

- 29th June Tri-partite meeting at ASC. First race 11:00.

Albert Ross Column

Well summer should be with us and as a consequence we have completed our snowdrop series and Wednesday evening series one. 27 different boats are recorded as having started in the former and no less than 47 for the Wednesday evening racing.

The results of these two series have been included later in this newsletter.

Sailing continues to difficult this year with either too much or not enough wind. That is what our sport is all about and it is good to see some of our new members making the most of the water.

Also in this newsletter is a short account of our visit to Trent Valley Sailing Club. The winds were at times difficult and as you will see that was not the only hazard some had to deal with.

I am pleased to have received a piece from Ida Dunkin (real name can possibly be deduced by reference to Paul?) Such help makes my life easier and hopefully your reading more enjoyable.

Well, enough from me, hope you continue to find interest in these newsletters.

P.s You didn't miss May's copy, I went on holiday.

Open day 2008

Once again a successful open day was held on the first Saturday in June.

85 people signed up to take to the water. A small number of our more capable sailors spent nearly six hours trying there hardest in difficult conditions to give members of the public trips around the lake.

These events always amaze me when youngsters are able to take to the water and navigate around after just a few minutes tuition. This year it was a 10 year old girl sailing a Topper. The weather helped but shows just how quick youngsters pick this sport up.

The Sea Cadets had a cake stall which I am told was moderately successful even though cakes were being sold off at very low prices as the event wound down to a close.

Gillian Day did a sterling job

cooking burgers and sausages but only after an emergency run to the local Tesco to replace the BBQ.

As for benefit to the club a couple of new memberships were accepted on the day. Others walked away with membership details to consider membership in a more leisurely way.

Thanks to all who helped, Denis Bell for his time in the bar, all those who sailed and manned the safety boat (sorry I can't remember all) and to Jeremy and Steve who managed to mow or strim the grass across the whole of the compound before the event.

If I have missed anyone it is not because your efforts were not fully appreciated it is because I forgot to make a list on the day.

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A beginners view by Ida Dunkin

Not everyone at the sailing club has been tacking, gybing and drinking beer forever (some of us have only been drinking beer); so I thought I'd let you all know about my experiences as a novice.

After a couple of years of turning up at the sailing club to pick my husband up or drop him off and the occasional afternoon crewing for him, when he didn't get a better offer, I thought I'd see what all the fuss was about.

In 2006 we went on a Sunsail holiday to Turkey and I did a few days in the sun learning to sail. It was great and I loved it. Somehow the weather and the Attenborough water were not quite so appealing. I had a token couple of sails last year but the summer was not really up to the mark. I promised myself that this year I would either learn to sail properly or knock it on the head (all or nothing!)

So on Sunday I asked Paul and John to help me to rig the Topper (which meant I watched while they rigged); Paul kindly took it for a test sail then left me to it while they took to a bigger boat for the race.

I had to wait until no-one was paying attention to what I was doing, so after the race had set off, I got in the boat, with it's half-size training sail (I'm not proud!) and off I went, trying to stick to the part of the pond where the race wasn't passing.

It was going OK except I struggled to find the wind, which was strange as the other boats were flying along! I stayed out for half an hour or so and only had to get the help of the safety boat once to help me out of the bushes. I'm still not entirely sure how I ended up there, but I'm sure it helped to relieve their boredom. No-one ever died of embarrassment did they?

It all comes with practice I'm told. I'm also hoping that with practice I will stop getting stuck in bushes and learn how to approach the pontoon without ending up in the water.

After the race many members asked me how I'd got on and were very supportive. A couple of people even offered to come out with me in future and sail alongside to offer a few pointers, which I'm going to take them up on (they obviously didn't see me getting cosy with the shrubs). Maybe I'll go on a Friday night when there's no-one racing.

And next time I'm stuck head to wind, I'm going to remember the top tip of push, push; pull, pull.

Hoping that some other beginners are going to join me soon!

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Snowdrop results

Entrant numbers varied between 5 and 16 boats which possibly reflected weather conditions.

On the right is a complete list of the results.

