

Combs Sailing Club Newsletter September 2017 No 241



COMMODORE'S NOTES

The regular 2017 sailing season comes rapidly to an end on Sunday 15th October with the Jack Beattie Pursuit Trophy followed by the seasons wake.

However for you fearless and centrally heated sailors this is not the end of sailing, we start the seven week Frostbite series on Sunday 22nd October.



Work parties

And of course we also have our work parties scheduled for Sunday October 15th and 22nd. Starting at 10am they will be over by noon giving ample time for lunch before sailing in the afternoon. If you are able to come along and help it would be much appreciated and the work party attendance gains a credit against the 2018 subscriptions.

For the pre-season work parties a total of 46 members attended which is a fantastic effort and an indication that we are a thriving club where members really contribute to our continued success.

It would be splendid if we could match or even surpass this number.

We have couple of dates for your diaries.

Prize Giving and Dinner Dance

The seasons Prize Giving and Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday December 2nd at the Chapel-en-le-Frith Golf Club; we will forward details of the menus etc. by the end of October but please make a note in your diaries now.

Annual General Meeting

We will notify you all by email for the date, venue and time of the Annual General Meeting in November but I am mentioning it now as it is an important meeting in our calendar and the opportunity for all members to contribute to the development of the club. We have now established a norm of a high attendance at this meeting so if you are a regular attender please be there again. However, if you have never been before please do consider coming this year.

Committee membership

We know that at least two members will be stepping down from the GP and Sailing Committee membership which means that we will need to recruit new people top stand for election on to either committee at the AGM.

Please do consider getting involved. If you are potentially interested let me know and I can arrange for you to attend our October meeting as a guest to see what we do.

Sail Training Programme 2017

The sail training report in the June Newsletter painted a picture of enthusiasm and good progress. The programme finished in late July, the early successes having been built upon, with excellent progress by all trainees, reaching fantastic levels of competence. A number of races between the trainees were held in the last couple of weeks with competition upon a par with a Sunday afternoon end-of-series race.

Some trainees have quickly moved on to series and trophy racing, showing that it's not that daunting a progression. Deserving of special mention is Victoria Theaker, who's not only taken to racing with the old hands, but also took part in an open meeting. A big round of applause is due, for such progress, but watch out, she will soon be Byte-ing at your transom.

The Committee have discussed ways of encouraging and easing trainees' progression into racing after next year's training programme. One suggestion being that towards the end of the programme, there are races for trainees on a Sunday morning. This way, they may feel encouraged to join in with afternoon racing. Any suggestions or thoughts that this year's trainees might wish to pass on, that might help with help with the progression to racing, would be very helpful. There are, of course, those who join the training programme to develop competence just for leisure sailing, but don't underestimate the fun in competitive sailing For many racers, it's not that super-competitive, but there's a great sense of achievement in seeing yourself creep up the standings. Give it a try!!!

Combs on Tour @ The annual Anglesey Offshore Dinghy Race organised by Red Wharf Bay Sailing and Watersports Club Sunday August 6th.

Saturday morning, after an early start from Marple team Reid- Stuart, Neil and Eddy arrived at Traeth Bychan, with blue skies and a good breeze spirits were high, boats were soon rigged and ready to sail.

First onto the water was Neil and Eddy in the RS200 closely followed by Chris Woolley in the RS Aero, great few hours sailing along the Anglesey Coast to Moelfre and round Rat Island, and St David's, returned to the beach to be met by Alex Bowden and co, Alex wasted no time jumping into the Aero, only a slight hesitation, Alex asked Neil to stay close by as this was her first sail in the Aero, within 2 minutes she was off....45 minutes later and she was back, massive grin on her face "wow that was fab"

By now it was mid afternoon, boats packed up, coffee's on the beach then off to Beaumaris.

Sunday AM....early start arrived at Beaumaris for 8.30 ish not the best nights sleep at the camp site for Neil, Stuart and Co due to late night high jinks !

Next to arrive was Eric Haselden closely followed by Andy Brown, With a building South Westerly wind forecast the decision was made to sail a shorter course in the Menai Straits and not the usual 15 mile offshore course. 48 boats signed on for the start from the Royal Anglesey line at Beaumaris.

On the water and after 5 minutes reaching across the Menii Straits the conditions proved to be challenging for me in the Aero 7, so headed back to shore, Neil Reid and Julie Bowden sailed on.....

Eric Haselden and Alex Bowden soon followed me back to shore after a few capsizes Andy Brown manfully headed to the start line in his Phantom, by now the wind was barreling down the Straits at force 5-6, after a few more retirements from the fleet, Andy soon followed having completed almost 1 lap, he made it back safe and well, but only just.... smiling as always, Neil R and Julie B sailed on

Wind and sea conditions proved challenging and there were many early retirements. The fleet beat upwind passed Gallows Point on their way to the first turning mark off Bangor pier. The safety fleet were kept busy dealing with many capsizes. A long downwind leg back to Beaumaris saw some fantastic sailing conditions and several outstanding displays of brilliant downwind sailing. The race was finished after one lap, with 10 boats finishing the course. Stars of the show were Neil Reid and Julie Bowden in the flying RS 200, by now most of the fleet had retired and stood and watched along with a large crowd on the Pier, to some truly outstanding sailing, if you have not seen the footage go to <https://youtube.com/watch?v=t565448VD51> now!

