



# Shearwater Sailing Club

## Log Jul 12

### Commodore's Message

Welcome to the second log of 2012. This is Olympic year and we have planned an Open Regatta special event on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to celebrate.

We had an interesting few months with positive news in keeping membership up and having a good start to the sailing season, however this has been marred by vandalism at night and a loss of our Gas water heating for the time being. Efforts to mitigate these issues have been discussed with by the Committee and the Estate and solutions are being considered. In the meantime please remove road trailers and paddles and use locks and ground spikes if necessary.

Now the warmer weather is due we will arrange painting days on a couple of Saturdays to do the toilet facilities and start box. Please put your names forward to assist if you can.

We now have a list from the Estate of who has paid for a Licence and this will be checked against the membership register to chase up any discrepancies.

Write-ups from the CVRDA weekend and Roadford are included below. The next key event is the Olympics Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> July where we hope to have all the dinghies in the boat park on the water!! The postponed EGM will also be done over the lunch break as there were insufficient members at Roadford to have a vote.

John Stuckey  
Commodore

## Risk Assessments

New Food Hygiene information has been posted in the Clubhouse. Please read and comply with the simple rules to help keep the kitchen clean and tidy etc.

## CVRDA Weekend



### Vintage Saturday, Shearwater open Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> report.

A good weekend , not the best wind for the vintage day, but 15 boats had a good day. These included a number of merlins, the oldest from 1946 sailing with cotton sails to a couple that may have looked quite modern but were 30 years old.

Sunday's Open day had good weather, good wind and good sailing. Again some 15 or 16 boats raced including four visitors. The fleet was divided up into three for the prizes : fast, medium and not-so-fast according to handicap numbers, then overall Second Place,. There was also a prize for the best in the category 'B' and 'C' sailors and an extra for the first Jack Holt designed boat to finish to celebrate Holt's centenary. The feedback about doing the prizes this way was very satisfyingly positive. I hoped to encourage those that may often be towards the middle or back of the fleet but without penalising those that have actually sailed the best and therefore should win the race. It seems this was successful but please feel free to make comments. Prizes were drinkable or edible!

Chris Barlow

## Roadford 2012

Despite atrocious weather in the preceeding week, 20 hardy souls made the journey to Roadford Lake. On arrival we were greeted by a stiff breeze and not surprisingly a lake virtually brim full.

Friday evening remained dry and in spite of the usual punctured airbeds, flapping tents and rattling halyards, most managed a decent night.

Saturday and all keen to get on the water, the fleet included a Mirror, West Wight Potter and the mighty RS 800. Racing started with a course set around the top end of the lake returning to a pin mark after each rounding. This seemed to confuse some and the pin rounding at times got very interesting. Lunch was followed by two races in the afternoon with some boat swapping, which all added to the day.

The Saturday night bbq was fun if a little chilly.



Sunday was a bit damp but with a decent breeze coming out of the north we were able to set a long course using a large area of the lake which allowed kites to be set and some real 'sailing angles' for the assymetrics. Sunday racing was joined by the Roadford fleet and managed perfectly by Sarah and Jess once they had stolen the dogs blanket for warmth.

Well done to all those who made the trip, even when the weather is terrible you can still go sailing!

Results as follows

- Sat race 1
  - 1. Catherine. Solo
  - 2. Fraser. Laser 4.7
  - 3. Mike and Janet. Albacore
- race 2
  - 1. Catherine. Solo
  - 2. Fraser. Laser rad
  - 3. Mike and Janet. Albacore
- race 3
  - 1. Chris and Yvonne. RS Vision
  - 2. Catherine. Solo
  - 3. Team Brewerton. Mirror
- Sun race 1
  - 1. Martin and Yvonne RS Vision
  - 2. Tim and Becky RS 800
  - 3. RFD. Laser
- race 2
  - 1. Tim and Becky RS 800
  - 2. Leon and Chris RS 400
  - 3. RFD. Laser

Chris Mulholland

## Round the Island



During the recent Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations four members of Shearwater SC ( Colin Singer, Matt Weale, John Putt and Jon Stone) - representing and sailing under the SSC ensign/burgee - took part in the Jubilee “Round the Island” sailing race - clockwise around the Isle Of Wight. Aboard Westerly Konsort KT403 we crossed the Royal Yacht Squadron start line at 0710 along with approx 60 yachts – of which 16 were competing in the Westerly Owners event. In strong and gusty wind we made a good start heading and beating east toward Gosport and the Forts, then south to our first course mark off Bembridge Ledge. The next leg was a reach South West to St. Catherines Point. Although the sea was now choppy and with white horses and some overfalls it gave us a chance to at last shake out our genoa in total and relax a bit. The next leg – west to The Needles – was a great broad reach in comparative calm waters. We had planned and hoped to put up our spinnaker, yet decided not to deploy as we were already at the boats hull optimum speed – and by this time we seemed t be so far behind all the other yachts it was not worth the risk of any rig failure. Having then literally threaded the “Needles” we were back entering the Solent at Hurst Castle on a beat. Luckily the tide was now strongly in our favour which gave us a beating to the finish line with very few tacks required – although we again had to later reduce the genoa size to maintain steering control and heading. We crossed the finish 10.5 hours after our start having had a truly great day of sailing, albeit mainly with no other yachts around us and convincing ourselves that “ it was the taking part, not the result” to be proud of !!!!!. Due to tides required to then get to Yarmouth for an overnight stay in readiness for the morning ‘tide’ out through Hurst ant home to Poole we were unfortunately unable to stay in Cowes for the party’ing and RYS prize giving.

Colin Singer