



# Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

## AQUILA Spring 2014



### The Commodore's Communiqué

Elaine Fowler

I heard a couple of people talking the other night about how, when they volunteer, they think it is right to be compensated by gifts in kind (i.e. financially). Clearly they are not members of our sailing club, because if they were they would understand the true value of giving!

I don't sail any more and my children do not need me to take them to the club either, so why do I keep going and volunteering my time? I think it is because I love the community and I want other people to get the same level of enjoyment that I and so many other members before me have got. So many members of our club recognise how special it is and what being a member gives back, therefore they are prepared to give up their time, without question, to maintain the club!

I was particularly moved when I heard Dave Boniface doing his Father of the Bride speech, it started 'Firstly I would like to thank Pevensey Bay Sailing Club'. For a split second I wondered where on earth he was going with this, and then he continued. Dave reflected, very eloquently, how being a member of the club had given so much to his family, him, Jenny, Emma, Nikki and Rachel. The club became a safe place for all the children to grow up, be challenged safely and succeed, developing skills that would help them achieve in life. I recognise this in my own family and last weekend heard another parent independently reflecting the same thoughts.

So why start my article with this when we have so many important things to comment on right now? The truth is, I don't know, it just feels right. I have tussled with the whole concept of talking about people volunteering freely in the same article that I will be reminding people to pay up with their annual subscription and late payment fees. However, both of these are essential in the continuation of our club, this year I am sure we have more challenges ahead and am confident that as a team we will overcome these. ☺ For some people it may have felt like a massive break over the winter but for many the work did not stop, thanks must go to:

- 🕒 The whole committee who have continued to work on planning and organising what sounds a fantastic year ahead.



- ⌚ All volunteers that helped with building maintenance, particularly Greg and Ray.
- ⌚ All volunteers that helped with planning the Laser world qualifiers event, particularly Adrian.
- ⌚ All volunteers that helped deliver the Laser world qualifiers event.
- ⌚ All those that came along and supported the Laser world qualifiers event.
- ⌚ The new caterers who started the day of the Laser world qualifiers event.
- ⌚ Matt and Carolyn for getting the bar up and running.
- ⌚ The members that participated in the Race Rules evening.
- ⌚ Chris Atkins (<http://www.sailing.org/about/committees/executive/chris-atkins-profile.php>) who gave his time **freely**, to run the race rules evening, thank you Peter and Karen.
- ⌚ Dave and Jenny for booking our club, touching my heart and bringing loads of bar takings.
- ⌚ Everyone that attended the bring a dish night and Becci for organising
- ⌚ All those that have already done their Sunday duties.

Elaine

### Bringing up the rear

**Greg Cox**

Well what a weekend that was, fantastic sight seeing 140 lasers on the water. I think the club did itself proud and we should congratulate ourselves on a job well done. The clubhouse and car park all looked tidy thanks to a great turnout of volunteers the previous weekend, thank you all. We can now look forward to the start of the season this weekend; let's hope the weather holds out.



At the end of month we will be in a position to dispose of any boats that have not been claimed, I will produce a list and will post these on the notice board. Sealed bids will be invited for each boat; any that are not sold will then be destroyed or donated.

New boat stickers will be issued this year showing a serial number, these must be affixed to your boat by the end of April. Don't forget your subscriptions are due now and **if not paid by end of March a joining fee will apply**. Several people had to pay this last year.

In the meantime I would like to put some order into the road base trailers, **could you all make an effort to identify your trailer and put a name on it**. The intention is to expand the serial number stickers to cover these as well. This will all help us to trace abandoned/unpaid boats and trailers in future years.

A new container is being made for the fuel store which should be more robust to prevent further break-ins. So for the time being we will need to only keep the minimum amount. Also extra CCTV cameras have been installed which hopefully will be an added deterrent.

We now also have new cleaning contractors so let me know if you think anything is being missed.

From now on any overflow rubbish bags must not be left by green bin as the foxes and sea gulls are ripping them open and the wind blowing rubbish everywhere. We do not have our bins collected until Thursday so any extra bags should be left in boathouse and Ray Ridley will put out on collection day.

