

## Diary dates

- The Racing Rules  
William Jeffcoate, RYA  
East Midlands  
**Weds 4 February**  
7.30pm at the Victoria  
pub, Beeston (upstairs  
function room)  
See inside for more  
details.

- Sail Making and Setting,  
Alverbank Sails  
**Weds 18 March**  
7.30pm at Long Eaton  
Sea Cadets, 61 Oakleys  
Road, Long Eaton, NG10  
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Talk on sail making and  
how to best set your sails  
when afloat.  
Buffet will be provided at  
a cost of £5

- OOD Practical Training,  
on shore at the club,  
**Saturday 28 March**
- Race Training for  
Beginners/Improvers,  
**Saturday 25 April**

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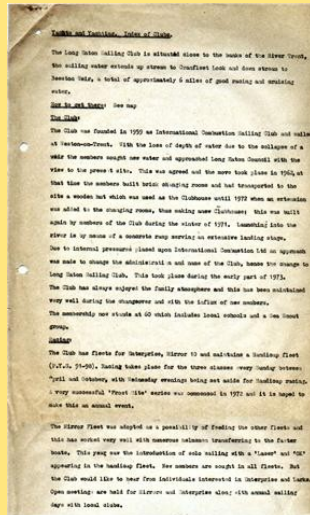
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## 50 years young

Attenborough Sailing Club celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.

From its early roots as International



Attenborough Sailing Club in spite of "countless uncertainties false hopes and disappointments" continues to thrive as its founder members intended, as a friendly, family orientated, grass roots club.

Alan Frisby (Commodore 1979 - 81)

Combustion Sailing Club in 1959, it became Long Eaton Sailing Club in 1972 and finally Attenborough Sailing Club in 1998.

It has also sailed from three different locations—starting off in Weston on Trent, moving to Trent Meadows in 1962 and to Coneries Lagoon (its current location) in 1981.

The barge clubhouse was opened on 14 July 1984.

Membership now stands at 135—265 including family memberships and Sea Cadet and Scout groups.

Long may it continue!

**50th birthday  
summer ball  
Sat 27 June**

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## Working parties

It was cold.....but the hot soup and rolls made it worthwhile

The first working party of the season got off to a fine start despite the cold weather. Part of the sailing pond was frozen and the toilets were iced over but woolly hats and some hard labour kept the blood flowing. About 15 members gave up their Saturday morning to make good progress on many jobs including:

- Foundation work for an extension to the men's changing rooms near the compound entrance
- Cleaning the previous men's changing rooms so it can be turned into an extension for the women's changing rooms
- Bramble clearing
- General tidying
- Tea, hot soup and rolls making

Thank you to everyone who came down.  
We hope to see you again!

Working parties are held every Saturday morning during January and February from 9.30 / 10am until 1.30pm or until you've had enough!

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## Social events round up

### Laying up supper is a resounding success

More than 80 members enjoyed the laying up supper at The Bar on Chilwell High Road before Christmas. The night included live music (and the chance to sing if you wanted!), good food, a raffle and a quiz.

Emma Clayton won the top raffle prize, netting herself a trial flight donated by Truman Aviation, Nottingham City Airport.

**Watch out for more details of the fitting out supper to mark the start of the season. In the meantime save the date in your diaries - Saturday 4 April 2009.**

**Thank you to all who support the club at these events. If you have any suggestions for future events, venues or ideas for improvement please speak to a committee member.**



### Prizes galore

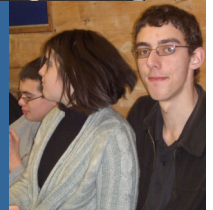
The clubhouse was full to capacity for the Christmas social and prizegiving with 'silver'ware and mulled wine flowing freely.

The Christmas Handicap race was won by Alan Trusler.

Best decorated boat went jointly to Steve Coupe and Jeremy Straw who sailed in santa suits in their fairy-lit Fireball and to Mark Last who shared his boat with Christmas music and a 3ft pink Christmas Tree.



Results of all races during 2008 and beyond can be found at [www.attenboroughsc.org.uk](http://www.attenboroughsc.org.uk)



Top: Steve and Jeremy in the Christmas Handicap Race. Middle: Richard Wood collects a prize (or a beer!). Bottom: Livvy and Mark

## Sailing 2009

The Sailing Committee oversees all sailing activities at ASC outside the RYA School. It organises club racing, cruising and informal training together with talks by internal and external experts. Members cover all sailing activities at the club so if you have a query about any sailing aspect please contact one of them.

The 2009 sailing programme has now been agreed. It will be similar to 2008 but to encourage newer members to race this year the two Summer Series will for the first race each day be split into two fleets, Main and Rookie.

Hopefully separate starts will give beginners more confidence, away from the start line bully boys and girls. Some of the one-off events have been moved to different dates to improve participation.

We are also having a second inter-club Tripartite event involving us, Nottingham and Trent Valley sailing clubs. This is scheduled for 26 April and at the time of going to press will be held at Nottingham Sailing Club. Details of all racing events will be in the club handbook available from early March.

The Sailing Committee have also been looking at training days—see front cover and page 5 for dates.

### Sailing Committee members:

Brian Dennis, Mark Bell  
Steve Coupe, Louise Davensac  
Helen Evans, Ray Kemish  
Nicola Leftley, Andrea Murphy  
Mike Pritchard, Julie Rust  
Olivia Rust, Rob Underwood

# Noticeboard

If you have any editorial content which you would like included please send it in an electronic form to [julierippon@hotmail.com](mailto:julierippon@hotmail.com) or [rogersday@sky.com](mailto:rogersday@sky.com)

Find out what's in store for 2009  
Look out for your membership book containing a diary of social and racing events for 2009 and your duty dates.

