



Telltales

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Diary dates

15 May – Trent Tripartite from 11am at Nottingham Sailing Club

22 May – First Junior race on the Sunday afternoon

28 – 30 May Away weekend at Rutland Water – all welcome

11 June – Race Training AM

11 June – Junior training PM

26 June – Northern Tripartite at Attenborough Sailing Club

2 July – Junior Training

10 July – Club regatta

Rutland water, anyone?

Planning for the annual Bank Holiday trip to Whitwell at Rutland Water is now underway.

If you'd like to spend all - or part - of the final May Bank Holiday weekend sailing or relaxing (hopefully) in the sunshine on a larger expanse of water, now is the time to book!

Committee member Dave Chapman has arranged a 20% discount for sailing and camping passes - see below.

A field has been reserved for us that will easily take 10 large tents and Dave's caravan! For those who prefer Glamping and can't survive without their fridge or hairdryer, the field does not offer 240v electrics, but you could take along a generator.

Additional nights are available at £9 per night.

Whole Bank holiday weekend

Friday sail afternoon and Camp
Saturday and Sunday sail
Saturday and Sunday Camp
Monday sail
Friday Sat & Sun boat storage
£62.40 including free boat storage

Just for the Weekend

Saturday and Sunday sail
Saturday camp
Saturday boat storage
£28.00 including free boat storage

Just for the Day

Day sail ticket £13.50

No deposit is required. Contact Dave Chapman if you would like to know more.



Trailers

This is our (near) last reminder!

If you have a trailer at the club, please add one of our tags to it to identify it as yours by 1 June.

We are having a clear out.

Any unidentified trailers will be disposed of.

Sailing area

As we have had several new members over the last year or so, we thought we'd take this opportunity to remind members of the area we are allowed to sail in at Attenborough - see image right.

A barge channel runs between the North and the South Coneries lagoons. This channel is used by Cemex to move gravel in barges, from their extraction quarry near Long Eaton to their processing works in Beeston.

To avoid the risk of collision, we only have authority to sail in the North Coneries Lagoon. If you extend a line out from the Visitors Centre peninsula, then this is the line we should not cross.

Independent sailing should only be carried out as described in the club safety code and in particular: "Sailing is only permitted if there is on the water, or on the shore, a person capable of rendering assistance on the water to any sailor in difficulty. This person must have a first aid kit available."

Please ensure that you are familiar with the club safety code which is available in the current yearbook and the web site www.attenboroughsc.org.uk



The club rules are in place for good reason, please ensure that they are fully understood and adhered to so we can all continue to sail safely.

Pursuit race - was a breeze!

A windy pursuit race saw only seven boats on the water in gusts of up to 32mph - fantastic spectator sport!

Sailors, usually used to more sporty numbers, took to the Visions - Nick Turnbull-Ross and Bob Ceurstemont in one and Jon Adams and Dave Nettleton in another.

Steve Coupe and Jeremy Straw in the Fireball looked like they were having fun in between capsizes and Paul Warren and Phil Ward enjoyed practicing

righting the RS200. At least the boat returned in one piece this time.

Keith and Duncan Adams showed how it's done, even getting the Spinnaker out in the Kestrel!

Dave Wright saw sense and retired after one lap after a valiant, brave effort in his Comet.

Well done lads!

Thank you to Keith and Carol Brereton for keeping track of the laps and times - no mean feat and to Dennis and Mark Bell for their sterling efforts in the safety boat!

More photos overleaf....



Junior sailing

The junior sailing club started in April with two training events. Extreme weather conditions didn't help, light winds on the first weekend and very windy on the second, but still over 20 juniors attended in total.

Saturday 23 April - training afternoon.

Light winds made the going difficult at times, but a good attendance of sailors took to the water in a variety of boats, including Optimists, Lasers and a RS Vision to sail two simple courses, with on the water assessments and tips being given. Back on dry land, there was some interesting discussion of what was learnt in the boats, along with some further guidance. Certain sailors also decided to practice their capsize recovery technique towards the end of the day!

