



Diary dates

- Working Parties - 7th January and Saturdays Henceforth
- RYA Dinghy Show 3 & 4 March at Alexandra Palace, London
- Sailing Starts 4th March
- Safety Boat Course 24 & 25th March

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ASC Laying Up Supper Well Is Attended



Over 65 members attended the 2011 Laying Up Supper and Annual Prize Giving held at the Stick and Pitcher. Many of our newer and younger members were congratulated on their achievements this year. Vicky Ellis (above left) collected the coveted Ladies Plate whilst Ethan Shepherd (above) took away a collection of silverware to be proud of including the Alex Richardson (Most Improved) Trophy as well as Junior and Pursuit Race Trophies. The newly elected Commodore, Roger Day presented Nick Turnbull-Ross with an engraved (and now well used) tankard for his contributions as Commodore to the club over the last 3 years. Meanwhile the close racing this year has resulted in a number of "tie" places—Paul Kelly and Keith Brereton seen on the right. An excellent quiz was provided by Jeff Marshall.



That Was A Year That Was...

With 2011 now slipping well astern, here is a quick look back at some of the notable achievements and events of the year.

The beginning of the year saw the major clubhouse refurbishment project: We now have a clubhouse to be proud of and thanks are due to all who gave up their time and effort to help.



We hauled the Committee boat out of the water (the 1st time we've done this since it was purchased in 2008) for some tender loving care. Since then the interior has been repainted and the engine serviced. Further maintenance work will take place on it this year.

Thanks to all those who:

- Washed
- Rubbed down
- Rebuilt the control column
- Refurbished the rudder mechanism
- Antifouled
- Painted
- Serviced the engine



We hosted and retained the coveted Northern Tripartite Trophy and were complimented by all visiting clubs on a well run and most enjoyable event.

For Attenborough it was possibly one of our largest fleets ever with over 50 boats competing.

The plate now adorns our clubhouse wall and we hope that it will still be there this time next year after our visit to Swarkstone Sailing Club who host the event in 2012. If you've not sailed on other waters away from our club before, then this is a great opportunity. Let's make sure we are well represented this year.



We installed a broadband cable from one end of the lake to the clubhouse and hope to make good use of it later this year when we install web cams and an online weather station. You will be able to see what you are missing from your own home—*"Come on Down"*.



Your New Committee

Roger Day
Commodore

Provides leadership and heads up the committee.



Mike Pritchard
Rear Commodore Sailing

Looks after all sailing matters for the club, sailing program, results, race duties, etc.



John Shepherd
Honorary Secretary

Maintains our club records and meeting minutes and agendas.



Nick Marlow
Honorary Treasurer

Maintains the club accounts, paying the bills and collecting the money.



Josie Adams
Social Secretary

Coordinates and organises social activities of the club.



Ray Kemish
Membership Secretary

Maintains the membership list and boat parking.



Nick Turnbull-Ross
Communications Officer

Keeps you all informed of what's going on at the club.



Mike Leech
Bosun

Coordinates maintenance & developments at the club.



Dave Chapman
Committee Member

Dave is keen to tackle new developments and assist with Bosun duties.



Rob Corner
Committee Member

Rob has a great engineering skills and assists with Bosun activities.



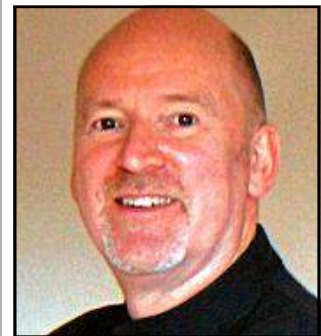
Saul Tendler
Committee Member

New to the committee and keen to develop the junior participation at the club.



Keith Breerton
Training School Principal

Maintains the RYA training school status and runs the courses.



These fine twelve good men and women are there to coordinate and lead the club forward in the direction the membership desires. They can't do that all alone. They need your help and support. We have always been keen to maintain a high level of involvement at the club, hopefully promoting a "sense of belonging" within the membership. You will get more out of the club by being a part of it. Please do get involved and support the efforts and activities arranged by your committee, it makes it all worthwhile.

Working Parties

We've completed some very major projects in recent years and your help has been invaluable.

This year our focus is on " a right good tidy up". We don't have major projects this year but still lots of things to do to smarten the club up and finish a few things off properly. We intend just holding the main working parties on Saturday mornings (9:30ish to 13:30ish); but if you get started on a project and prefer to spend time on it at other times of the week then please do so - talk to a committee member about it - it is your club and your help, whenever it can be provided, is always valuable.

