

RED WHARF BAY SAILING & WATERSPORTS CLUB

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EASTER BULLETIN

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Commodore's Report

Well, what a cold winter we have had this year! Hope you have all survived and looking forward to some warmer weather before opening up on Anglesey.

For those who have not yet paid your 2010 subs would you please find your cheque book and an envelope and send it off to Barbi without further delay. This year we need your money more than ever.

Members of the various committees have been meeting to discuss ideas for the coming season and have had a huge amount of input into the 2010 plans. Our main project this year is the modernisation of the changing facilities in the clubhouse. We hope that you will be in full agreement with the new ideas and that you will lend your financial support as requested in my appeal letter. Although we need feedback from you regarding this project, please channel your thoughts and ideas through John Hodgkinson & Martin Hough. These two are the only people the builders will take instructions from.

Because of our huge expenditure this year, I hope that you will support and take part in every available social and money raising event. I would further encourage you to spend more time at the club, eating cake and drinking tea & coffee. You know it is enjoyable and that the proceeds will go to a very good cause. I would invite you to promote membership of the club to friends, family & neighbours and to encourage families to come down to sample the delights of Traeth Bychan and to see what goes on. We need to increase the number of active members to secure the clubs future.

As a consequence of the alterations to the changing rooms, please be advised that in future we shall be unable to provide storage for sails and sailing gear in this area. Plans are in hand to find alternative storage and members are asked to remove all personal items and to find alternative storage during the alterations as we can no longer guarantee its safety.

This year we will again be using the boat labelling system to confirm that the valuable spaces in the Boat Park are occupied **only** by fully paid up members. Please remember that allocation is based on a first to pay first allocated basis and that late payers may end up on the sand. Boats without official club labels will be removed. Two labels will be provided per boat so that one can be placed on the mast and the other on the transom. Please ensure these are firmly fixed and that old labels are removed prior to bringing boats to the beach.

We hope that John Nightingale will agree to allocate berths in the boat park again this year. His excellent location plan will be displayed in the club house from Spring Bank Holiday. Please park in your allocated space and ensure that you respect his suggestions.

May I on behalf of the club extend my warm thanks to Charlotte and Lee Kight. Following my appeal in the last Bulletin, Charlotte contacted me to say that she and her husband were only too willing to provide a new dishwasher to replace our burnt out machine at Traeth Bychan. This is now down at the club thanks to Debbie & Murray Treece, ready to be installed at Easter.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Harold Lomas at the age of 68. Harold unfortunately had an inoperable tumour and failed to respond to Chemotherapy. We send our sincere condolences to his widow Maureen and to Gladys and Christine in Anglesey.

I always try to report on the progress of our younger sailors and inform you of their plans for the foreseeable future. Unfortunately I can only relay information sent to me prior to going to print. There is an update on the progress of the Carpenters later in this bulletin.

Welsh Yachting Association - North Wales Club Youth Racing Circuit 2010.

The CYRC series, as it's better known, consists of 5 events that visit different clubs in North Wales to build on Winter Training. Whilst quality racing is the intention of the series, courses may be adapted and training may be provided to suit the age and ability of competitors. The series will cater for experienced racers (wanting to practise against their squad mates!) through to novice sailors travelling to their first event. The series has a Volvo Champion Club coach assigned to it to help club coaches. The Series coach for this year is Sarah Williams. It is the ethos of the CYRC Series to welcome and help less experienced sailors. Experienced (Gold) fleet sailors and parents are asked to always assist less experienced sailors at these events e.g. check rigging, advise on how to replace unsuitable kit, where to go, launching etc.

To encourage and grow the General Handicap Fleet and the Windsurfing fleet- both of these classes have had their age limit raised to U21.

The first event this year takes place at Bala Sailing Club on Sunday 11th April. Anyone wanting to take part in the Open Training Day on Saturday 10th is asked to book their place with Bala by the 5th April at the very latest. This is a great opportunity to find out more about wind shifts and lake sailing! Please ensure you do book as it will help the club to judge the number of coaches/instructors needed.

Please visit the Welsh Sailing web site for further details; www.welshsailing.org
Or contact Welsh Yachting Association Office on 01248 670738

Last but not least - please ensure you book with Janet for the meal out on Easter Saturday night. Failure to do this or any late arrivals may be disappointed.