Greg

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**And from the Vice Chairman**

**Mark Doughty-Keen**

The season is now under way and the lasers have departed. May I take this opportunity to thank all those who helped and put in such a tremendous effort that made the event what it was. Well done. These events put PBSC on the map and keep people wanting to come here.

You may or may not be aware, but we are trying out a new race format for the first few months. This will consist of one slightly longer race in the morning (approx 60 mins) and two shorter races in the afternoon (both around 45 mins each). There are several reasons for this. 1. To try to get lunch going a little earlier to make racing in the afternoon finish at a sensible time. 2. Try to encourage people to sail more afternoons. The start time in the morning has also been brought forward to 10.30am. If you have any feedback having sailed the new format, please feel free to bring it to any of the sailing committee. We will review things later in the season and change things if necessary.

Look forward to seeing you on the water.

Mark

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***Calling all Electricians***

*(and any others having highly desirable specialist skills!)*

***Your club needs you!***

*If there are any members out there who are qualified in a trade, please let a member of the committee know as we always have jobs out there that need doing and if we are able to call upon 'in-house' expertise, it often saves on running costs and allows the club to concentrate its spending on 'fun stuff.'*

## **From the Membership Secretary**

**Judy Griffiths**

Thanks to all those that have paid their membership promptly this year. I hope the electronic form format and online payment facility made it easier, I'd be interested to hear your views on how this could be improved for next year.

Membership monies were due in by 31 March. If you pay after this date a joining fee becomes payable again, so don't delay PAY TODAY! If you've paid and not filled in your form yet, please do so, it gets very confusing if you don't! At the time of writing I've still got a good third of members still to send in their remittance..... Renewal forms can be found on the website but there are some hard copies printed off in the clubhouse.



For those that have declared and paid for a boat space - transom stickers are awaiting you. These are at the top of the stairs in the clubhouse in named envelopes. Your craft will have been allocated a specific number and this will stay with the boat so we will always be able to trace its owner. Please stick it on your transom as soon as you are able to prevent your boat being moved to the graveyard! If there isn't a sticker there, and you think there should be please let me know so I can investigate.

Bye for now, see you out there.

Judy

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## **And the Sailing Secretary writes.**

**Adrian Peckham**

We'll we've visited the dinghy show, been trained on the Rules of Racing, serviced our safety boats, hosted 140 Lasers, held our warm up races and are now ready for the glorious sunny Pevensey Bay season that surely lies ahead.

The RYA Dinghy Show saw 14 or so members informally congregate at the bar at lunchtime on the first Saturday of the show at Alexandra Palace – with all their bits of string, gloves boots and in once case a spinnaker. The show brings together pretty well every class of dinghy, has a number of useful technical workshops (sail trimming) and well known speakers – including Steve Cockerill: Laser, Blaze, Graduate etc National Champion and owner of Rooster Sailing.



A few days later we were honoured to have Chris Atkins, ISAF Board member, training and quizzing 50 members and guests from PBSC, Bexhill SC and Eastbourne Sovereign SC at the beginning of March on the Rules of Racing. No excuses now!

The hosting of 140 Lasers at our club on the 15/16 March was a site to behold. Travellers came from all over the British Isles with notable contingents from Ireland and Scotland. This event orchestrated by the UK Laser Association was one of a series to qualify for the Laser European and World Championships and attracted some of the best sailors in the UK including members of the RYA Development Squad who are contending for 2016 Olympic Places. Amongst the fleet were four PBSC sailors: Lewis Humphries, Jim Fifield, Greg Fowler and Neil Peters. With a pleasant offshore F2-3 complemented by wall to wall



sunshine, the conditions showed Pevensy off at its best. Special thanks to all those many PBSC members who helped make this the success it was, particularly Peter and Margaret White (Committee Boat), Gordon Bishop – Safety Boat coordination, Gary Pearson Beachmaster, Ray Ridley and Chris Clarke for their endless preparation of the club facilities and safety boats. Our good neighbour sailing clubs at Eastbourne sent two boats each in support of the event and we'll reciprocate with their opens later in the year. We are helping out Eastbourne at their RS Open with some safety ribs on the Saturday and Sunday 10/11 May - if you able to help out as helm (need a decent level of experience) or crew do please drop me an email.



