



# Pevensey Bay Sailing Club



## Commodore's Communiqué

Elaine Fowler

So we are now in May, where does the time go? This month please enjoy new photos, no one wants to keep looking at me therefore I have alternative options for you.



CONGRATULATIONS to Olivier Greber who has won the National Youth Spitfire title and will again this year represent Great Britain at the ISAF Worlds. An amazing achievement! Follow the link <http://www.eastbourneherald.co.uk/news/local/teen-sailor-wins-national-youth-championship-title-1-6020438>

Sailing school has started again with a good intake for the Tuesday nights, and Thursdays remaining popular. Congratulations to all the students that passed their Power Boat level 2 last weekend, we need more people trained to helm our safety fleet so if you are interested please let our Principal, Gary Pearson, know as we are needing to plan the next course. Also, a big thank you to Gary and his instructors, for their commitment again this year. Please can I ask for volunteers to help with Saturday morning cadets as this is the time our instructors are feeling most stretched at present. Please, parents, if you are there because your children are joining in, get involved helping out, whether on the water or just on the beach getting Toppers up and down. All help much appreciated ☺

Club racing has also started well, thanks to Adrian and his sailing committee. They are testing a new format on the back of their recent membership survey, so I should imagine feedback will be helpful. Also a big thank you to Adrian and Nicky Key for organising the duties this year, this is a thankless and massive task. Therefore I ask all members to use the system in place to acknowledge/reschedule duties so they know exactly where they are and who is doing what! If you are not receiving DutyMan messages or Aquila please let us know so that you can be kept informed, likewise if you move, change any of your contact details or boat details please let Judy Griffiths, our membership secretary, know.

Many thanks to Greg Cox (and Roger McAll) for clearing the 'graveyard'. The place looks much tidier and the coffers are much better off. You may not have noticed but the road is in poor shape again, therefore we are organising repairs and I am sure your Rear Commodore (Greg) will be asking for help at some point for this job.

We are looking to get more people trained to run racing, particularly open meetings. We will be gentle with you and ease you in, if you are interested please let Adrian know!

I can't believe there is another bank holiday coming up soon, it will soon be Sea Week, are you ready? Have fun and see you at the club.

*Elaine*

## **Windsurfing**

## **Nick Thorpe-Beeston**

*Hi,*

*As a club we are keen to promote all forms of sailing , and consequently I have taken on the role of windsurfing rep. The club is not yet ready to offer proper RYA courses on windsurfing but with time we will get there. Windsurfing will add to what the club does and expand on our core business rather than compete with it.*

*In the mean time we can offer assistance and encouragement to anyone who wants to have a go. I have a plan to set up some informal sessions probably on a Tuesday night , these sessions will involve you sailing on your own kit but I will be around to offer some support, advice and hopefully a few tips to help you improve. I also have a few ideas for some land based activity if the weather isn't right, using simulators to develop harness and foot strap technique . If you have access to some kit, old or new and want to have a go then drop me an email via the sailing school.*

*I am also hoping to be around on the weekends and set up some sort of RIB cover dedicated to looking out for windsurfers just to make it safer for all.*

*This is all early days but there are a number of windsurfers in the club and it would be good to bring them all together to help improve their skills and increase the fun we can have on the water. If you have any thoughts, comments, wish to be involved etc., please contact me via the 'contact us' page on the website.*

*Best Wishes, Nick*

## Bringing up the rear.

## Rear Commodore

We are now well on the way into the new sailing season so all memberships should now have been renewed. There are still a lot of boat stickers in the box at the top of the stairs in the clubhouse.... **can you please make sure these are put on your boats as I will be doing a survey of the boat park at the end of May.** Any boats that have not got the new sticker will be removed to the back of the boat park and could lose their current position.



I will also be reorganising the boats a little to try and get them back into groups of type and class.

The boats currently along the fence line left of the green will be moved to new positions so this area can be kept clear for temporary parking.

The recent auction of abandoned boats has made a total of £491, thanks to all that participated. I now want to get all the road trailers at the back of the park identified, as from next year we will be making a small charge for you to keep these on site. This will make it more accountable so that we don't end up with rusting discarded/abandoned trailers. If you keep your road base under your boat then there will be no charge. **So can you please make the time to mark your trailer with name and preferably a sail number.**

Another place that needs to be sorted is the members' container, if you keep sails and equipment in there you should be paying a fee. I will be going through it soon and anything that cannot be identified on the membership details will be removed. So please check that your stuff is marked in some way.

