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Work Party - Sat 21st Jan 9.30 am

Work Party - Sat 28th Jan 9.30 am

Work Party - Sun 29th Jan 9.30 am

ANNUAL DINNER & PRIZEGIVING

SAT 4TH FEB - Egypt Mill - Don't forget to book

The Resolute Lady Steam Tug - Wed 8th Feb 7.30pm

Work Party - Sat 18th Feb 9.30am

Powerboat Level 2 Theory - Wed 22nd Feb 7.00pm

Powerboat Level 2 - Sat 25th Feb

West Country Breweries - Start of Season

Sunday 26th Feb - 12.00 noon

Topper Open Training - Sat 3rd Mar

Topper Open - Sun 4th Mar

Old Footpaths of Gloucestershire - Wed 7th Mar 7.30pm

Powerboat Level 2 - Sat 10th Mar

Commodores Foreword Jan 2012

Another year has arrived and over the winter the Main and Sailing committees plus other club members have been busy preparing for the new season, the programme has been done and populated with member's duties. Don't forget to look when yours is.



Many members have spent the dark evenings rubbing down and varnishing their craft ready for this new season, others such as me have left their fibreglass boats under the covers ready for a quick wash down before re- entering into competition.

This year is a special year for all sportsmen with the Olympics and Paralympics in the summer, our sailing programme has tried to reflect this and the Spring Bank Holiday weekend will feature some different types of events for all to take part in as well as having a good camping weekend.

Work parties are upon us and as usual there are a great variety of jobs to be done around the club, if you think of any jobs that need doing let us know. If you have specialist skills then please let us know. For new members the work parties have a dual function at the club, firstly they are a means of getting the clubhouse and its surrounds maintained and readied for the new year, but there is a secondary function and that is getting members meeting one another in a very informal way. We have a new web site and this will be developed further during the year to have greater interaction for club members as well as more information on it, including a live weather chart.

We have last year had the odd incidence with the fishing club members around the lake, don't forget that we both share the lake and hope to get enjoyable sport from the use of it. Over the years the type of fish caught has changed due to a change in the state of the water, gone are the usual species such as bream, tench or chubb. Now the predominant fish are Carp and Pike, where different techniques are used to catch them. For most Course fish it is a case of dangling some bait in the water and the fish will take it. For carp and pike the angler has to have a more calculated approach. Often now they fish for a longer time, camping on the bank as they pursue their quarry. They are casting further into the lake, letting their weighted line rest on the bottom, as the lines are longer they have to be more sensitive to the slight changes in the tension of the line as the fish start to bite, that is why they have electronic sensors on the line to give an audio sound should the fish bite. Obviously once the fish bites it will not give up straight away and swim directly to the angler, instead it tries everything within its power to get away, often with considerable zigzagging as it is reeled in. Imagine your frustration when you have been fishing this swim for many hours eventually get a bite and the line gets tangled around a buoy that is left in the lake. So please OODs at the end of each day please ensure that the flag buoys are brought back to an area within the jetties to give the anglers a bit more of a chance. Also ensure that when setting a course the boats are not close to a camping angler, it is easy to do this as there are rarely more than about six people fishing at any one time. That little bit of consideration will help us all to enjoy our sport lot more.

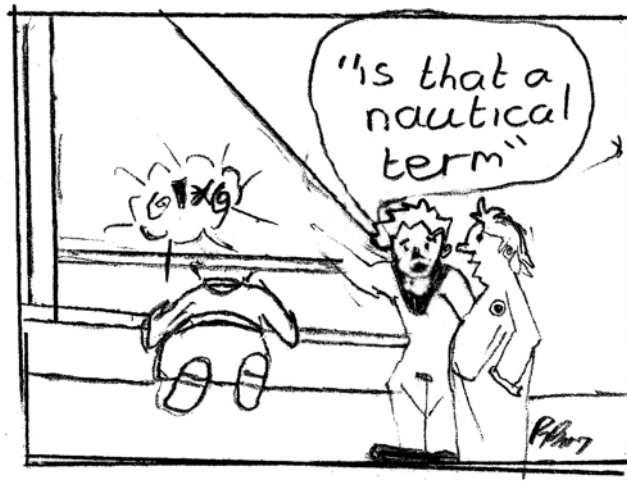
I hope you all had a good Christmas and are looking forward to a busy New Year, don't forget to factor in attendance at the Annual Dinner Dance, contact Alex Bailey for tickets.

Look forward to seeing you at the work parties and later sailing, if you have any spare time please join me in helping with the Sailability.

David

HEADHITTERS NOTES

Happy New Year, I hope that you have all recovered from Christmas period and are looking forward to the new Season. As a club, we are trying to improve the communications with in the club.



WEBSITE

www.fossc.org.uk

The RYA was the host for our website, but they decided to close that function. We are now with another web host, which has a larger available memory. With the change of host, your links to the club website might not work. To get on line, just link in again to the club from scratch. This can particularly happen with Apple products. We have now added the availability of the club Newsletter which in 2012 will be in colour on the website. (It costs too much for colour with the hard copy). We are also updating Weather site with more information being available, but currently there are some teething problems. Look out for more upgrades in the future.

