

## Letter . . .

Being part of the production team (a posh description for being the inputter!) of the magazine, I am in the privileged position of being able to write about things that appear in this issue.

With that in mind, I would like to say thank you to the General Committee for going ahead on the radio issue. As a fast handicap sailor, I shall feel much happier going out in rough weather, knowing that if something serious does happen, help will be at the end of a radio in the near future. Having come from a club that uses radios every week I know the pitfalls, like trying to hear the radio with the engine chugging away!, but bearing in mind the situations that have already arisen this year, I and my fellow handicappers felt that it was only a matter of time before something serious occurred. Those on land could see people in trouble, particularly on the trots, with no way of summoning a rescue boat.

Which leads me nicely on to my next point. Most of you will have noticed, if not hit, the buoys which are now across the waterway to the Club. I wonder whether, having paid our

dues to MPA, we should not take advantage of this and write to them, both as a Club and as individual members, and ask them why they are allowing MYC boats to moor in water which is supposed to be kept clear for our Club's sailing, and why the moorings down to 31 are now so close to that mark as to make it very difficult, certainly in some wind conditions, to round the mark without colliding with one or other row of trots? We might not agree with the chart but, having paid it, why not use it to positive effect?

### Thank You

I would just like to say thank you to all the contributors who give us their material so promptly. It really does help us to get an up to date issue out if everyone submits their articles in good time, bearing in mind it takes us over a week of evenings to type, layout, print and distribute the magazine to you all. Any constructive comments about the contents of the magazine would always be welcomed by my editor-husband.

Fiona Tozer

## The Journal of WILSONIAN SAILING CLUB

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## Commodore's Letter . . .

At the time of writing we have reached the sixth weekend of the season and despite the fact that four of the first five were perfect sailing days we only have 108 boats in the park. Some of these have not sailed this year and so only half of our members have been on the water so far, so come on folks, put the paint brushes away and get down to the Club, it's much more fun.

### Winter

There are some boats in the park which over-wintered there and have not been touched since and their winter parking fees are still outstanding. This type of behaviour may well lead your Committee to refuse winter parking to these members next year. I would remind everyone who requires a winter parking facility next winter, that the parking fee is due in advance, and that means by the end of the season. Remember that this benefits your Club and makes life easier for the Secretary.

### Safety Boats

We now have two safety boats operating, and I apologise for the inconvenience caused early in the season by restrictions imposed whilst **Wilsonian** was out of action. The faults were with the engine and were not evident when the boats were laid up for the winter, but appeared when launching was imminent. I would like to point out that the Club Bosun, **John Yeo**, was in no way responsible for the problem. He spends many hours working on Club boats when you

are at home or out sailing, so that the Club can keep the maintenance costs contained and therefore your subs as low as possible. If any member feels in any way critical I suggest that they have a go at helping instead. Most of us know how grateful we are to you John - Well done!

### Fireballs

How good it is to see a revival of Fireballs after the declining numbers of the last decade. I'm sure that the enthusiasm of the fleet members has to take credit for this. Other fleets may note this and encourage their members to sail more regularly.

We now look forward to the coming open meetings and making visitors welcome with our hospitality. I hope that members will be as helpful as usual to the visitors, particularly with regard to obtaining food where they sometimes look lost, being unaccustomed to our system. Please also be understanding if you are a bit squeezed in the park by extra boats.

### Hospitality

I am hoping that the mayor will accept my invitation to the Club on the Sunday of the River Festival to have lunch or tea and present the cups. I believe that it is important for the Club to maintain our excellent relationship with Rochester City Council and every contact socially helps in this respect.

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Amongst other things we are called the *friendly club* and this is not just within Wilsonians, as our relations with all of the other clubs on the river are now back on very friendly and co-operative terms, and all the better for it. I would like to keep it that way and hope that our friendliness will

extend from our members to members of other clubs, whether on the water, ashore or socially.

Have a happy sailing season.

