

## Diary dates

- **16 August** Team racing
- **29 August** Family fun day and 12 hour race – optional campover at the club
- **27 Sept** Kingfisher Cup and Ladies Plate
- **1 Nov** Charity pursuit race
- **6 Nov** Bonfire night
- **12 Nov** AGM
- **20 Dec** Christmas handicap race
- **26 Dec** Cold Turkey Pursuit

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## Attenborough Sailing Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party



The club members are used to seeing poles, canvas and bits of rope under tension at the club, but on 27 June 2009 they formed the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party Marquee

rather than bits of the usual sailing boats. The committee had laboured long and hard over the options: a black tie affair with sit down meal and expensive drinks in a local hotel; or a budget affair with BBQ in the clubhouse. In the end a happy medium was struck which suited the club well: a large marquee, hog roast and 13 piece swing band with our own bar on the shore of our own water. All we needed was the right weather. Fortunately somebody was in the know because we were blessed with perfect weather.

Over 100 members, their friends and relatives and a number of ex-members were able to attend and all enjoyed themselves. The band struck up at about 7:45pm with "In The Mood" and indeed set the mood for the rest of the evening. They played their two sets in white tuxedos and were grateful for the interlude where they took refreshment with other partygoers on the picnic benches outside the marquee.

The hog had been roasting since 11:30am that morning and all were impressed with the tender and succulent meat that it provided.

The Commodore thanked the guests for attending and introduced those distinguished ex-members who had contributed greatly to the club in their time. Some had travelled from afar to join in the celebrations: Alan Frisby, Bob Burton, Alec Richardson and Ted Booth; old friends enjoying the brief reunion. It was great to see five commodores spanning over 30 years of the clubs history.

By 11pm the beer was starting to run out (never underestimate the Attenborough Sailors) and the older members of the Stapleford Big Band (now in their 80's) were ready to finish for the evening. Entertainment then switched to our very own musicians and Olivia and Julie Rust accompanied by Nick Turnbull-Ross continued the musical theme to the delight of those remaining.

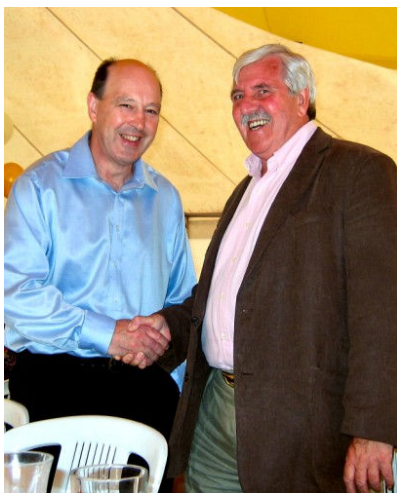
For the younger members, the night was still young. The karaoke machine was put to good use and the sounds of ABBA could be heard by the Canadian Geese, fishermen and night watchmen in the vicinity until the early hours (4am I'm led to believe).

There were those with sore heads the following day as well as those ready to represent the club and win the Tripartite event at Swarkstone Sailing Club – an achievement indeed.

So all in all, a great night was had and there have even been suggestions that a similar summer event should be held every year. Thanks to everyone that put so much effort into the organising, running and clearing away of the event.

Here's to the next 50 years.





## Would you like to help develop the club next year?

The AGM is being held on 12 November where a new committee will be selected!

If you fancy being part of it, have a word with an existing committee member to find out more or to put your name forward!



## A thank you note.....

Dear Nick,

Thank you again for your kind invitation to the celebration, Bren and I had a great night meeting old friends and generally having a natter. The committee had obviously pulled out all the stops for the event and are to be congratulated on the superb result.

I was also very impressed with the way the club had grown and developed since I was last there. There is no longer any doubt about the club's future with that kind of spirit.

Regards

Bob and Brenda Burton

### On course to

A very successful junior course was run by Brian Dennis in early July. Ten youngsters gained their Stage 2 qualification using a combination of the club Toppers and Blue Dragon's rented from the East Midlands area division of the RYA. Well done to all the youngsters who took part and thanks to Brian who did a good job running an event which was clearly fun as well as instructional. The Stage 2 course in September is almost full.

**See the website for more details—[www.attenboroughsc.org.uk](http://www.attenboroughsc.org.uk)**

### 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**

There are still places available on the next Level 2 Powerboat course. These are run at minimum cost to club members to bring participants skill level up and hopefully improve boat handling by those undertaking safety boat cover

#### Borrowing a club boat?

If you find anything wrong with the club boats and you can't fix it yourself, please let a committee member know about the problem. There is a white board next to the bar in the clubhouse for you to leave a message—please remember to use a white board pen though and not a permanent marker!

## Fun at the Races

An early downpour at 13:30hrs delayed the start of the Fun Races but once the rain had stopped, the 15 mile an hour wind made for some very enjoyable sailing. A number of members of mixed sailing abilities took part in the event and the club Toppers and RS Visions along with Fireball, Laser, Laser Radial, Enterprise were on the water. As well as the novelty activities (catching Wally the Wale and throwing soggy balls at each other) a number of quick start one lap races took place.

Boats and crews swapped regularly during the day. Some were thrilled (and spilled) by the Fireball whilst others learnt what a handful an Enterprise can be if not sailed flat on a blustery day. The Julie and Julie team found themselves mysteriously paired as helm and crew in the RS Vision but were deservedly pleased with their performance and even overhauled the Fireball once they flew their kite.