EMAILS

If you are not receiving email news updates and would like to receive the information, please send an email to my address:- ken@elseyk.freemove.co.uk so that I can check whether I have the correct information, as I am receiving a lot of undelivered emails from members hosts when I send out the emails. Some of you have changed your email addresses, but they have not been updated on the database. Let's have your current email address.

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SAIL TRAINING

In this Newsletter you will find two differently coloured forms, both have to be filled in for Sail Training and sent to Peter Roberts.

SAILING PROGRAMME

At the back of the Newsletter, you will find the programme up until the end of April. The full programme will be out in the Yearbook during February, together with the changes in Sail Instructions. Hopefully more information will be on the website later in the year on the programme and the Sailing Instructions..

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your items, reports, photos, ads, etc for the Newsletter to: Ken Elsey, ken@elseyk.freemove.co.uk or send to 2, Park Brake, Highnam, Gloucester, GL2 8EJ. Please send any documents in Word or .rtf formats. **Do not include your photos or pictures with the Text, but send them separately as .jpg or similar formats.** This will reduce the time I have to spend compiling the Newsletter.

Sail Training 2012

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find your application form to join one of the sail training courses. For security you will see that it is printed on coloured paper, photo-copies will not be accepted, so do not pass onto friends because the courses are only available to Club Members. We will be running the full range courses again this year, brief descriptions of each course are below.

As last year's weekend trip to Mountbatten Sailing Centre at the end of the Adult course was so successful we hope to revisit again this year. It gives you the opportunity to enjoy the pleasure of sailing in tidal conditions in Plymouth Sound with guidance and safety cover from the Centre. Suitable boats and accommodation can be arranged at the Centre, this weekend is open to anyone who has taken part in Sail Training.

You will see that we are requesting you tell us how much sailing you have done since the last sail training course you attended. We are finding that members are requesting to do follow up courses without having gained any sailing time since the last course, clearly to gain any benefit for the next course you should have consolidated the skills you learnt on the previous course before moving on.

Optimist sailors will be allocated to the appropriate skill group on week one.

Other changes concern the duty rota that everyone on sail training agrees to take part in. The rescue boat duty will only involve you as a crew-member, it has been decided for safety reasons that the rescue helm will be a qualified person, if you are qualified please make a note on your application form.

Sail Training is run on purely a voluntary basis, the rescue/tea rota being part of it, failure to attend lets everyone else down and puts an extra burden on those who do turn up.

The closing date for all courses is four weeks before the starting date. You should send your completed application form to Peter Roberts with a cheque made payable to Frampton on Severn Sailing Club for the correct fee. On receipt you will, where possible, receive an E mail acknowledgement. Please therefore write your E address legibly!

After the closing date you will receive confirmation that you have been accepted on the course together with joining instructions.

Applications for the use of a Club Topper or Optimist should be made at this time. 4 Oppies and 6 Toppers are available for first timers on these courses. One boat per family in the first instance, first come first served. The Club reserves the right to allocate boats to the most suited candidates.

Pete Roberts is organising this years sail training so if you have any questions please contact him on peter.roberts@delphi.com.

The courses we hope to run are as follows:-

N.D.S.C. Level 2 (Saturdays 10am - 5 pm)

Course Dates :- April 14, April 21, April 28, May 5, May12 and May 19 .
Cost:- £85.00
Boats Club Gulls or Wanderers
Places 18

The Adult beginners course – no experience necessary. The ideal way to learn the essentials of sailing. By the end of the course you will be confident enough to sail in moderate conditions and enjoy all facilities of the Club to the full.

Better sailing (Saturdays 10am - 5 pm)

Course Dates :- April 14, April 21, April 28 , May 5, May12 and May 19.
Cost £85.00 for Adults, £55.00 for Juniors (under 17)
Boats Students own 2 person boats or Club Gulls and Wanderers
Places 6-8

This course is designed for the holders of NDSC level 2 or Youth Scheme 3 who have done some sailing since the award of the certificate, ideally about 30 hours sailing. The aim is to improve and add to your skills, become more self-reliant and be able to make seaman-like decisions in moderate conditions.

You should be able to sail to level 2 with confidence, ideally it should be in your own boat, club boats will be available subject to the beginners course.

The course is a two day course, the remainder of the time will be used on seamanship skills such as lee shore landing, rudderless sailing, sailing backwards etc.

RYA Youth Sailing Scheme Level 2 (Saturdays 10am - 5 pm,)

Course Dates:- June 9, June 16, June 23, June 30, July 7 and July 14.
Cost:- £55
Boats Club Gulls or Wanderers
Places 16

The Junior beginners course – with no experience necessary, this is the ideal way to learn the essentials of sailing. Sailors must be at least 10 years old and confident in water. By the end of the course you will be confident enough to sail in moderate conditions and enjoy all facilities of the Club to the full.

RYA Youth Sailing Scheme Level 3 (Saturdays 10am - 5 pm)

Course Dates:- June 9, June 16, June 23, June 30, July 7 and July 14.
Cost:- £55
Boats Students own Topper or Club Toppers.
Places 12 but only 6 Club Toppers are available. Allocation of Club Toppers will be at the discretion of Senior Instructors.

This course is designed for the holders of Level 2 and who have done some sailing since the award of the certificate. The aim is to improve and add to their skills sailing Toppers, and have an insight to racing and be able to make seaman-like decisions in moderate conditions.

