



Diary dates

- 31 Oct Pursuit Race 1.45pm
- 5 Nov Bonfire night, fireworks and BBQ from 7pm
- 6 and 13 Nov Powerboat course. Fully booked.
- 11 Nov Annual General Meeting 7.30pm in the clubhouse.
- 27 Nov Annual prize giving and laying up supper from 7.30pm at the Stick and Pitcher. Tickets on sale now!

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Fun-day fun



The fun day was a breezy affair. Challenging conditions for trying out the new boats that laserperformance loaned to us for the day!

We re-created the big sailing races—the round the island, fastnet and round the world races—in our small pond. But for the first time ever (well, a good few years at least) we could also sail down the barge canal.

This proved to be a memorable occasion for all who tried it and the proposed two laps were not completed by everyone. Some felt they had seen enough of the bushes after the one lap.

A few hardcore members stayed overnight in varying levels of comfort — from small tents to portable mansions. A bit of music, lots more mud and a cow or two and we could almost be at Glastonbury. Maybe, next year eh?

Go team!

The club team racing event was held in August and proved to be just as successful as last year, with plenty of people turning up for a full day of fun sailing. Everyone arrived at 10am (early start on a Sunday for some of us...) to get the four Visions rigged, then it was coffee in the clubhouse and Nick Turnbull Ross explained the plan for the day, not forgetting - 'the RULES!' (I use the term loosely).

There were four teams (A,B,C,D) each skippered by an experienced helm, these were Andrea Murphy, Brian Dennis, Nick Turnbull Ross and Mike Pritchard. They in turn picked second helms and crew for their team, and we set off on to the water.

There were 12 races to complete, two teams raced each other at any one time, each team had two boats out on the water. The aim of the game was to ensure that neither of your team boats came last in the race, otherwise you would get '0' points and the other team would win the '1' point.

The wind was perfect; it was coming from across the bank and was varying between 12- 15 mph, with some good gusts every now and again too. We all piled in to the powerboat and the committee boat and we stayed out on the water as each of the teams started the racing programme.

Race 1 saw team A getting straight into the spirit of the event by



'persuading' team B into an island and blocking them off as much as possible. But team B came back to take the first point of the day. **Race 2** resulted in team C cleverly blocking their opponents to gain the second point.

Race 3 saw the first capsize of the day when team D called starboard on team A and there followed some frantic manoeuvring.

The following three races included some more tactics, some 'friendly banter', lots of shouting the word 'starboard', and another entertaining capsize just before the lunch break.

At half time, team B were in the lead, but there were another six races to go and anything could happen. **By race 10**, team D had caught up with team B on points and needed the win over team C to go

ahead, but team C sailed a great race and won the point, much to the celebration of everyone in the event.

For some reason team D were not the 'peoples choice' for the ultimate win (I don't know why, everyone loves to see Mike Pritchard win don't they???...). The final two races saw a battle for the winning points and even though all the teams sailed well and won at least one race, team D won the overall event by gaining the most wins. HOORAH!

The whole day was brilliant for experienced sailors, improvers, beginners and children joining in supporting their families. Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves, the sun shone all day and of course we finished it off with a beer, that was in 'the RULES' too!!!

Lou Davensac

Team A – Andrea Murphy, Livvy Rust, Bob Ceurstemont, Phil Shipley, Denise Lewis

Team B – Brian Dennis, Keith Adams, Phil Ward, Isobel Shipley, Olivia Dadge

Team C – Nick Turnbull-Rust, Rob Underwood, Julie Rust, Gareth Lewis

Team D - Mike Pritchard, Julie Warren, Lou Davensac, Mark Hopkin



Staying shipshape

While we're on this topic, could members please check the club copy of the boat 'parking' sheet in the clubhouse to make sure it's up to date. There have been several boat moves following some buying and selling. Thank you! Nagging over.....

Do you need a hand keeping your pitch tidy?

