

Diary dates

- **27 June** 50th birthday summer party—see page 3 for more!
- **28 June** Tripartite at Swarkestone Sailing Club
- **19 July** Fun race day
- **16 August** Match racing TBC
- **29 August** Family fun day and 12 hour race campover
- **6 Nov** Bonfire night
- **12 Nov** AGM



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2009 Open Day Cobble

Saturday 6 June was our Open Day.

I've been involved with many of our Open Days and on every occasion we have always had "Sunny Days". It was most disappointing therefore to see the foreboding weather forecasts the days before and wake up to heavy rain.

Thoughts were running through my brain as to whether we should postpone or cancel the event. Nevertheless a few phone calls soon established that enthusiasm still abounded.



I arrived at the club at 9:45 to find grass had been cut, posters and signs were in place, the powerboat was ready, Visions were being rigged, the loaned Cornish Cobble was being prepared, Nottingham Model Boat Club members had already arrived and the club was alive with despite the rain. The Ice cream man rang up to cancel!

An estimate of how many burgers would be required was made based on the number of our own club members and model boaters who would need feeding, the chances of members of the public wanting burgers would be low – "40 burgers and a packet of 20 sausages should suffice". The gazebo to protect the barbecue and chef was unpacked from storage and found to have been both home and sustenance for a family of mice! A replacement "pop up" version was quickly purchased.

Doors opened at 11am and the rain began to ease. Very soon the trickle of visitors increased to a steady flow and all four Visions and the Cornish Cobble along with their respective helms were in constant use. The model boats took to the water and all were very impressed with the number and precision of the models that the club had brought along to exhibit and sail.

The rain eased and winds picked up during the day - reefs were put into the sails, gazebos were taken down and the model boats had to come off the water. Our visitors were thrilled at the excitement of fast sailing in "tippy" conditions whilst our sailors did a valiant job at remaining upright. The committee boat took the young and old out for photo opportunities. Meanwhile ashore, extra supplies of beef burgers were sought and our bar persons continued to supply hot tea and coffee (along with the occasional beer) to the damp but excited sailors fresh off the water. The Sea Cadets cake stall provided still further treats.

We finally packed away about 5pm having signed in 24 parties and 53 people, most of whom had gone out on the water. I have to conclude that despite the weather we still had a great day and although figures were down on previous years, the number of club members who came to help and the gratitude and enjoyment that visitors expressed mean this was an equally successful Open Day as in previous years.

Far from an "Open Day Cobble", the event was very well organised and the weather did little to dampen enthusiasm. Thank you to the many club members who helped both on the day and prior to it for making it such a "Sunny Day".

Thanks one and all who helped (too numerous to mention - you know who you are)

Nick, Commodore

Rutland Weekend 2009

Rutland Weekends camps have been marred by poor weather in recent years. 2009 however made up for it. Seven members camped overnight (Steve Coupe, Jeremy Straw, Mark and Kevin Last, Nick Turnbull-Ross, Rob and Felix Underwood) with four members (Julie and Olivia Rust and Keith Brereton and Carol Gimson) and one welcome ex-member (Tim Stephenson) coming along for the day. The weather was warm on the Saturday with plenty of wind providing some exciting sailing in the boats that had been brought along: Fireball, Laser, Wanderer, Solo and RS Vario. Crews, helms and boats were swapped around and the day-trippers made it out on the water as well.

Saturday night saw the traditional Barbecue and Mark Last celebrating his 18th birthday (his dad had promised him this sailing holiday). Suitable firewood was scavenged (including what resembled in size and shape a pterodactyl leg) and a campfire kept burning whilst Felix serenaded the campsite accompanied by Nick on the guitar.

Sunday was a glorious day with hot sun but alas less wind than we had been spoilt with the day before. The Vario and the Wanderer were launched and made best use of the light airs and thermals that existed. Meanwhile the rest of the group fired up the barbecue and pooled burgers, salad and bread buns for lunch on the shore of the lake.

A lazy "chill out" end to a very enjoyable weekend. We're now looking forward to the similar Fun Day and 12 hour race at the club on August bank holiday.



Sailing Courses

RYA Level 1 and 2 dinghy sailing courses

Friday evening 4 and 11 September 19:00 until 21:30

Saturday 5 and 12 September 09:00 until 17:30

Sunday 6 and 13 September 09:15 until 12:30

Senior instructor Keith Brereton

Places available – cost £150

Youth scheme up to level 3

Friday evening 3 and 10 July 19:00 until 21:30

Saturday 4 and 11 July 09:00 until 17:30

Sunday 5 and 12 July 09:15 until 12:30

Senior Instructor Brian Dennis

Places available – cost £75

Visit the website www.attenboroughsc.org.uk to complete an application form and send your payments to Roger Day.

Charity pursuit race raises money and a few smiles

If you have any ideas for articles which you would like to be included in a future issue of Telltales, please send them to julierippon@hotmail.com

It seems a long while ago now but the Charity Pursuit (3 May) just missed the last issue of Telltales. Congratulations to all who took part on the very windy day. You raised £115 for the Lifeboats (RNLI). I think we could've used their help on the day as the pictures below show!

Thanks to everyone who helped—including those on the safety boats who had a very busy day!



The 50th anniversary party on 27 June has been well supported—with nearly 80 tickets sold. There's still time to get your tickets! Contact a committee member—their numbers are in the hand-book—or pop down to the club on race nights—Wednesday or Sunday



Racing round-up

By Mike Pritchard

The long established Northern Tripartite completion between Attenborough, Sutton-in-Ashfield and Swarkestone Sailing Clubs will take place this year at Swarkestone on Sunday 28th of June. Note there will be no racing at Attenborough on that date.