K Crundwell

## On the House . . .

Listed below is a complete diary of social events for 1988:

Sat 18th June	Quiz Night I
Sat 2nd July	German Evening
Sat 23rd July	Medway Regatta BBR
Sat 10th September	Quiz Night II (fish supper)
Sat 29th October	Bonfire and Halloween Party
Sat 3rd December	Dinner and Dance

On Sunday 1st May we celebrated the 4th birthday of the clubhouse. An old fashioned birthday was organised with traditional party food. Everyone who remained after the sailing thoroughly enjoyed themselves and I must say *Thank You* to my 12 year old neighbour for icing the cake.

### Quiz Night - 18th June

After the success of last year's quiz, it has been decided to hold two nights this

by : Jan Harris  
House Secretary

year. For those of you who did not turn up last time, this is a fun evening with just a little brain taxing. This is not a quiz for individuals but a team event. Along with a baked potato and dressing, where else can you have such fun, all for £1. Children are welcome too, as they usually get the answers before the adults. Starts 8.00 pm.

### German Evening

This is being held during the Medway River Festival weekend. Wilsonian are inviting other sailing/cruising clubs to come along and join in. We shall be serving German wine and food with *Dompah Band* music all night. So ladies, sort out the blond plaits and gents get the leider hosen on and have a thigh slapping time!

I would like to close this report by saying a big thank you to all the people who help in the kitchen during the sailing season, and hope that this support carries on.

## Club Goodies . . .

SWEAT SHIRTS - All Colours	£ 8.50 adult	} Colours - Navy, Maroon, Green, Pale Blue, Red, White, Yellow, Black
	£ 7.00 children	
T-SHIRTS - All Colours	£ 3.80 adult	} Logo - Large or breast logo
	£ 3.00 children	
CLUB TIES - Navy Blue	£ 3.50	BURGEES - available at the bar £ 3.00

Order at the Club, or 'phone Margo on 047483-3202

## Bits and Pieces . . .

by : Brian Rennie, Hon. Secretary

We had a good turnout for the AGM at Gravesend on 25th February when 76 members attended. An innovation was the exhibition put together by **Ron Ramsden** to illustrate the programme planned for the Club working parties to back up the appeal for members to join in. And join in they did as anyone who has seen the new concrete section of the track will appreciate.

One new General Committee member, **Ian McDonald**, was elected and we have since nominated **Margo Crundwell** as the new Duty Secretary. Only three members stood for the House Committee (**Jan Harris** as the new House Secretary, **Carol Johnson** and **Linda Ramsden**), but two more volunteers have since come forward (**Barbara Dewynter** and **Carol Ireland**) to fill the gaps.

The rule changes described in the February issue of this magazine were adopted and we now have five Associate Members.

There was a lively discussion of the Medway Ports Authority conservancy charge. I can only say that your General Committee has never had any illusions about the unpopularity of the charge. Indeed we have argued long and hard against its being applied to dinghies, but the charge has been imposed so we have arranged for the stickers that the MPA requires to be available from **John Lupton**, though neither John nor the Club will take any part whatever in enforcement of the charge. John has sold 60 odd stickers so far, which cannot be a million miles from the number of boats launched so far. But with 173 dinghy park spaces now let us expect John to sell quite a lot more stickers yet.

### Winter Parking

Winter dinghy parking was on the whole favoured by members, but the problem of enforcing the conditions for this facility led to some debate. A clear majority felt that a Club official should be authorised to take masts down to prevent damage to surrounding boats, though some reservations

were expressed about the possibility of damage to a boat in the course of doing this. The General Committee is now considering the way we deal with winter dinghy parking at the end of this season.

### General Committee

There have been three meetings of the General Committee since the AGM and I am aiming to post the minutes in the Clubhouse for all to see. But I will single out two items of business for special mention. First, we are now in the process of updating the Member's Handbook and hope to issue the revised edition later this year. Second, we have decided to equip the Club with radio communication. This is not quite as simple as it sounds and **Mike Upton**, **Bob Jones**, **Tom Sims** and **John Lupton** have been asked to report back in detail precisely how we set about this. There will no doubt be more to report on this later.

