

LLANDEGFEDD SAILING

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COMMODORE'S LETTER

Welcome to yet another season at Llandegfedd sailing club.

Thanks to our sailing committee who have been working very hard during the closed season, we have a very full and well thought out sailing calendar that should keep us all racing and having fun throughout 2007. A big thank you to Keith and all those involved.

The OD roster is in place for the beginning of the season, thanks to Dave for this, I trust everyone will take special note of when they are on duty and take full responsibility for making their shift a success.

The subs have been steaming in, and I trust Mandy will not be forced to corner anyone this year.

Paul and the Social Committee have been sorting out the pre

rigging party and a lot of "back office" work for sailing events this year.

We have a new Treasurer, Dave White, who is tirelessly working away making sure that the clubs funds are well managed. He has already put in place a system of financial governance for club funds.

As usual Steve has been grafting away behind the scenes on the News Letter and Year Book.

Training will again take place this year and to Alan and all you volunteer coaches putting so much time back into the sport, your enthusiasm is commendable.

The first work party has happened with another on its way, thank you one and all for the support.

It is also reassuring to see the LWSC team

making real progress and I look forward to the completion of this mammoth project.

Andy is our sailing development officer and already he has set up an asymmetric training day in March, to teach us how to use our boats properly, Please god, do not thank him for this by actually beating him when next you race against him.

As is said, "Just add water". We start sailing on the 4th of March, and after all the hard graft on dry land, (or muddy land) over the winter, it is now time to get out onto the water and have a blast.

See you all down at the club on the water. Here's to a brilliant season.

Phil Leeb

STOP PRESS

Llandegfedd Water Sports Centre has passed the first round to be considered for a grant from the SportsLot fund for £50,000.

The award of the grant will be determined in competition with other sports applications and of course the Olympic bids but at least this stage shows that the project is gaining credibility. This stage forms an essential part of the funding package and it is hoped that other sources will follow.

ACTION PLAN FOR 2007

OD Training

As in previous years new members and level D OD's will be allocated times when they will shadow other more experienced OD's on an actual race day. Additional courses will be allocated when premises become available and sufficient demand is demonstrated.

Safety boat training

Bear in mind that a PB2 is now mandatory for all users of the club powerboats. All members who do not have this qualification will be required to obtain an assessment through the PB2 trainers Sean Tedstone and Phil Weston who will allocate a training session at an appropriate time and date. Courses are also available through RYA approved training organisations. The policy is to encourage members to now go through Safety Boat training as the next stage as we do need a number of people to have this qualification.

Doris

Doris requires painting. A squad will be press ganged in May/June to pull her out of the water, power wash her down and paint when dry.

Safety boat storage

The container needs repairs making to the roof. A number of proposals have been looked at including; a pitched roof, glassfibre covering, bitumen. Anyone who has access to a roofer or has experience in this area would be

welcome to offer advice.

Race Management Equipment

Further works are being completed on Doris to make the equipment more robust and a larger carrying box included in the inventory.

Additional mark indication boards are being supplied for the OD hut to handle asymmetric and conventional courses being displayed at the same time.

Stage 2 of the marks overhaul is being completed by the Sailing Committee and assistance is needed in this area. Basically most marks are being replaced and the chains, ropes and anchors being replaced as necessary. Help is needed in this area—please call Keith Sykes.

In this section we provide details on progress made towards the plan throughout the year, giving feedback on what has been achieved.

Multiple starts & courses

The asymmetric and conventional courses will continue. It is hoped that Junior races will be run as well over the conventional course or a shortened version of it.

The club championship is now decided on all the single start races only. i.e. Wednesdays and Pursuits.

Training

All RYA 1 and 2 level courses are being co-ordinated this year by Sarah

Lewis for the June/July club courses.

Andy Howard is now our Sailing/Race Development Officer and will be running courses for club sailors who wish to develop their prowess. The first is on the 17th March.

Llandegfedd Water Sport Centre

Phil Leeb, Paul Thomas and Simon Stanley represent the club on the new Liaison committee which keeps all the clubs informed of activities and acts as a means of incorporating the needs of the clubs into the design of the centre and its daily operation. This group will ensure that the needs of the sailing users are included in the plans.

Yearbook

To be issued with membership details in March, will contain more details than it is possible to fit into the single sheet programme and include all social and other events with a membership list and details of how to perform OD duties.

Website

This year will see the introduction of an updated website. The current one has been around for some time and will benefit from the latest technology and a new look. Paul Hilder is working on this.

