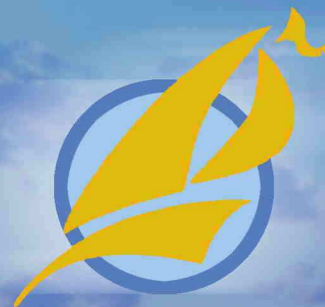


Telltales

The official newsletter of Scammonden Water Sailing Club



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Commodore

As we move into the autumn series and then our frostbite racing series hopefully the water level in the reservoir will rise and the wind blow. Much keen racing ensues in the winter months being good for both competitors and spectators alike. Hopefully even if you are not able to sail you will be able to make use of the club's catering facilities if you choose to come up and have a walk round the lake.

Our hugely successful race academy has held its end of season bash and presentation with the annual dance and prize giving at the George Hotel Huddersfield on Saturday 21st November and I look forward to seeing you there.

The AGM is scheduled for the 25th November in the club house so if you have any comments or queries the committee look forward to seeing you on the evening.

I look forward to seeing you all at the club soon.

Jeremy Child - Commodore

Sailing Captain

Summer has finished and the dark nights draw upon us again, but this does not dampen our appetite for sailing, does it? It has been action packed on the water and what a great result for Team Scammonden at Southport, we brought home the Yorkshire cup after a slight discussion over boundary lines again. Thanks to Chris Smith, who organised and was kind enough to loan his Enterprise for us to use. Thanks also go to The team for getting the caravan and gear together, you can find a full report further on.

Trophies have come and gone and some new names have found there way on to the silverware. The RNLI day started with 8 boats the weather was fine with light to medium winds. An over excited launch from myself and after damaging my boat, I was assigned to the banks, only able to spectate. Mike Goodwin finished 1st in the first 2 races. Angus Illingworth in his Phantom won the third race, it was enough to secure 2nd place over all, but only on a technicality as points were tied with the Terra of Issaac

Marsh. The Race Academy youngster who had been consistently scoring throughout the day secured third place overall.

The Ladies Coffee Pot had a fantastic attendance of 16 boats with some new names from the Race Academy sailing (see results), but they could not surpass the Solo of Ben Ratcliffe, even with an injury.

The Late Saturday Series with 24 boats entering the series it was Chris Lancaster who steadily and quietly made headway through the Scammonden fleet, he won the series and has been given the crown of the late Saturday Series winner, well done Chris.

On October 11th 2009 The Scammonden Cup was up for grabs. The weather to start was wet and extremely light winds, contrary to what Sion Lloyd said on the telly the night before. It was one race, lasting 2 hours the boat with the fastest average lap time would be the winner.

The Briefing was held and course set which favoured the spinnaker fleet. Thanks to John Horwood , who volunteered to man the rescue boat and ensure that no one was left stranded !!!! At 10 mins to go the wind got angry and stepped up the game! I launched without any glitch and was away but with the rage of gusts coming down the valley it proved difficult for others. On the line some people got a clean start and were off. Jeremy and Mike were leading the pack. The windshifts were awful and caught some people out. Capsizes were common and the new found weather was proving challenging. Jeremy was on full throttle as he hoisted his third sail and was off blazing down the dam. James Rudiman in his laser 2000 was keeping in touch after the first hour when his main sheet jammed, sending him to the depths of Scammonden. 60 mins in and Sally Ratcliffe got a lift off the broken Terra of Issaac Marsh. In true racing spirit Issaac rattled his shore crew together fixed his vessel and was off trying to catch up for lost time. This was to be in vain as Kieron Dawson and Miss Ratcliffe had done too much and got away. 90 mins in and it was Jeremy child's Merlin Rocket who was to see the mast spreaders come away again, reluctantly to save the boat he retired leaving first place to be battled out by myself and Mike Goodwin. It had been nip and tuck all afternoon as Mike had capsized a few times but the Laser Sailor had broke away in the last hour. Mike took the silverware. I was 2nd with Phil Osborne in 3rd James Rudiman 4th Derrick Jackson 5th Sally Ratcliffe and the first Junior 6th. Another good finish from the Race Academy Squad.

