



Diary dates

- **19 December—Christmas Race with prizes including best dressed boat! Nibbles and mulled wine. Race from 1pm.**
- **26 December—Boxing Day Race from 11am.**
- **8 and 9 January onwards—Working parties. Come along to help spruce the club up for next year - see page five.**

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Prizes all round



Pictured l-r: John and Ethan Shepherd, Margaret Caruthers, Dave Wright and Freya and Bronte Corner.

The Laying-up Supper and prize giving this year saw a record 32 people presented with trophies for their achievement throughout the year.

Race series winners have been reported in Telltales and on the website over the last year, but others are annual awards that recognise other achievements:

The **Endeavour 50 award** recognises perseverance and effort put into the club whether that be on the water or off it. Despite many contenders this year, the award went to **Steve Boon** for being on hand whenever he's needed to help the club run smoothly.

The **Most Improved Sailor** award went to **Julie Warren** who has concentrated a lot of effort into improving and gaining experience not only at Attenborough, but also at the club weekend away at Plas Menai.

The **Flying Centreboard** for most spectacular capsizes is the star prize of the night. This went to **Margaret Caruthers** for her bravery in sailing with Robert Marlow in the Vago in high winds on the fun day. There were several capsizes during their trip on the water so it's hard to pick out precisely the most spectacular!

Congratulations to all the winners on the night (including the quiz winners — your sailing and Disney knowledge is unsurpassed).

Club boat use

At last year's AGM, after much debate, the club changed its rules on Club Boat use. This was an attempt to keep track of how often the boats were being used and to encourage users to look after the boats they borrow and report any problems with them.

One season on, the completed forms show that club boats were borrowed 57 times by 25 different people - mostly family members - between 25 April and 14 November. The bulk of Club Boat usage took place in June, July, September and October with 10 or 11 'uses' recorded each month.

Thank you to everyone who has looked after the boats they've borrowed. We will be keeping an eye on club boat use over the course of the year to see if any further changes should be made to the club rules to improve facilities for members.



Bugs were used 10 times by two people



Toppers were used 20 times by 13 people



Visions were used nine times by seven people

The eagle-eyed among you will notice the Feva pic, isn't one of ours!



Fevas were used 16 times by 13 people

Get the motors running

Nine members passed their level two powerboat course in November allowing them to be OOD3 on race days.

The nine braved the cold to learn how to manoeuvre the boats at high and low speeds, perform man overboard rescues and drag a mast out of the mud — a skill that comes in handy at Attenborough!

Congratulations to: Dave Wright, Phil Shipley, Dave Chapman, Gillian Day, Julie Warren and Kevin Popowycz as well

as Mike Leach, Lou Davensac, Rob Corner.

Thank you to all the instructors who gave their free time to run the course. I'm sure the waters will now be a much safer place!

Participants enjoyed the course—with one or two being heard to mutter "This is more fun than sailing!" How dare they!?



The safety boats are much in demand in some races!

Working parties

As in previous years, we will be running working parties during the off season to improve the club facilities. We are calling for volunteers again in the hope you can help.

There are plenty of jobs to be done so we can guarantee that no one will be turned away! Pop along for as little or as long as you can—every little helps.

We are anticipating the working parties will be held on both Saturdays and Sundays, starting straight after New Year on January 8th and 9th.

As well as the extensive work on the clubhouse re-furbishment we would like help to:

- clear all the brambles
 - complete the Topper racking
 - spruce up the committee boat
 - finish off the roof on the gent's changing rooms
 - repair and improve the pontoons
 - clear the small islands
-to name but a few.

If you wish to pledge your support or get further details please email:
bosun@attenboroughsc.org.uk

These emails are picked up by our committee members who are jointly responsible for club maintenance, namely Mike Leach, Dave Chapman and Rob Corner.

If you have particular skills that could help with any of these jobs or are worth us bearing in mind for future, please also let us know so we can pick your brains when the need arises!



Working parties 2011

TO DO LIST:

- Refurbish the committee boat
- Clear brambles / overgrowth
- Re-fit the clubhouse
- Finish roof and Topper racking
- Repair pontoons

Can you help?

If you have skills that could help, from tea masher to bramble basher, pop down or contact:

Nick Turnbull-Ross 0115 9227 294,
bosun@attenboroughsc.org.uk
or any other committee member.

Contact details are in the handbook.

We need your help!

Your new committee



Nick Turnbull-Ross, Commodore

I've been sailing dinghies since I was 13 but didn't race until I joined the club in 2003 when my son (Jonathan) started to take an interest.

I was Honorary Secretary from 2004—2008 until becoming Commodore in 2009. This is my second year of the three that the rules presently allow. During that time, the club has moved forward considerably and I hope that my influence and enthusiasm has contributed to this.

Notable milestones include, the finalisation and signing of the lease, purchase of new club boats, tarmacing the access road, new pontoons and walkway, new changing rooms and showers, new web site and ever increasing membership to name a few. These coupled with an enthusiastic, active and friendly membership make it the success that it is.