Funds

For many years the club funds have been lower than that needed to maintain club reserves and invest in new equipment. New ideas are welcome for raising funds to supplement other income. Training events have always been a good source of revenue and some new events are being planned for fleets and club members.

SAILING SECRETARY'S LOCKER

I am sure you are all counting down the days and hours to this seasons start on Sunday 4th March. The first pursuit race will be at 13:30 with the two class races following on immediately afterwards.

This year we will have a similar programme to 2006, most of the Series are shorter, July Series only have 5 sets of races.

Everyone should have received an email from me with the Sailing Instructions and Notice of Racing. Please make sure you read these carefully as they contain important details which

everyone should know off by heart.

The 2007 Portsmouth Yardsticks are published on the RYA website there are some new changes for classes we sail at Llandegfedd.

Merlin Rocket 1019
Phantom 1043
RS700 856
RS Feva 1189
RS Vareo 1084
Laser Stratos 1084

Keith Sykes



VICE COMMODORE'S SOCIAL

Pre-rigging party

Venue this year is the Raj Gate, Llanfrechfa (between Caerleon and Cwmbran) which is provisionally booked for around 50- 60 people on the 2nd March.

The offer is for a buffet meal which will include a starter and main course, all at a reasonable price (we can reserve judgment until after the meal) of £10 for adults and £5 for children (12 years and under). Sweets and drinks will also be available but these will need to be paid for individually.

For some reason the owner is insisting that we all pay in cash ?

You should plan arrive for about 7:30 pm with a view to eat at about 8:00pm.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are planning to attend and also the number in your

party. I need to confirm final numbers soon

Forthcoming Events

Support for The Llandegfedd CYRC 14th April

Registration and results
Hot dogs cakes and refreshments
Marquee and generator will provide an element of accommodation.

Support for The Asymmetric Open 21st/ 22nd April

Info sheet to go out with registration documents to include details of local accommodation, restaurants, pubs, camping etc.

AC's association have organised a social event on the evening of 21st.

Catering by Gwent Adventures.

May Day Pursuit

Bar-B-Que (Bring your own food)

Our next social committee meeting is planned for the 24th May where we will make plans for later in the year. We would be interested in any ideas members may have for further Social events, fund raising etc.

Paul Thomas

Commodore of Vice

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S RANT

Thanks to those who have rejoined in January 2007 and for those of you who have **not** your renewal fee is now £70 please send your forms and cheques to me ASAP.

Those of you who do not intend to rejoin could you please let me know so you are not rostered on duty.

There are quite a few members who

have not rejoined yet. Please send in your subscriptions as soon as possible as we need to know who is available for duties and of course we need the money for essential works and new and improved equipment.

Please note that we also require up to date email addresses to make sure all our details are correct and the yahoo

group can be updated in order that all members receive race results and club announcements.

Mandy Sykes

PRIZES GIVING AND RESULTS FOR 2006 SEASON

The annual prize giving and dinner with ceilieh was held on November 20th and we had another excellent turnout of over 80 members.

The prizes were handed out by outgoing Commodore Steve Clarke assisted by Christine. The prizes were immaculately prepared by Sean Teadstone again taking on the onerous task of engraving a huge number of cups and trophies.

Steve's speech was mercifully short and was terminated in traditional fashion with the poem written in honour of the lucky winner of the Capsize Trophy. This year it was our very own Andy Howard who had managed to slip under the net for far too long—we got him in the end after his submarine antics in the RS800.

For this who missed this spectacle the poem is printed below together with all results.

Some prizes have still not been claimed. Can those who have not received their hardware call me.

An excellent time was had by all thanks to the organisation by Phil and Jenny Leeb-du-Toit.

The capsizes trophy poem goes something like this;

*Now we come to the ultimate prize.
It's the one you get when you learn to capsizes.
But how do you win it,
You want your name on it
Well listen to this piece of advice*

*Who decides who wins is what everyone asks,
Well is one of the Commodores more enjoyable tasks.
You'll need to get wet
And I'll have a small bet,
Next year it can be your goal*

*Well let us consider the possible winners,
Pretty obvious really as they're usually the swimmers.
Are they unstable,
Too old or unable
Or is their sailing just crap.*

*Well sadly you win it only once,
say the rules,
Which prevents us giving it to the usually fools,
So it's not going to me,
I don't deserve it, please agree
And besides I've won it before.*

*So we all had a think, long and hard for the winners,
They had to be good and not the beginners,
We came up with two names,
Who had had fun and games
Sailing an RS800*

*So we looked through the records for a likely successor,
Damn the young one has won it, but not the professor
What a wonderful surprise,
He's not won the capsizes,
And this year there is no escape*

*So Alex escaped by his award in year's past
But Andy has not, and in his attempt to go fast
It must go to Dad,
And we know he's not bad
But he certainly got wet a lot.*

....New and different names win the main prizes at the Llandegfedd prize giving...