1	Laser	M Pritchard	
2	Phantom	R Day	
3	Phantom	K Milton	
4	RS 200	J Paton	M Last
5	Supernova	K Last	
6	Laser	N Ross	
7	RS Vareo	K Brereton	
8	Miracle	D Harbour	L Kay
9	Phantom	B Dennis	
10	Fireball	M Davidson	J Davidson
11	RS 600	A Trusler	
12	Fireball	J Straw	S Coupe
13	Fireball	M Adams	P Mellows
14	Laser	T Rogers	
15	Comet	M Field	
16	Laser II	B Davies	
17	Laser	J Ross	
18	Laser	D Nettleton	
19	Laser	R Pritchard	
20	National 12	D King	J King
21	Comet	R Kemish	
22	Laser	A Trusler	
23	Merlin-Rocket	J Adams	M Garwood
24	Laser	A Murphy	
25	Miracle	B Dennis	
26	Laser	M Brereton	
27	Laser	M Last	



Caption describing picture or graphic.

Wednesday series 1 –Results

Entrant numbers varied between 7 and 22. Not surprisingly larger numbers have been seen as the warmer evenings have come along. With a total of 47 different boats having entered the series only a shortened list of the results are shown. A full list is as usual on the web site www.attenboroughsc.org.uk

1st	Laser	M Pritchard	
2nd	Phantom	B Dennis	
3rd	Phantom	K Milton	
4th	Laser	N Ross	
5th	Supernova	K Last	
6th	National 12	D King	J King
7th	Laser	R Ceurstemont	
8th	RS Vareo Asym	K Brereton	
9th	Fireball	J Straw	S Coupe
10th	Comet	R Kemish	

Trent Valley Invitational

Sunday April 27th saw ten boats travel from Attenborough all the way to Trent Lock to take part in the second of what is hoped to be an annual event, the Trent Valley SC/Attenborough SC open.

The day dawned fine and warm but with little wind.

The first race got away around 11:00 with the fleet split into Lasers and General handicap. The Lasers started 6 minutes before the rest and so got away in clear air. The start was interesting to say the least, as it was a broad reach against the current. The consequence was everyone trying to hug the windward bank whilst trying to stay behind the line. Not everyone succeeded.

Sailing on the river proved difficult for some with very short tacks having to

be made and any loss of forward speed meant that the current soon took the boat back to where you had started but I think we all found it interesting and enjoyable.

After a sit down lunch (how civilised can you get?) a further two races were held in the afternoon with a little more wind than the morning.

The start of the second Laser race was interesting when a narrowboat came out of the Cranfleet canal and joined the start going the wrong way!

A couple of collisions took place during the day between those sailing and what at times seemed to be incompetent powerboat users.

It was interesting when the results of two starts for each race were combined into a single set as the faster Lasers managed to sail without any interaction with other classes leaving them with good clear air thus giving them a clear advantage. However, the overall winner was a N12 sailor from TVSC. The next three boats all finished on 4 points. One of these was Mike Pritchard but as had two seconds and no first place to count he was given 4th place.

Roger Day was 5th on seven points and the next ASC boat was in 11th place.

The table provides a full list of the results.

Rank	Class	Helm	Crew	Club
1st	12	Ian Norman		TVSC
2nd	LASER	Ben Richardson		TVSC
3rd	MERLIN-ROCKET	Rob Sloane	Belinda Bramhall	TVSC
4th	LASER	Mike Pritchard		Attenborough SC
5th	PHANTOM	Roger Day		Attenborough SC
6th	MERLIN-ROCKET	Guy Browne	Julie Redford	TVSC
7th	LASER	Charis Richardson		TVSC
8th	MERLIN-ROCKET	James Clark	Lorna Orton	TVSC
9th	MERLIN-ROCKET	Peter Browne		TVSC
10th	LASER	John Richardson		TVSC
11th	RS 200	John Paton	Paul Warren	Attenborough SC
12th	LASER	Nick Turnbull-Ross		Attenborough SC
13th	LASER	Kevin Milton		Attenborough SC
14th	COMET	Ray Kemish		Attenborough SC
15th	12	Dennis King	Matthew King	Attenborough SC
16th	LASER	Andy Hunter		TVSC
17th	RS VAREO	Keith Brereton		Attenborough SC
18th	FIREBALL	Coupe	Straw	Attenborough SC
19th	LASER	Richard Partridge		TVSC
20th	LASER	Chris Shaw		TVSC

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Committee Boat

The committee have been busy recently trawling the internet (pun was intended) to try and find a replacement committee boat. Several boats have been found which showed promise but when viewed their condition was not to our liking. We have set a very limited budget on which to find a inboard diesel powered boat of around 18 feet or so with a good cuddy and seems to be below the level where a good

example can be found.

Somewhere out there is the right boat just waiting to be snapped up. If anyone knows of a boat that they think would be an ideal stable platform providing shelter from the elements when needed, then please let a member of the committee know.