The new calendar has been published for a month or so. In terms of racing on Saturdays there'll be a single Saturday Evening race from May to July and a number of training races dubbed 'Freshmans Series' from June to July on Saturday afternoons. Following feedback received from the Sunday Race survey we've now amended the racing format slightly. On Sunday the racing now starts at 10.30 hrs prompt. We are generally scheduling the first race in the morning to last c1hr, to be followed by two shorter 45 minute races in the afternoon starting at 13.30. The spring series will be a single series and will have three races per Sunday. The general aim of the sailing committee has been to achieve an earlier start, lunch and afternoon getaway. OOD and safety boat crews need to arrive at 9am, please and should be launched by 9.45am. As always anyone is welcome to sail in any race. If you are new to racing just tag on to the back of the fleet in whatever dinghy you have, you'll soon find you are hooked!

Duties for the forthcoming month will appear in Aquila – see appendix A (*below*) and will be pinned on the main notice board. The prime source of this information will be the Duty Check section on the website and you'll also receive emails when a duty is allocated and 14 and 5 days before hand. Please confirm your duties on Dutyman (a couple of intuitive clicks once logged in ) so we know that you can make the dates. Where duties are not confirmed on Dutyman by you we'll aim to give you a phone call to confirm as day or so before hand. If you can't make the date allocated please request a swap on Dutyman with someone please doing the same role. This year, duties will be looked after by myself and Nicky Key as Duty Co-ordinator.

Adrian Peckham Sailing Secretary [sailingsecretary@pbbc.eu](mailto:sailingsecretary@pbbc.eu)

## Appendix A – scheduled duties

Duty Date	Duty Type	Event	Last Name
30/03/2014	OOD	Spring Series	Dave Boniface
30/03/2014	Safety Boat helm 1	Spring Series	Volunteer needed
30/03/2014	Safety boat crew 1	Spring Series	Lisa Bassett
30/03/2014	Safety boat crew 2	Spring Series	Derek Bulled
30/03/2014	TimeKeeper	Spring Series	Jude Griffiths
30/03/2014	Safety boat helm 2	Spring Series	Paul Griffiths
06/04/2014	OOD	Spring Series	Roger McAll
06/04/2014	TimeKeeper	Spring Series	Marie Guyomarch
06/04/2014	Safety Boat helm 1	Spring Series	Mark Doughty-Keen
06/04/2014	Safety boat crew 1	Spring Series	Ted Doughty-Keen
06/04/2014	Safety boat helm 2	Spring Series	Matthew Fowler
06/04/2014	Safety boat crew 2	Spring Series	Richard Sear
13/04/2014	OOD	Spring Series	Greg Cox
13/04/2014	TimeKeeper	Spring Series	Terri Cox
13/04/2014	Safety Boat helm 1	Spring Series	Paul Limpus
13/04/2014	Safety boat crew 1	Spring Series	Emma Boniface
13/04/2014	Safety boat helm 2	Spring Series	Gregory Fowler
13/04/2014	Safety boat crew 2	Spring Series	Neil Johnson
20/04/2014	Safety Boat helm 1	Easter Egg Trophy	Tim Humphries
20/04/2014	Safety boat crew 1	Easter Egg Trophy	Paula Bayntun
20/04/2014	Safety boat helm 2	Easter Egg Trophy	Lee Potterton
20/04/2014	Safety boat crew 2	Easter Egg Trophy	Alistair Cameron
20/04/2014	OOD	Easter Egg Trophy	Dick Holttum
20/04/2014	TimeKeeper	Easter Egg Trophy	Christina Holttum
21/04/2014	OOD	Bank Holiday Series	Elaine Fowler
21/04/2014	TimeKeeper	Bank Holiday Series	Becci Street
21/04/2014	Safety boat crew 1	Bank Holiday Series	Roger Lovell
21/04/2014	Safety boat helm 2	Bank Holiday Series	Anthony Delow
21/04/2014	Safety boat crew 2	Bank Holiday Series	Eliza Ratusniak
21/04/2014	Safety Boat helm 1	Bank Holiday Series	Adrian Peckham
27/04/2014	TimeKeeper	Spring Series	Katy Hamilton
27/04/2014	Safety Boat helm 1	Spring Series	Volunteer needed
27/04/2014	Safety boat crew 1	Spring Series	John Oastler
27/04/2014	Safety boat helm 2	Spring Series	Gary Pearson
27/04/2014	Safety boat crew 2	Spring Series	Andy Fisher
27/04/2014	OOD	Spring Series	Adrian Peckham