Its coming up to the Prize Giving dinner dance and if you won a trophy last year please could you return it to the club. Its good to see peoples names on them, so please could you get them engraved.

Bad weather is going to come to us soon, so please check that your boat is securely tied down. It is your responsibility and its not nice to find your pride and joy on its side .

Up and coming events are the Freezer on December 27th 2009 11:30 start lasting 1:30 hours long. If you fancy working off the Christmas Pud then this is the race for you.

The Snowballs series is coming fast, so if anyone can do an OOD or rescue or make hot food then please can you contact me by e-mail or up at the club. The Snowball series is all voluntary, but to have names to dates makes things run smoother so your help is appreciated.

Jamie Sailing Captain.

TRAINING CENTRE NEWS

As we come to the end of a very successful year for the training centre, I would like to take a moment to reflect on just how much has been achieved during 2009 and to say thank you to all the people who have been involved with supporting us over the year.

We concluded the season in our customary Pirate Party style by awarding our first RYA training certificates to those Race Academy members who were able to complete the various Junior Stage

Assessments. Special congratulations to Sally Ratcliffe, Elliot Roebuck, James Crowther, Isaac Marsh and Kieran Dawson who were awarded the Junior Stage 4 Certificate, Sarah Townend and Alex McLean who were awarded Junior Stage 3 Certificates and especially to Connor Hobbs who began with no sailing experience whatsoever was able to qualify for a Junior Stage 1 Certificate in just a few short weeks at the club. Well done to all concerned!

I would make a special request to all junior members who have not yet had their RYA logbooks signed off to see either Ben, Emma or Myself at the club. We can sign off all sections which have been completed, even if you have not yet fully completed all sections of a particular Stage. If you have not yet obtained a logbook, the Club has a small stock of the RYA G11 youth Sailing Scheme logbooks which are available for just £2.00 each to members. Please speak to Ben Ratcliffe if you wish to purchase a new logbook.

What's new for 2010?

So, on to what have we planned for the new training centre season which will start in April 2010. Firstly, a change to the way we will operate the Junior Race Academy as we begin our first full season as an RYA recognised training centre. We have in a way become a victim of our own success and now need to be able to plan our activities to match our available resources and to fit in with the RYA approved training methods.

Our training activities on Saturday afternoons will focus on formal RYA training and will continue to prioritise training and coaching for Junior members, new members and novices. We will be splitting our junior training and coaching into two sections – an advanced section led by Ben Ratcliffe (the Gold Group) who must be able to provide their own boat and who will focus mainly on gaining either the Junior Stage 4 Certificate, or will be participating in advanced race coaching sessions.

Junior training for those starting without their own boat will be structured in 8 week sessions, each resulting in an RYA Junior Stage Award (Stage 1, 2 or 3). We will be able to take up to 6 juniors on each course and hopefully will be able to run two courses in tandem, providing we have sufficient instructors present. Instead of a weekly membership and boat hire fee, we will be charging a single fee up front to cover training, boat hire and (if beginning as a non-member) temporary membership for insurance purposes.

Training on the day will follow a structured RYA program, with one instructor in charge of a number of trainees, all of whom will be sailing the same course or performing the same exercise. You are welcome to sail in your own boat, but please remember that our ability to provide you with personal coaching outside the planned group activity may not be possible on popular sailing days.

If you have a boat of your own that you are not familiar with and may require assistance to rig for the first time, please speak to the Principal one of our instructors in advance, preferably the week before – we may be able to arrive a little earlier to assist you, but cannot guarantee to be available once we begin rigging club boats in readiness for the session. We will probably not be able to help you de-rig your boat at the end of the session since we will be busy dealing with many other end of session tasks.

Will we still hire out club training boats?