When enjoying a lovely stroll round the club compound, have you noticed how some boat areas are shipshape and some look like the boats are growing out of the weeds?

It is each member's responsibility to ensure their boat pitch stays neat and tidy.

To help keep the overall site clear and safe for existing and potential new members, the committee has agreed some regular, site maintenance jobs with local handyman, Nigel Ward.

In addition, if any member would like Nigel to stay on top of the brambles on their boat pitch, check that their boat is OK and report any problems with the boat, its cover, tie downs, trailer etc, he can be contacted on 07804 597691 and will be pleased to discuss his charges with you.

Also, with winter approaching, gales are likely and you need to ensure your boat is securely tied down. Many insurers are now refusing to pay for damage caused in the compound when boats are not secured to the ground — it is in your best interests so please check if you have not already done so.



Child safety reminder

It is great to see so many new, young sailors down at the club and we hope that they continue to develop and enjoy sailing safely at Attenborough.

With that in mind, we'd like to remind parents of youngsters that children under 16 should only be on the slipways and pontoons if they are sailing, and are under parental supervision.

This is a requirement to ensure their safety and the continued enjoyment of everyone at the club.



Sailing news

It's been a busy couple of months on the water at Attenborough—social cruising on Friday evenings and Saturdays has picked up and the practice is paying off, especially for junior members.

A second Comet training day was held on 2nd October with six boats taking part. The session was led by Josie and Keith Adams and we've had very positive feedback. A third day will take place on 23rd October. We're looking forward to seeing the Comets take some trophies off Mike next year!

Unfortunately, recent poor weather on Sundays has seen racing numbers dropping off, especially in the Rookie fleet, but a sunny Autumn may end the season on a high—fingers crossed.

The RYA 1 and 2 course for adults and juniors was again full to capacity and all passed. Thanks to all the instructors and volunteers who manned the safety boat and helped get things sorted. We had positive feedback on the course and hopefully attracted a few new people to the club and to sailing in general. They certainly got to experience sailing in all weather over the two weekends—from having two reefs in the sail on their first weekend to rowing and capsizing practice on the final morning after the fog had lifted!

We're also running a powerboat level 1 and 2 course for members in November to ensure we have enough experienced members to be OOD3 in the safety boat on race days. Once members are used to operating a powerboat, they can then move on to complete the specific safety boat training. The course is fully booked—but look out for new dates next year and remember to book early!

Pursuit race

Contrary to recent publicity, the pursuit race in October will not be in aid of the Ellen MacArthur cancer trust. We will instead have this event in May next year.

Instead, **31 October** will be a pursuit race with no additional entrance fee in the hope of encouraging members who have not taken part in a pursuit race before to come and have a go.

In a pursuit race, each person has their own handicap and crosses the start line according to that handicap — there is no mad dash for the start with lots of other boats — which can throw up some unexpected results!

The first boat will start at 1.45pm and race for 100 minutes—faster boats and faster handicaps will race for less time as they will set off afterwards in pursuit of the lead boat.....



No frantic start lines in a pursuit race!

Laying up supper and prize giving

Tucked your boat up for winter and fancy sending the season off with a bang?



Pick up your prize, strut your stuff on the dancefloor, enjoy a drink and some food and maybe even a quiz?

There's something for everyone.

Saturday 27 November from 7.30pm at the Stick and Pitcher pub, Highfields, Beeston.

Tickets £8 (Adults) and £4 (Under 16s).

The Kingfisher Cup and Ladies Plate in September was won by last year's winners, Mike Pritchard and Andrea Murphy respectively.

Congratulations to them both!

Please note:

Yellow bins R 4
Washing sails
NOT 4 Rubbish



Thank you

Bonfire night

Friday 5 November

from 7pm at the club

We need your wood to burn!
Add it to the pile behind the starting hut



Bring firework/s, sparklers and burgers for the BBQ. Don't forget your wellies and gloves!