

Shearwater Sailing Club Log April 2010

Commodore's message

We are now well into our 2010 season and, with the spring weather finally arrived, it has been good to see a steadily increasing turnout on the lake. We had about 12 boats fiercely competing for the Commodore's trophy on Sunday with the honours going to old timers Chris Barlow and Roger Devereux well done.

Membership numbers this year are holding up well and it has been particularly encouraging to see a number of new faces at the club. I think I have either spoken to prospective members or signed new membership forms every weekend I have been at the club since the first working party. New members are the lifeblood of the club so a big welcome to you all.

Talking of new members, I invited Leon Ward in his capacity as regional RYA development officer to talk to the Shearwater committee at our last meeting. It prompted an enthusiastic discussion about how we might attract new members and develop sailing skills within the club. Following this Jeremy Naylor and Chris Mulholland have offered to produce a Shearwater Club development plan. More about that in the next log but if anyone has any suggestions or burning issues, or indeed would like to assist with the plan, please speak to Jeremy or Chris.

On 17 April our associate sailing club in Holland Alkmaar ARZV celebrated their centenary. I had planned to represent the club and make a presentation but unfortunately the Icelandic volcano intervened and I had to cancel. But I'm hoping that their Commodore will extend an invite to the club to visit them later in the year watch this space. Some Bristol Avon SC members did manage to attend and presented a 'Wife of Bath' cheese on our behalf see the article in this log.

This year we compete against BASC for the Gilmer Trophy with the home match at Shearwater in just 3 weeks time on 16 May. Our team selection has been made but if you are not sailing I would encourage you to come along on the day and support your team. Lunch will be available for a small fee and you could even purchase a Gilmer Trophy polo shirt from the 'Crest of a Wave' website. The club will receive a small commission for all shirts sold.

Looking slightly further ahead, the annual trip to Roadford in Devon is the weekend of 11 June where we plan to arrange some racing against the local club. If that doesn't suit you then you are more than welcome to sail, picnic, sunbath, or just chill out on one of the biggest inland lakes in the SW of England. It's a great weekend but please do let Chris Mulholland know if you plan to attend.

And finally, I do hope that you enjoy reading this log. Interesting articles are always welcome so if you have done something on the water, or even on dry land, that you would like to share with the club please write it up and send to Catherine.

Yours Aye

Richard Fear
Commodore SSC

Diary

EVENING SERIES STARTS

TUESDAY 4TH MAY

GILMER TROPHY

SUNDAY 16TH MAY

WWYSA VISIT AND BBQ

SATURDAY 22ND MAY

RNLI TROPHY 1

SUNDAY 23RD MAY

ROADFORD TRIP

SATURDAY 12TH -13TH JUNE

ALKMAAR

SATURDAY 26TH-27 JUNE

LADIES DAY

SUNDAY 4TH JULY

WWYSA VISIT

SATURDAY 17TH JULY

Dinghy Park Security

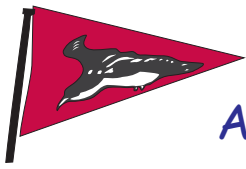
Very occasionally we have trouble with vandals interfering with the boats that are left in the dinghy park.

The club has already installed lighting and are looking into having a CCTV camera as deterrents. We are also grateful to the water bailiffs for keeping a watch out for unusual or suspicious behaviour in the area.

However it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that their boat is locked and tied securely to a barrier or other substantial weight. A handful of concrete with chain set in put in a hole in the ground makes a good second securing point. Some members have ingenious methods which are worth noting. It is also helpful if the trolley is included in the fixing process. It is assumed that we all know not to leave road trailers in the dinghy park.

Thank you in anticipation for your co operation and hopefully we will be left alone by unwanted visitors for the rest of the season.

Margaret Pell-berthing officer



Alkmaar presentation from Shearwater Sailing Club



Richard was unable to attend the celebration at Alkmaar because of cancelled flights. Below is the 'presentation' that Penny and Tony from BASC made on our behalf - they were able to take the cheese by ferry!

We are pleased to present this cheese named 'Wife of Bath' which is produced in Bath by the Bath Soft Cheese Company. 'Wife of Bath' is one of Geoffrey Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. Geoffrey Chaucer began his Canterbury Tales in 1386 when he was among the Pilgrims riding towards the shine of Thomas a Becket, in Canterbury, England. As we are proud to have as our President the Seventh Marquess of Bath it seems wholly appropriate to give you this particular cheese to celebrate your 100th Anniversary.