We regret that in future, due to the rising cost of maintaining the club training fleet to RYA standards and the pressures of fairly busy training program, we will not usually be able to hire out club training boats to members, or non-members, other than for training purposes.

A number of concerns have been raised over the liability of the club for damage or injury in cases of members using club boats for casual sailing. The situation with boat hire to non-members is even more complex, since they are unlikely to have any form of insurance cover in the event of damage to other members boats, and will not be covered by the club for any personal liability claims. The issue is still under consideration by the General Committee and if it is agreed to continue boat hire, we will publish a hire fee structure in a future edition of Telltales.

Will junior members still be able to sail informally on Saturday afternoons?

Provided they are club members, can sail reasonably competently and have their own boat, they will be welcome to sail under the supervision of our rescue crew alongside other junior trainees and to join in the fun and games at the end of each training session. Unfortunately, our instructors will be obliged to follow RYA rules on the ratios of students to instructors (a maximum of 6 to 1) so may not be able to supervise, instruct or coach an informal junior member when they are running formal training sessions.

What about adult training?

For adults and young people over the age of 16, we will be offering the RYA National Sailing Scheme Level 1 and Level 2 courses, the Seamanship course, and the introduction to Day Sailing. These adult courses are mostly run from 10.00am to 4.30pm over two successive days (Saturday and Sunday, or on two successive Saturdays) on approximately two weekends each year.

At the present time, we will be limiting the courses to a maximum of 6 people and because we do not yet have a feel for how much interest there will be, we intend to run courses based on demand. We will usually try to give at least two months notice when we announce a planned training course, and if you are already a member, this will be published well in advance in 'Telltales'. Details of forthcoming courses will also appear on our website.

Although we would like to do everything possible to encourage prospective members, we do not yet have the resources to offer 'instant' taster sessions for prospective members alongside our formal Saturday training courses. To address this we will be reserving one weekend for beginners introductory sailing sessions every eight weeks. These introductory taster sessions will fit in between our junior sailing

courses and will need to be pre-booked. This does not of course prevent any member bringing a prospective member along and taking them out in their own boat should they wish to do so.

How much will it cost

Training fees vary depending of the course content and are discounted to club members. Fees for prospective members include an insurance premium which covers temporary membership of the club for the duration of the course. Prospective members wishing to join the club as part of their training package may be offered a special introductory discount . The discount may vary depending on the time of year and anyone wishing to take up the offer should ask for further details when booking, or on the day.

Please note that Race Academy and training centre fees for 2010 have not yet been agreed by the General Committee, who need to take account of the projected operating costs for next year before agreeing the pricing structure, however, the provisional proposals are as follows:

Fees for each 8 week RYA Junior Sailing Scheme course are £40.00 for members and £50.00 for non-members, payable in advance. This includes the use of a club training boat for the duration of the course.

Adult fees for the two day RYA Level 1 or Level 2 courses are £100.00 for members and £120.00 for non-members.

And finally!

Please spare a thought for our four brave volunteers who are putting themselves through the RYA dingy Instructors course at Scammonden at the end of October (well known for its fine sailing weather). The course and pre-entry sailing skills test require a lot of hard work and dedication, and it should be remembered that these members are willingly investing a significant amount of their own time and money for the benefit of the club and its membership. We all race and think we can sail pretty well, but I would like you all to consider for a moment – if you had to face an RYA senior coach and do it perfectly by the book, how well do you think you would do? Hmmm – I thought so!

Good luck Guys!

Max Townend

Training Centre Principle

Race academy race training, first Sunday every month at 10.00 am, every one welcome.

We will be coaching everything to do with racing.

If you want to stop those pesky kids catching you up you had better come along.

Recent Results

3rd Wednesday Series – 1st Ben Ratcliffe -Solo, 2nd Angus Illingworth -Phantom, 3rd Isaac Marsh -Tera.

