



## Diary dates

**24 June**  
Comet and Laser  
Race Training

**26 June**  
Northern  
Tripartite at  
Attenborough  
Sailing Club

**2 July**  
Junior Training

**10 July**  
Club regatta

## Open day success

A big thank you to everyone who helped: before, during and after this year's Open Day event.

Eighty-five visitors and many club members came along and I think we can be justly proud of a great team effort.

For those that were unable to attend, we had all four RS Visions out on the water along with the loaned Cornish Cobble.

In spite of strong gusty winds these boats were in almost permanent use along with our two rescue boats and the Committee boat acting as a pleasure / site seeing tour boat and camera platform.

The Model Boat club once again exhibited their wonderful models, the Brownies (Felix) sold out their cakes and the Colwick Lifeguards had a number of membership enquires.

This year we had more visitors than last year (69) but the real success of



the event is measured on the faces of those who enjoyed the day and the new memberships and training applications that we are already receiving.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success.

**Nick Turnbull-Ross**  
Commodore

Pictures from the open day are throughout this edition of Telltales. Thank you to Mike Leach and Nick Turnbull-Ross.



# Racing events - all welcome

## Northern Tripartite at Attenborough Sunday 26 June

This year we are hosting the annual inter-club competition between Attenborough, Sutton-in Ashfield and Swarkestone sailing clubs. Come along to race, help out or just chat to members of other clubs (and see how they get on on our gusty water!)

The first of three races starts at 11:00hrs and we need as many people as possible to race for Attenborough, as it would be nice for us to win the trophy again.

We're also looking for volunteers to run the bar and an extra safety boat. We will provide sandwiches for all participants and helpers.

Hope to see you there!



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## Club Regatta Sunday 10 July

In previous years many members have not been eligible for the junior, novice, master regatta. They may have been too old for the juniors yet too young for the masters; or be too experienced a sailor to be considered a novice.

However, this year the club regatta will be open to all. Our long term aim is to turn this event into a weekend of sailing and social events. However, that is for the future and this year we will have:

- Three races, first one starting at 11:00hrs, each lasting about 45 minutes
- Two starts: First for Gold/Silver fleet
- Second for Novice and Junior fleets
- Best 2 out of 3 races to count and prizes will be given out on the day.

Prizes will be given for each fleet winner; gold, silver, novice and junior. The masters' trophy will also be sailed based on the separately calculated scores of eligible competitors irrespective of the fleet they sail in.



Gold and silver fleet allocation is as per current race series; juniors are under 18 on race day and masters 55 or over on race day; a novice is someone who has not won the Novice trophy or a race series in the past.

There will also be a BBQ after the first race so a good day out for everyone!

**Mike Pritchard**

Mobile chandlery at  
the Regatta - see  
back page for more  
details

# What's on your boat?

We've been contacted to let us know about a non-native shrimp that has been found at several sailing waters in the UK. Authorities are trying to stop it spreading to other waters.

To help do this, we've been asked to make members aware of some precautions to take.

General advice is to keep your boat clean, and to clean and dry your kit after use - especially before and after sailing in other waters.

If you spot one of the shrimps we're asked to let authorities know so please tell a committee member.

# STOP THE SPREAD



Are you unknowingly spreading invasive species on your water sports equipment and clothing?

Invasive species can affect fish and other wildlife, restrict navigation, clog up propellers and be costly to manage. You can help protect the water sports you love by following three simple steps when you leave the water.



**Check** your equipment and clothing for live organisms - particularly in areas that are damp or hard to inspect.

**Clean** and wash all equipment, footwear and clothing thoroughly. If you do come across any organisms, leave them at the water body where you found them.

**Dry** all equipment and clothing - some species can live for many days in moist conditions. Make sure you don't transfer water elsewhere.

For more information go to [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk) and search for **Check Clean Dry**



## Invasive Species Alert

### KILLER SHRIMP

*Dikerogammarus villosus*

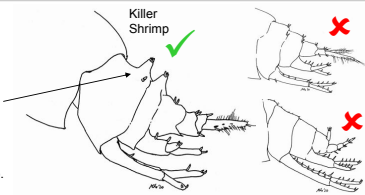
#### What is it?

A highly invasive non-native species that has spread from the Ponto-Caspian Region of Eastern Europe. As a voracious predator it kills a range of native species, including young fish, and significantly alters ecosystems.



