

Seasalter Sailing Club Newsletter

A new editor :

Welcome to the first newsletter of this season. Due to other commitments Frank had to give up doing the newsletters and it has taken a little while to find a replacement. I 'volunteered' for the role and it meshed well with what I am doing with the Club's website.

If you have any articles you wish to appear in the newsletter then please email them to me at newsletter@seasaltersailing.org.uk or give me a copy when you see me at the club.

Martin Searle

Website :

WWW.SEASALTERSAILING.ORG.UK

The club now has a website to both serve as an advertisement and also to provide information to the members.

AGM 28th September

Primary Notice : Remember to send to Jeff Kiddle or give to a Committee member any business you would like to be considered put on the agenda – latest date is Thursday 28th August.

Secondary Notice : Any other business on the agenda is when the Commodore invites discussion on improving the Club and its activities – your points of view!!

Be there and be aware! There are some important changes for your benefit.

Shearwater and Catapult Open Event :

Many thanks to all those members that assisted with the running of this event. Your work was much appreciated by all the attendees.

The event was sailed over the weekend of 17-18th May and some 12 Shearwaters and 6 Catapults attended. The weekend was dominated by very strong winds of force 6-7.

Shearwater Class : 1st Ben & Jamie Farnborough (1990), 2nd Daniel Tindale & Lee Saunders (1987), 3rd Greg & Alex Wilcox (1998)

Catapult Class : 1st Cliff Antill (17), 2nd L.Stevens (504), 3rd A.Montgomery (1)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS :

Open Fowley 16th August

For those of you who have not raced this race it is a race around Fowley Island and starting and finishing at the club. Fowley Island is situated down the swale close to Conyer Creek.

The event is open to both members and non members and has proved popular with local clubs and also the pacer class in recent years. The cost is £10 per boat.

Club Fowley 14th September

This follows the same course as the Open Fowley but is for Club Members only. There is no additional cost for this race.

CLUB RACING NEWS :

Sailing and Racing :

To help the newer members to become more familiar with racing it has been agreed that we will introduce a mentor scheme into the club. A more experienced member of the club will be available to give advice and practical experience to the more inexperienced racers in the club. It is envisaged to incorporate this into the programme for next year by having more fun racing and tuition events. Contact Chris Stafford, Jeff Kiddle, Martin Searle or Steve Willis for further information.

2003 Seasons Results (so far..)

Event Name	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Sally Forth Trophy	Eric Sales & Kathleen Baker	Martin Searle	Joan & Steve Willis
Ace Cup	Martin Searle	Chris Stafford	Jeff Kiddle
Cedric Wren Cup	Chris Stafford	Jeff Kiddle	Joan & Steve Willis
Jubilee Trophy	Chris Stafford & Jeff Kiddle	Joan & Steve Willis	Pat Fulcher
Seasalter Lady's Helm Cup	Joan Willis	Lesley Stafford	
Dickie Wren Cup	Martin Searle (D15 Sprint)	Chris Stafford (D18 S/H)	Joan & Steve Willis (D18)

The above table details the official results for the various trophies that have been raced for so far this year. As can be seen a variety of competitors have taken away the silverware so far. Many of these trophies have been hard fought for by the competitors.

Things Done

The club has put in place a new light board to replace the existing small light board. The new light board is composed of two sets of lights in a row and fixed to the top of the race office window. Thus the only item of equipment that needs to be fitted is the horn. A new control box has been installed and this in future will be connected to a computer to facilitate complete computer controlled racing !.

Also a set of wooden flags, and a board to slot them into has been mounted on the railing outside the race office, have been made up which allows for on-the-water viewing of flags with an off-shore or on-shore breeze when the cloth flags are often invisible to those on the water.

In both cases Steve Willis did the work and he can provide instruction on how to work the new control box.

RNLI Called out by SSC on Sunday 3rd August

A non club members cat broke its forestay whilst sailing alone off the club. The boat was spotted in trouble with its mast canted back by 45 degrees and not able to sail or make any headway. The clubs rib unfortunately was out of action with engine trouble. The clubs emergency plan was therefore activated thus Chris Stafford made an emergency call over the clubs radio to the Coastguard. They then launched the Whitstable lifeboat that attended the boat in about 10mins. The coastguard also screamed up the clubs ramp in their landrover with flashing lights and siren !. The boat was towed in by the lifeboat to its home at the chalets near Seasalter.

All in all a job well done and proved that the emergency plan does work !.

Club Sailing Legends

To Qualify as a Sailing Legend you need to :

a) have performed an act of stupidity or silliness with humorous consequences for others (not necessarily the performer) or b) done something that you really should have known better you shouldn't have.

Some of us are more prone to these exceptional qualities than others and this is a celebration of these extraordinary people !.

League Position	Name of Legend	Most Memorable Moment	Number of Legendary Occurrences
1	Steve London and Josh Humphries	Putting their rudders on the wrong sides in the Ace Cup !	4
2	Joan and Steve Willis	Steve trying to water-ski 'accidentally' using the Jib sheet during one of the last two races of the Saturday Series	3
3=	Martin Searle	Over inflating Trolley Tire in the Ace Cup	1
3=	Mike & Vanessa Jefferies	Capsizing just off-shore during the open day	1
3=	Chris Stafford	Sailing Wrong Course whilst miles in lead	1