Happy sailing,

*Greg Cox*

## Bar Committee

## Carolynn Ashcroft

Hi everyone, Carolynn here, your bar manager!

I would like to say Thank you to Matt Fowler who is now my right hand man on the bar. Also many thanks to Katy Hamilton and Claire Harrison for joining up this season.

The bar committee is now as follows: Carolynn Ashcroft, Matt Fowler, Penny Bannister, Karen Johnson, Jackie Wilson, Pat O Leary, Anne Barrell, Richard Thomas, Katy Hamilton and Claire Harrison, Thank you to all of you. If there is anyone else who would like to join us, even for the odd hour when it's convenient then please let me know. It's not a huge commitment and can be quite fun making cocktails and joining in the consumption of the odd shot or two with the usual crew.

If anyone has any requests for certain drinks and snacks at the bar please let either me or Matt know and we will consider it.

Cheers everyone.

*Carolynn Ashcroft*

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## Sailing Secretary

Adrian Peckham

Well, we started Sunday racing again on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March with half a dozen sailors and this has built up steadily as the weather got warmer each week. We endured a horrid southerly on the weekend of the 26/27 April meaning that we could not launch either the safety boats (training new helms) or the dinghy fleet on the Sunday. However a couple of intrepid sailors managed it as the tide receded - see our Flickr page:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/37279784@N02/with/14037190771/>

In contrast the following weekend we held cadets and safety boat training on the Saturday and the first of our series of pursuit races on the Sunday. Both days were blessed with fine weather and a F1-3. For those of you that don't know, a pursuit race is a timed max. 90 minute race, launching off the beach on a staggered basis with the slowest boat starting first, the fastest last. If the handicaps are correct, at the end of 90 minutes when the positions are recorded the theory is that all boats should have caught up with each other. Invariably they don't, due to the different sailing abilities and conditions on the day. Well done to Gary and Harry Pearson in their souped-up Wayfarer for coming first. Next pursuit race 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

Wealden District Council have now put out their swimming area marker buoys approximately 200m off shore, towards the Pevensey side of the sailing area. Please do not either sail or race on the land side of these. Please note in races you will be disqualified if you do. On the same tack please note that a fisherman can throw a lead line 250m (member Richard Taylor dutifully informs me) and can penetrate hull and body alike. Do please be aware and where feasible avoid the fisherman's lines – we wish to enjoy our respective sports in harmony.

## Upcoming events

### Taster Day Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Taster day / RYA 'Push the Boat Out' day. We are holding one of our two open days for this year on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> May. This sees us welcome potential new members, give them a taster sail, show them around the club and generally let them see what we enjoy so much. This event is also being supported by the RYA as part of their National Campaign.

<http://www.rya.org.uk/programmes/pushtheboatout/Pages/default.aspx>

Please invite your friends and family to join – see the attached invite.

### Asymmetric Training Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May

We have a training day for those dinghies with asymmetric spinnakers (i.e. 2000's and RS 200's) on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We are being joined by an external trainer to coach and tip on effective sailing of this type of dinghy. Please email Rear Commodore Greg Cox if you would like to participate. Max 12 boats. [gregcox@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:gregcox@dsl.pipex.com)

### Laser/Topper Open Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June

We have a single day open fast approaching on the 14<sup>th</sup> June with c. 40 Lasers and Toppers expected. We'll need help, please, manning the beach, safety boats, committee boat and bar. Please add your name to the white board in the upstairs clubhouse or email me. In particular we need a timekeeper to help Gary Pearson and me on the committee boat (ESSC's Seahorse) – as long as you can write and tell the time you are fully qualified for the job.

### Federation Cup Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June

The East Sussex County Sailing Federation (Rye to Newhaven) is putting on its annual Federation Cup on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> June. This event is an established sailing competition between six East Sussex coastal sailing clubs and is held once a year and moves each year to the next easterly sailing club in the Federation. The event consists of two races, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. There are four classes of boats.

Please see the flyer email enclosed with Aquila and also downloadable from the website. Let me know if you would like to participate by the 6<sup>th</sup> June and I'll coordinate the PSBC response. We'll be supplying a safety boat and won't be racing at PSBC that day.