As the clubs demographic moves to include more families and youngsters, we need to encourage their participation at the club. We have a new committee with new club members that I'm sure will want to bring this about. Meanwhile, as Commodore I shall continue to drive the club forward with as much (infectious) enthusiasm as I have attempted to do in previous years.



Mike Pritchard, Rear Commodore Sailing

I've been sailing for over forty-five years, learning to sail in International Cadets on Anglesey, afterwards racing Lasers and Larks and then offshore in the Irish Sea and Solent. Children brought semi-retirement before renewed enthusiasm at Attenborough, 10 years ago when children learned to sail.

For the last six years I've been a committee member, as Rear Commodore Sailing. Although I am keen on racing, I also encourage casual sailing.

A surge in new family members suggests we now have the momentum to do something decisive next year with juniors and the sailing committee will be fully supporting this. I would also hope we can continue to improve the club surroundings for those family members who don't sail.



Ray Kemish, Membership Secretary

I have been on the committee for a year as membership secretary.

This year I've had the pleasure of welcoming 23 new members to the club—58 if you include family members, many of whom are juniors and hopefully race winners

of the future.

With all of these new members, pressure for boat parking spaces is increasing and my aim for 2011 is to attempt to remove non-sailed boats (or at least free up some of the prime berths) so that regular sailors have access to the best spaces.



Mike Leach, Bosun 3

I've been a member of this sailing club for almost two years sailing my Comet in several races.

I'm a DIY enthusiast, and helped with the construction of the new walkway and a race timer clock to simplify the race start process. I'm currently

helping to locate an anemometer on one of the islands.

I'm intending to help with any further upgrades to the clubhouse and compound this winter if needed. I'm also hoping to participate in more races in the following year, when I hope to join the club's Laser fleet.



John Shepherd, Secretary

I joined the club in late 2009, after my eldest son did the RYA level 1 and 2 courses earlier that year. Myself, my wife and our 2 sons have been regular visitors to the club ever since and we now keep two boats at the club, one of which is my eldest son's Optimist.

We have taken part in plenty of sailing, the fun day and an occasional race as well as getting to know other members. In our limited time as members, I've become aware of the effort which goes into making the club a success and wanted to be able to 'do my bit' towards this.



Julie Warren, Communications Officer

I have been on the committee for two years acting as the communications officer, writing Telltales, publicising events and updating the website. I also make the tea at working parties! I'm looking forward to doing up the clubhouse this year and generally continuing to help develop the club for members.



Julie Rust, Social Secretary

I have been involved with the Sea Cadets and sailing at the club for several years and have a son and daughter both of whom have associations with the Royal Navy. Having completed a level 1 & 2 dinghy course at the club, I bought my Laser

joined the ever-growing number of bruised ladies sailing at Attenborough.

I joined the committee as Social Secretary two years ago organising events such as the annual Laying Up and Fitting Out Suppers and the now legendary 50th Anniversary Party in 2009.

This year I hope to spend more time at the club sailing and encouraging the family participation in the club.



Dave Chapman, Bosun 2

I have only been a club member since May when myself, my wife - Jackie and our children - Mike and Georgina completed the RYA 2 course.

Since then we have regularly attended the club, you will have seen us wrestling with our Enterprise!

I have learned a great deal about the club, its people and its quirky winds. I have an extremely high enthusiasm level with lots of energy to give.

I'd like to be heavily involved in Junior sailing (having a young family of my own) and I think I am well placed to appreciate that kids need the fun as well as the learning and fostering of competitive spirit. I do also have an aptitude for engineering and maintenance.

Rob Corner, Bosun 1

I started sailing over 40 years ago, crewing for my father in a National 12 and Fireball. Since then I've also dabbled in windsurfing and offshore cruising, logging over 3,000 sea miles and a Day Skipper qualification.

I recently returned to dinghy sailing to help my two daughters learn the more responsive nature of a dinghy and learn to sail 'properly'.

I was particularly struck by the very friendly and welcoming nature of Attenborough Sailing Club, finding myself spending far more time here than I had originally anticipated, and battling to master a Laser!

I'm a senior project manager and have worked in Telecoms management for the last 20 years. I am a very practical person with an interest in helping to maintain and improve the club's infrastructure and facilities.

If you have any special skills that you can bring to the club—particularly practical skills for the working parties, please let one of us know!

The more members who can help keep the club ship shape, the better it will be for all of us!



Nick Marlow, Treasurer

I started sailing when my parents joined a small friendly club much like Attenborough with less shallows but more trees!

I started racing in Mirrors and then an OK dinghy, followed by team-racing in Larks at university.

As a family we joined Attenborough to encourage the children to sail, which has been very successful. With them all sailing we spent a few years away from the club doing the Lark open meeting circuit. Now the children are growing up we have rejoined to be able to sail locally.

In addition to keeping the clubs accounts, I hope to help the sailing committee to encourage newcomers to racing and particularly the junior members of the club.