RYA Youth Sailing Scheme Level 4 (Saturdays 10am - 5 pm)

Course Dates:- June 9, June 16, June 23, June 30, July 7 and July 14.
Cost:- £55
Boats Club RS Fevas.
Places 6

This course is designed for the holders of Level 2 and who have done some sailing since the award of the certificate. The aim is to improve and add to their skills in 2 person boats, and sail a performance boat and become more self-reliant and be able to make seaman-like decisions in moderate conditions.

Please note that Level 3 and Level 4 are broadly equivalent but that Level 4 must be sailed in two person boats. The Young Sailors Logbook explains the details and differences.

Optimist Course (Sunday mornings 10 - 1pm)

Course Dates:- April 22, April 29, May 13, May 27, June 10, June 24 and July 1
Cost:- £55
Boat Students own Optimists required. 3 Club Oppies available for stage 1 pupils.
First come, first served for these!
Places 18

The course is an informal introduction to sailing using the IOCA scheme. Sailors must be at least 7 years old. This course is aimed to bring the very young sailor up through the IOCA sailing system. By the end of the course it is hoped to award the IOCA Stage 1, 2 or 3 certificate to all successful candidates depending on the level of skill achieved.

At the beginning of the course all last year's sailors will be asked to sail a simple course to assess their sailing skills and will be put into the appropriate skill group. If your child has done little or no sailing since last year you may find that they will be asked to repeat the previous level course.

Racing Skills (5 Saturdays 10am - 5pm, then 2 Sunday mornings 10am - 1pm)

Course Dates:- **Sat** Apr 14, Apr 21, Apr 28 May 5 May 10 and **Sun** May 13, May 27.
The first race on the Sunday afternoon forms part of the course.
Course members are encouraged to join in the Introduction to Racing Series on Thursdays which is free and runs through June and July
Cost:- Adults £85 Juniors (Under 17) £55
Boats Students own or the clubs 6 topplers, possibly Laser radials or 4.7
Places 14

The racing course. All you need to know to enable you to take part in and enjoy Club Racing. If you don't intend to race, it will enhance your overall sailing skills. You should already be able to sail at Level 2 standard. Racing on the two Sundays listed forms part of the course

Handicapped Sailing

The Club is also a recognised Sailability establishment and has four Access sailing dinghies in addition to the two Wanderers, which can be rigged for sailors with disabilities.

Geoff Coxe - Principal - FOSSC RYA SAIL TRAINING

Laying Up Supper

Laying Up Supper/Games Night went off with a bang on Saturday 19th November. A range of members congregated, from some of the clubs latest acquisitions through to some veteran players (one overheard to mention they had been members since 1968, which is a good number of years before your writers existence!)

The evening, as with the fireworks night, was arranged and handled by your Social Secretary, Katrina Dix and her supporting socialites Jo White and Hels Johnstone (also known as the three Frampton witches) and their long suffering families.



In a break from tradition food for the evening was a bring and share buffet, which everyone generously embraced making for a cost affective and well laid spread (with special mention going to Nikki Gribble for three glorious desserts that delighted and then promptly disappeared). Drinks obviously flowed courtesy of the club bar helmed by one of the Dix family (although thankfully his sailing is better than his maths... I'll say no more!!).

With everyone suitably satiated the games, began with all willing participants being split into eight teams, each named (not unpredictably) after popular types of boats sailed at the club. Four games were to be fiercely contested - inflatable connect 4, pick up sticks, table skittles and giant Jenga.

Much hilarity ensued, but as you'd expect from a bunch of sailors, the competitive nature soon became evident in some closely fought matches.



Three teams started to show their skills pulling ahead on the leader board as the evening progressed. The Wanderers held their destiny in their own hands with a win at giant Jenga required to nail four out of four on the leader board to take the overall top spot.



As the fiercely contested match continued with block after block being skilfully removed and replaced at the top of the ever grown and increasingly unstable tower (Cilla displaying incredibly steady hands), members from other teams started to gather and anticipation grew. After a titanic struggle it was Katrina who's nerve and/or luck



broke and down the blocks came. Wanderers had distinguished themselves in top spot and gathered their prizes with pride and a photo by Ken Elsey.



The Triumphant Wanderers

To round the evening off in style a session of limbo was instigated. Oiled with enthusiasm of youth and copious amounts of liquor (not mixed of course!) the procession looped round and round the room whilst the number of participants was whittled down as the bar got lower and lower.

After any number of thrills and spills (and much to your writers surprise) it came down to the two smallest children taking part with the bar set lower than the standards of your average sailor

competing in a Sunday morning race, but only one could triumph.

All in all 2011's laying up supper was a great success and another fine social event held by FOSSC. A good time was had by all who came, which I am sure will encourage all to support other social events arranged for 2012 for everyone to enjoy.