Current memberships expire at the end of March. Please remember to return your membership forms by the end of March.

If you are paying by electronic transfer/BACS please remember to include your name in the reference so we know who the money has come from!

**The first racing of the year is on Sunday 8 March.**

[www.attenboroughsc.org.uk](http://www.attenboroughsc.org.uk)

## Working party album



## 50th anniversary of ASC (continued from page one)

The committee has been raiding the archives and below is a letter which was sent from Dennis Pinchess, Honorary Secretary of the club in 1973 to the Editor of Yachting Press Ltd to ensure ASC was included in their "index of clubs".

The letter states:

### **Yachts and Yachting Index of clubs**

The Long Eaton Sailing Club is situated close to the banks of the River Trent. The sailing water extends upstream to Cranfleet Lock and down stream to Beeston Weir, a total of approximately 6 miles of good racing and cruising water.

### The Club

The Club was founded in 1959 as International Combustion Sailing Club and sailed at Weston-on-Trent. With the loss of depth of water due to the collapse of a weir the members sought new water and approached Long Eaton Council with the view to the present site (*at the time this was on the river at Trent Meadows*)

This was agreed and the move took place in 1962. At that time the members built brick changing rooms and had transported to the site, a wooden hut which was used as the Clubhouse until 1972 when an extension was added to the changing rooms. Launching into the river is by means of a concrete ramp serving an extensive landing stage.

Due to internal pressures placed upon International Combustion Ltd an approach was made to change the administration and name of the Club, hence the change to Long Eaton Sailing Club. This took place during the early part of 1972. The Club has always enjoyed the family atmosphere and this has been maintained very well during the changeover and with the influx of new members. The membership now stands at 60, which includes local schools and a Sea Scout group.

The Club has fleets for Enterprise, Mirror 10 and maintains a Handicap fleet (P.Y.S. 91—98). Racing takes place for the three classes every Sunday between April and October, with Wednesday evenings being set aside for handicap racing.

A very successful 'frostbite' series was introduced in 1972 and it is hoped to make this an annual event.

**Dennis Pinchess**  
**Honorary Secretary**  
**6 September 1973**

# The year ahead



## Racing rules night

William Jeffcoate, RYA East Midlands

**Weds 4 February** 7.30pm at the Victoria pub, 85 Dovecote Lane, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1JG (upstairs function room). [www.victoriabeeston.co.uk](http://www.victoriabeeston.co.uk)

An informal talk on the current racing rules and how they apply in every-day racing. Free entry. The Vic does good food so why not come early and have a meal. There will be no bar in the room but you can buy drinks at the main bar.

Contact Mike Pritchard to reserve your space at [mikepritchard@ntlworld.com](mailto:mikepritchard@ntlworld.com).

## Future events

- 7 February Quiz night at Trent Valley Sailing Club from 7.30pm. £8 inc hot buffet. RSVP [james.clark@trentvalleysc.org](mailto:james.clark@trentvalleysc.org)
- 14 March Quiz night at Trent Valley Sailing Club as above
- 18 March Sail setting 7.30pm, Sea Cadets — see front page Diary Dates
- 28 March OOD practical session, on shore walk through of duties
- 4 April Fitting out supper— details TBC
- 25 April Race training day 10.30—4pm
- 26 April Tripartite sailing competition—Attenborough, Trent Valley and Nottingham Sailing Clubs. To be held at Nottingham Sailing Club TBC
- 6 June Open day
- 27 June 50th birthday summer ball
- 29 August Family fun day
- 6 Nov Bonfire night
- 12 Nov AGM

### Training programme—RYA Courses

#### RYA Powerboat Course

28 and 4 March Saturday 09:00 to 17:30hrs

#### RYA Powerboat Course

19 and 26 September Saturday 09:00 to 17:30hrs

#### RYA Powerboat Course

17 and 24 October Saturday 09:00 to 17:30hrs

**Note** - one of the above will be a Safety Boat course

#### RYA Level 1 & 2 Dinghy Sailing

8 May	Friday	19:00 to 21:30hrs
9 May	Saturday	09:00 to 17:30hrs
10 May	Sunday	09:15 to 12:30hrs
15 May	Friday	19:00 to 21:30hrs
16 May	Saturday	09:00 to 17:30hrs
17 May	Sunday	09:15 to 12:30hrs

#### RYA Level 1 & 2 Dinghy Sailing – Juniors (under 16)

3 July	Friday	19:00 to 21:30hrs
4 July	Saturday	09:00 to 17:30hrs
5 July	Sunday	09:15 to 12:30hrs
10 July	Friday	19:00 to 21:30hrs
18 July	Saturday	09:00 to 17:30hrs
19 May	Sunday	09:15 to 12:30hrs

#### RYA Level 1 & 2 Dinghy Sailing

4 September	Friday	19:00 to 21:30hrs
5 September	Saturday	09:00 to 17:30hrs
6 September	Sunday	09:15 to 12:30hrs
11 September	Friday	19:00 to 21:30hrs
12 September	Saturday	09:00 to 17:30hrs
13 September	Sunday	09:15 to 12:30hrs

For more information about the nature and timing of courses, please contact Roger Day or Nick Turnbull-Ross at [rogersday@sky.com](mailto:rogersday@sky.com) or [all@turnbullross.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:all@turnbullross.wanadoo.co.uk)