

Diary dates

- **27 Sept** Kingfisher Cup and Ladies Plate
- **1 Nov** Charity pursuit race in aid of Mencap
- **6 Nov** Bonfire night
- **12 Nov** AGM
- **12 Dec** Laying up supper at the Stick and Pitcher pub, University Boulevard, Beeston. Near Highfields Hockey and Football pitches. Will include the annual prize giving, disco and buffet. More details to follow
- **20 Dec** Christmas handicap race, mulled wine and mince pies!
- **26 Dec** Cold Turkey Pursuit

Inside this issue:

AGM and committee membership	2
Noticeboard	3
Sailing reports	4



2009 Issue 7

September 2009

Team racing

All for one and one for all?!

Sunday 16 August saw a Team Racing event at the club. **Nick Turnbull-Ross** rounded up the members for a briefing in the barge to explain how the event would work and also the 'rules'! Fortunately, 16 members turned up so we could split up in to four teams of four, known as A,B,C, and D, to keep things simple.

Each team had a leader who then picked another helm and two crew. Once the teams were set and the rules explained (but not fully understood), we all went out in the four Visions to begin the races. The sun was out and the wind was picking up, ranging between 17 and 20mph.

A short course was set and 12 races took place. Two teams were racing on the water at any one time, meaning that each team were out in two Visions per race – confused? We were at first but then it all fell in to place!

Each team raced each other twice, earning points depending on the whole team's finishing position per race. If either boat in your team finished last out of the four, you scored no points (even if your team mate came first!)

Due to the wind speed and the strong gusts the teams were racing round the course in less than 10 minutes. All the teams stayed out on the water in the committee and rescue boat so that we could all swap over in to the Visions without having to keep coming in to moor up. This in itself created great amusement with lots of 'friendly banter' being shared on the start line.

Team B took the lead on the scoreboard in the first race. **Team A** (despite a capsize) clocked up a fair amount of points over the next couple of races.

Tactics then started coming in to play as everyone's competitive streak came out, with Paul Warren clearing the way for his team mates by blocking the path of the chasing **Team C** boat. **Team C** soon came back winning points on the next two races.

The final race saw a battle to the end between **teams A and D**, resulting in team D winning the final points of the day.

The winners of the event were Team B, followed by Team A, Team C, and Team D.

The whole event was fantastic, great fun, and very sociable.

I personally thought it was one of the best days I have had at the club and loved every minute of it. The final results didn't matter, we all had a really good time, topped off with a nice cold beer in the sun at the end – **Happy Days!**

Lou Davensac

Team A – skippered by Brian Dennis, with Steve Coupe, Julie Rust and Emma Clayton

Team B – skippered by Mick Adams, with Paul Warren, Lou Davensac and Brendan McGrath

Team C – skippered by Kev Milton, with Nick Turnbull-Ross, Livi Rust and Julie Warren

Team D – skippered by Bob Ceurstemont, with Kev Last, Andrea Murphy and John Taylor.

Your sailing club needs you!!

Become a committee member and have your say in what happens next year.....

Would you like to help develop the club next year?

It's interesting seeing how things are decided and being able to influence what happens next.

If you fancy being part of the new committee, have a chat with an existing committee member to find out more or put your name forward on the list in the clubhouse.

Expressions of interest must be made by 15 October to Dennis King at secretary@attenboroughsc.org.uk or by using the form in the clubhouse.

The last year has been extremely busy but I've enjoyed it and learned some new skills.

I'd really recommend it — we need some new ideas!

Annual General Meeting

All members are invited to the club's Annual General Meeting on 12 November at 7.30pm in the clubhouse. The meeting is an opportunity to hear about how the club has developed this year and its plans for the future. A new committee will also be elected.

Members entitled to vote have a right to put forward items for the agenda but they must be received before 1 October. Please contact club secretary Dennis King (secretary@attenboroughsc.org.uk) to submit your item or use the 'postbox' at the end of the bar in the clubhouse.

See page 60—62 in your handbook for the official rules and details, or talk to a member of the committee to hear their experiences.

RYA Powerboat Level 2 Course

Like a fish out of water when on duty? - the powerboat course will be a good opportunity to get more experience on the water.

Saturdays 17 and 24 October 2009 from 9:00 to 17:30

Contact Roger Day for more details on: training@attenboroughsc.org.uk or visit www.attenboroughsc.org.uk/training_course_dates_2009.htm for an application form.

A 'Race Guru' Evening - 10 October.

Contact Mike Pritchard (sailing@attenboroughsc.org.uk) if you are interested in learning more about the rules of racing. It's hoped that attendees will act as advisors in informal protest panels after our races to help improve racing skills.

Clubhouse clearout—Last chance to collect your stuff!

As you all know we rely on members giving their time and effort to keep the facilities in a clean and tidy condition. Lately the amount of clothing being left in the clubhouse for extended periods has been building up. All the clothing left behind has recently been collected and put in the left hand container—on top of the cupboard. If you have left something then please take it home with you when you next visit.

Anything left at the end of September will be sent to a local charity shop

Look out for more information on a future event

Club member, **Perri Launders** has agreed to tell us all about his experiences leading up to and during the **Fastnet Race** at an event in January.

Date and venue etc TBC

Wednesday Series 2 was completed in August.

Overall results:

1st Mike Pritchard, Laser	5.0pts
2nd Kevin Milton, Phantom	12.0pts
3rd Roger Day, Phantom	12.5pts
4th Kevin Last, Supernova	17.5pts
5th Nick Turnbull-Ross, Laser	21.0pts
6th Andrea Murphy, Laser	25.0pts

Sailing reports

12 hour relay race—did we last the course?!?!

Alas the answer is no!
The 12 hour race in the
end lasted less than 12
hours but everyone
enjoyed themselves and
a large number stayed
overnight to enjoy good
food, company and a
drink or two.



For more photos see the website at
[www.attenboroughsc.org.uk/
latest_gallery.htm](http://www.attenboroughsc.org.uk/latest_gallery.htm)

Kingfisher Cup and Ladies Plate

**Two handicap races
— one for the men,
one for the ladies...**

Sunday 27 September
Starting 2pm
at Attenborough Sailing Club



Forthcoming sailing events!!

Four weekends of **Summer Series 2**
remain plus the **Kingfisher Cup and
Ladies Trophy** (see left).

As always, all members are welcome
and we look forward to seeing some of
the newer members taking part.

The **Commodore's Charity Pursuit** will
be held on 1 November in aid of
Mencap.

See also, column on front page for
forthcoming events.