The duty crew (Mark Bell and Kevin Last) did a sterling job of pulling the unfortunate capsizers out of the mud whilst Nick Turnbull-Ross and Akiko Duffew supped tea and coffee and managed the races from the luxury of the committee boat.

The day was rounded off by barbequed sausages in buns – a very pleasant day indeed. We are all looking forward to Saturday 29 August - the Fun Day / 12 hour race complete with optional camp over!



## Sailing reports

### Summer Series 1 Results Summary

Summer Series 1 was dominated by poor weather (rain and wind) but turnouts were similar to last year – 55 entries this year for Race 1 series, same as last year with 47 for Race 2 compared to 44 last year.

The Rookie fleet was a success but entries varied greatly with the weather and not many sailed the required 5 races to get onto the podium. Nick Duffew and David Wright battled it out, with Jeff Marshall making a late run in the last race to claim third place overall from Julie Rust. Hopefully entries will continue to rise for Series 2 which starts on 9 August.

For Main and Fast fleets there was close racing at the front in the overall results, notable results were for Kevin Last, Kevin Milton and Robyn Pritchard who won a number of races and keeping Mike Pritchard and Roger Day on their toes. Overall for the Main fleet was very close – 1.2 points between first three overall, with Kevin Milton and Mike Pritchard tying for first place. Similarly for the Fast fleet there was a great battle for 2nd to 5th places.

In the Slow Fleet, Nick Duffew dominated the first half of the series but a strong run by Andrew Beaumont, culminating in a win in the last race, ensured there was a tie for first place. The Laser Cup, run in parallel with the other races resulted in a win for Mike Pritchard from Nick Turnbull-Ross and Ray Kemish.

#### **Rookie (24 entries)**

1st Nick Duffew 5pts  
2nd David Wright 10pts  
3rd Jeff Marshall 14pts  
4th Julie Rust 21.3pts  
5th John Ward 66pts

#### **Main (31 entries)**

1st eq Kevin Milton 6.3pts  
1st eq Mike Pritchard 6.3pts  
3rd Kevin Last 7.5pts  
4th Roger Day 16pts  
5th Nick Turnbull-Ross 21pts

#### **Slow (15 entries)**

1st eq Andrew Beaumont 7.5pts  
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3rd Derek Harbour 12.5pts  
4th David Wright 16.3pts  
5th Rob Underwood 20.0pts

#### **Fast (32 entries)**

1st Mike Pritchard 5pts  
2nd Robyn Pritchard 8.8pts  
3rd Roger Day 12pts  
4th Kevin Last 12.5pts  
5th Kevin Milton 13pts

#### **Laser (19 entries)**

1st Mike Pritchard 10pts  
2nd Nick Turnbull-Ross 19pts  
3rd Ray Kemish 26.7pts  
4th Robyn Pritchard 54.4pts  
5th Dave Nettleton 66pts

#### **Nottingham in the Rain**

Despite a terrible weather forecast, three intrepid crews turned up at Nottingham Sailing Club on 1 August to try sailing on the river. Light winds and eventual heavy rain didn't dampen too much an interesting sail and thanks go to Nottingham for making us welcome and eventually warm. Mike Pritchard and Dennis and Janice King came second and third with Nick Turnbull-Ross slightly further back. The next Trent Tripartite will be held at Nottingham next Spring.

### Junior, Novice and Masters Regatta

The regatta, held in blustery conditions saw a record attendance of 20 boats across the three groups.

**The Junior fleet** benefited from the first RYA Junior training run by the club with entrants in Toppers, Lasers and Dragon Blues (similar to Optimists). Showing no fear in the windy conditions the youngsters demonstrated that it was possible to invert a boat fully at Attenborough, albeit a Dragon. Two races were held with the first won by Shannon Hamilton in a Topper with Christa Beaumont second and Jemma Hamilton third. Christa won the second race from Alex Gilbert and Jemma and thus won overall. Full race results are [http://www.attenboroughsc.org.uk/racing\\_results.htm](http://www.attenboroughsc.org.uk/racing_results.htm)

**The Masters event** had smaller numbers, supposedly because some members refuse to acknowledge they are getting older. For those who took part there was close racing between Roger Day and Bob Ceurstemount for first place, with Roger coming out on top. The dual for third place was between Mirror sailors Richard Wood and Dave Barrowcliffe making his debut of the season a successful one.

**The Novice fleet** saw nine entries ranging from Mirrors to Visions. the first race in windy conditions was won by Adrian Clarke and his son Alistair, from Andrew Beaumont and Richard Hamilton. The second race started in even gustier conditions resulting in a few retirements including Adrian in his Enterprise after the kicking strap fitting was ripped out of the bottom of the boat. Never has a boat had so much gear failure but it is now almost new. The race was eventually won by Richard Hamilton in a Vision with Andrew Beaumont second and Brendan McGrath third in another Mirror. The final race should have been a decider between Adrian and Richard, but unfortunately Richard couldn't enter. Adrian won the race comfortably from Andrew Beaumont and Brendan McGrath, leaving Adrian as overall winner.

The day was a great success and ultimately dominated by the Beaumont, Clarke and Hamilton families so congratulations to them. Hopefully we will now see more juniors on the water.