Saturday 30 April - training afternoon. With wind conditions a complete contrast to the previous week, on the water practice was very difficult but an RS Feva took to the lagoon at high speed! The young sailors were given tips on boat settings at various points of sail. Several then took to the water in the more sheltered part of the lagoon, near the rear launch ramp in Bugs and a Topper.

The next session is Sunday 22 May- Activity/racing morning from 11am with sailing orientated activities and games and at 12:30pm, a junior race will be held.

Contact John Shepherd, Mike Pritchard, Dave Chapman or Rob Corner for more details or if you'd like to come along.

John Shepherd



Pursuit race photos from Sunday 1 May



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 shortly.



Noticeboard...

Relaxing saturday afternoons

The Saturday afternoon casual sailing sessions have proven popular - especially in the nice weather.

Nineteen people sailed one sunny afternoon last month in a lovely gentle breeze up to 4 knots. A variety of boats took to the water including four Mirrors, two Lasers, a Comet, an Enterprise, a Wanderer and two Toppers.

Thanks to Dennis Bell and to Steve Boon (and anyone else I've missed) who facilitate these sessions by opening up the clubhouse and manning the safety boat.

Security reminder Please remember to lock the clubhouse, containers and barriers when you leave. This helps to keep your equipment and facilities safe!

Take part in our open day!

The annual open day takes place on Saturday 4 June.

This popular day encourages guests and visitors to take to the water. The more, the merrier!

Visitors can enjoy boat trips on the water, the bar, BBQ and model boating.

Bring your friends and family along to see what all the fuss is about.

If you can lend a hand taking visitors out in the boats, meeting and greeting or running the bar or BBQ for example please let a committee member know - it will be greatly appreciated!

Can you help?

We're also looking for volunteers who want to experience the tripartite on 26 June, but not necessarily sail, to help out.

It doesn't have to be all day - even an hour or two will help.

On that day, we will have an increased number of sailors - 30 last year - many who are unfamiliar with the club. We could do with a couple of extra pairs of hands to help move trailers, get food ready or run the bar.

Contact a committee member to offer your support!

Need new kit or a repair?

Remember to check out the sponsors offers in the back of the handbook or on our website

http://www.attenboroughsc.org.uk/resources_sponsors.shtml

Fitting out supper

Beer, pizza and a quiz - it's the simple things in life that make for a good fitting out supper!

The quiz - by Mike Pritchard - got everyone going and guessing. We had a great time and Ray's mum's team won. I think we had different winners for different rounds, so congratulations to you all!

Commodore, Nick Turnbull-Ross, drew the short straw though as his bottle of wine turned out to have gone off.

With boxes of choccies, sweets and wine joining the pizza doing the rounds, we were certainly building up our strength for sailing the next day!

Thanks to everyone who came along, we hope you had a good time.

Ideas for the laying up supper in November are now being sought! Please speak to a member of the committee if you have any ideas for a good venue or different format!



Paul Warren was presented with his prize for guessing (sorry, cleverly working out) the change in PY for the Laser in Mike's sweepstake prior to the RYA announcement earlier this year.



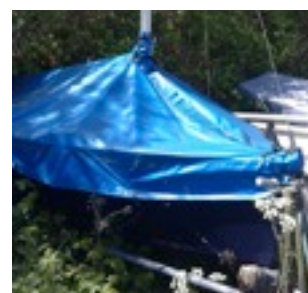
Is either of these boats yours?

The two boats pictured - one a Laser, the other possibly an Enterprise - are unregistered in the club records.

If either are yours can you please contact Ray Kemish, membership secretary on 0115 9723190 or membership@attenboroughsc.org.uk



They're currently on the back row as you come in the compound gates, on your left.



Discovering the Sailors of the Past

Continuing our occasional look at previous winners of the Barrow Cup.

Andrew Cokayne, 1945-2005

Born in 1945, Andrew Cokayne started sailing at the age of ten, and went onto sail at regional and national level in Enterprise and GP 14 dinghies.