Have a good season and look forward to seeing you all for the working party on Easter Saturday

Andy Mainwaring
Commodore

A Message from our Child Protection and Safeguarding Officer

If you are proposing to help with rescue or in any capacity with 'junior sail training' you will need to undertake a Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) Check. The RYA are arranging and paying for this.

Please contact me via my home address or phone number (information in the hand book – Garry and Sally Yates) and I will forward you an application form to complete. I will then need to see identification and have your completed form to return to the RYA. The easiest identification is your passport, driving licence and utility bill showing your current address. I am around during the main holidays and can arrange to check these in the clubhouse.

Once your CRB is sent to you, please ensure that you bring it to the clubhouse and show a member of the committee or me and the information can be recorded on the central record that we keep in the clubhouse. Every member who is helping with children or teenagers, in any capacity, should have a CRB check to comply with new regulations.

Thank you to everyone last year who had their CRB check completed, we now have about 30 members who are on our central record.

I look forward to seeing you over the holiday periods and weekends from March through to October. I have just returned from a week in Barbados with Garry, the Burgess's, Ogden's and Copley's (what a week!!) and we are all hoping that some of the Barbados sun has followed us back to the UK for the future summer months.

See you in the club or on the water!
Sunny days!

Sally Yates
Safeguarding Officer

From the Vice Commodore

Hi all, as you've seen a lot has been happening over the winter, especially with the B O G squad. My thanks must go to those on that committee who have put a great deal of time and effort into making things happen. As you can see from Andy's request, events are moving fast. The builder has commenced work and the pressure is on for our goal of spring bank completion leaving the clubhouse ship shape and ready for use. In the interim, facilities will be limited. As always there is a down side to any refurbishment and ours is pretty serious - we have an accommodation problem for Fred and Thelma Flintstone as the cave is going to be shut off to everyone. "Hooray" the gents may shout but, like I said, Fred and family are looking for a new pad.

Easter will still bring some jobs with club boats and safety equipment needing checking and the arrival of Jaffa one, our new safety boat. General cleaning up outside and hopefully Sarah's cake to be eaten. With all that in mind, don't forget your Easter eggs and mine and let's hope for some kind weather. Jane and I have just had 2 fabulous weekends down there in the sunshine (although we were working all the time)

Looking forward to a great 2010 programme

Martin Hough

From the House Secretary

There will be a working party at the Clubhouse on Saturday 3rd April. It would be great to see as many of you as possible on the beach at 10am. The club will be in turmoil with the alterations but there are a number of jobs that still need doing in preparation for the summer. Everybody welcome! Wishing you all a Happy Easter and a great start to the new season.

Regards
Stan Simms

From the Honorary Secretary

Dear Members,

Easter is nearly with us, and almost time to start the 2010 RWBSWC season. This Easter should be particularly exciting with all the work that is going on in the changing room area of the Club.

The Committee have taken a very bold decision to carry out this essential work for the Club, and we will all benefit from the investment; it's not just for the benefit of the sailors.

There are 2 very important things that we can all do to help with this investment in the Club:

1. If you haven't already done so, please hurry up and pay your subs.
2. Help with the funding, by responding to the Commodore's appeal for help with funding. Loans, donations or fundraising events all greatly appreciated.

Looking forwards to seeing you all at the Club this Easter, either at the social, at the working party, or on the water.

Best wishes
Steve and Gill
snorris@blueyonder.co.uk



"Your Galley Needs You"

Hi Everyone,

I'm looking forward to the new season, which begins at Easter when there will be a galley working party. This involves taking everything out, cleaning and putting it all back in! Many hands make light work, so any help on Easter Friday or Saturday would be much appreciated.

The galley continues to run on a voluntary basis and so we really do need members to help. We have a core of regular "crew" to whom I am very grateful, but if you haven't got involved before, please try and lend a hand over the season - run a function, help with an open event, bake a cake or simply unload the dishwasher!

On the cake front Sarah Mainwaring (our resident cake expert!) is offering to share her secrets with other members at Whit. If you would like to be involved please let us know.

