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Editorial

by Phillip Hadaway (Webmaster & Editor)

Well Where to Begin? A lot has been happening since the last newsletter.

There has been:
The Shearwater TT, Catapult TT, Open Day, The first run with the new patrol boats, the new flag pole has now been put into place, Not to mention all the club racing!

However there is still a lot to

come this year:

Sprint 15 TT, Club Fowley, Open Fowley, AGM, and more club racing!

I Hope that everybody has managed to get on the water this year, as the weather has been very kind to us so far.

Lets hope that the rest of the year is the same but with a bit more

of the sun and less of the rain!

Happy Sailing, I'll See you On The Water!!!



AGM

by Phillip Hadaway (Webmaster & Editor)

The Clubs Annual AGM and Open Forum is also approaching fast.

You will shortly receive some paperwork regarding the elec-

tion of the flag officers.

You have until the 12th August to fill them in and get them back if you want a say in how the Sailing Club is run.

The AGM and open forum will take place in the afternoon on the 9th September, after sailing.

It is a good opportunity to have your say ! Don't Miss Out!

Club Improvements

by Phillip Hadaway (Webmaster & Editor)

Patrol Boats:

As I'm sure most of you are aware we do now have 2 brand new, fully working patrol boats,. These are a lot lighter, It only Takes 2 People to pull them over to the Beach. Not only that but they are a bit more manoeuvrable on the water.

NOTE For Helmsmen: The engines are running at 100:1 Fuel : Oil mix

Race Tower:

The New Flag Pole is Finally Up, along with the new Anemometer and VHF Aerial.

It is positioned on the side of the race tower, and a new frame built

on the balcony to display the race signals from.

The remainder of the old mast will be left where it is for the time being, so that it can be used as a transit mark for the start line. This now has a bright Day-Glo orange section painted on it!

Club Pole

The flag on the club pole has been replaced since last season as the old one disintegrated over the winter. The new flag is bright yellow, although it has faded a bit since it has been up.

Club Buoys

The Sailing Club has now added a new permanent racing buoy to its collection.

This new buoy is red and can be found approx. 300-500m due west from the club pole.



Social Scene... by Lesley Stafford (Rear Commodore, Social)



The social events have been well attended so far this Year.

Hopefully the same can be said for the next couple, on the 14th & 21st July.

14th July - Sprint 15 TT

There will Be a meal and games in the club house after sailing.

21st July - Beach Games
This night normally requires a spare set of clothes for afterwards.

This evening, in the past, has been thoroughly enjoyed by all whether spectating or participating..

There will be food served as well.

Open Day 2007 By Ben Saunders (Club Member)

This event was just that- eventful. With the weather forecast looking interesting the Seasalter regulars trooped down to the club where typically the weather was looking quite nice (sun and a pleasant force 4 blowing from the south-west). However as the tide came closer and closer to the shore, the skies got heavier and the wind rose to a force 5 gusting 6.

This heavy weather meant that only the most hardy ventured out. The Sprint 15s of Martin Searle and Kevin Dutch were both taking visitors out as were the Dart 18s of Bob Walker and Steve Sobey with Chris Stafford aboard. Alan White arrived, complete with family, and prepared the Hellcat for launch and Ben Saunders borrowed Valerie Lachman's Byte for a sail. The visitors remained inside in the warm or on the balcony until their turn was called .

Martin Searle's sail lasted 50 yards before, unfortunately his hound plate shackle came undone (this holds the standing rigging to the mast), and his mast came crashing down. Luckily so close to the shore that he could wade back with his boat.

Meanwhile Kevin, Bob and Chris, who was helming Steve's 18, were showing the visitors what catamarans can really do given the wind. Ben Saunders in the Byte gave a 5 minute display of various types of

capsizes, including falling backwards off the windward side of the Byte without it capsizing.

The wind continued to rise though, with gusts of 35mph recorded by John Holmes. It was this that started some problems of the day.

Steve Sobey relieved Chris on the 18 but with the high gusts found it hard to tack in the chop of the main channel. Very sensibly he decided to go over to Sheppey, land and turn the boat round on the beach where it would hopefully be in the lee of the land. However when they got there the wind was even stronger and, with an in-experienced crew, he correctly decided to wait for assistance. Mike Lennon and Eric Puce in the patrol boat went across to help them and a 2nd patrol boat was launched with Chris Stafford and Kevin Dutch onboard, to standby with the other boats.

Meanwhile the tower team had noticed a Harrier dinghy, that had come afloat from further along the beach towards Whitstable, was in difficulty and was spending most of its time capsized.