*So this prize goes to our instructor, Mr Andy Howard,
And I know he'll accept it as he's not a coward,
And I know it's not pretty
And it's a bit of a pity
'cause he's won nothing else,
what a bummer*

Steve

Title	Awarded to
Club champion, Asy. Champion, late Wed, Summer pursuit, Spring Asy.	Jeremy Symons
2nd. Summer Pursuit	Mark Williams
3rd. Late Summer Asy.	Sarah Lewis, Dave Green
4th Skipper Cup,	Alan & Judith Bolton
5th. Conv Champion, Spring pursuit, Spring conv.	Elfyn Morgan
1st Junior, Youth Champion, Laser champion	Nick Hammersly
2nd Junior, Optimist overall	Rebecca Thomas
3rd Junior	Dan Edwards
Summer Conv.	Ken Adams
Solo overall	Ken Adams
Late Summer Conv.	Nick Hammersly
Early Wed	Bill Jackson
Presidents day, Travellers Event.	Nigel Tinkler
PIN , Junior PIN, Cadet of the Year	Myles Jackson
Junior Crew	Sophie Mulrooney
Junior success	Maddie Stanley, Myles Jackson, Kate Stanley
Best away success	Merick Stanley
Best old boat	Mike Dean
Best newcomer	Vaughan Jones,
Most improved	Dave White, Debbie White
Capsizes	Andy Howard
OD & Gentlemen Jack	Martin Philips
Service to Club	Keith Jones

ASYMMETRIC ANTICS

2007 promises to be a memorable year for the asymmetric fleet with boat numbers set to eclipse previous years by some margin. It has been pleasing to get positive feedback from many of you last year, proving beyond doubt, that the success of the windward leeward courses and the investment we made a few years ago in Doris are paying off.

The start of last years season was not as good as it could have been partly due to the extreme's in the weather and possibly the late arrival of Doris on the water. Doris needs some cosmetic work this year and we have delayed this until early summer to ensure that we get our water starts going from the outset of the new season. Let's hope for more favourable sailing conditions this March / April.

Rumours of boat changes have been buzzing around during the winter months. Dave and Sarah have moved across from their "pocket rocket" Magno to a shiny RS 200. I expect them to be equally as successful in their new craft this year so best of luck to them.

The Vareo fleet are expected to be as strong as ever and are likely to remain the largest in the UK!! which is some achievement over such a short space of time. The RS 400 is making something of a comeback with Bill Jackson switching from a 200 during tail end of last season. Mandy and Keith are threatening to upgrade to a newer machine this year, hopefully Gandalf will stay at the club. Kate and I were kindly offered a go in Gandalf last season, we had a good time in it and would recommend the boat to anyone interested in a 400 (assuming it's still for sale?).

Probably the biggest noticeable difference in the dynamics of the fleet this year will come from the "plank men" in the Asymmetric Canoe's. Steve Clarke and I are joining the current AC sailors at the res. We are hoping that Robin Wood, his son Ben, Steve Bowen and Dave Timpson will all join the club this year to help show us the way around. Together with Alex Howard and Terry McCool these numbers will ensure that (like the Vareo) we will have the biggest fleet in the country. This big fleet potential has already been heavily featured in the AC magazine



with editor himself wondering whether he should join us from his current club "Hayling Island" !!!

Llandegfedd v Hayling Island as a sailing venue?...the club has truly arrived.....all we need now is a decent facility to compete with clubs like Hayling, Grafham and the other premier clubs.....?

This seasons windward / leeward race schedule largely follows last year's format. There have been no requests for individual fleet starts which is probably

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a wise move as I think that this would dilute the quality of racing for others. The sailing committee meets regularly and I am your voice at these meets so if there is anything you wish me to raise on your behalf please let me have your views via email. The next meeting is due in a few weeks.