Challenge Trophy – 1st Jamie Holdaway -Solo, 2nd Phil Osborne -Laser, 3rd Angus Illingworth -Phantom,

Coffee Pot – 1st Ben Ratcliffe –Solo, 2nd Mike Goodwin –Laser, 3rd Jeremy Child – Dave Wheeler - Merlin

Southport 24-Hour Race

September and that means Southport. Scammonden sent 10 men and a small shore crew, with the “Scam Van”, led by Chris Smith to do battle with 75 other like minded teams.

The weather on Saturday was the same as the teams eyesight, (bleary) after the Friday night entertainment and I could tell they were pleased to see my bright and cheerful banter as I jetted in from a week up in the lakes. The boat (Chris Smith’s) was launched with Mike and Laura at the helm. With stints of about 2 hours the helms were kept quite busy while the crews had a little more time between stints. With some fast laps put in at the start we were climbing the leader board.

At the 12 hour mark we were in front of Dovestones Sailing club and still rising but with the wind dropping off spirits were good. The small team working well being ready and keeping the boat going, as other teams were showing signs of tiredness and breakages coming thick and fast. The GP14 looked to be struggling with the lack of wind and their spinnakers sagging, the however Enterprise squad looked good.

Mike and Laura took the Fastest lap just beating Chris and Emma and Myself and Ollie. The team was solid and just kept climbing the leader board and beating last years 25th position. 17th Was our result a fantastic effort from all who sailed and helped on the shore. **Jamie Holdaway**

There is more information about our team and the race on [Facebook](#) group page – [Team Scammonden at West Lanc's 24-Hour Race](#) – the race in general including results at wlyc.org.uk and film footage of our team on [YouTube](#).

SWSC member James Ruddiman sailed for the Lancaster University Team, and is planning to organise a Coventry University entry an 2010.

Christopher Smith would like to thank the members of the team ashore and afloat that managed to achieve Scammondens highest placing since 1978.

If you are interested in taking part in some form or another in this race in 2010 please inform the sailing committee in the late spring so they can gauge interest and organise practice and entry of a team or teams.



SWSC DINNER DANCE

The Dinner Dance is being held at the George Hotel, St George's Square, Huddersfield on Saturday, 21 November 2009.

Guests to arrive in the Founders Bar around 7.30 pm for dinner at 8.00 pm.

MENU

Cream of Tomato & Basil Soup
Served with a freshly baked crusty roll

Seafood Salad
With grain mustard dressing & crisp leaves

Saute of Chicken Fillets
With sticky chilli sauce and peanut salad

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Roast Turkey Parcel
With sage & onion stuffing, chipolatas, roast potatoes & cranberry sauce

Baked Salmon Fillet En Croute
Accompanied by a creamy leak sauce

Crispy Pastry filled with Brie & Spinach
Served with champ mash and tomato relish

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Chocolate Tart
With Vanilla Pod Ice Cream

Apple Flan
With creamy custard

Selection of cheese and biscuits

Please make your dinner choice from the above and return your choices to:

Simon Bottomley, 1 Longfield, Holywell Green, Halifax HX4 9AE or
email joan.bottomley@googlemail.com or
phone 01422 377288 before November 12th.

Final numbers have to be given to the George Hotel no later than November 18th.

Price is £27 per person, cheques payable to SWSC and sent with menu choice to the above address.

Please bring a tombola prize

SCAMMONDEN WATER SAILING CLUB-AGM

Notice is given of the 38th Annual General Meeting of the Club, to be held in the Clubhouse at 8pm on Wednesday 25th November 2009.

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 retires and being eligible stands for re-election.
- 8) The VICE-SAILING CAPTAIN retires and being eligible stands for re-election.
- 9) GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER Mike Goodwin retires and being eligible stands

for re-election.

- 9) The HON. AUDITOR retires in accordance with Rule 7a and being eligible stands for re-election.

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 (srwebb@tiscali.co.uk) 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

Hon. Secretary