

Oct/ Nov 2009

Netley Sailing Club Newsletter



*Thank you to everyone who has helped throughout the year
The AGM 14th November at 11am will be in the Clubhouse
Come and listen to the Commodore's report and also the Auditor's Report
Mulled Wine will also be served
for any other issues contact Dawn on admin@netleysc.co.uk.*

New Website !

Throughout this year Phil Lomas and I have been developing a new website. I have felt that we needed to have the website as fluid and as flexible as possible to reflect what the Club is trying to achieve - it is our first port of call -It needed to be vibrant, fun and user friendly for all. We therefore wanted the new website to reflect the club in its entirety and create a coordinated site for up to date information, racing results, discussion and the main route for questions / queries from the membership.

Here it is !..

www.netleysc.co.uk

The website will provide a variety of useful information.

The link tabs will include:

Home -a brief resume of Netley Sailing Club and what we have to offer.

About us – a bit more detail .

How to find us - with written instructions and a Google Map link

How to join - with Dawn's contact details , the Club rules and membership application form

Club Documents - with links to Dinghy Hire, Officer of the Day return forms, the sailing programme and Dutyman

News -any breaking club news and the newsletter will be here - which will also be scrolling on the Home Page

Events Calendar– lists the all important social and sailing calendar, times and venues will be highlighted.

In the **Forum** the Board Index will be open to members only so that open discussions about club events etc can take place. To get started, contact the webmaster for your username and password. Currently there are three discussions, the forum could include others such as **Training** etc...we hope to make it membership led

Within the **Gallery** there is Photogallery and Videogallery where you can see some of the photos of the club's sailing and social events.

Weather Station - yes !!- we have a weather station perched on top of the clubhouse- so the members who live a distance a way (or not!) can see what the weather is doing.

Webcam - we will be getting a webcam as well to compliment the weather station.

Contact - provides information about the committee for the year and a contact to the web admin of course the all important means of contacting the committee should you have any questions.

Dutyman - this tab will provide a direct link to the duty roster - a further explanation is given over the page.

The committee and Dawn will have new email addresses e.g. rosie.parker@netleysc.co.uk or admin@netleysc.co.uk

Phil will be updating the site as and when required providing an up to date window on the club. Please take a visit , bear in mind that we may still need to do some adjustments and we are planning to launch the new website on the 14th Nov after the AGM .. another reason for you to come !



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Home

Rosie



Sadly I have to report that a significant minority of members are failing to turn up for their allotted duties. Some people have the courtesy to cancel, albeit at the last minute but most just don't bother!

I do not need to spell out the impact that this has on everyone else, not least those who are tasked to find replacements.

In an effort to remedy this situation, we are going to try using 'DutyMan' for an experimental period covering the FROSTBITE SERIES which starts November 8th 2009. More can be found about 'Duty Man' at <http://www.dutyman.biz>.

If it works (it already works very well for other clubs), we will use it for the new sailing season 2010, next year, leaving no excuses for not ensuring that your duty is covered.

Please make sure you have given Dawn an up to date and correct email address.

We would like to thank the majority of members who have willingly helped and covered their duties. We really appreciate your contribution to help the club run smoothly.

Club Events

OCTOBER 2009

Junior series 3 ends on Oct 18th

Late Autumn Series with 8 races 11th Oct - 1st Nov

NOVEMBER 2009

Frostbite Series with 14 races 8th Nov - 20th Dec

JANUARY 2010

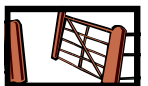
Fri 1 Commodore's Cup

see the website or your programme for start times

We need more first aiders -

First Aid Course
 contact DAWN if you would like to attend
admin@netleysc.org.uk

The Gates



Please drive slowly and close the gates behind you

Remember the combination to the two inner gates to NSC have changed - see your membership packs for details.

The combination for the Royal Victoria Country Park's gate remains the same.

Tip—programme both the numbers into your mobile phone under Netley!

Pedestrians have right of way along the shore road



SAIL-AWAY TO COWES

Sat 10 October



Photographs by Nick Thorne



Sail Away with Roger!

A typical cross-section of Netley's fleet made the trip to the Folly Inn on the River Medina for the last Sailaway of the season on 10 October. A GP14, Sport 14, Stratos, Omega and a Solway Dory (sailing canoe) headed down Southampton Water with a gentle force 3 at their backs. They were joined by three Darts, and a Catapult. There was a strong east-going tide at the mouth of the Medina so it was important to fix on a transit to avoid being swept down to Osborne Bay, but all made it to the Folly in time for a civilised lunch. On the way back the wind faded gradually and negotiating the floating bridge was particularly challenging, especially for those without engines or paddles. Then there was a long beat back across the Solent and against a building ebb. All were safely gathered in though and returned to the Club by 1800 as the sun was lowering.

All the best..... Roger

Training Update- Dave Machin



Wellthe Youth Training sessions have been and gone, and the season finished with a Sailaway to Ashlett Creek along with the grown-ups. In a dying breeze we managed to sail most of the way to the top of the creek (with a little help from the RIBs to get the kids across the channel as a large pleasure cruiser bore down on us). A quick lunch, some splashing around and it was time to head back to Netley. Sadly the wind had died to a zephyr and as the ebb tide got stronger we towed most of the boats back.