The first main event of the season is the Asymmetric open over the weekend of April 21st and 22nd. This is not that far away but gives us all a little time to get into the swing of the new season. I have already received enquiries from previous year's visitors so we hope for as big a turnout as last year, if we can get 30 plus boats we will be doing very well in comparison to other local clubs who hold similar events.

We are working on the rangers to provide us with a home for the weekend. As we will have no cooking facilities

please bring your own food. If the weather is good we may fire up the barbie or organise a trip to the local pub for a good old knees up? Suggestions please.

We are planning 6 to 7 races over two day's with a mass start as normal. Overall regatta positions will be up for grabs on handicap with individual fleet positions also qualifying for the silverware (4 boats or more will qualify for fleet status). The AC fleet were so impressed with our race management last year that they have adopted this event as part of their open circuit for 2007. This is good news as it further strengthens our reputation in the area as a racing club.

The weekend before this event (14th and 15th) there will be a training weekend organised by the AC fleet. Saturday will be a dry land tuning and rigging day with a short spell on the water followed by a full session on the water on the Sunday with video footage to show all what they are doing right and wrong.. this should be fun.

I would encourage all classes to come along to this particularly on the Saturday as the same theory applies to all asymmetric's (apart from the plank bit of course).

I wish you all a great seasons racing and let's hope for better weather this year.

Report By:-

Martyn Osborne

AC GBR 302 [yes he has a St George flag on his kite! (Ed)]

Asymmetric Fleet Captain



ASYMMETRIC TRAINING FROM YOUR SAILING DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Asymmetric Training has been planned for Saturday 17 March. This is for adults, and for anyone with a boat that has a bowsprit and spinnaker on it (he means an asymmetric boat people—Ed). Boats which we expect to attend will include Laser 2000s, RS 200, 400', Magno, Stratos and possibly AC's.

There will be a charge of £15 per boat for training which will go to the very best of causes—club funds.

The general format will be as follows;

Start with boats rigged, sails at 13:30hrs sharp on Sat 17th March. I have started preparation for this, but will need volunteers for rescue support. We will need to get all our motor boats out..

Key items will include

- Some shore based discussion of what the asymmetric spinnaker does - why you cannot go downwind. (Most common beginners' lack of downwind boat speed!)
- Sailing the angles
- understanding what the sails tell you
- survival when windy

- rule of thumb for gybing angles

.....Your opportunity to polish up the asymmetric skills you gonna need to win the cup this year.....so come on down the price is right

We will also include a revision of 5 essentials for those who have not done Level 2 training - it was news to me when I started Instructing

- Upwind
- downwind
- briefing for on water exercises
- downwind speed, playing with angles and speeds
- gybing
- how we control the exercises
- Upwind, boat flat, may do tacking on whistle for a bit of fun

A video camera will be used to attempt coverage of each victim upwind and down - looking for crew positioning, boat flat, sails correct etc.

Afterwards, with luck, I show feedback

on my laptop PC. We are limited by lack of clubhouse with power and place to stand a talk sensibly.

The intention is to use half a day and I need everyone to be ready and boats half rigged but without sails up by say 13:30. We will go onto the water and maybe have two sessions before we pack up. First on water session by around 14:15 for 3/4 hour.

Intermission with some feedback, will be about 30 to 45 mins on shore, and then another 3/4 hour afterwards to brush up on technique. This will finish around 16:45 after which I will provide feedback before we then pack up.

This does assume that we have reasonable weather of course and enough wind to train in.

Report to the main green container as training point

Alex and I will be in one boat, also really need another boat as rescue.

We need an additional volunteer.

See you there,

Andy Howard

CAPTION COMPETITION

The caption competition for this newsletter concerns a certain well known W.Y.A Race Coach and gentleman, attempting an Elton John impression but looking more like John Prescott. The fact that he seems to have a water ski stuck down his shorts could explain the discomfort he is plainly experiencing.

Your task, this month is to put a caption to the picture opposite. The winning entries will be printed in the next issue and a small prize (and we do mean small) will be provided together with the prestige that this will undoubtedly bring.

