

## Shropshire Sailing Club Newsletter July 2009

**BODY COUNT:** Whether you cruise twice a year, or race every Sunday, please attend the club EGM on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. If we do not have enough members present to vote on the proposed changes to the club's constitution, any development of a new clubhouse will be delayed by 12 months.

I don't know about you, but I don't think the men's showers will last that long.

**RACING JUNIORS:** Congratulations to Tom Endacott and Lottie Rapson, who finished 5<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> respectively out of 55 entries at the Pico Nationals at Thorpe Bay.

Tom also came fourth recently, behind three Welsh national squad members, in the Pico Challenge at Colwyn Bay.

Also, congratulations to Robert and Becca Morris (25<sup>th</sup>, gold fleet); George and Edward Shelley (35<sup>th</sup>, gold fleet); and Hester Brisbane and friend Anna McCormack (21<sup>st</sup>, silver fleet) for their results in the Feva Nationals at Hayling Island. There were 72 entries, but after a good first day any chance of serious improvement was stopped by light winds permitting only one more race in the final two days.

**HEAVENS ABOVE:** The family fun day was followed by a barbeque, camping and, for some, sleeping beneath the stars. Great fun and thanks to Chris Adlington and everyone else involved for making it another success.

**PARENTS:** The next junior fun day is Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. If you're not on Rob Shelley's email list, contact him on [shelley.family@btinternet.com](mailto:shelley.family@btinternet.com)

**DRY FEET:** Thanks to Jim Shipp and Mike Johnson for digging a second soakaway to hopefully resolve drainage problems.

**OPEN HOUSE:** The annual open day was a great success, with more than 100 visitors. We estimate a dozen memberships followed, plus the promise of a couple more next year from Bala members who didn't know we were here! Thanks to everyone who helped over the whole weekend – and those who manned the publicity display in Shrewsbury the previous weekend.

**ELLESMERE REGATTA:** Due this Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, has been switched to Whitemere.

**JUNIOR OPEN:** Note change of date to Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. More details near the time from Rob Shelley.

**TRAINING:** RYA training began in April with our biggest ever course run by Chris Adlington. There followed a Junior Stage 3/4 course run by Tiffer and Rob in early May.

Also in early summer, in conjunction with Sport Unlimited (see [http://www.sportengland.org/sport\\_unlimited.htm](http://www.sportengland.org/sport_unlimited.htm)), Sue Tuerena started an evening Stage 1 course for 11 local youngsters over a two month period.

For the first time in many years, the level 1 course on 16/17 May was abandoned due to high winds – though all was not lost as John Ridgers managed to run separate smaller courses for some club members over the next week.

On 6 and 7 June, Rob Shelley led another very large course in quite strong winds which has led us to review our adult boats and make some recommendations to make them rather more manageable on windier days.

We'd also like to welcome both Chris Endacott and Louise Lambord into the training team.

And finally ... our last RYA Level 1/Stage 1 course this year will be over the weekend 12/13 September. If you would like a place on this course, contact Brian Johnson.

**TOPPERS:** Ever found a real mess in the surf hut when trying to get out a Topper boom? Ever found that when you attach your mainsheet, there seem to be lots of kinks in the mainsheet? Yes, Brian Johnson too.

So, here's Brian's tried and trusted way to put away a boom.

- Take the horse block to the mast end of the boom and slip the clip over the rowlock shaped thing
- Go to the mainsheet block in the middle of the boom and pull the mainsheet towards the other end of the boom
- Pull it tight so that it's under some tension and pull it round the boom end
- Take the remaining end of the mainsheet to the other end (round the rowlock shaped thing) and there should be just enough mainsheet left to tie a couple of half hitches

All nice and tidy!

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