Matt Johnstone

(Some members can even capsize on dry land! Guess who? Ed)





Frampton on Severn Sailing Club

Dinner Dance & Trophy Presentation



Nailsworth on Saturday 4th February 2012

6.45 for 7.30 pm

Adults £ 31.00 Juniors £ 17.00

Dress Code

Black Tie / Lounge Suits

Posh Frocks

The Menu

Starters

- A- Warm Smoked Haddock and Spinach Tart with watercress salad
- B- Pressed Pork Hock Terrine wrapped in Parma Ham with cider & apple chutney
- C- Sautéed Field Mushrooms on a Mini Brioche Loaf with garlic cream

Mains

- D- Braised Loin of Pork & Sage, Apple & Cider Stuffing set on braised Savoy cabbage with a wholegrain mustard sauce
- E- Roast Breast of Chicken with bubble & squeak and a creamy mushroom & baby onion sauce
- F- Fillet of Sea Bass with a Chive & Champagne sauce
- G- Butternut Squash, Sweet Potato & Gruyere Parcel (V) with a wholegrain mustard sauce

Desserts

- H- White Chocolate & Baileys Cheesecake with cherry compote
- J- Passion Fruit Flan with a mango cream
- K- Egg Custard Tart with a rhubarb fool

Freshly Brewed Coffee or Tea with mints

Name	Starter	Main	Dessert

Please make your selection in the table below then send the table with a cheque to FOSSC Alex Bailey, Charter Cottage, CORSE, Gloucester, GL19 3RE no later than 18.00 on Friday 3rd February 2012. Your information.

Name

Dessert

Name –

Email (so I can confirm)–

Address –

Frampton-on-Severn Powerboat Training 2012

The Frampton-on-Severn Sailing Club is a fully recognised R.Y.A. Sail Training Centre and now has 5 qualified and active RYA Powerboat instructors. Our Powerboat courses are intended to enable the club powerboats to be safely and properly operated in support of Club activities. To this end the courses are free of charge to club members who will be using the Club powerboats. The RYA allow us to offer Powerboat 1, Powerboat 2 and Safety Boat courses.(Inland) In past years, with only one Powerboat Instructor we have mainly offered basic (one morning) instruction, and only offered Powerboat 2 and Safety Boat courses to those who need the formal qualifications to be a Dinghy Instructor or Senior Instructor.

Now with more Instructors and safety boats for 2012, with the full support of the Main Committee, we are trying to raise the standard of powerboat handling and are offering the following Powerboat courses to all members.

Basic half day instruction (as before). This is to give experienced members a quick guide to how to prepare and drive our powerboats. This can be arranged on Sunday mornings during the season. To enrol for these, please contact John Tifferton 01454 414267. These sessions are also good revision for those who already have Powerboat level 2 certificates, but need some practice before their duties.

RYA Powerboat 2

Sat Feb 25th	or	Sat March 10th
Sat Oct 20th	or	Sat Oct 27th

The March and October courses will be preceded by one theory evening to cover both courses in each month. Proposed dates are Wed 22nd February and Wed 17th October.

RYA Safety Boat

Courses will be run in on Sat 17th March and Sat 3rd November for those who already have Powerboat Level 2 and significant Rescue Boat experience at Frampton.

Application for a course

If you had already applied for a Powerboat level 2 course, can you please confirm that you still want to do the course in March. If you want to enrol for Powerboat level 2, I will need the following in order to process your new RYA certificate online:

Full name and address, date of birth, telephone number and email address.

The other item to be supplied to me on the day is a passport photograph signed by yourself on the back.

I will be able pre-register you on line, but cannot issue a full Certificate until you have passed and I have your photograph to put onto the photo certificate.

We will be giving you a "Start Powerboating" RYA booklet which comes with the RYA blank certificate and Powerboating Logbook if you don't have one already. The only thing we ask in return is that you help very occasionally with the Sail Training/Racing Safety Boat Cover in addition to your normal club duties.

Priority will be given to those members who require Powerboat Level 2 for Sail Training or Safety Boat for those training to be an Senior Instructor. If you are between 12 and 16 you can be trained to Powerboat level 2, but will be unable to be in charge of a boat or be selected for rescue duties until you are 16. Please contact me if you wish to participate in one of the March Powerboat 2 courses.

Ken Elsey ken@elseyk.freemove.co.uk

If you have any questions contact me. (ken@elseyk.freemove.co.uk) .Tel 01452-412467



PowerBoat level 2 October 2011



Boxing the JS Trophy

The most long awaited event in the history of the club had me waking up to my alarm in the still hours of Boxing Day darkness and setting out into the cold still air of the false dawn. For two long years the event has been postponed due to the lake solidifying; more appropriate for ice skating than sailing. For two long years those eager to attain the title of winner of the JS trophy have been thwarted by the tilt of the earth and easterly winds turning Frampton into an arctic tundra and film set for the frozen planet. Most sailors hibernate in the winter to idle away time by the fire watching mindless period dramas such as 'Downton Abbey' or even worse 'Lark Rise to wherever' whilst awaiting the first signs of spring and the start of the sailing year. For others, winter means high drama on ice cold water with no shelter from the leafless trees that surround the lake.

Ken told me to write an article on the Boxing Day racing, and not to lament on the passing of halcyon days and balmy summer evenings so let's get back to the event that I have called the JS trophy as I could not remember who it was named after. (*John Sangwin Trophy - Ed*)

Those in the know will understand that the prize for a podium position in the JS trophy is the honour of AOD, OOD and rescue for next year's race. I was well aware of this all those years ago when the winters were milder. Wanting to sail rather than organise I had a cunning plan in 2008....

