

Telltales

The official newsletter of Scammonden Water Sailing Club



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Commodore

The club's summer activities are now in full swing at Scammonden with the **family fun day on Sunday 28th June** for all members and their guests and is aimed at encouraging new people to try our sport, so please feel free to invite your friends or colleagues along, there will be **a BBQ and Bar from 12.00pm** and many water based games to enjoy.

We are holding a **Commodores Cocktail Party on Saturday 11th July from 7.30pm**, hopefully with a saxophone ensemble to entertain us. Tickets will be available from behind the bar or on the door and this event is also open to your friends and family.

Since encouraging members to try an event away from the club Nick Turley and Soeren Vonsild have travelled to America to compete in the Finn Class North American Masters Championship so flying the club flag on another continent and proving our sailors are up with the elite!

You may have noticed the new rescue boat on the water which is now in regular use. It does however need a name and a box will be provided at the Family Fun Day for our junior members to post their suggestions with a prize for the chosen name.

We should be an RYA Training Centre by the end of June having had a favourable initial visit and my thanks go to all involved in making this happen and to Max Townend as Centre Principle who undoubtedly is the right man for the job as his administrative and organisational skills are par excellence

If you have any suggestions or ideas as to how to improve our club let myself or any of the committee know.

I look forward to seeing you afloat.

Jeremy Child - Commodore

Sailing Captain

Hi Everyone.

Summer is upon us and there has been a lot of activity up at the club. The New rescue boat has arrived and is looking well as the new flagship of Scammonden's fast response units. I'm sure everyone will agree that it was needed and money well spent.

The sailing has been going well too. Scammonden has held the Enterprise Open, Youth Open and Topper Open. These have all been well attended and reports are available on the websites and were also published on yachts and yachting etc, The Youth open also made the local press.

Club racing has been very competitive and trophy allocations go to Myself, Malcolm Gardener, Ben Ratcliffe, Steve Langley, Graham Mcwyrter, Chris Smith and Mike Goodwin. Full results are being made available on the website and are being posted once complete on the results board at the club.

The results are being worked out as to the ISAF racing rules. A small note is that a small error has been missed in the year book, a boat retiring gets no of boats entered plus 1. I will also take this opportunity to ask people to fill in the race sheets with as much information as they can please. This helps me when I come to process the results, thank you. Another small note is that if you intend to race please can you retrieve your buoyancy test card and enter your name on the race sheet.

Here are some notes on the sailing calendar Scammonden V Halifax Home and away has been cancelled. Also the Ladies Coffee pot will be moved from Sunday 20th September, a date has yet to be agreed. Up and coming major trophies are:-

Captains Day Sunday 26th July, 13:00hrs Start.

Captain V Commadore Sunday 12th July, 13:00 hrs Start Teams to be picked on the day. If you could let either myself or Jeremy know in advance if you intend to race would be helpful.

See you up at the club Jamie.

The Principal's Bit – News From the Training Centre and Scammonden Race Academy

As I write this column, almost one month has past since our first official RYA inspection, which set in motion the process for Scammonden Water Sailing Club to receive recognition as an RYA training centre. Since that date, we have been working very hard to achieve all the outstanding issues the RYA asked us to complete. Most of those issues were administrative, such as our Training Centre Insurance and Risk Assessments, and others were simple tidying up exercises, such as making sure that the rescue boats were properly fitted out with the necessary emergency equipment.

I am pleased to say that we have now completed most of the outstanding items and we will receive a further visit from Suzie Blair, the RYA Regional Development Officer for the North East & Yorkshire, on Wednesday 24th June. Hopefully, if all goes well, we will have cleared the last hurdle and will in due course be granted recognition.

I must at this stage thank everyone involved for their Herculean efforts in preparing for this inspection, in particular to Emma Williams, our Chief Instructor, who has guided us through this project, to Ben, Jamie and Mike who worked hard to qualify as RYA dinghy instructors and to all the regular volunteers (especially John and James) who have given up so much of their time to make Saturday Club and Scammonden Water Race Academy what it is today.

In fact the only person who is not really sure of what he is doing is probably me (at least on paper!). When I was asked to take on the role of Training Centre Principal, it reminded me of an old joke which goes something like "Yesterday I didn't no what a Principle was and now I are one!" However, this is a fast learning curve and having read all the appropriate RYA guidance documents, I think the bottom line is "if there are any problems, it's probably my fault" – so that's OK.

Since we re-launched the popular Saturday Kids Club under its new identity, I have been very impressed at how well our youth squad have progressed, and we usually have all our training fleet on the water. We now have two youth groups undergoing tuition – the Advanced Group who have progressed from last year's Saturday Club and are now preparing for entering the club race program, and our Improvers Group, who are focusing on their boat handling skills.

I have to say that they have shown real courage and determination through what must have been some of the worst spring weather I can remember. I got used to checking the wind speed on Saturday afternoons and regularly recorded average speeds around 15 knots, with gusts even higher.

So as a little treat for our younger club members, we have a little competition and that involves our shiny new rescue boat. It has to have a name! We would like any junior member to propose a name for our new rescue boat and the winner will be chosen at the Family Fun Day on Sunday 28th June. You can enter by e-mailing me on the address shown below (don't forget to include your own name), or by handing a written entry to any Scammonden Race Academy instructor by Saturday 27th June 2009. Good Luck!

