



NEWSLETTER

May 2008

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Dates for your Diary.....

17th May

▪ **YHYSA Regatta**

Can you help with recording, safety, catering? Let Peter know. Or just come and watch. If you are under 18 a great event for all standards.

28th & 29th June

▪ **Commodore's Day**

Camping overnight if you wish, regatta on Sunday.

A full timetable of events will be published shortly and will be emailed out to members.

26th July

• **Summer Scorcha**

The ERYC Summer Scorcha programme will run again at the Club on Saturday 26th July.

This event is an opportunity for junior sailors to try the sport for the first time. Booking is through ERYC on a first come first served basis. Help will be required on the day and volunteers to help with the kids and instructors to take them on the water would be greatly appreciated.

7th June & 12th July

• **Wakeboard Competitions**

Please Note that on the two dates above, there will be no sailing.

Commodore's Notes

We have had a very healthy start to the season with good fleets out on most weekends. Two open meetings have taken place already, with the Streakers' attracting 11 visiting boats to the Club. Very difficult conditions greeted the competitors and the OD had his work cut with plenty of capsizes. The eventually winner Nick Lovell was very pleased to win in such testing conditions. The Ladies enhanced our culinary reputation again with a lunch of beef in Guinness with Yorkshire pudding and various crumbles for desert. Thanks to all who help on the day, both on and off the water. We also raised £90.25 for our chosen charity Sail4Cancer.

This weekend the Club has hosted the first regional heat of the RYA Honda RIB Challenge for junior sailors, with competitors racing a Honda RIB around a slalom course performing various manoeuvres. Each had two timed runs. In the Junior section, Welton's Ross Fleming won the 8-12yr category which means that he will go forward to the national finals at the Southampton Boat Show in September, with the chance to win that category and a Honda RIB for the Club. The Youth section was won by Chris Owen-Hughes from Scaling Dam SC. All our juniors who took part performed extremely well and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The picture shows Ross on one of his two timed runs with Andy

acting as coach and ballast



Thanks to all who helped on the day and congratulations to Ross.

Peter

New 2008 Sailing Programme

Important change to the new Sailing Programme.



- 1.00pm start for the first race on Sundays again. For the benefit of Churchgoers and Archers fans!

Remember racing relies upon OD's, if you cannot make your date please try and arrange a swap and note it on the sheets in the clubhouse.

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Dave Miles continues to maintain the website. He is open to new ideas, recent pictures and any help you can offer. Any ideas? Contact Dave on sailing@weltonsc.org

Training Programme 2008

Learn to Sail.

Although not a RYA course the club will run a three weekend introduction to sailing to get you on the water and sailing. Sunday mornings from 10am to 12.30pm. Provisional Dates - 25th May, 6th June and 22nd June.

Please let Andy know if you are interested so we can plan instructors and boats.

Race Training

Alongside the above we want to offer some race training to help people get to grips with racing.

Please let Andy know if you are interested and topics you'd like to cover

OD Training

Steve Abbott will run training to help rusty and new OD's get to grips with OD duties.

Please let Andy or Steve know your interest so we can set a date.

Contact Andy Harrison at:

ourdogblackie@lineone.net

Thursday Night Sailing

It seems only yesterday that we had the last Thursday night race and here we are again starting the new season. Thursday night racing begins this Thursday, 8th May at 7 pm promptly, with two races back to back, in order that we can all still see the course before it gets too dark!

This season we are trying to recreate the social aspects of our sport again and now that we have the newly acquired Skiers BBQ, this will be available very shortly once it has been thoroughly cleaned. Anyone wishing to cook food this week can use the Club cooker, but the gas BBQ should be available soon. Judy is keen to encourage the use of the BBQ and truthfully there is nothing more relaxing after an evening sail than to sit down with a beautiful view of the lake and eat food and chat. We hope that members will take the opportunity to stay down after racing and cook their own food.

The crowd at the Honda RIB Challenge.