From the Committee and members of Shearwater Sailing Club. April 2010

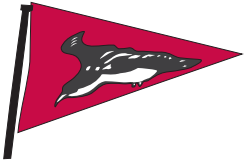
Ladies and Gentlemen, I present this to you today from our friends in Shearwater Sailing Club. Their commodore, Richard Fear, was unable to get here today due to the volcano in Iceland. He and his club send their congratulations and best wishes to you for today and for the future.

Tony and Penny Fisher
BASC

Duty Vacancies 2010

Urgent Duty Slots to fill, any willing and able volunteers please contact Ruth Hudson (duties@shearwatersailingclub.co.uk)

Date	Races	OOD	AOOD1
16/05/2010	11:00 Gilmer Trophy 13:15 at Shearwater 15:15 (Open Meeting)	Help needed	Phil Davies
23/05/2010	11:00 13:15 RNLI Trophy - Day 1 15:15	Matt Weale	Sally Weale
30/05/2010	11:00 1st Summer Pursuit 13:15 1st Summer Points	David Millard	Help needed
06/06/2010	11:00 Founders Tropy 13:15 & 15:15 RYA Sailability Pennant	Help needed	Help needed
26/06/2010	11:00 13:15 Alkmaar Trophy Day 1(Sat) 15:15	Help needed	Martyn Stubbs
27/06/2010	11:00	Help needed	Help needed



Shearwater Trip to Roadford Lake

12th - 13th June 2010



Situated on the Devon/Cornwall border, Roadford is a great inland sailing venue set in lovely countryside.

The club have arranged a weekend trip which is open to all members. There will be organized racing and/or the opportunity to just sail the lake, which extends to over 730 acres.

Camping is available by the lake with showers, hook ups etc. at a very reasonable price. For non-sailors there are walks around the lake and access to some stunning countryside.

This is a great chance to sail on a large inland venue and to socialize with other club members. Provisional programme is as follows:

Arrive Friday evening

Saturday	9.30	Briefing
	12.00	First race

Picnic lunch for all somewhere on the lake

	2.00	Race
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	3.00	Race
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Evening Barbeque (Barbeque provided, bring your own food and drink.)

Sunday	2 races with Roadford Sailing Club
	Or just sail and enjoy the lake

Travel time is approx 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours from Warminster.

Costs - daily launch fee £8 per boat, Camping £3 per person per night, Hookup £3.50
Dogs are permitted.

It would be very helpful if I could have an indication of numbers in advance. We will have a "cordoned" area of the campsite and I would therefore like to be able to let them know roughly how many tents/caravans/campers etc will be there. Please either email me:
cath.mul@blueyonder.co.uk or phone 01985 300434 with numbers if you would like to come.

For further info visit www.swlakestrust.org.uk

Bits and Pieces

I am scrapping my GP14 can't sell it - some woodwork needed below water line - so does anyone want bits of it before I put them on eBay/Tradelt. Sails/aluminium mast/centre board(repaired)/rudder+stock/good strong cover/Nylon air bags/road+launch trailers. No sensible price refused. All bits at Bradford on Avon: 01225862242 or email: garth.grainger@talktalk.net.

Thank you

A big thank you for making Gabriel, Robin, Jenny and myself so welcome during our first few weeks of sailing. For not laughing when I fell in off the pontoon.... for pushing my car out of the dingy park...and for the rescue boat assistance during my first ever race. Everyone has been so friendly

Topper Wanted

- and Gabriel would love to get a Topper if anyone knows of one for sale.

Peter Barnes 01373 831498



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	Date	Venue	Contact	Website
1	Sun 28 March	Bowmoor S C	Dave Nicoll david@nicoldjic.co.uk t: 01367 252235	www.bowmoor.co.uk
2	Sat 24 April	Bristol Corinthian S C	Simon Kraeter s.kraeter@btomaerofilms.com	www.bcyo.org.uk
3	Sat 8 May	Portishead S C	Colin Jarvis jarvisfamily@btinternet.com	www.pvsc.org.uk
4	Sat 22 May	South Cerney S C	Jon Hammond jon@aquaservices.ltd.uk m: 07789981245	www.southerneysailingclub.org.uk
5	Sun 13 June	Chew Valley S C	Andy Southall chewlasers@googlemail.com m: 01179 241445	www.chewvalleysailing.org.uk
6	Sat 3 July	Thornbury S C	Paul Craig paul.craig@airbus.com m: 07793 905913 t: 01454 412940	www.thornburysc.org.uk
7	Sun 18 July	Clevedon S C	Phil Isaac phil.isaac@hotmail.co.uk	www.clevedon-sailing-club.co.uk
8	Sun 19 Sept	Avon S C	Mike Adams michael.adams@lineone.net t: 01684 310025 m: 07900057155	www.avonsailingclub.co.uk
9	Sun 17 Oct	Frampton S C	Mike Tully Mike.tully@glosfire.gov.uk t: 01453 763799	www.fossc.org.uk

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Great racing Great venues Great fun!!

