

Newsletter June 2009

Hello Everyone,

This is just a short, no frills newsletter partly to ask for your help with the Laser Nationals and Torbay Week and partly to keep you up to date with forthcoming events and other news. Please take time to read it - it is important to you as a member and to the club which is seeking your support.

Many thanks – John Maynard

Lasers at Paignton 2009.

I am sure you are aware the club relies heavily on running championships as a way of keeping its financial head above water. This year we are running the UK Laser National Championships 25th to 31st July. We have been told to expect up to 300 boats which puts this event in the same league as the highly successful topper championships we ran last year.

The Event.

The fleet will consist of three distinct classes; the standard rig which is an Olympic class for adults; the radial rig for lighter adults and women (also an Olympic class for women) and the 4.7 rig for youngsters mostly in the age range 13-15. All these boats will be parked on the Green and racing will take place on a large trapezoid course in the bay. A large marquee will be erected in the club dinghy park to cater for the social needs of the competitors and briefings. To make way for the marquee we will need to move a number of members' boats to other parts of the dinghy park for the week as we did for the toppers last year. A plan will be posted on the club notice board indicating which boats will be moved. Both the club and scouts' accommodations will be in full use for changing rooms, meetings and socialising.

Volunteering.

You can imagine the number of volunteers we will need to make all this work. For instance, on the water we will need to man 2 committee boats and 10 RIBs every day of racing. From the Green we will have to launch up to 300 boats each day from 2 slips and deal with their trolleys. Most nights there will be some sort of social activity in the marquee including the provision of food for all the competitors, not to mention selling snacks and tea/coffee from the galley during the day. Your committee is hoping therefore that **all club members** will contribute in some way. Already some members have

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said they will give up a whole week of their time to help. To volunteer you can contact any of the following club members at the club or by phone and arrange the date(s) and time(s) when you can help:

On the water

Karl Lloyd 01803 605979

On the Green and beach

John Maynard 01803 863864

In the Galley

Iris Butler 01803 526883 or
Christine Julyan 01803 605031

Harbourside Shore facilities

Charles Easterbrook 01803 555824

Helpers' Party

As a way of saying thank you to all helpers for the week we will be holding a party with complimentary food and wine on Saturday 8th August.

Ocean BMW Torbay Week

Following on from last years inaugural event which turned out to be such a success, this year's Torbay Week will run 22nd to 26th August. The dinghy events will take place Saturday to Monday, 22nd to 24th August.

The Event.

In all there will be six courses out in the bay of which the three inshore courses will be for dinghies. The dinghy handicap course which will be of interest for most PSC sailors will be manned by Babbacombe Corinthian sailing club members. PSC will be responsible for running the championship course for lasers (SW Laser Grand Prix and the UK Club championships), snipes and vortex's. This course will only be required for the Saturday and Sunday because the lasers and vortex's only want a two day event. The snipes will transfer to the handicap course on Monday to complete their championship. Royal Torbay YC will be running a course on the Torquay side for junior sailors over 4 days although this would not stop experienced juniors sailing on the handicap course instead. Except for those sailing in the junior event all visiting dinghies will be parked on the Green at Paignton. Club sailors will be able to keep their boats in the club dinghy park but the tally point will be on the Green. **There will be a social event (Pirates evening) in the club with music and food on the Saturday night.**

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Go to www.torbayweek.co.uk for more details and entry to the event (note last day for the discounted entry fee is 24th July)

Volunteering.

This year we want those volunteers who will have put massive efforts into the Laser Nationals to sail in the event, so we will be extending our quest for helpers wider than last year. This will be an opportunity for some members to take on new jobs such as mark- laying. The areas where volunteers will be needed are the same as for the Laser Nationals **so you can contact the same people above to volunteer your help.**

Commodores Notes

Club sailing.

Club racing especially on Wednesdays is going particularly well this year. There were thirty dinghies out on Wednesday 10th June. Thanks to the trolley dollies who have helped get the fleet away. The junior courses on Friday nights are now underway with around 40 children taking part at the 4 different levels. Thanks go to Vicky Gater who has organised the whole thing superbly and to all the volunteer instructors and helpers. Supervised sailing is now running on Saturday mornings thanks to Graham Slater and switches to Friday evenings on 3rd July when the junior courses will be finished. We can pretty well guarantee everyone, junior or adult, will get a sail with rescue and guidance at hand. The cost for an evening's sailing which includes boat hire is £5 per head.

Sailing events coming up.

Wednesday 17th June – first Harena race. Don't miss this first pursuit race in this popular 4 race series. There will be special instructions for this race issued by race officer Roger Gater.

Sunday 21st June – Round the Bay race. Marks off Torquay, Brixham and Paignton make for a great tour round the Bay – if you have time to take in the view.

Social events.

Presentation evening and club BBQ – Friday 3rd June. This will be a very busy night. After sailing the presentation of certificates will be made to the juniors who have completed their courses followed by a BBQ for parents and club members. Tickets are available from Annie Duro at the club or order from her on 01803 843468.

Summer Ball – Saturday 12th September. It's not too early to be putting this in your diary and booking your place with Annie. Further details are posted up in the club.

Congratulations.

Many congratulations to Malcom and Fiona Davies who recently won the UK National and European Tasar Championships by winning every race in strong winds at Berwick, so retaining the trophy for a second successive year.

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Good luck.

Several club members who undertook a RYA Day Skippers course during the winter have been completing the practice sailing element of the course in exotic parts. One group returned from Portugal recently and another group goes off this week-end. Good luck to them all.

Club website.

I wonder how many of you use the club website www.paigntonsailingclub.com that has been set up and run by James Stanley. It is developing all the time and gives information on the weather, results, forthcoming events and championships, club rotas and so on. James is now working on a members' area which will be protected and can only be accessed once a member's details have been verified. The members' area will have several features such as crew wanted/available, a forum, a member's directory and the ability to upload results, duty rotas etc.

Finally please give your full support to John's request for help at the laser nationals. This is a really big event and good levels of volunteers will be critical to its success. That's all from me – good sailing.

Charles