**For sale, Laser 2000, sail number 2757.**

**Light use, good condition throughout and ready to sail.**

**Perfect dinghy for family and club racing.**

**Complete with combi trailer and trolley, quality cover and also undercover,  
all in excellent condition.**

**Good friendly fleet within the club.**

**Boat available to view any time at weekends.**

**£2995 or offer.**

**Tony Richards 01323-766139**

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**National Squad 2013-14. Land day & 1<sup>st</sup> camp**

**From Lewis Humphries**

**Day 1 Introduction**

We arrived at Weymouth College at 9:00 and joined the queue with the Topper, Laser 4.7, Optimist and Bic Techno which was poorly organised and took around 30 minutes to get through. After the main briefing we were split into groups and sent to do fitness testing which tested a variety of different muscle groups and we finished with a bleep test\*. In the afternoon we were told what we should be doing to keep our mental and physical fitness up, how to plan our week and what we should be thinking about before, during and after big events. We finally left for our accommodation at PGL\*\* at 4:30 while our parents dropped our boats off at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) and then went home. They aren't allowed to stay with us because we need to learn to become independent. We were told that we had to stay at PGL due to the fact that the 2.4 fleet (Will Street) had priority on the RYA house with luxury beds, TVs and decent food, which they didn't stay in anyway because they were too scared and went home!

**Day 2**

We barely slept during the night because the branches on the tree outside were slapping on the window and the door was rattling because of the 60 knot gusts. There was a cooked breakfast but our coach told us we are on a sportsman's diet so we weren't allowed bacon, sausage, French toast or fried mushrooms, so just beans and egg. (Another thing that would have been better if we had stayed at the RYA house. Thanks Will). We shared a coach



with the Optimists to WPNSA. They are the most annoying group of sailors with their high pitched voices and bad jokes. When we arrived we were crammed into our training room and told we weren't going sailing because of the wind and spent the rest of the day in the tiny room taking notes and doing the mental side of sailing for 6-7 hours with a few breaks. We then got back on the coach with the big headed Optimist sailors and returned to PGL. The dinner was just as bad as the breakfast so we filled ourselves up on toast. We then finished the day with some team building activities.

### **Day 3**

We had even less sleep than yesterday due to the 85 knot gusts and someone's phone alarm going off at 4:00. The breakfast was the same as yesterday so we smuggled some sausages past our coach and were so proud until we realised they were veggie sausages so we threw them in the bin and had beans and eggs again. The Oppie sailors were mad after we chucked them off the back seats so we explained to them that Toppers take priority because they are better. The wind was gusting 100 miles an hour at times so sailing was called off again and we did more classroom work until our coach sent us up to Chesil Beach for a break.... I think the picture explains it well enough..... When we returned to PGL we discovered that the doggy door had flung open at some point in the day and the rain had soaked our bedding and notes that we had spent ages writing the day before (again thanks Will). Dinner was decent today; it was spaghetti soup with a bagel. After, our coach decided to do the marshmallow and spaghetti challenge but he didn't have any marshmallows so we used Jellybabies instead. Our team failed miserably on the first go but came joint 1<sup>st</sup> the second attempt.



### **Day 4**

The wind had dropped to 25 knots overnight so our coach planned a 10:00 launch, which was fairly early bearing in mind that nobody had rigged their



boats and we didn't leave PGL until about 8:30. Because our coach had never seen us sail before and we had never seen each other sail he decided to start the day with 3 races, then some games, then finish on another race. I got progressively worse throughout the day, getting a 2<sup>nd</sup> and a 4<sup>th</sup> out of 25 in the first 2 despite leading each of them at some point, then in the last 2 I managed to drop from top 5 to about 10<sup>th</sup>. When we came in most of the parents had already arrived. I managed to get my mum to de-rig my boat while I got changed. We had our de-brief and were given our squad clothing and finally sent home.

\* Bleep testing involves a timed bleep and lots of running back and forth as the bleep speeds up.

\*\* PGL Centres are children's activity/adventure camps. This one is at Osmington Bay.