Andrew was, in the 1960s and early 1970s, a keen member of the then International Combustion Sailing Club, winning a number of trophies before moving to Staunton Harold. The International Combustion Sailing Club later became Attenborough Sailing Club.

Andrew started sailing in his home-built Pegasus. The Pegasus 14 (see above) was designed by Uffa Fox in 1958 co-operating with Bell Woodworking to produce the first kit built, round bilge dinghy. Only 250 were produced. The design was basically a decked version of his International 14 and carried both spinnaker and trapeze.

Andrew used to sail with Denis Williams as crew and they then went on to sail Enterprises and Merlin rockets. Andrew won the Barrow Cup in 1967. During his time at International Combustion, Andrew met his wife Glynis and they went on to have three children who are currently active sailors in the East Midlands.



Andrew Cokayne receiving the Enterprise Shield in 1966
(Photo courtesy of Derek King, ex ICSC Secretary)

Andrew joined the Laser Class in 1991 as 4.7 representative (yes there were a few 4.7's in those days), but after a very short time moved onto Radial representative as his children were growing.

He was their first representative for youth on the class. When his children came out of youth, there was a vacancy for a treasurer in 1995, which he was persuaded to take on.

Appointed as an ISAF International Judge in 2002, Andrew had officiated at a wide range of events including World Championships for the 505 and Topper, Europeans Championships for the J/22 and Athens Eurolymp Week to name a few.

Unfortunately in 2005 while he was acting as an on-water juror during a Laser qualification event in Hartlepool, he had a heart attack whilst on the water in a rib. He was rushed from the race area to the local hospital, but died soon after arriving. He was 60 years old.

Mike Pritchard

Club racing

Spring Series

The Spring Series, took place over three months starting in mid-April. Entries have been relatively low, although the different fleets have kept me rather busy with producing race results.

Most noteworthy, I suppose, at the moment is that despite complaints of me moving the Lasers into the Slow fleet so I would win a series, I have won neither of the races held so far.

Indeed, the Slow Fleet is currently the successful fleet with large numbers of Comets and Lasers taking part in some good racing.

Snowdrop Series Results

The first sailing competition of the season was the Snowdrop Series for the Barton Cup. Some excellent winds and weather resulted in entries of over 15 in most of the ten races with 34 entries in total.

The racing was very close and competitive with five different race winners. At the start of the final weekend, with two races to go, the series was led by Mike Pritchard and Kevin Milton.

However, by winning a race each, Nick Marlow in his Lark and Paul Turner of Trent Valley in his National 12 came into contention. As such the final result ended in a four-way tie for first place, a very unusual outcome.

Final Results

1st Nick and Ruth Marlow, Lark, 12pts

1st Kevin Milton, Phantom, 12pts

1st Mike Pritchard, Laser, 12pts

1st Paul Turner (Trent Valley) and Andrea

Murphy, N12, 12pts

5th Paul and Julie Warren, RS200, 31pts

Trent Tripartite 15th May

The Trent Tripartite is a recent addition to our inter-club competitions and involves Attenborough, Nottingham and Trent Valley sailing clubs.

This year the event will be held on the River Trent at Nottingham Sailing Club with three races, first starting at 11:00hrs, so you should aim to be at Nottingham by 10:00hrs.

Details of the club can be found on their website, www.nottinghamsc.org.uk and their address is:

Adbolton Lane,
West Bridgford,
Nottingham.
NG2 5AS.

Adbolton Road is off the A6011 Radcliffe Road and the club entrance is just before the Holme Pierpoint water sports entrance. For those not sailing there are plenty of walks nearby either at the water sports centre or Colwick Park.

For those of you with older boats,

Nottingham are, on 21/22 May, hosting an Old Boat race weekend on behalf of the Classic & Vintage Racing Dinghy Association (website: www.cvrda.org).

To enter you have to have a boat that is 25+ years old and a class that was designed before 1965, so Enterprises, Graduates, Mirrors and GP14s can enter if they are old enough.

Mike Pritchard