



REEF KNOT

THE NEWSLETTER OF WELLS SAILING CLUB

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Dear Members,

It is a privilege to be able to address you in my first year of office. Thank you for your support in November and I hope for your continued support in the future.

I have been lucky in taking over the helm of a ship which in the last two years has had a steady hand on the tiller. Much has been achieved over the past four years: windows, decking, new rescue boat and general revamping of much of the Clubhouse. This has resulted in increased revenue for the Club, enabling us also this Winter to replace Herbert E's engine and give her a complete overhaul. A lot remains to be done and with your support and input I am confident that we will achieve our future aims.

First and foremost is the possible extension of the Clubhouse to meet not only today's needs, but also the needs of the future. For over a year a debate on this issue has been on-going, maybe slowly, but it is important to make sure any major expenditure is properly considered (reference to the aims of the extension were circulated in the Spring Reef Knot 2004). I am sure the correct decisions will be made and agreed as to what is required, which will of course be communicated to all.

This year also brings the British Sharpie Championships to Wells and a newly formed sub-committee is actively working on all issues that need to be addressed, ensuring that Wells Sailing Club produces a superb event.

Plans are also in the making to clear the cutting area and turn it into a working car park/ boat park and to alter the area at the rear of the Clubhouse in conjunction with the possible extension.

It is important that all members make a contribution to what we hope to achieve. Wells Sailing Club has always been what is known as a self help club, eg: bar duties, working parties etc. so please respond to any requests for assistance.

Communication within the club has, in my opinion, been lacking in many ways. I intend to see that this is corrected in the future.

Finally, can I say that if any member has an idea or proposal that will improve the Club's facilities and/or operation please make it known to any Flag Officer or member of the General Committee. I wish you all a happy and successful sailing season.

Gary Anthony

Commodore



The newly-extended decking

WELLS SAILING CLUB ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING

The AFM will take place in the clubhouse at 1100 on Sunday 13th March. 2005

Agenda.

Apologies

Minutes of 2004 AFM

Matters Arising

Presentation of Accounts.

 Main Accounts

 Bar Account

 House Account

Changes to the Sailing Instructions.

The General Committee recommends the following changes:

- a) S.I 1(a) All races to be sailed under the current ISAF rules (RRS), the Prescriptions of the RYA and these Sailing Instructions.
- b) S.I 2 The course to be sailed will be displayed on courseboards at the start. The starting area may be displayed in the clubhouse.
- c) S.I 5 Points awarded shall be in accordance with RRS. 89.3 and Appendix A.

Any items to be included in AOB should reach the secretary (in writing) at least 1 week prior to the meeting.



Don't miss the WSC club group shot on the 17th of July (after the FAMOUS HOG ROAST). This picture is the club in 1975.

JUNIOR SAILING

Adults and juniors are needed for junior sailing. Richard Cracknell is once again going to organise ad-hoc races for juniors when the tide and conditions are promising. He will do this by calling at short notice any interested parties.

Juniors – do you want to be on his list to join low-key fun races?

Adults – do you want to help Richard on (or off) the water, or do you want to join the youngsters sailing a light single hander? If so then give Richard a call and ask him to inform you of these fun sessions. There are two occasions on the sailing calendar where we are hoping that Sharpie owners will come down to the club and take out juniors for light hearted informal racing. These are labelled 'Sharpie Junior'. There is no reason why any adults who just fancy sailing in a Sharpie should not join in.

If you are interested then call Martin on 01263 821439.

WELLS SAILING CLUB MEMBERS

Can you help?

An opportunity to be on the water.

The core of Wells Sailing Club has been the active racing that takes place every weekend between March and September.

In recent years we have seen the club expand with social sailors, cruisers and other members who have an interest in the Club.

The racing element is still active and is beginning to increase with a 'crop' of juniors coming through.

- Would you be interested in helping occasionally – or regularly?
- Could you offer a pair of hands on the committee boat?
- Would you like to learn how to be officer of the day and be in charge of racing?
- Would you like to be in charge of the Rib, Herbert E – setting out buoys, towing boats, standing by sailors who have capsized?
- Or assisting on the Herbert E?

On racing days this generally requires commitment of 3-4 hours.

Just think – you are on the water, learning new skills, having a real interest in local people.

Male, female, 12 or 70 – doesn't matter. We will help to train you and support you.

Interested? – contact Martin Read or James Case.

Want the lowdown – talk to Alex Watson, our regular committee boat handler.