#### How do you identify it?

- Usually found among hard surfaces in water bodies where Zebra Mussels are present.
- Key distinguishing feature is the cone shaped protrusions on the tail.
- Can be large (up to 30mm) but often 10-20mm.
- May have a striped pattern (but sometimes not).



- Help stop the spread of this species by:
- Inspecting and cleaning boats and kit before and after use.
  - Inspecting and cleaning launching trailers.
  - Draining all bilge water from boats before leaving the site.
  - Disinfecting angling kit before and after use.
  - Making sure no lake water is taken away with your kit.
  - Not transferring bait between water bodies.

If you find this species, please send a photo and details of the sighting to:

**[alert\\_nonnative@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:alert_nonnative@ceh.ac.uk)**

[www.nonnativespecies.org/alerts/killershrimp](http://www.nonnativespecies.org/alerts/killershrimp)

This applies to other watersports too including windsurfing and fishing so if you take part in these hobbies, it's worth checking this kit too.

We all need to play our part, thanks for your help.

# Genesis: Chapter 1

**In the beginning.....** No, not the creation of the earth but the very earliest records of our sailing club.

As many of you will know, the club is now in its 52nd year. However it has not always been known as the Attenborough Sailing Club. Formerly it was called the Long Eaton Sailing Club and prior to that, the International Combustion Ltd Sailing Club (ICSC) when it was



part of the Derby based firm. Records of the very early days are almost non-existent and so thanks to t'internet and the Derby Evening Telegraph web site, we were grateful to hear from Derek King (now 83) who was the very first Club Secretary and held the position from 1959 - 1969.

Derek, a non swimmer who knew little of sailing at that time, was asked by Mr Hollands (a Director of the firm) along with Nick Milnes and Jim Naden to become the secretary of a sailing club that they wanted to form.

Their first meeting took place on 22 June 1959 and their early tasks were to find a location from which the club could sail and to build four Enterprise sailing dinghies. The club needed 40 members, each to subscribe £5 to purchase the part-built boats with the balance to be financed by the ICL Welfare Dept.

After a few months of searching, a site at Weston on Trent was found and on 6 January

1960 (a year before I was born!) a fairly large summerhouse on the bank of the River Trent was leased.



Part-finished Enterprise dinghies (sail no. E3949, 50, 51 & 52) were delivered to International Combustion and then completed by the new members in their garages. The first Enterprise (sail no. E3949) was started on 26 February 1960 and once complete, transported to Weston on Trent on 13 March 1960 closely followed by E3950 on 1 April 1960.

The leased summerhouse made a good clubhouse with sufficient space between it and the river to store the four dinghies. The river at this time was wide with a long wooden jetty sticking out into the river to reach the deep main flow. Again this was long enough to hold the four dinghies.

The club sailed happily at this site on about half a mile of good-width river until the winter of 1961/62 when the river flooded and washed away the Kings Mill Weir some 300 yards or so down river from the site. This lowered the level of the river such that the jetty was now completely surrounded by thick mud (6' 0" deep) making boat access impossible.

The next phase was talking to Long Eaton Council to rent a piece of land adjacent to the Trent at Trent Meadows and accessed through a tip. The new site was prepared by the members with help from ICL and the first indication of sailing at this site was on 15 August 1962.

Derek King continued as club secretary until 1969 and we are indebted to him and the other early pioneering members. We were very honoured to have him and his wife visit the club again recently.

**Nick Turnbull-Ross  
Commodore**

# Club racing

## Wednesday Series 1

### 0.5 Points Cover First Three Overall

Wednesday night racing has been popular over the last few years and this season has been no different.

The first series of the year saw 47 entries over the ten races with an average of 20 starters per race. Following the four way tie in the Snowdrop Series, Wednesday Series 1 ended up almost as close.

Early series leaders were the two-crewed Lark and RS200 of **Nick Marlow** and **Paul Warren** respectively. However after seven races it was the single handers in the lead with **Kevin Milton** in his Phantom 0.5pts behind **Mike Pritchard** in his Laser.

Mike missed the next two races but Nick and Kevin failed to gain an overall lead due to the excellent performance of **Duncan Adams and Zelia Bradley** who won the two races in their Kestrel. So with one race to go Mike was still 0.5pts ahead of Kevin and 1.4pts ahead of Nick Marlow. The overall result therefore depended upon the last race with any three able to win.