We are hoping this summer to help raise funds for the exciting changing room refurbishment, so any ideas and/or help would be gratefully received. Please.....get involved! It can be very sociable, a way to make life-long friendships or simply a good gossip! Make this the year to get involved and between us we can continue to bring life to the sailing club through the galley and have a laugh in the process

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Debbie
Galley Secretary

Offshore Dinghy Race

I'm pleased to be able to report that this year's event will take place on Sunday 22nd August 2010 starting at 10.00hrs at Beaumaris and once again will be sponsored by Rain + Sun. I appreciate that this is later than our usual date but unfortunately RAYC were unable to offer us their facilities as they are hosting the Miracle Nationals on our original preferred date. We are once again offering "free to enter" racing off Traeth Bychan on Sat 21st & Monday 23rd in an effort to encourage more entrants to travel to Anglesey. As usual we require volunteers to help on the day of the event so please, if you have not been involved in the past and would like to assist, do get in touch with any member of the General Committee.

To ensure that sailors reach their power to weight ratio a Hog Roast is planned for the evening of Saturday 21st. Tickets will be available for club members, friends and entrants to the Offshore race. More details will be available in the future.

Sailing Secretary's report

As you are no doubt aware the club now owns 2 Optimists, 2 Toppers, 2 Skippers and 3 Otters for use by the membership. In an effort to ensure equal access to the equipment and also minimise the risk to club members a booking plus sign out / in system will be in place for this season. The booking form will run from Monday to Sunday with am and pm sessions. Members wishing to use the equipment must pre-book the boats. Before taking the boats on the water members must sign out the equipment and sign in when they return. Also any damage or faults must be recorded to enable repairs to take place before the boats are used again. Again in an effort to protect our members anyone going on the water outside of organised race events, either with club or their own boats should enter their name,

number of crew and contact number on the white board in the clubhouse. These details should be erased upon your return. I hope you do not consider these initiatives over the top as we have members safety in mind.

Racing Rules Training

During the Race Training week, which runs from Tuesday 1st June until Friday 4th June on the evening of Wednesday 2nd June we will be holding a Racing Rules training session. The session will be presented by Mr Peter Johnson who is Chairman of RYA Judging and Umpiring panel and has officiated at many national and international regattas. The event will be open to club members as well as visitors attending the Race Training week. Put the date in your diaries, the start time will be confirmed at a later date.

Race Officers

In an effort to increase the number of volunteer Race Officers racing will be started from either the RIB or the club balcony. Hopefully this will encourage members who do not wish to go afloat to take on the role of Race Officer. If members around the clubhouse or sunbathing areas who are not sailing at the time of racing have not indicated they are unavailable to carry out Race Officer duties they may receive a request for their services. As in previous seasons a payment can be made if required to members who carryout these duties.

Dave Challinor

Sailing Secretary

From the Youth Co-ordinator

I am sure that we are all looking forward to the 2010 sailing season and here is an outline of the Junior and Youth sailing activities that will be taking place over the year. This will help you and your parents to plan what you will be able to attend and how you can gain the maximum benefit from the activities.

Race Training Week (Whit Week) 1st – 4th June

For those sailors, adults and juniors, who want to prepare for club, regional, national or international racing competition we plan to run a Topper / Laser week from Tuesday the 1st to Friday the 4th June 2010. This event attracts a number of temporary members to our club BUT this year we would like to see many more of our own junior members taking part. If you can sail a triangular course in reasonable conditions then this is a great way to improve your sailing by being coached by some of the UKs top coaches. Please complete the Race Training application form enclosed in this bulletin (page 9) and return it as soon as possible.

'Family Week' Open Meeting – 5th June

<http://www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk>

Saturday the 5th June 2010 is 'Family Week Sports Day'. RWBSWC will be celebrating this and the end of the Race Training Week with a day of family orientated racing. The format will be a monohull open meeting and the aim is to have every suitable club sailing boat out on the water. Look out for more details nearer the event.

If you can assist in any way please contact the Commodore or Youth Sailing Coordinator. As many of the participants will be juniors and youths the safety boat ratios are quite strict so if you have access to a suitable Committee Boat or safety craft such as RIBs or Powerboats your help would be much appreciated.

Junior Sail Training

The Junior Sail Training scheme gets under way during the summer holidays and takes place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Each year it is pleasing to see a number of juniors become competent, independent sailors. Whilst the Junior Sail Training scheme plays a part, these sailors also use the holiday period to practice the skills taught.

To avoid disappointment you need to book a place on the Junior Sail Training scheme in advance using the enclosed form (page 10) as we will not be able to guarantee you a place if you just turn up on the day. You do not need to pay at this stage.

As many of the instructors that we have used in the past have now finished their University courses and are starting careers we will be needing far more parental support to run these sessions. If parents could please indicate the support they can offer on the application form.