With the second patrol boat keeping a watch over our members' boats in the main channel It was decided to call the lifeboat out to help the Harrier sailor as he had been in the water for a long time.

Bob Walker was keeping an eye on him and eventually took him ashore just before the lifeboat arrived. They, having been made aware of this, then undertook the task of getting the stricken dinghy ashore.

Meanwhile Mike and Eric towed back Steve's 18 to the beach with Steve and his crew laying spread-eagled across the sails on the trampoline to keep them from blowing away.

They then went to assist Alan White, who was experiencing the same problems in tacking while the second patrol boat was struggling with a fuel problem that would not allow it to tow. They all returned ashore together.

With all safely gathered in, the SSC crowd joined the few remaining visitors around the bar

for a drink and some warming bacon sandwiches.

Unfortunately there were no new members who joined on the day which was a shame and

didn't reflect the hard work put in by Joan, Jeff, Steve, Lesley, Frank and all those on duty.

Thank You!



Catapult TT 2007

by John Holmes (Committee Member)

On the race day, we had strong and gusty winds. We had 3 visiting catapults and with minutes to go before the first race, we had a broken rudder on one of the catapults. Luckily, the third arrival was running late, so he lent his rudders and the first race commenced.

We had 2 catapults and approx 18 Sprint 15's. The conditions proved to be very demanding. Steve Willis showed us how to capsizes and then how to right it. There were a few

more capsizes. There were only 2 finishers out of approx 20 starting Boats.

Wind gusts had reached 31mph. The second race had fewer brave souls. Just in case we missed it first time round, Steve Willis gave us a replay, but his focus was to finish and he was justly rewarded as several began to retire through broken bits and pieces. Again, there were only 2 finishers.

The conditions had remained in the upper 20's with occasional gusts

at 30+, throughout the race.

On the Sunday, we had 1 big race, which involved using some navigational buoys further down the Swale (Sand End & Receptive Buoy's) I think a good time was had by most if not all !



Shearwater TT 2007

by Phillip Hadaway (Webmaster & Editor)

Again this event was well attended.

We had 11 boats out on each day.

On Saturday the wind was blowing about force 3, and as a result we got some fantastic pictures.

As the winds were so light, there were no capsizes or pitch poles.

In First 2 Races of the weekend, a square course was set by Jeff Kiddle The Race Officer.

The Results Day 1 :

Race 1:

- 1st - G & A Tindale (2003)
- 2nd - A. Howland & J. Allen (2006)
- 3rd - D & G Williams (2004)

Race 2:

- 1st - A. Howland & J. Allen (2006)
- 2nd - G & A Tindale (2003)
- 3rd - S & D Allen (2005)

On The Sunday Jeff set a Triangle and a Sausage Course, The Wind Was a little Stronger then the Previous Day, But Still No one Capsized, In fact the only Thing That Had to be rescued was one of our new Patrol Boats (Has now been Sorted out).

The Results Day 2:

Race 3:

- 1st - G & A Tindale (2003)
- 2nd - A. Howland & J. Allen (2006)
- 3rd - D & G Williams (2004)

Race 4:

- 1st - A. Howland & J. Allen (2006)
- 2nd - G & A Tindale (2003)
- 3rd - D & G Williams (2004)

Overall Results:

- 1st - A. Howland & J. Allen (2006)
- 2nd - G & A Tindale (2003)
- 3rd - D & G Williams (2004)

A BIG thank you needs to go out to all those who have helped throughout this event. But in particular:

Social:

Lesley Stafford, Dave Lincoln, Sue Hadaway - Galley
Dave Stafford and Lynn Reynolds - Bar

Sailing:

Jeff Kiddle - Race Officer
Steve Willis - organiser
Joan Willis - Reception
And All The Patrol Boat Crews And Helms!





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Newsletter

By Phillip Hadaway (Webmaster & Editor)

The Newsletter Needs you!!

Have you seen something that you want to share with other people??
Do you want to voice an opinion??

If you have something that you would like to share with the whole

sailing club, then write me an article and send it to me

(E-mail: Newsletter@seasaltersailing.org.uk)

It does not have to be a long article, Maybe only a few words, but we would all be glad to hear from you.

September Issue Deadline:

10th September 2007

JUST A THOUGHT...by Joan Willis (SSC Secretary)



This is the tale of Jonathan Sway
Who died defending his right of way
He was right, dead right as he sailed
along
But he's just as dead as if he'd been
wrong.
Anon.