A delayed flight meant a jet-lagged Mike arrived back at the club from Beijing with 30 minutes to go to the start. The early race lead and, in effect, overall series lead was taken by the Lark of **Nick Marlow and John Shepherd**, with Mike in 4th place and **Kevin Milton** well back in the 26 strong fleet after a poor start.

However, the in-form Kestrel with Duncan and Zelia slowly over-hauled the Lark whilst Mike moved into third position. An impressive third lap



saw the Kestrel take the overall lead which she extended by the finish to complete a hat-trick of Wednesday night wins. It was only due to the Kestrel entering only five races that she did not win overall. Mike owes Duncan a pint or more.

Nick and John finished in second place, ten seconds ahead of Mike Pritchard on corrected time. However, third place was enough for Mike to take the series overall from Nick and Kevin Milton by 0.4pts and 0.5pts respectively.

### Overall results were:

- 1st Mike Pritchard, Laser 11.0pts
- 2nd Nick Marlow & John Shepherd, Lark 11.4pts
- 3rd Kevin Milton, Phantom 11.5pts
- 4th Paul Warren & Will Taylor & Vicky Ellis, RS200 24.6pts
- 5th Roger Day, Phantom 27.0pts
- 6th Kevin Last, Supernova 27.6pts
- 7th Keith Brereton, Phantom 28.0pts

### Mike Pritchard



## Spring Series

At the time of writing there are two races to go in the Spring Series. Poor weather has seen mixed turnouts culminating in wind and rain on 12 June. The myriad number of fleets certainly makes for a complicated results calculation.

The Gold fleet is currently led by **Mike Pritchard** with **Nick Turnbull-Ross** heading up the Silver fleet. Mike also leads the combined fleet. The controversy on whether a Laser should be in the fast or slow fleet seems to have gone away (well in my view anyhow) although the Laser is the pivot class in deciding whether the slow or fast fleet is the largest.

So far, **Kevin Milton** is easily winning the Fast fleet, although the Slow fleet is more competitive with **Josie Adams, Mike Pritchard and Nick Turnbull-Ross** all in the running for the overall title.

Bronze fleet turnouts have been poor, possibly due to the high winds, but that hasn't stopped close racing overall and with two races to go, **James Bravant, Mark Hopkin and Phil Ward** are separated by only a few points at the top of the leader board.

**Mike Pritchard**

## Race and Junior Training

Saturday 11 June was training day. The morning saw race training in moderate winds under a sunny sky. Fourteen members took part in a hectic series of short laps with advice being given as the laps progressed. Good progress was made and hopefully the less experienced racers will take part in club races in the future.

In the afternoon, sixteen juniors were involved in a mixture of training and sailing tasters.



The slightly blustery conditions were not ideal but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The junior initiative is a positive development for the club although, at a small club like ours, a problem is ensuring we have enough volunteers to provide the support required to maintain momentum. The next junior training day is on 2 July - please come along to help if you can.

On 10 June a Comet training day was held and a further one, combined with Lasers will be held at 18:30hrs on Friday 24 June.

Thanks to **Keith and Josie Adams, Kevin Last, Nick and Robert Marlow, Mike Pritchard and Paul Warren** for running the above events.

**Mike Pritchard**



# Shore duty?

Ever find yourself on shore duty, not sure what to do with yourself? To help you out, there's a list of ideas and reminders on the notice board in the clubhouse :-)

If you find yourself twiddling your thumbs, you could welcome visitors, run the Hoover round, stock the handtowels and loo rolls, load and unload the dishwasher or wipe down the tables or empty the bins - the fun never ends!

Every little helps, if you're unsure just ask, it will be greatly received. Thanks for all your help.



## Mobile chandlery coming to club

Mobile chandlery Peak Dinghy Spares will be at the club on 10 July - a perfect chance to get those little jobs sorted!

Peak Dinghy Spares is one of the sponsors of our members' handbook. If you need a particular item, contact them in advance and they will make sure they bring it along, otherwise a general selection of items will be available on the day.

Contact them on 07866 971092, or visit [www.peakdinghy.com](http://www.peakdinghy.com)



## Are you insured?

To store your boat at the club or sail it casually or in the races, it must be insured.

Membership secretary Ray Kemish will be contacting members who have not supplied their insurance details

## Is this Laser yours?

The Laser pictured is unregistered in the club records. It's currently on the first row on your left as you enter the compound.

If it's yours can you please contact Ray Kemish, membership secretary on 0115 9723190 or [membership@attenboroughsc.org.uk](mailto:membership@attenboroughsc.org.uk)