Care of Boats

For 2010 the club has a fleet of boats for juniors to use during sail training. These are also available, using a booking system, for the use of any club member at other times. Please familiarise yourself with the guidelines for use in the booking folder.

The fleet includes Optimists (2), Toppers (2), Skippers (2) and Otters (3). At times you may also be using boats generously loaned to you by other club members so please remember to wash down the boat you have used and pack it away tidily at the end of the session.

Getting your boat ready for the season

Here are a few things junior members can do before the summer sailing season begins: - If you have your own boat you are likely to improve more quickly. The options here are to buy or borrow a suitable boat. Depending on your height, weight and age you might be looking at any of the following: - Optimist (or similar), Topper, Mirror, Pico, Feva. If you or your parents want some advice contact the Commodore or Youth Co-ordinator.

Have a plan of how you are going to get the boat down to the beach. You may need to borrow a trailer or put it on a roof rack. Before bringing the boat to the beach it is a good idea to rig it in the garden at home. Does it have all the ropes, are parts worn, is there anything that needs to be repaired, does it have a centreboard and rudder?

Toppers and Lasers can be tested for leaks by blowing a little air into the hull through the bung hole and putting soapy water on all joints and fittings. More details here: - <http://www.sailing-solutions.co.uk/Tips and Articles > Leaking Hulls>

If you need parts the mail-order firms provide a quick service and will often give you free and sensible advice. Google any of the following: - Northampton Sailboats (General), P&B (General), Sailing Solutions (Toppers), Rooster Sailing (Lasers), LDC Racing (Feva), Laser Direct (Pico/Laser), TridentUK (Mirror). Give yourself plenty of time to get the boat ready and whilst you may need some adult help try and do as much as you can for yourself.

Finally a waterproof digital watch with a countdown function is very useful once you start racing. It doesn't need to be expensive - £20 watches are more than up to the job.

Summer Race Programme

The sailing programme has a number of events that are specifically designed for the smaller boats sailed by junior members. If you are new to racing and want to improve quickly it is a good idea to take part in these races. They are 1280+, Jean's Jug, Junior Trophy and the Junior Regatta.

Topper National Championships – Pwllheli Sailing Club

Once again the Topper National Championship are returning to Pwllheli Sailing Club and will take place from the 1st to 6th August 2010. This is a fantastic event both on and off the water. More details at: - <http://www.gbrtopper.co.uk/news.php>

The Junior Sail Training team look forward to working with you in 2010.

Dave Griffiths

MEMBERS NEWS

Rachel Hodgkinson married John Lockwood at Alderley Edge on 16 January. They both live and work in London. They don't get to Red Wharf Bay as often as they would like. They have to make do with sailing their Dart 18 Cat in the Dart 18 TT races at various clubs mainly on the south coast of England.



Saturday 29th August

Due to popular demand, we shall be back at Tresygawen Hall for a sumptuous Laying Up Dinner and Dance. More details in next bulletin

David and Anna Carpenter have continued to train with their respective National Youth Squads (David in Standard Laser & Anna in Laser Radial) mainly at the National Sailing Centre at Weymouth. They were both taken by the RYA to compete at the Annual Christmas Regatta at Palamos (Spain) which was a great experience, particularly Anna's trip home in the back of a van after the flights were cancelled owing to snow. She eventually arrived home at 5 am on Christmas Eve.

They both took part in the first World and European Qualification event in the middle of March at Stokes Bay near Gosport and the second event at Plymouth the following weekend. They have one weekend off before the National Youth Championship week at Weymouth starting the Easter weekend.

Both Laser World Championships are being held in the UK this year; the Radials are in Largs during July and the Laser Standards at Hayling Island in August immediately after the National Championships at Mounts Bay, Cornwall. We wish them both the best of luck and success in the future. I'm not sure that we will see much of them on the beach this year!

Saturday 31st July

Meal evening by Emma Ogden in aid of Club funds and her 2011 trip to South Africa to work for Operation Wallacea a leading conservation charity. More details in next bulletin.

May see return of Baby ABBA!!!