Being blessed with much talent and skill in the craft of racing I was assured first place in the race. As I approached the finish line all those years ago I put my plan into action. I feigned gear failure and awaited the trailing boats to overtake and claim their prize knowing on principle that I had sailed well and looked forward to sailing the next year. However those on the committee saw through my charade and took a dim view on my tack-ticks. I was exposed as my gear failure lasted almost 20minutes, such was my lead. My reward was no position and the honour of OOD next year and the shame of unsportsmanlike conduct.



So after two years of respite, here I am in the early hours of Boxing Day opening up the club. Malcolm, Roger and Mike arrive to help with the rescue boat and getting the committee boat ready. I already have an idea for a course and set up the buoys accordingly to give two good beats, two runs and a reach back to the start. Possibly, no definitely, the best set course of 2011.

Twelve boats make it to the start line, several Lasers including a radical Radial and a 4.7, a Solo, a Mirror, an Enterprise, a Byte, and a Wanderer. Then suddenly on the horizon a megalith appeared. A windjammer of a boat which, after some discussion, was elevated from Laser 2 to Laser 200 to Laser 2000. Anything that slick had to have lots of noughts. At a guess we supposed

this to have a handicap of a Phantom with a jib and spinnaker and two outboards and hydrofoils. Its pole, retracted, looked menacing and ready to be launched like a javelin should anyone challenge its dominance on the lake. 'Too big', 'too fast', 'too ostentatious for Frampton' were the cries. 'Would not have been allowed in my time, what possessed the

sailing committee to let this in', 'there goes the neighbourhood' etc, etc. were the protests from Frampton purists who still long for the days when the only boats allowed to race were Enterprises.

Determined to start the race at 11.00 without delay (early start early finish and back to the fire and absorb myself in Bleak House with a whisky and mince pie) the first hoot went off at 10.56 precisely. I had

secretly hoped that a sudden change in the weather would see the competing boats ice bound until the spring but resigned myself to the fact that as I had managed to drag myself out of my warm cosy bed and into the club I may as well get on with it.

At 10.58 the prep flag went up and a line of hopeful first across the line'ers gathered like vultures awaiting the scraps of a kill. At 10.59 and 40 seconds it was obvious that two boats, Ostentatious (Nicola and Mark Barrett) and Enterprise (Bill Gribble) would be well across the line at the starting horn. An extra hoot and shout of 'Ostentatious and Enterprise, OCS!' did not bring them back. Perhaps a plan was afoot to win the race (honour) but be disqualified (free from duty). So I sent the rescue crew in hot pursuit to get them back across the line.



It looked like a battle between Tony Williams and Jon Barrance for first place but then Jon had gear failure (or did he?) and limped home last. John Boothman could have been a contender for a podium position with this Radial handicap but capsized near the finish (was it an accident?), Ruben Thomas capsized just after the start (not to make it too obvious).

The results, Tony Latham OOD (did he realise he was going to win, mid fleet?), Phil Kirk AOD (forgot about his handicap) and Tony Williams (not used to winning and caught off guard) rescue for 2012, all hoping for a cold winter perhaps and lamenting on their success.



All off the water by 12.00 things were looking up. Boats away, outboard away, roller shutter locked, scores computed and home! But what is this! The annual dinner and awards ceremony re-located in the bar! No, its mince pies and mulled wine for a large group of members just returned from the John Sangwin walk (so that is what JS stands for). 'Now Mike', as is pointed out by my crew, 'you will have to wait around for at least a couple of hours whilst the walkers socialise as YOU have to lock up, being OOD.'

Suddenly I have a plan, Reuben needs a lift home and needs to be back by 1pm at the latest. Salvation! I make my excuses and am rewarded with lemon curd from his mum and settle down to Bleak House knowing that the Boxing Day festivities are still well under way at the club. Bliss...then a call from my wife that takes me out of the Dickens London fog in into cold, harsh reality...' Mike, get ready, we are off to see your in-laws'.

'But there are mince pies and mulled wine at the club', I protest!

Mike Tully

NERD CORNER

Welcome again to Nerd Corner. Given the lack of rain to fill the lake over the last 18-24 months, it set thinking about how much water we need to fill the lake to a reasonable depth. Based that we are currently at 9.74m above chart datum, I felt that we needed at least an extra 1 metres depth. Taking the area of the lake at about 43 acres and converting it to square metres, the volume of water needed to fill the lake by 1 metre depth would be approximately 175,000 cubic metres or 175,000,000 litres. Taking the density of water as 1000Kg/m³, this means that the weight of water to fill the lake would be 175,000 tonnes or 175,000,000 Kg of water. To work in Imperial volume this would equate to approximately 38.5 million gallons of water. This is just the water to fill the lake, let alone saturate the water table at the same time. In the meantime all we can do is pray! (which is not a very scientific thing to do!!!)

(Ed)

Social Committee Comments

Happy new year to you all, hope you have all had a great Christmas and looking forward to a fun filled 2012, packed with social and sailing events.

As you may be aware, after a successful August bank holiday camping weekend and a few cocktails later, Jo White, Helen Johnston and myself Katrina Dix decided to get together and form a social committee at the club to organise future social events. The August bank holiday weekend saw a good number of campers enjoying a great family weekend. This took us into the autumn and a great end to the season with a fantastic turn out to the fireworks evening at the beginning of November followed by the games night laying up supper, Chilli Quiz night and the last Sunday race of the season followed by the traditional curry lunch.