At this point I should say a big thank you to all the helpers (instructors, safety boat crew, trolley dollies, et al) who have made it possible to run these sessions throughout the season.

Good news! – the application to become an RYA Recognised Training Centre has been submitted. Assuming the application is successful it will mean that we can run RYA courses and issue certificates on completion.

More good news - the Committee have approved the purchase of three RS Tera dinghies. If you recall, we borrowed the demo fleet back in May and they were a big hit. What it means is that we can extend the youth training to younger children. We will also be hosting the RS Tera Nationals over a weekend next season which will give the kids something to work towards.



One of the dinghies has been kindly sponsored by Esso and if you know of any other likely sponsors please let me know.

Finally, it may seem early, but it's time to think about next season's programme and I'd welcome any feedback and suggestions as to what has worked and not worked, and the sort of training people would like see on offer. This may be youth or adult courses, the basic RYA courses or the more advanced RYA courses, or race training. Please let me know your thoughts.

Cheers,
Dave



Kestrel, Scorpion and Shearwater 25-26 Sep – Event report

September saw Netley welcoming some familiar, old (and not so old) faces from the Shearwater and Scorpion classes, and newer ones from the Kestrels. There was plenty of home interest with a particularly strong Scorpion contingent. All in all, it was setup for a great weekend with a well stocked bar, disco and good support from the club members.

However the wind failed to play its part in the proceedings with stand-in race Officer Mike Stroud having to struggle with fickle, offshore breezes. In between the mirror-like conditions, the race team managed to keep to schedule and run 5 races on a shared course.

No protests or collisions meant that it was a very relaxed affair. Thanks to the respective class reps in the club for their input and support over the weekend.

Well done to everyone involved with the event, race teams, safety crews, beach crews, bar staff. Already all these classes have asked for more of the same next year; both the Kestrels and Shearwaters requested Netley to host their nationals.

Star of the weekend must go to **Ian Akhurst** who, at very short notice and with little experience, stepped in to the breach as OOD for both days.

Netley sailors results

Kestrels

3rd John & Jo Glasspool

Shearwaters

3rd Nigel & Sarah Stuart

Scorpions

6th Phil & Jane White

8th Dave & Mike Hannan

17th Guy Reville & Emma Warburton

18th Nic Searle & Lucy Edge

Club racing

Standard courses – Andy Chapman has painstakingly drafted a set of standard courses fro club racing. As a trial we shall start using these for the Frostbite series. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please let me know.

The course can be found in the Race Officer folder.

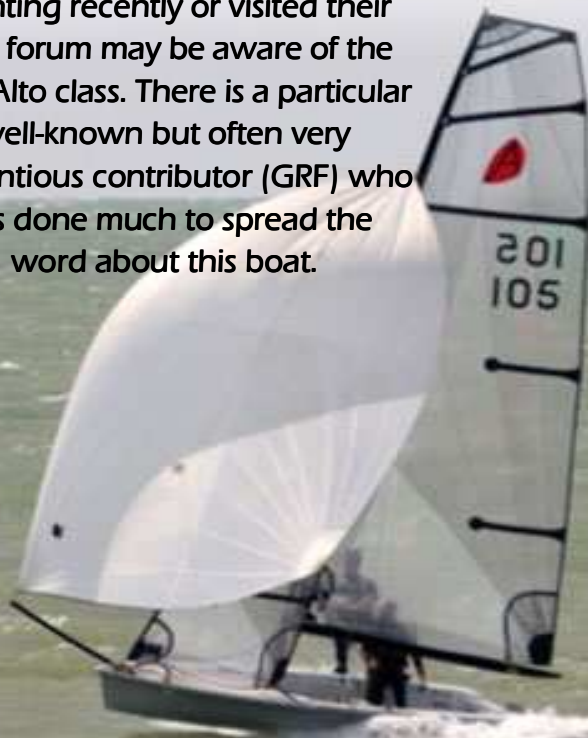
Sailing Sub committee – there will be a meeting of the sailing sub committee meeting on 4th November. If you have any issues regarding any of the club organised events (racing, training, Sailaways, etc) that you would like raised, please send me any email. Before you ask ...we will be discussing the midday starts.....

Frostbite series – By popular demand this year's Frostbite series will, have 2 races each day, rather than the usual one. These will be run back-to-back to minimise the amount of time the safety boat crew has to suffer the cold. Don't forget your warmest kit!

Tom



Anybody who read Yachts & Yachting recently or visited their web forum may be aware of the new Alto class. There is a particular well-known but often very contentious contributor (GRF) who has done much to spread the word about this boat.



Alto Demo – 1st Nov



In between the tongue-in-cheek comments from GRF's it sounds like a great boat. It features a single trapeze, asymmetrical spinnaker with swinging bow sprit and you can sit in it, not on it!

Pinnell & Bax, who are marketing the boat, have organised a demo day at Netley on 1st November. If you are interested, come and try it.