



Shropshire Sailing Club Newsletter

March 2010

WEBSITE: The redesigned website is now online at www.shropshiresailingclub.co.uk, thanks to some excellent work by Tom Endacott. There's too much to describe here, but everything connected with the club is now there, including the dutyman system.

MEMBERSHIP FEES: If you haven't heard, annual membership is no longer based on a calendar year, but from April 1 to March 31. Renewal notices have all now gone out; contact the Membership Secretary if you have not received yours! Payment received after March 31 invokes a penalty and you may lose your berth.

CLICK: There's a photo gallery on the new website – have a look. Send your pictures to: gallery@shropshiresailingclub.co.uk It's a special mailbox, 7Gb capacity, 20Mb maximum file attachment, so submit anything about life at Whitemere, or sailing exploits elsewhere.

WORK PARTIES: 10am start, on Saturdays March 27 and April 24. Bring tools, spades, rakes, strimmers, polish, cloths etc. Last one there cleans the men's changing room.

SPRING FEVAS: Due to some smart work by Rob Shelley while visiting Plas Menai for another reason, we have just acquired four used Fevas, increasing the club fleet to six. The purchase ties in with our long term aim of training juniors in double-handers. Seven of the club's Topper fleet will be sold off in due course, which will leave some for hire and junior days. Anybody interested in buying a Topper should contact Rob, or Brian Johnson.

SUNDAY RACING: Began again in earnest on February 28 with the Shropshire Shiverer series. It was well worth being there, if only to see Tim Allan disappear out of the back of Hester's Feva.

Despite the stern demeanour of some members of the F15 fleet, novice racers are welcome and will be helped through the rules. Regular results can be found at

http://www.shropshiresailingclub.co.uk/php_pages/racing/results.php

FOR SALE: A Laser 2000, Pico and Topper are currently listed on the website. Members can post their own items on this page. Details at http://www.shropshiresailingclub.co.uk/php_pages/members/forsale.php



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EYES DOWN: First social event of the year at the club is a Bingo and chilli night on Saturday, March 20th at 7pm. More details from John James.

DUTYMAN: Rather than have something imposed on you for an inconvenient date, log on before March 7 and choose your own duty.

OPEN DAY: will be on Sunday, May 9th, with the annual publicity trip to the Square in Shrewsbury on Saturday, May 1st.

NEW OFFICERS: Congratulations, as this is the first newsletter since the AGM, to John James on becoming Commodore and Chris Endacott's election as Vice-Commodore. There were plenty of other new appointments as fleet captains, to social committees and so on, full details at http://www.shropshiresailingclub.co.uk/php_pages/the_club/who.php.

FUN SATURDAYS: The junior fun days will continue on Saturday afternoons (parents or participants responsible for rigging and de-rigging) this summer, with lots of silly games afloat. More details to come from new junior fleet captain Paul Dutton nearer the time.

JUNIOR TRAINING: Saturday morning junior race-training is being replaced by a better boat-handling course for juniors on Friday nights. Run by Rob Shelley and Tiffer Morris, it would be a natural progression for those who have completed RYA Stage 3&4, but juniors who have at least RYA Stage 1 and can sail without help would definitely benefit. It is not a 'drop-in' format, so juniors will sign up for a course of eight sessions, beginning May 7th (with a break for half term). Cost £15. Parents or participants will be responsible for rigging before the 6pm start and de-rigging after the 8pm finish. There will be a finite number of places. More details will follow from Paul Dutton, or contact him at duttons.family@gmail.com. Parents are welcome to break out a BBQ during the evening.

AND FINALLY: Have we told you we've got a new club website? It's worth a look at www.shropshiresailingclub.co.uk

This newsletter was brought to you by Paul Dutton and is based entirely on SSC members' contributions. If you would like something included in the next newsletter, due some time in May or June, contact me on duttons.family@gmail.com