As the social committee, it is our aim for 2012 and the future to organise as many social events as possible, the first of 2012 being the fitting out supper which will be held on Saturday 17th March, St Patrick's day which will take on a slight Irish theme to the evening. Look out for more details nearer the time so you can book your places.

Other events in the social programme at the moment include the May bank holiday camping and jubilee celebration weekend. As 2012 is the year of the London olympics the aim is to organise a camping weekend full of races and games for all the family, sailing or non sailing. Get your camping gear at the ready for a great weekend of fun on and off the water. This weekend will include a marathon 16 hour sailing race, kayak, rowing racing and other olympic themed events.

Further social events are to include a race night, August Bank Holiday camping weekend, Halloween party, firework night and some social get together evenings through the season where the bar will be opening for a drink or two.

If you are a regular sailor, social sailor or even a non sailor like myself who just enjoys the club, these social events are a great way of meeting other members of the club and to see what the club can do for you.

We would greatly appreciate any social event ideas you may have for the future which we could try to arrange at the club or even elsewhere, all ideas most welcome.

After a great weekend away in Plymouth last summer, John Jordon as mentioned about organising another sailing trip this year, either early on in the year or sometime in September. We are thinking of either another weekend away similar to Plymouth, but at a different location or even taking a trip abroad somewhere warmer. If anyone is interested, please let me know by the end of February so we have an idea of numbers and can arrange an evening to discuss ideas of when, where and costs. Last years trip was great fun for all, sailors and non sailors.

Keep checking out the website or club notice boards for details of forthcoming social events, anyone wishing to help out with any of the social events would be very welcomed.

A big thank you to everyone who helped out with last years events.

If you need further information regarding any of the forthcoming events please contact any of us by email, phone or see us at the club.

Katrina, Jo and Helen

True Grit Trophy - 1st January 2012.



The day was unusually mild edging double figures, hence the demonstration of true grit I suspect was more associated with beating the effects of the night before than the weather (well at least for some). Having said that, I suspect that in the gentle/moderate breeze (Force 3-4) it no doubt felt a little cooler to those sailing. I arrived shortly after 09:30 and was

surprised to find the gate open and 2 or 3 of the keenest preparing their boats. A quick survey of conditions suggested some good sailing was to be had and with a south westerly wind use of the committee boat seemed the best option. What I didn't realise, initially, was the some what displaced positioning of the buoys including missing red. As a consequence and with the availability of only one rescue boat, despite having a competent and willing duty team, I regret to say the start was slightly delayed whilst the course was arranged. Oh, and thank you to you all for not mentioning that red wasn't red but rather red and white (flag missing)!

In the build up to the start I counted 21 boats on the water not all upright at any one time and had the distinct feeling that the rescue boat was going to be in great demand. A relatively short line had been set and I expected some competitive jostling at the start but was somewhat disappointed with everyone handing back and no one threatening to even be in close proximity to the line let alone over it. The duty team turned its attention to getting the sail numbers down on the sheet and the rescue boat was dispatched to look for potential clients. It was then that we realised that we had already lost 3 boats to the conditions one of the first being Mike Crowley with a very waterlogged looking Enterprise. He did show real spirit reappearing some 30 minutes later but was never going to really going to be able to compete but hopefully restored some pride.



The order relatively quickly settled down with Lasers showing the way and the Commodore revelling in the conditions. Capsizing appear to be a popular sport aided and abetted by a veering wind resulting in several opting for the fall into windward or at least a very wet dunk praying for the wind to pick them up again, Tony Williams laid on a couple of such capsizes for the apparent pleasure of the committee boat team (it wasn't necessary really!). Having

said that it was unusually mild, which it was, conditions clearly took their toll and one or two wisely took their leave before the finish although in the case of Colin John early retirement was brought about by a broken tiller extension. In my determination to allow the full 60 minutes I feared I had incurred the wrath of Commodore when he retired from what looked like a promising position after 6 laps but understand he too was doing the calculation and believed the risk of finishing in the top 4 which would have assured a duty next January was too high. The loss of these two Lasers late on resulted in changes to the front the field and some late capsizees further down the field saw changes there too (what happened in the Laser 2000 with only 2 legs to go?) was the True Grit effect finally kicking in?



From a relatively comfortable standpoint there appeared to be some really very determined performances demonstrated and my money was on the Laser 4.7 (Williams the Younger) and the Topper of Andy Tully. In the event and on corrected time Jeremy Higgson showed his 'True Grit' taking advantage of David's retirement (having much reduced his lead in any event), Nick Williams performance



proved to have been really good finishing a very credible and deserved Second and John Barrance again showed his ability to compete in this event coming in Third. John will have been aware that those finishing in the first 4 positions will have also earned the esteemed honour of forming the Duty Team for January 2013, so well done Andy in this event 4th is not just 4th!

Many thanks to my team, whom I note were all swapped representatives demonstrating that unlike me (having won the trophy in 2009 been duty officer on the ice in 2010

and hence again this year) if you really don't want to do your prescribed duty even on a 'Bank Holiday' there are others who can be persuaded to step into the breach you just have to go out there and sell it.

Well done all for some commendable sailing, hope you enjoyed it and will return next year.

Happy New Year

Peter Dalton.

Club Berthing

May I begin by wishing you all a Happy New Year.

