’re not sailing and the aptly-named Snowball Series is underway and runs every Sunday until March 2.
The series is open to SWSC members and visiting sailors, so there’s bound to be some good competition on the water – but if you just want to potter feel free.
As usual for this time of year, there is no duty rota. Instead of putting people on the rota for Officer of the Day and rescue boat duties, we ask SWSC members to volunteer to cover a duty during the series. You can do this by logging onto Dutyman.
Everyone with an email has a log-in and if you've any queries about it just ask by emailing me at paul.n.cornish@hotmail.co.uk.
The rota will resume in mid-March and there’s an article later in Telltales which explains how it works.
Oh, and don't forget to send your membership forms to the membership secretary for this year. It’s included in this edition of Telltales.

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.
Duties explained…

SWSC has permission from Yorkshire Water to sail on Scammonden Water and it means we must operate a safety boat.

Almost every club member has needed the assistance of the safety boat team at some point - they’ve helped rescue people after capsizes, tow damaged boats back to the shore and provide assurance to less confident sailors.

Two people are needed to operate the rescue boat safely, one to drive the boat and one to provide assistance to members. Without people doing their duties, sailing simply cannot take place.

So how are the duties allocated? All members are listed on Dutyman, an interactive diary package. Paul Cornish and Steve Walker, the sailing and vice-sailing captain, allocate duties. They start by listing people for Officer of the Day - that’s the person in the box who runs the race, starts and finishes it, gets everyone’s time and makes sure no one has breached the rules.

The OD needs two people to man the safety boat, so Paul and Steve allocate two other people to each duty. They try to put an experienced rescue boat member with a less experienced member so skills can be passed on.

Duties are allocated fairly across all members, last year the majority of people were listed for no more than 4 duties in the year.

The Club Committee appreciates some new members may not feel confident using the rescue boat, so on Saturday March 8 there will be Powerboat training for anyone wanting to improve their skills. The Committee is also organising accredited Powerboat courses for 2014 to train people to RYA standards. If you are interested speak to Ben Ratcliffe or Paul Cornish.

If you are listed for a duty you cannot do, please log in to Dutyman to request a swap with other club members, so that sailing can take place.

The Freezer…

Eighteen sailors took part in SWSC’s Freezer.

There was a mix of members and visitors, single-handed and multi-handed boats competing in the hour and a half race.

Winner was visitor Wendy Jones, of Dovestones Sailing Club, Oldham, who took first place in a Streaker dinghy. Top Scammonden boat was Paul Cornish, who came second in a Laser Radial with fellow Scammonden Laser sailor Chris Smith finishing third in a Laser.

Socials coming up…

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.

The first will be an Easter Forage, to be held on April 20 with hot cross buns and Easter cakes after sailing.

There will be plenty going on during the weekend of the Inter-Club competition over the May Bank Holiday weekend, from camping, a BBQ and an evening in the bar with visiting sailors from neighbouring sailing clubs.

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.
**Pirate Party:** The clubhouse was overrun with Pirates aplenty at the end of 2013’s Saturday Club. Led by Captain Hook, aka Ben Ratcliffe, children – and a few adults – donned their pirate costumes for a great get-together. After a delicious pie and pea supper, the games got underway, with children taking on the adults in ‘galley sailing’.

**Dinner Dance:** More than 40 club members donned their gladrags for the annual dinner dance. After speeches by Mike Goodwin and Paul Cornish, the trophies and prizes for 2013 were handed out. Your Yearbook, due to be sent out soon, contains all the winners.

**Christmas Party:** Members got together for a winter walk around the reservoir – despite the muddy ground everyone made it back to the clubhouse and tucked into some festive food and mulled wine for a pre-Christmas get-together.
### SCAMMONDEN WATER SAILING CLUB

**SUBSCRIPTIONS FEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31st DECEMBER 2014**

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

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**Dinghy & Boards**
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- £23 for 2<sup>nd</sup>
- £19 for 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Locker Fees**
- £35

**Boat parking for non-members**
- £265pa

**NOTES:**

1. For subscription purposes the age limits referred to are the ages on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2014.
2. Subscriptions are due on demand; failure to pay in full could result in a member being struck off the register of the Club.
3. **Members must assist with Race Officer and Rescue duties. It is the member’s responsibility to arrange replacement cover for any dates on which they are not available.**
4. **All boats must pass the Club Buoyancy Test before being sailed at Scammonden.**
5. Family membership includes 1 full member, spouse and children under 18.
6. Rates for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> dinghies and boards are applicable to individual owners registering more than one craft.
7. Members joining in October and paying a full year’s fee are deemed to have paid fully for the following years membership.
8. A non-sailing member can not keep a boat at SWSC.

Late payment charges are applicable to payments received by the Membership Secretary **ON or AFTER 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014**
Remittance of Annual Subscriptions & Boat Registration Fee 2014

To: Joan Bottomley, SWSC Membership Secretary, 1 Longfield, Stainland Road, Holywell Green, Halifax West Yorkshire, HX4 9AE

All cheques and P.O.s should be made payable to ‘SWSC’ and crossed.

Please see attached sheet for details of annual subscriptions for 2014. Please fill in the boxes below (in block capitals) and circle the one type of membership you require.

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E-mail: ___________________________ (please print carefully)

The club’s preference is to contact you by email. If your email changes please let the membership secretary know.

If email is not possible for you please tick here □

I wish to renew my membership and enclose a cheque to Scammonden Water Sailing Club for the subscription(s) detailed above. I undertake to maintain a minimum of £3,000,000 third party insurance on all my craft. I understand that this renewal is an acknowledgement that I agree to observe the Club Rules, and that I am willing to assist with race office/rescue duties.

Signed __________________________ Date ________________