Answers to the editor at newsletter@llandegfedd.org.uk



OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2007

Position	Name	Role
President/Newsletter	Steve Clarke	Senior Officer
Commodore	Phil Leeb-du-Toit	Chief Executive of club
Vice Commodore, Optimists	Paul Thomas	Social activities, commodore in waiting
Sailing Secretary	Keith Sykes	All sailing matters, calendar and events
Membership Secretary	Mandy Sykes	Membership applications and payments
Treasurer	David White	Looks after the money
Secretary	Julie Boswell	Administration, minutes of all meetings
Webmaster	Paul Hilder	Looks after the website
Bosun (main)	Martin Phillips	Maintenance of all equipment
Bosun (Topper)	Dave Illiffe	Maintenance of Topper dinghies
Bosun (Other) Conventional Fleet Rep	Simon Stanley	Maintenance of Enterprise and 420
Bosun (Rescue)	Nigel Tinkler	Maintenance of rescue boats
Senior Instructor	Alan Bolton	Main instructor for RYA training courses
Asymmetric Rep	Martyn Osborne	Captain of asymmetric fleet
Youth Reps	Rebecca Thomas Kate Stanley	Promote junior sailing and social events
Child Protection Officer	Kathy Milosewic	Child protection policy manager and adviser
OD Roster	David Green	Decides who does duty and rescue
Training co-ordinator	Sarah Lewis	Organises training events
Results Secretary	Jeremy Symonds	Publishes and collects events
PB2 Trainer	Sean Tedstone	Power boat trainer
PB2 Trainer	Phil Weston	Power boat trainer
Social Committee	Sally Thomas	Members of socialising committee
Race Development Officer	Andy Howard	Development of club racing skills
W.Y.A Race Coach	Bill Jackson	W.Y.A area representative and junior race coach coach

CLASSIFIEDS

Anything to sell or anything wanted. Within reason and the rules of common decency, can be advertised here. Call a committee member if you wish to add anything.

Boats for sale

RS700 GBR 773 £4250 .Contact Martyn Osborne dewy67@aol.com

RS700 GBR 938. £5500. Topper 44526 £1350. Contact Steve Clarke Tel: 01291 620081

Miscellaneous

19 inch video display unit , 1280*1024 pixels. 6 years old, fully working, will delivery locally. £25.

Andy Howard

WEBSITE

Visit our website for all current and archive club information with results and latest sailing programme.

www.llandegfedd.org.uk

Please remember to register your email address with the membership secretary to allow us to keep in touch. Also make sure you are registered with our yahoo chat group as all results are now distributed by email across this group.

*To register send an email to;
Llandegfeddsailingclub-subscribe@yahoo.com*

DIARY

Asymmetric Canoe training 14/15th April

Onshore tuning on Saturday, social in evening and sailing on Sunday

14th April—CYRC

Junior event starting at 1000hrs for a full day of racing.

Asymmetric Open 21/22 April

The big one. 4 races each day starts 1200hrs Saturday. Fleet prizes.

Vareo Open 23/24 June

See Mark Williams for details

Why not consider **Coppet Week 29th May – 5th June**, its limited to 80 visiting boats, so you better hurry, at the last count there are at least 8 going from Llandegfedd. Speak to Steve or Martyn for more details.

LLANDEGFEDD WATER SPORTS CENTRE (LWSC) UPDATE

Things do move slowly in the corridors of power and a project like this seems to run through many of them.

The project has however moved forward with now key items in place;

Management

The main executive committee is currently formed by the Directors of LWSC, Steve Clarke (Chairman), Gareth Edwards (secretary), Martyn Osbourne (Director). The responsibility of the Executive is to make sure the project comes together during the building and planning stages. Later when the centre is open for business the Directors will be taken from the members of each section; angling, sailing, windsurfing, canoeing and diving.

The Liaison committee has now been formed taking two members from each section to represent the views of the memberships and ensure the centre is designed and run to satisfy the needs of all members.

Building

A planning application has been submitted for the design shown at the



public meeting. A decision is expected in April.

The Executive team expects to commission more detailed plans for the services soon afterwards.

Funding

A number of funding sources are being considered.

SportsLot—we have been accepted into a second round of application for £50,000.

Welsh Tourism—seeking a further £50,000 through business planning and joint ventures with local companies.

Corporate funders—a number of key potential companies have been ap-

proached and some funds have already been provided.

Members funds— donations from members of the centre and associated clubs will be considered.

Private lenders—this is the least desirable option but an ultimate fallback.

Business Planning

The centre will need to operate a business arm to provide the key areas of; training, corporate events, equipment hire, catering and the supply of tackle and chandlery and equipment. These services will need to be tied in with the existing and potentially new providers on site.

Training

A key element of the plan is attracting new people into water sports and provide a high standard of training. This will be done in conjunction with the five sports associated with the centre and in particular their National Governing Bodies. For sailing and windsurfing that is of course the W.Y.A.

Steve