As we move towards official recognition and beyond, we must continue working hard to keep up standards, including and especially safety. We do need to capture information on breakages and defects, particularly on the rescue boats. If you are on rescue duty and notice something missing or something wrong, please let me know as soon as possible. We keep a maintenance log in the clubhouse and there will soon be a whiteboard in the boat locker to quickly jot down anything that needs attention.

If you have any queries regarding the training centre, you can contact me on 07885 451774, or by email at george.townend@btinternet.com

Max Townend

SAILING TASTER SESSIONS

Sailing Taster sessions will be held on the 1st Thursday of each month starting on 6th August. Please contact Malcolm Gardner at the club or speak to Ben Ratcliffe at the club or call him. 01484 423 288

SWSC RACE ACADEMY

SWSC Race Academy is going very well, we have had over 20 kids registered. On Sat 13 June we had 14 boats out on the water, with 4 people joining in to the club races.

If anyone wants to come and join in give us a call. Volunteers are needed to lend a hand, even as little as once or twice a year. Please contact Max Mike or me.

MID SUMMER PURSUIT

Isaac Marsh finished an incredible 7th place from 17 boats in the recent Mid Summer pursuit race on Wed 17 June, doing very well to finish so highly in a gusty race that caused many capsizes and retirements. Well done Isaac!

Ben Ratcliffe

Important Notice - Abandoned Boats

In order to tidy up the boat park, boats without current year stickers are going to be moved without further notice.

The boat sticker system is currently the method by which abandoned boats are initially identified:–

No current boat sticker = abandoned

If your boat does not have a visible sticker you must rectify this immediately to make everyone's life easier and avoid any confusion or upset.

We do not want to make a mistake or upset anyone unduly.

Currently, 20% of the boat park is occupied by abandoned boats. The committee is determined to identify these and according to club rules they may be *sold by the club within a month* to recover fees that have accrued.

Graham Mc Whirter

A TELTALES GUIDE TO THE PROS AND CONS OF OWNING AND SAILING FEATURED CLASSES OF BOAT

Starting with the Pros and Cons of the Streaker class of sailing dinghy, according to Matt Bancroft, SWSC Streaker sailor.

Pros..

- Light weight hull (46kgs) and car toppable
- Growing fleet and good owners association
- often referred to as the “mini cooper” of dinghys
- Very easy to rig when late arriving at the club
- Very easy to de-rig ensuring an early arrival at the bar
- Easy and economical to own & maintain
- Well matched to Solos and Lasers with Smaller Rigs

Cons;

- Can heel to wing in heavy winds losing pace
- Can be a little rocky down wind!



Sailing C V – James Ruddiman

How long have you sailed?.... **for about 1 and a 1/2 years.**

What- who made you take up the sport / hobby?**My friend and her family took me sailing on Windermere, on a 34ft yacht and in a Pico dinghy, and I was hooked from then onwards.**

How long have you been a member at Scammonden?**I've been a member of Scammonden for about 1 and a 1/2 years.**

What type of boat do you sail and why did you settle on that class?**I sail a laser dinghy (full rig) and chose the class, because it's very popular, easy to get one 2nd hand, and seemed a natural progression from the pico I had before.**

How old is the craft?**The boat is 30 years old but still competitive?**

Which other types of boats have you have sailed or helmed? I've sailed a Topper, Tera, Pico, Laser 2000, Merlin Rocket, Wayfarer, GP14, Topaz Tres, Supernova, Enterprise, and a Benneteau 331 yacht.

Favorite places you have sailed..... **Scammonden, as I've not really sailed anywhere else, although Windermere was good.**

Any events or cruising holidays you have sailed in away from the club and why you liked them?.... **I've not done any events yet, but I'm keen to do so.**

What is the next sailing related event - holiday you are taking part in- going on?**The round the Island yacht race, with some of the Scammonden members, in a 45ft Jeanneau.**

Your best sailing related memory..... **Best memory has to be planning just off wind, gybing, snapping my toe strap, and then cutting my leg open on the dagger board, all in a force 5.**



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The Telltales Scammonden Newsletter has become an endangered species of late, notable by its absence; however it is now on the protected list and is being re- introduced to Scammonden and surrounding area.

Please e-mail me anything you want to include, including details of things and events at SWSC and reports of sailing related stuff you have been involved in or are organizing, your sailing experiences that you want to share, Pros and Cons for the class of boat you sail or if you want a list of questions for the sailing C.V.

The next edition is highly likely to go to print and be e-mailed out on the Monday 17th August, so be sure to get things sent prior to then.

Please email to chris@black5design.co.uk all text saved in Word or on Exel spreadsheets where possible.

If you cannot email please post on a disc to- 41 Town Moor Lane, Thurstonland, Huddersfield, HD4 6XF.
Handwritten text as a last resort please.

Christopher Smith



Scammonden Water Sailing Club & Huddersfield Round Table Family Fun Day

Sunday 28th June

12:00 'til 17:00

All members of SWSC, Hudds round table, family



& friends welcome
BBQ Bar & Galley



Raffle & Prizes
Tall ships race



Free sailing trips
around the lake



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