Social Programme

It has been a very busy winter discussing toilets although sadly we never got to meet the fast and furious dart sailors at any of the meetings. However we have managed to plan the following: -

- Saturday 3rd April *Easter Social – SEE DETAILS BELOW* [apologies from your Editor, the bulletin is later than planned **so please book without delay**]
- Sunday 30th May *Commodores reception* all members welcome especially new members
- Monday 31st May Junior and student members "An evening in the club house" X boxes games etc. Enthusiastic helpers sought
- Saturday 5th June A pasta meal
- Saturday 31st July Junior Ogden Meal Evening
- Wednesday 4th August Skittles night
- Saturday 7th August Sports Day sandcastles and races on the beach
- Wednesday 11th August Beetle night
- Saturday 14th Meal evening
- Wednesday 18th Quiz night
- Saturday 21st August Off shore meal - A hog roast, competitors and non competitors welcome. please book places early
- Sunday 22nd August Anglesey Off Shore Race
- Wednesday 25th August RNLI coffee in the club house
- Sunday 29th August Laying Up Dance at Tre-Ysgawen Hotel

Please read the social notice board for additional events and details. If there any volunteers to organise a BOG fundraising event please get in touch.

If any member could donate an unused snooker table or football game, to be used on the junior and student night please let us know.

Janet Hart
07779 863484

EASTER SOCIAL

The Easter social this year is at Storss Wen Golf club on the evening of Saturday 3rd April it is a hot buffet at £12.50 per head. The buffet will be hot pot or chicken curry or chilli, followed by a selection of sweets
The meal will be served between 7:30 and 8:30.

Final numbers are needed by Saturday 27th March.

Please can you return to the slip below and cheques made payable to RWBSWC to S Hart, 89 Cavendish Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport, Cheshire, SK7 6JQ.

Or e-mail hartja03@leedslearning.net. [especially as my delay means time is tight! - Ed]

I would like _____ meals at £12.50 per head for Saturday 3rd April.

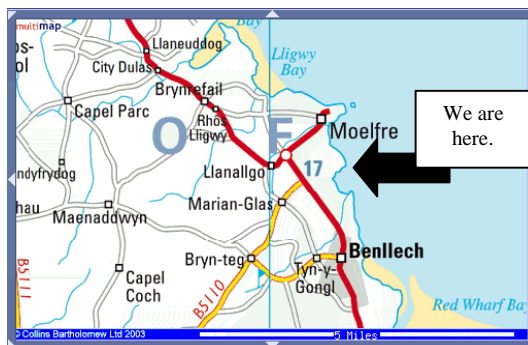
I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to RWBSWC.

Introduction – Race training week

Red Wharf Bay Sailing and Watersports Club will again be running a race-training week focused mainly on Toppers and Lasers from Tuesday 1st to Friday 4th June 2010.

At the end of the week on Saturday 5th June 2010 we will be hosting a Monohull Open Meeting linked to ‘National Family Week’.

www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk



This will be the sixth year that we have run this scheme and again it is aimed at sailors who are able to sail a simple triangular course in reasonable conditions up to those at, or aspiring to, GBR National Squad level. It is organised for club members by club members and we will need parental help on land, with instructing on the water, and in patrol boats so please let us know beforehand and bring suitable kit. If you are an adult Topper or Laser sailor you are also welcome to join in the training. There will also be a group for novice racers.

Program You do not need to be changed but please have your boat ready to race by the 10.00AM briefing each day. Subject to weather conditions the morning race training sessions will involve exercises and mini races. Each afternoon there will be racing and other sailing activities depending on interest / demand (eg cruising / asymmetric dinghy training).

Temporary Family Membership is available for the week and this is refundable if you decide to join the club for the 2010 season. Any member of the family may take part in the afternoon racing but the training is aimed at developing single-handed racing skills. Temporary members are welcome to join us for the Bank Holiday weekend 29 - 31May. The Commodore’s Reception takes place on the Sunday and all are welcome. During the week boats may be left on the beach / dinghy park at no extra cost.

Detach this part and return ASAP to:-
David Griffiths, Youth Co-Ordinator, RWBSWC, c/o Tros-y-mynydd, Mynydd Eilian, Llaneilian, Ynys Môn, LL68 9NN, Tel:- 01407 830458

I am intending to attend the “Race Training Week” at Red Wharf Bay Sailing and Watersports Club.

- I am currently a member / intend to join for the week*.
- Temporary Family Membership (Parent(s) and children - £40
- Temporary Family Membership (parent(s) and single child - £30
- Additional Temporary Member (accompanying a family) - £15

The following sailors will be involved in the Race Training Week

Name	Boat	Sailing Experience
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I am able to assist in the following ways:- Name

Address Tel. No.

e-mail address *Delete as applicable