Typical jobs include:

- Clear brambles -(this year we want a concerted effort all year to keep them at bay once and for all!)
- Cut back and clear willow bushes and trees along the railway shore.
- Mend the gents shower tray
- Relocate and secure the wayward marker buoys.
- Relocate the committee boat on a stronger mooring
- Paint the inside (and maybe the outside) of the gents changing room (it has never been finished since the ceiling collapsed a couple of years ago)
- Weed and tidy the trailer area (again)
- Fill pot holes in the main access road down the middle of the compound
- Fit the final rubber skirting to the pontoons (to prevent boats going under)
- Fit new flooring inside the committee boat
- Repair the broken manhole cover
- Mark all levers and locks on the club outboards



If we are able to uncover the spare pontoons we may be able to build a small dock for the committee boat and/or another mooring pontoon (if not now then maybe during the spring).

So something for everyone. If you would like to come down on Saturday morning take a look at what is on offer and maybe sign up for a project along with a couple of fellow members and see it through or just lend a helping hand when you can, please do - it all helps..

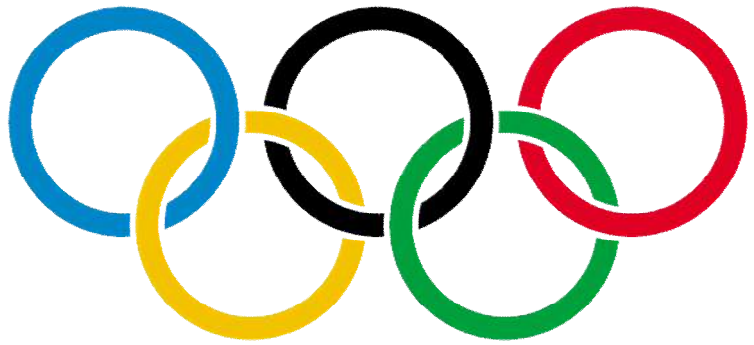
If you have particular skills that could help with any of these jobs or are worth us bearing in mind for future, please also let us know so we can pick your brains when the need arises!

We need your help!

Sailing Committee



A new Sailing Committee has been formed and held its first meeting on the 13th of December. The main items discussed were the 2012 racing programme, training for adults and juniors and how the club can maximise 2012 being an Olympic year to generate further interest in the club. A further meeting will be held on 17th January to finalise all activities for 2012.



The new committee is very representative of the club membership and consists of Mark Bell, Steve Boon, Louise Davensac, Malcolm Davidson, Brian Dennis, Kevin Milton, Andrea Murphy, Mike Pritchard, Nick Turnbull-Ross, Saul Tendler and Paul Warren. If you have any suggestions or questions on sailing at Attenborough then please contact one of the above.

Mike Pritchard

Are Your Membership Fees Overdue?

Memberships become due for renewal on the 1st of January every year. It is very useful for us to understand who is re-joining by early January (so we can organise the duty rota and publish the handbook), so we offer a 10% discount to those who renew before their fees are overdue. If you have not yet renewed then your fees are now overdue and you have missed the 10% discount period.

If you have lost your renewal form then visit the membership section of the web site and either download a blank form, complete it and send it and your cheque to Ray our Membership Secretary or (for those with IT abilities) download a Word version, fill it in on the screen, pay by bank transfer and e-mail the form to Ray.

We will be replacing the compound gate lock before the season starts, your new key will only be issued once your membership renewal has been received and we know you are renewing for 2012.

Frostbite Race Series

No ice this year although the series were dominated by strong winds. However, this didn't stop many racing with several races having 20+ starters with good entries from the Comet and Laser sailors. Final results for both series came down to the last race resulting in:

Series 1:

- 1st Nick and Ruth Marlow, Lark
- 2nd Mike Pritchard, Laser
- 3rd Kevin Milton, Phantom
- 4th Keith Brereton, Phantom
- 5th Kevin Last, Supernova

Series 2:

- 1st Kevin Milton, Phantom
- 2nd Mike Pritchard, Laser
- 3rd Nick Turnbull-Ross, Laser
- 4th Keith Brereton, Phantom
- 5th Robert Marlow, Lark

Mike Pritchard

Christmas and Boxing Day Races

A balmy Christmas race was held on 18th December with a large fleet of 19 boats taking to the water for a 60 minute race around an excellent course set by Nick Turnbull-Ross. The usual suspects soon got to the front of the fleet with the three Phantoms of Keith Brereton, Roger Day and Kevin Milton changed positions a number of times over the course of the five lap race. A strong final lap resulted in Mike Pritchard winning on handicap. As usual many boats and crew were dressed for the occasion and Father Christmas (Mark Last) just lost out in the best dressed boat/crew to Keith Brereton with his multi-coloured balloons who many had mistaken for buoyancy bags in case of capsizes.