Overall winner and leader of the slow handicap fleet was the Laser of Peter Hallitt from Pennine Sailing Club. First in the fast handicap fleet was the Hornet of David Watkin-Jones and Mark Hogan from Port Dinorwic Sailing Club. First Catamaran was the Dart 18 of Matt Osborne-Hill and Jess Siltoe-Price of Clywedog Sailing Club.

Anglesey Offshore Dinghy Race 2018 will be held on the Sunday 12th August 2018

| Anglesey Offshore Dinghy Race - All finishers | | | | | | | Results | |
|---|---------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| Position | Vessel & Crew | | | CLUB | Onboard Female | Helm Under 18 | Crew Under 18 | Corrected |
| | Sail no | Class | Helm | | | | | |
| 1 | 207180 | Laser | P Hallitt | | | | | 2525.1 |
| 2 | 1105 | RS 200 | Neil Reid | Julie Bowden | Combs Sailing Club | Yes | | 2530.1 |
| 3 | 13146 | GP14 | steve ward | mike acaster | bartley / midland | | | 2714.0 |
| 4 | 2168 | HORNET | David Watkin Jones | Mark Hogan | Port Dinorwic Sailing Club | | | 2834.7 |
| 5 | 8157 | ALBACORE | andrew Bell | Sam Bell | | | | 2879.0 |
| 6 | 2178 | HORNET | Richard Roberts | Alex Rogers | pdic | | | 3207.9 |
| 7 | 15132 | FIREBALL | Keith McDonald | Andy Brittain | Small Heath YC | | | 3380.6 |
| 8 | 1453 | RS 400 | Stuart Halman | Nessa Evans | Leigh and Lowton | Yes | | 3427.8 |
| 9 | 4677 | Dart 18 | matt osborne hill | jess siltoe price | clywedog sailing club | Yes | Yes | 3458.6 |
| 10 | 13123 | GP14 | Trev Jenkins | Sally Bromilow | WVSC | Yes | | 4073.3 |



POWERBOAT SKILLS:

Two Wednesday morning powerboat training sessions were held in August, led by Alan Jones, our friendly RYA trainer. These were for basic powerboat handling skills and some guidance on helping capsized sailors.

Similar courses will be run again, subject to sufficient participants and if anyone has an interest in taking part, and perhaps progressing to helping with safety boat duties, let us know. email robrawlinson@btinternet.com

YOUR SAILING COMMITTEE

Who we are and what we do:

2017 Membership

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| Keith Muncey | Commodore |
| Jenn Bennett | Joint Chairman |
| Amanda Wild | Joint Chairman |
| Matthew Caunt | Secretary |
| Louis Saunders | Member |
| Eric Haselden | Member |
| Julie Haselden | Member |
| Gerald Williams | Recorder |

What we do:

Similar to the General Purpose Committee, we meet mostly monthly from January to October. Essentially the committee addresses all sailing related issues that occur throughout the year, as per the simple table below. This is effectively just a guide but it does ensure we address the main events in good time.

The committee is responsible for everything to do with sailing on the water compared with the GP committee being responsible for everything on land at the club.

| MONTH | TO DO |
|-----------|--|
| January | Plan sail training with trainers |
| February | Review sailing instructions |
| March | Plan for participation in the High Peak Regatta |
| April | Organise Combs at home event |
| May | Review Combs at home and plan for Southport 24 hour event |
| June | Handicap review |
| July | Plan Bart's bash Trophy Review |
| August | |
| September | Southport 24 hour |
| October | Identify prize winners for this year and 406 Retrieve prizes and organise engraving Create SC annual report for the AGM Ensure nominations for the SC for the AGM |
| November | Prize giving for the Dinner Dance AGM Handicap review |
| December | Appoint committee officers and members Informal meal Sailing calendar planned Identify Open events, dates and organisers Identify OOD, AOD and Safety Boat drivers |

The committee has changed a lot over the years, but we have always tried to divide the task up so it's fair on everyone. Every member brings something different to the table, whether it's their sailing experience, good with numbers or just common sense!

A typical agenda is included below to give you a flavour of our discussions; the minutes of our meetings will be posted on the website once they have been confirmed as a true record at the subsequent meetings

The agenda is set by committee members but we do need an input from members if you believe that there is a matter that you believe should be considered to improve the sailing within the club. Please talk to any of us and let us know.

If anyone would like to get involved or come along to a meeting to see what we get up to please ask and we would be delighted to see you.

A typical agenda CSC Sailing Committee; for our meeting in April 2017:

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. Minutes from last meeting
4. Matters arising
5. Race organisation duties needing to be covered in May for a non-renewing member
6. Supernova Open
7. Combs at Home & Push the Boat out

8. DYS event
9. Sail Training update
10. Trophy reallocation
11. GP committee update
12. AOB
13. Date of next meeting

Southport 24 Hour Race

The 24 Hour Race is run by West Lancs. Yacht Club on Southport Marine Lake. Racing is continuous for 24 hours even in extreme weather conditions. Crew changes are permitted but only in the designated docking area. It is sailed in classic dinghies (GP14, Enterprise, Lark, and Firefly). This year was the 51st 24 Hour Race and it was won by South Staffs SC who had four boats entered out of the 68 entries. Toddbrook SC had 2 boats entered, Glossop SC and Errwood SC both had teams entered. Combs has raced in this event for many years and it's just a shame we cannot get enough enthusiasm to put a team together. Perhaps now is the time to start preparing for the 52nd 24 Hour Race by trying a bit of race training in double handers.

Club Clothing reminder:

There is a large range of clothing available with the club logo, including Baseball Caps, T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Hoodies and lots more, get your summer order in asap, order forms can be found in the club house.