HOUSE COMMITTEE CHIT CHAT

Over the last two years the huge improvements to the clubhouse have certainly revitalized our social scene (and the Clubs finances!).

A busy year ahead on all fronts, particularly hosting the *British Sharpie Championships* in May. These and many other events require many hands. Remember that we are a 'Self Help' club. The only person we employ is our cleaner. Running the bar, preparing food and lots more is all done by the members. The few who 'Do' help are outnumbered by those who 'Don't'.

Might you find some way to help?

For example, each Sunday Lunch makes a profit of not less than £100 directly for the Club; this after all the ingredients have been paid. Might you consider teaming up with a friend one Sunday? The House Committee will lay the tables for you and you won't have to do the washing up – Promise!

Work parties are another way to help us. Gentlemen, before the Championships we *must* 'Sort Out' behind the clubhouse and totally reclaim the cutting as we are rapidly running out of space both for boats and cars. If you can help in any way please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

The marquee combined with the decking has given the Club a totally new dimension for social events. Apart from Club use (thanks to James Woodhouse) we have hosted a wedding reception, a christening and a retirement party with clients providing the catering, and the club the bar. Most beneficial to all concerned. Where else can you find a location such as ours? The view alone is worth tens of thousands of words.

Many of you will already know the final amount raised in our New Year's Day Raffle was a staggering £550 increased by £154 by donating through Gift Aid £704 to the Disasters Emergency Committee to help the Tsunami appeal. Thank you all for your most generous support and for donating prizes. Special thanks to Peter Groom for his delicious mince pies, Alison Cracknell for the mulled wine and to Janet Gibbs for counting it all and carrying it to the bank!

Almost finally. Do you have any interesting photographs of WSC afloat or ashore, ancient or modern that we might copy and hang on the clubhouse walls? Do you have an e-mail address? If so please send it to me as this will help not only the House Committee but the Club in general to keep you bang up to date with all our latest news and plans via our monthly reminder of WSC events.

Finally. You will see on the back of this *Reef Knot* the social programme for the coming year, I look forward to seeing you all very soon!!

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WSC SOCIAL EVENTS 2005/6

February

Sunday 20th Sunday Lunch – clubhouse 2pm

March

Sunday 6th Sunday Lunch – clubhouse 2pm

Saturday 19th Fitting Out Supper 7–7.30 pm

Monday 28th Easter Egg – bacon baps 10.00am

April

Sunday 17th Sunday Lunch Clubhouse 3.30pm

Friday 22nd Harbour Users' Public Meeting 7.30pm

May

Sunday 15th Sunday Lunch clubhouse 2.30pm

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd – Sharpie Open Weekend

Saturday 28th to Tuesday 31st – British Sharpie Championships

June

Saturday 4th Sea Shanty Night 7.30pm

All members of RNLI, Fishermen, Harbour Office, H M Coastguard to be Guests of Wells Sailing Club.

Sat & Sun 18th & 19th – Drascombe /Bitterns Weekend

Sunday 19th Sunday Lunch – clubhouse 1.30pm

July

Saturday 2nd Hosting Norwich Frostbite's Lunch 1pm

Sunday 17th The FAMOUS HOG ROAST 12noon

Plus Club Group Photograph

25th to 30th European Sharpie Championships Portugal

August

Tuesday 2nd NW Norfolk Sailors – Baps & Coffee 1pm

Sunday 7th RNLI Lifeboat Service 7.30pm

Sunday 14th Wells Harbour Day

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th Junior Week – Baps etc

Friday 26th Junior Disco

Saturday 27th to Monday 29th – Wells Regatta

September

Saturday 3rd Tex-Mex Night 7.30pm

Sunday 11th BAR-B-Q – clubhouse 1.30pm

Sunday 11th Start of Dutch Sharpie Championships

Sunday 18th Sunday Lunch 2pm

October

Saturday 15th Laying Up Supper & Prize Giving 7pm

Sunday 23rd Tribute Lunch to Admiral Lord Nelson 2pm

Monday 31st Hallowe'en Evening for Juniors 6.30pm

November

Saturday 19th Annual Dinner (Black Tie)

December

Saturday 3rd Christmas Party 7pm

January 2006

Sunday 1st Our Amazing New Year's Day Raffle 1pm-ish

Sunday 22nd Sunday Lunch clubhouse 2pm

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Sunday 18th Sunday Lunch clubhouse 2pm

March 2006

Sunday 19th Sunday Lunch clubhouse 2pm

Fitting Out Supper – to be Advised

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