### OOD, Safety boat helms and crews

These are always in short supply and we are short of fully trained individuals.

The OOD role is relatively easy once trained and the race computer is a doddle despite perceptions to the contrary. If you would like me to run you through a simulated race in the race box I'd be more than happy to show you. It will take 20 mins – drop me an email.

Similarly we are keen to upgrade the experience of those who are keen on Safety Boat helm and crew.

Again drop me an email if you would like more rosters and Duty Administrator Nicky Key will arrange to slot you in with someone who has more experience. Please also see the duty list in the appendix where there are a number of slots to fill.

Happy sailing,

Adrian Peckham

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## **Duties**

## **Duty Administrator Nicky Key**

*Thanks to all those who have helped out on in the race box and on the safety boats on Sundays. So far we have had a 100% turnout rate on the day but with thanks to those who have helped out on short notice.*

*Duties are scheduled until the end of July and appear below. The next batch will appear shortly. If you cannot make the duty allotted please request a swap on DutyMan and if this does not produce the required result email me and let me know as far in advance as possible.*

Nicky Key

[dutyadmin@pbbc.eu](mailto:dutyadmin@pbbc.eu)

Duty Date	Duty Type	Event	Member Name
18/05/2014	Safety boat crew 2 OOD Time Keeper Safety Boat helm 1 Safety boat crew 1 Safety boat helm 2	Spring Series	Alistair Cameron Peter White Margaret White Jay McNally Lulu McNally Owen Poplett
25/05/2014	OOD Time Keeper Safety Boat helm 1 Safety boat crew 1 Safety boat helm 2 Safety boat crew 2	Laurie Lester Trophy	Steve Jobling Julie Watson Ray Ridley Ian Halfpenny Pat O'Leary Greg Shipley
01/06/2014	OOD Time Keeper Safety Boat helm 1 Safety boat crew 1 Safety boat helm 2 Safety boat crew 2	Spring Series	Nigel Fish Pauline Thorpe Volunteer needed Roly Thorpe Paul Holloway Ben Holloway
07/06/2014	Safety boat crew 1 Safety Boat helm 1	Tornado to Eastbourne - Cat open	Adrian Peckham Gordon Bishop
08/06/2014 08/06/2014	Safety Boat Helm 1 Safety Boat Crew 1	Tornado to Eastbourne - Cat open	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
08/06/2014	OOD Time Keeper Safety Boat helm 1 Safety boat crew 1 Safety boat helm 2 Safety boat crew 2	Men's Tankard	Elaine Fowler Karen Street Tim Humphries Paula Bayntun Andy Baker Chris Tatnall
14/06/2014	Safety Boat helm 1 Safety boat crew 1 Safety boat helm 2 Safety boat crew 2 Race officer ARO/Recorder Timekeeper Flags	Laser and Topper Open PBSC	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed Volunteer needed Charlie Tatnall Gary Pearson Adrian Peckham Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
15/06/2014	Safety Boat helm 1 Safety Boat crew 1	Tornado to Hastings - Federation Cup	Dave Watson Volunteer needed



22/06/2014	OOD Time Keeper Safety Boat helm 1 Safety boat crew 1 Safety boat helm 2 Safety boat crew 2	Summer Series	Gary Pearson Harry Pearson John Creasey Penny Bannister Rob Ambler Volunteer needed
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28/06/2014	Safety boat helm 2 Safety boat crew 2	Saturday Evening Series	Matt Key Rio Ashcroft
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29/06/2014	OOD Time Keeper Safety Boat helm 1 Safety boat crew 1 Safety boat helm 2 Safety boat crew 2	Summer Series	Elaine Fowler Karen Bowles Karen Hilder Volunteer needed John Reed Helen Naylor
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06/07/2014	OOD Time Keeper Safety Boat helm 1 Safety boat crew 1 Safety boat helm 2 Safety boat crew 2	Summer Series	Greg Cox Terri Cox Nicky Key Matt Key Richard Thomas Anne Barrell
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## NEWS OF ROD AND PATTIE HALL

For all those that know Rod and Pattie....  
They are happy in their Caribbean retirement, with a new boat to keep them even  
happier.  
They send their love to all that remember them..