Swarkestone like us are celebrating their 50th anniversary and have always provided a warm welcome so I hope as many of you as possible can take part on what is a nice stretch of water. Note that the first race is at 11am and a reminder this is after the night before of our own anniversary. To make Sunday morning easier you could take your boat to Swarkestone the day before or alternatively only come for the later races, however I would hope we can get numbers in double figures.

If you are going to attend then can you let me know so I can let them know numbers. All sailing abilities welcome!

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Interclub Race – Swarkestone SC
Sunday 28th June 2009

Notice of Race



Schedule

Briefing	10:30AM
1 st Race	11:00AM
Lunch	12:00PM
2 nd Race	1:00PM
3 rd Race	3:00PM
Prize Giving	4:45PM



General

- Hot food and snacks available.
- Bar open.
- Entry restricted to paid up members of Swarkestone SC, Attenborough SC and Sutton SC.
- Entry is free.

Interclub Scoring

Swarkestone SC Sailing Instructions apply with the following changes:

- There will be 3 races (subject to conditions), all races to count.
- Races will be single start Portsmouth Yardstick handicap race.
- Number of boats to count is 75% of the club with the smallest representation in the first race (subject to a minimum of 5 boats to count).
- The number of boats to count is then the same for all 3 races.
- DNFs will be recorded for any club with fewer than number of boats to count in a race.
- Scores of the top counting boats for all races to be added together to determine the winning club.
- DNF boats will be given a position of total entrants+1.

Personal Race Scoring

- In addition to the Interclub the results will also contribute to an individual handicap race.
- 3 races 2 to count (subject to conditions – if <3 races then there are no discards).

Summer Race Series 1

The Summer Series 1 races started on Sunday 10th of May with the format changed to encourage those relatively new to sailing, the Rookie.

The Rookie fleet is aimed at those who are relatively new to racing whilst the Main fleet is for those who have sailed for some time. Despite some mixed weather in June, the five races to date have been well supported with last Sunday (14th June) seeing 15 boats in the Main fleet and 10 in the Rookie fleet.

Feedback from those taking part is that the Rookie idea is a good one and I encourage any beginners who haven't yet to give it a go.

Overall race results so far are given below for the Rookie fleet (the Main fleet is excluded to prevent further coverage of the usual suspects). **Nick Duffew and David Wright** are the early leaders but with four more races to go things could change.

Not featuring on the leader board is **Julie Warren** who although having two firsts and a thirds, which would have made her fourth overall has raced in three different classes, which count as separate entries. Presumably she will stop when she has been through the ten or so classes we sail at the club but it will be interesting to see her in a Phantom.

1st	Nick Duffew	Enterprise	3.0pts
2nd	David Wright	Comet	4.5pts
3rd	Jeff Marshall	Laser Radial	12.0pts
4th	Julie Rust	Laser	13.0pts
5th	Peter Headland	Miracle	19.0pts
6th	Rob Underwood	Wanderer	25.0pts

Note that, subject to holidays, I upload the race results onto the club website within a few hours of the racing being finished and they can be found on the site under racing or Latest at http://attenboroughsc.org.uk/racing_results.htm If you find any errors then let me know.



Wednesday Series 1

The first Wednesday race series of the season came to a close on the 3rd June with 18 boats racing in light winds. Wednesday night racing is very popular at the club with high numbers racing and with most sailors decamping to the bar afterwards it is the most sociable race day at the club. This year, 35 boats raced in the series with average turnout of 15 boats. Racing on the water was dominated by **Roger Day** and **Mike Pritchard** who won 8 of the 10 races between them with Mike eventually winning overall by two points. There was also a close battle for third place **Nick Turnbull-Ross** and the two **Kevin's, Last and Milton**. Nick is now making 5th place his own but competition is increasing at the front of the fleet.

Final Results:

1 st	Mike Pritchard	Laser	6.0pts
2 nd	Roger Day	Phantom	9.0pts
3 rd	Kevin Milton	Phantom	14.4pts
4 th	Kevin Last	Supernova	18.0pts
5 th	Nick Turnbull-Ross	Laser	19.0pts
6 th	Andrea Murphy	Laser	26.4pts



Cygnet Trophy for Juniors

This trophy runs through June, July and August and is for Juniors (under 18). There are no separate races but the positions of Juniors in the normal Sunday races are used to come up with an overall winner. Previous winners have included **Max Breerton, Robyn Pritchard and Jon Turnbull-Ross** and the event hopefully encourages more Junior participation.

Junior, Master and Novice Regatta 12th July

This popular three race regatta will be held on the 12th July (first race: 12:00hrs) with two out of three 45 minute races counting for each of the three categories. Criteria for each is:

Junior – under 18 on 12th July

Master – 55 or over on 12th July

Novice – member who has previously not won a series or the Novice Trophy

Hopefully with more Juniors, especially after the Junior course, an ageing membership and many new members all three categories will have record numbers.

Fun Race Day 19th July



This event starts on 19th July at 13:00hrs and although the format is yet to be decided is likely to consist of a wide range of short races, either novelty ones, chasing ducks (plastic variety in case Visitor Centre reads this) or ones to test skills.

Aimed at all members and with a BBQ it should be a fun day out for the whole family. Further details will be circulated later.