Overall results:

- 1st Mike Pritchard, Laser
- 2nd Keith Brereton, Phantom
- 3rd Keith Milton, Phantom
- 4th Roger Day, Phantom
- 5th Keith Adams and James Johnson, Kestrel

An early start at 11:00hrs on Boxing Day didn't stop a fleet of thirteen boats come to the start line for the last club race of 2011 with Mike Pritchard as OOD setting a challenging course in gusty conditions. Family rivalry in the Lark fleet was led by Nick and David Marlow with the former leading overall from the start despite a valiant attempt by Kevin Milton in his Phantom. A number of boats made an early entry for the Flying Centreboard with the safety boat crew of Harri Pritchard and



RYA Safety Boat Course

24-25th March 2012

The 2012 training programme kicks off in March with an RYA Safety Boat course which provides the skills required when acting as a safety boat, coach boat or escort craft, for a fleet of dinghies, windsurfers or canoes or for racing or training activities. The course is recommended for members who wish to progress beyond Powerboat Level 2. An RYA Powerboat course for beginners is planned for September. For further information on courses please visit the Training section of the club website or contact Keith Brereton.

training@attenboroughsc.org.uk



New Compound Lock



A new padlock to replace the worn lock has been purchased for the compound gate. We shall be fitting the new lock onto the compound gate on Saturday 14/01/12.

Our Membership Secretary (Ray Kemish) will issue the new key to anyone who has paid their fees and comes down to the working parties. Members who we do not see on working parties will be issued with a new key when the Yearbook is issued at the latest. If this causes a problem please discuss with Ray.

membership@attenboroughsc.org.uk

New Sponsorships

Every year we provide our membership with a club hand book detailing the club rules, diary of events, and contact details. We hope that you find it of use. It provides you with tangible evidence of your membership and when presented to certain club sponsors will enable you to obtain discounts on purchases from them.

Our sponsors pay £30, £60 or £70 for a half, full or the pack page advert in the handbook respectively. We are normally able to fund the cost of the year book entirely from our sponsors who we hope you will in turn support.

We are always looking for new sponsors so if you, or you know of any organisations who you believe would like to place an advert within the handbook then please pass their details onto the Honorary Secretary (John Shepherd) who will be pleased to discuss what we can do for them.

secretary@attenboroughsc.org.uk

2012 Programme

Date	Day	Race Series	Sailing Activities	RYA Training	Social
04-Mar	Sun	Sunday Racing Starts			
24-Mar	Sat			Safety Boat Course	
25-Mar	Sun			Safety Boat Course	
28-Mar	Wed	Wednesday Sailing Starts			
08-Apr	Sun	Easter			
13-Apr	Fri		Comet/Laser Coaching		
14-Apr	Sat				Fitting Out Supper
21-Apr	Sat		Junior Training		
28-Apr	Sat		Open Race Training		
29-Apr	Sun	Trent Tripartite @ ASC			Refreshments
05-May	Sat		Junior Training		
06-May	Sun	Bank Holiday Pursuit Race			
11-May	Fri		Comet/Laser Coaching		
11-May	Fri			Dinghy Level 1+2	
12-May	Sat			Dinghy Level 1+2	
13-May	Sun			Dinghy Level 1+2	
18-May	Fri			Dinghy Level 1+2	
19-May	Sat			Dinghy Level 1+2	
20-May	Sun			Dinghy Level 1+2	
26-May	Sat		Junior Training		
02-Jun	Sat		Away Weekend		
03-Jun	Sun	Bank Holiday	Away Weekend		
08-Jun	Fri		Comet/Laser Coaching		
09-Jun	Sat		Olympic Open Day		Refreshments
16-Jun	Sat		Junior Training		
23-Jun	Sat	Comet Open Meeting			Refreshments
01-Jul	Sun		Open Race Training		
06-Jul	Fri		Comet/Laser Coaching		
07-Jul	Sat		Junior Training		
08-Jul	Sun	Northern Tripartite @ Swarkstone			
21-Jul	Sat		Olympic Fun Day		Evening Social
22-Jul	Sun	Club Regatta			
28-Jul	Sat		Junior Training		
10-Aug	Fri		Comet/Laser Coaching		
18-Aug	Sat		Junior Training		
19-Aug	Sun	Team Racing			
25-Aug	Sat		Bank Hol Fun Weekend		BBQ
07-Sep	Fri		Comet/Laser Coaching		
08-Sep	Sat		Junior Training + Party		Junior Party
15-Sep	Sat		Away Weekend		
16-Sep	Sun		Away Weekend		
19-Sep	Wed	Last Wednesday Sailing			
21-Sep	Fri			Dinghy Level 1+2	
22-Sep	Sat			Dinghy Level 1+2	
23-Sep	Sun	Kingfisher/Ladies Plate		Dinghy Level 1+2	
28-Sep	Fri			Dinghy Level 1+2	
29-Sep	Sat			Dinghy Level 1+2	
30-Sep	Sun			Dinghy Level 1+2	
20-Oct	Sat			Powerboat 1+2	
21-Oct	Sun			Powerboat 1+2	
27-Oct	Sat				Halloween Party
28-Oct	Sun	Pursuit Race			
24-Nov	Sat				Laying-Up Supper
16-Dec	Sun	Christmas Race			Refreshments
26-Dec	Wed	Boxing Day Race			