I just thought I'd write a few lines to let you know that I have taken over from Roger Gribble as berthing secretary. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Roger for his help and continued support in setting me on my way.

My most pressing task is to complete a full audit of berths. Some of you may have already heard from me regarding this. If anyone has berthing queries please email me at henrywlbeck@gmail.com or call 01452 741804. Please bear with for the time being; I have a number of queries I am trying to deal with at present and hope to clear up all issues as soon as possible.

There is one point I have noticed since starting my audit - in many berths it is difficult to spot the berthing sticker. When the new stickers are issued I would be grateful if they could be displayed clearly and easily visible. This will help me immensely and make my job much easier. I have found myself rooting around in the undergrowth and upturned hulls trying to locate the aforementioned stickers!!! Thank you in advance for your help in the New Year with this matter.

Best wishes for the forthcoming season.

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Winter Talks - Sailing Club - Wednesdays at 7.30pm

January 11th

Ray Wilson

Gloucestershire's Industrial Heritage

February 8th

John Rhodes

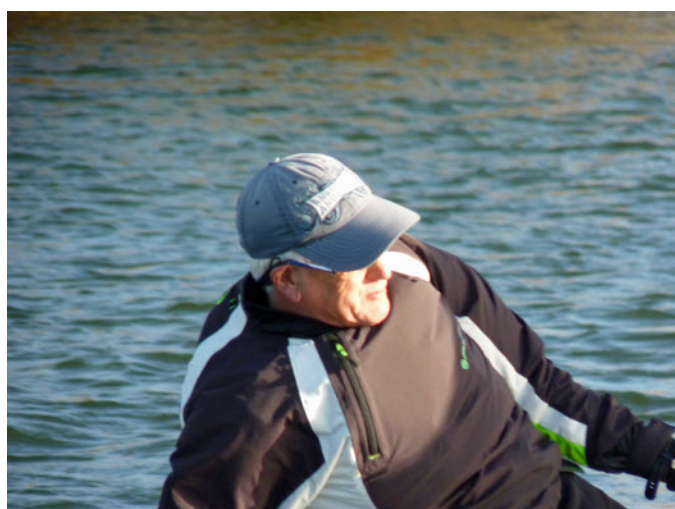
The Resolute Lady Steam Tug

March 7th

Alan Pilbeam

Old Footpaths of Gloucestershire

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Junior Prizegiving with Callum, Lawrence, Lewis, Adam and Ed. Ed wins the George Matthews Trophy and the Frampton Paddle.





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 **Marine**

	Date	Venue	Contact	Website
1	Sun 25 March	Bowmoor S C	Dave Nicoll Dave.nicoll@project.realization.com	www.bowmoor.co.uk
2	Sat 14 April	Bristol Corinthian S C	Simon Kraeter simon.kraeter@blomasa.com	www.bcyg.org.uk
3	Sun 22 April	Frampton S C	Mike Tully mike.tully@glosfire.gov.uk t: 01453 763799	www.fossc.org.uk
4	Sun 13 May	Portishead S C	Colin Jarvis jarvisfamily@btinternet.com	www.pysc.org.uk
5	Sun 20 May	Sutton Bingham S C	Chris Jones chris174483@yahoo.co.uk m: 07881923432	www.suttonbingham.co.uk
7	Sat 16 June	Chew Valley S C	Helen Martin chewlasers@goolemail.com	www.chewvalleysailing.org.uk
6	Sat 14 July	Clevedon S C	Mgibson5@toucansurf.com t: 01275 879482	www.clevedon-sailing-club.co.uk
8	Sun 16 Sept	Avon S C	Mike Adams michael.adams@lineone.net t: 01684 310025 m: 07900057155	www.avonsailingclub.co.uk
9	Sat 22 Sept	Thornbury S C	Steve Hobbs sandjhobbs@blueyonder.co.uk	www.thornburysc.org.uk
10	Sun 21 Oct	South Cerney S C	Mike Frost frosty@frostclan.fsnet.co.uk	www.southcerneysailingclub.org.uk



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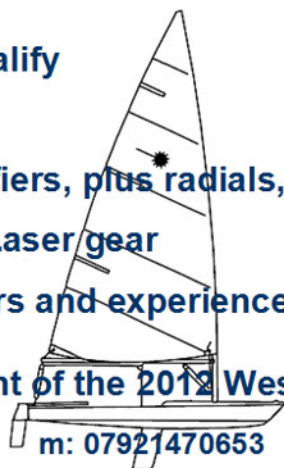
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Day	Date	Time	Event	Comments	OOD/AOD	Rescue	Bar/Galley
Sat	7	Jan					
Sun	8	Jan					
Wed	11	Jan	19:30	Gloucestershire's Industrial Heritage			
Sat	14	Jan					
Sun	15	Jan					
Sat	21	Jan		Work Party			
Sun	22	Jan					
Sat	28	Jan		Work Party			
Sun	29	Jan		Work Party			