Bristol Corinthian Yacht Club
Cheddar Reservoir, Axbridge, Somerset. BS26 2DL



LASER OPEN

24th April 2010

(Saturday)

Three races
First start at 11.00am
Entry £10

Solo Open on the same day

Good galley and bar

Contact Simon Kraeter
01934 710041



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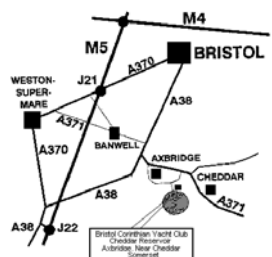
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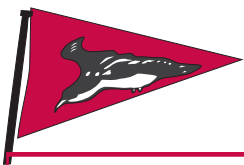
OPTIMIST OPEN **TOPPER OPEN**
10th July 2010 10th July 2010

First race starts at 11.00am
Three races
Entry £10

Good galley and bar



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RNLI "LIFEBOAT" MATTERS

Since the last SSC 'Log' the Warminster & Westbury RNLI branch have held their AGM. During the 2009 year this branch fund-raised £13,750.85 on behalf of the 'Lifeboat' service. For an inland branch a truly great amount, thanks to the efforts of a small committee' and of course the ever continuing generosity of the public, clubs, pubs, donations, dedicated events etc., etc.. Ever since the club was formed some 40 years ago Shearwater Sailing Club have always very well and enthusiastically been good supporters of the RNLI .

SSC contributes each year money by those racers competing for the annual RNLI Trophy (in 2010 on Sundays May 23rd and Oct 24th), an annual £100.00 donation and - of course - the 20p or 50p into the lifeboat for those kind enough to capsize and/or be attended by the rescue boat (£216.00 total for 2009, £42.58 from capsizes, loose change, etc.). many thanks.

With some SSC members also involved as instructors within the West Wilts Sail Training Association - and many members joining SSC having passed through their training - it is of interest that a £50.00 donation was made by WWYSA in 2009. An RNLI pennant is also presented to the winning youth at the end of their training year. Again many thanks.

From both SSC and WWYSA members I am received great interest in organising a club visit to the RNLI HQ in Poole. A truly worthwhile, educational and amazing few hours spent understanding the infrastructure and technology used in life saving well out to sea, off shore, beach lifeguard rescue - and the 24/7 inland/worldwide disaster team. Anyone interested are asked to contact myself - at SSC or email springfieldhouse@talktalk.net . There is quite a waiting list for such trips within the RNLI so it is unlikely to be this year. Nevertheless let me know so I may get a date posted with Poole as soon as available.

A very worthwhile RNLI Event Date is Sunday 30th May. An RNLI "Awareness Day" to be held at Caen Hill Lock, Devizes. Water born activities showing lifeboat handling/capsize recovery and many hands on land informative displays. Watch out for poster detail.

Important PS. Like so many committee's - especially a charity - members and occasional volunteer helpers seem to be forever declining and the Warminster & Westbury Branch RNLI is very similarly suffering. If there is any one out there who would like to give even the smallest amount of "help" time please contact me. Our total area includes the two towns and all the villages around Warminster and Westbury - Codford to east, Corsley/Chapmanslade/Dilton Marsh to west, Bratton/Edington to north, The Deverills/Crockerton to south.

With thanks, Colin Singer - Branch Chairman 01985 213696/07790 623915

Club Key Holders -Important for OOD's & Rescue Boat operators:-

Key holder	Location	Contact Number
Colin Singer	Crockerton	01985 213696 07790 623915
Nic Cross	Dilton Marsh	01373 822258
Ken Adams	Bratton	01380 831252
Richard Fear	Steeple Ashton	01225870615
Jack Langley	Bath	01761 471304
Leon Ward	Westbury	01373 824126
Paul Athay	Frome	01373 463474
Margaret Pell	Frome	01373 462549
Matt Weale	Longbridge Deverill	01985 841223
Richard Loverock	Trowbridge	01225 762838 07968 762838
Chris Mulholland	Warminster	01985 300434

Your Next Log

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this log. I will be delighted to receive your articles for the next one, ideally by Email please. The next issue will be in June

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PS If you have received this 'Log' through the post, either you have no email address, or we have an error in your 'e'address. If you "do" have an email address could you please email it to Diana (diana@barthers.co.uk) so in future we may use it for easy, immediate and cost effective Log's and/or any other information which could be of interest to club members. Thanks.