February

Day	Date	Time	Event	Comments	OOD/AOD	Rescue	Bar/Galley
Fri	3	Feb					
Sat	4	Feb	19:00	Annual Dinner & Prize Giving			
Sun	5	Feb		Egypt Mill, Nailsworth			
Wed	8	Feb	19:30	The Resolute Lady Steam Tug			
Sat	11	Feb					
Sun	12	Feb					
Sat	18	Feb		Work Party			
Sun	19	Feb					
Wed	22	Feb	18:30	Theory - Power Boat Level 2			
Sat	25	Feb		Power Boat Level 2			
West Country Breweries							
Sun	26	Feb	12:00	Handicap	Michael Crowley Marcus Dixon Antony Thompson	Charles Cutts Richard Stephens	Helen Morris
			14:00	Pursuit			
			15:45	Handicap			

March

Day	Date	Time	Event	Comments	OOD/AOD	Rescue	Bar/Galley
Sat	3	Mar	Topper Open Training	Dinghy Exhibition Alaxandra Palace			
Sun	4	Mar	Topper Open	Dinghy Exhibition Alaxandra Palace	Ken Elsey + Partners		
Wed	7	Mar	19:30 Old Footpaths of Gloucestershire				
Sat	10	Mar	Power Boat Level 2				
Sun	11	Mar	14:00 Spring Class 1 15:45 Spring Handicap 1		John Jordan Tim White	Gordon Rice Peter Smout	John Titterton
Wed	14	Mar	18:30				
Sat	17	Mar	Safety Boat	Fitting out supper			
Sun	18	Mar	Canada Cup 12:00 Handicap 14:00 Pursuit 15:45 Handicap	Mother's day	Michael Tully Andrew Tully Jonathan Preece	Stephen Hawkins Richard Dickinson	Serge Cren
Sat	24	Mar		Work Party			
Sun	25	Mar	14:00 Spring Class 2 15:45 Spring Handicap 2		Tony Williams David Cooper	Annabelle Patching Hywel Moss	Pat Gilbert
Sat	31	Mar	British Moth Open	Thornbury sail training			

April

Day	Date	Time	Event	Comments	OOD/AOD	Rescue	Bar/Galley
Sun	1 Apr	14:00 15:45	Spring Class 3 Spring Handicap 3		Roger Allan Philip White	Richard Bayliss Bryn Jones	Derek Glew
Wed	4 Apr	18:30	Spring Class 1		David Smith Bernie Bennett	Martin Gregg Colin Stevens	Paul Appleford
Fri	6 Apr			Good Friday			
Sat	7 Apr		Sailability				
Sun	8 Apr	12:00 14:00 15:45	Concorde Handicap Pursuit Handicap	Solo	Geoff Cox Susan Beynon Carol Weatherley	Brian Trubshawe Matthew Shilling	John Veale
Mon	9 Apr			Easter Monday			
Wed	11 Apr	18:30	Spring Class 2		Andrew Dixon- Lewis Yael Hochenberg	Chris Lamb Wendy Whittleton	Susan Skeats
Sat	14 Apr		Adult ST 1 Sailability Race Training 1				
Sun	15 Apr	10:00 14:00 15:45	Oppy training 1 Spring Class 4 Spring Handicap 4		Roger Appleby Robert Smith	Chris Latham Caroline Wood- house	David Bourne
Wed	18 Apr	18:30	Spring Class 3		Malcolm Payton Nicholas Evans	Philip Kirby Traylor Huw	Roger Jaques
Sat	21 Apr		Adult ST 2 Sailability Race Training 2				
Sun	22 Apr		Laser Open	Solo Fleet			
Wed	25 Apr	18:30	Spring Class 4		Steven Wright Andrew Lovering	James Bennett Royston Evans	Barbara Hartley
Sat	28 Apr		Adult ST 3 Sailability Race Training 3				
Sun	29 Apr	10:00 14:00 15:45	Oppy training 2 Spring Class 5 Spring Handicap 5		Nigel Kay Stephen Jones	Bill Gribble Stuart Hill	Michael Sparey

WORK PARTIES 2012

There going to be 4 major winter work parties this year, plus several smaller Summer Work Parties to keep the club neat and tidy throughout the year. To achieve this the membership list has roughly been divided into 5 groups with allocated days. Some members already took part in the October and November work parties, so their presence has already been noted and will not be required.

	Date
Allan to Challis	Sat 21st January
Clarkson to Gow	Sat 28th January
Greenfield to Knox	SUMMER WORK PARTIES
Lade to Pritchard	Sun 29th January
Quick to Wright	Sat 18th February

The work parties will be full day sessions, so that more jobs can be completed in the day and not left half done. So that instead of 2 half days, one full day will satisfy your obligation. However, if you can't make one full days, 2 half days will still qualify. If you can't make the day suggested above, don't worry and come another day. Make certain that when you arrive at the club, you look for the "job allocator" and sign off on the attendance register. If you cannot make a one of those days, please contact a committee member so that a week time job can be given.

Please bring a range of tools, as the full list of jobs and coordinators has not been completed. This will be published on the website and send out as an email after the next Main Committee Meeting on Monday 16th January.

There are outside jobs involving repairing the jetties and finishing the new jetty, renovating the hut, plus coppicing, pollarding, cutting the hedges and the grass. We particularly need members who are trained and skilled using chains saws/ Repairing the gutters and the boundary fencing around the club. We need members to build an access ramp, plus install services for the portaloo.

If you have boat skills, the bosuns and the Sail Training team will doing lots of work on the club fleet of boats.

Inside the club the are the normal cleaning and repairing jobs, plus painting and specific installation work.

Lets get this all completed before the start of the season on Sunday 26th February.