### Membership

Our membership is holding up at the same level as at this time last year, though oddly enough we have more boats. Does no one want to sit at the blunt end?

Sadly I have to report that the following have all resigned this season:- **Andy Blake**, **Andy De Ath**, **Dave Carter**, **Graham Cottle**, **David Fallows**, **Ronald Horlock**, **Alan Milton**, **Stan Murrock**, **Frank Pisani**, **Dennis Steele**, **Jim and Paul Tyler**, **Ken and Cathy Wade**, and **Robert Warwick**.

The other side of the coin is that we have to welcome the following newcomers (with more to come in the pipeline):- **Bryan Dunmall (Solo)**, **Adam Gay (International 14)**, **Gedis and Jacqueline Grudzinskas (Pacer)**, **Rob and Barbara Hearn (Laser II)**, **Geoffrey Ingle (GP14)**, **Mike Innes (GP14)**, **Geoffrey Maskall (Fireball)**, **Edward and Pamela Such (Mirror)**, **Christopher Bickford**, **Peter DeLacy Mann**, **Steven Gibbins** and **Gerald and Evelyn March (Fireball)**.

I wish them all, and you, good sailing.

# Sailing Secretary . . .

by : Dave Vettergreer  
Sailing Secretary

The season started this year on 27th March with the Ice Breaker race. 13 boats braved the elements for this race but only 5 completed the course.

## Results

1st	GP	12758	Chris Harris
2nd	Laser	61749	Gordon Belcher
3rd	Tasar	2151	Derek McAuley
4th	Wayfarer	7261	Brian Ward
5th	Tasar	1263	John Vinson

The first open meeting of the year was on 2nd May in aid of the RNLI. 40 boats, including 10 visitors, had a hard day's sailing in winds gusting to force 5, with many capsizes and a few gear failures.

The Fast Fleet was dominated by Robin Ramm from Bough Beech SC who won all three races.

## Results - Fast Fleet

1	Contender	337	Robin Ramm	Bough Beech
2	Tasar	748	Mark Barns	WSC
			Alan Attersbury	
3	Fireball	12698	Mike Upton	WSC
			Ed Spencer	
4	Intl Moth	3811	Michael Iszatt	King George
5	Tasar	2151	Derek McAuley	WSC
			Lucy Vinson	

The race officer stood at the Golden Gate  
His head was bended low  
Meekly he asked the man at the gate  
which way he was to go.  
"What have you done" St Peter asked,  
"To seek admission here?"  
"A Race Officer long on earth," he said,  
"For many and many a year!"  
St Peter opened wide the gate  
and with a smile as well  
"Come in and choose a harp," he said,  
"You've had your share of hell!"

(from Queen Mary Sailing Club)

The Slow Fleet was won by John Parsons from Wilsonian SC.

## Results - Slow Fleet

1	Solo	2201	John Parsons	WSC
2	Steaker	1259	Ron Jordon	WSC
3	Miracle	206	Colin Lown	WSC
			Maureen Lown	
4	Graduate	1290	Tom Sims	WSC
			Wendy Ward	

A total of £80 was raised for the RNLI.

## River Festival

The River Festival this year is on 3rd July. The format will be the same as last year we have been allocated the time between 10.00 am and 12.00. Low tide is at 10.10 am.

With last year's experience, if we want to get in more than one race, the first will have to be at 10.15 am. With light winds it will take 30+ mins to get to the starting area, so an early start is recommended.

## Radio

The Sailing Committee is aware of the Club's need for radio contact with the safety boats. To help us when we apply for a licence, can all members who have a restricted VHF licence please contact Tom Sims.

# Miracle . . .

by : Patrick Ward

Standing on the bank surveying the boats waiting to start, I have to ask myself, "Where is the Miracle fleet?"

Our average starting number this year has been a grand total of two boats!! In a fleet of twenty this seems to be very low. I feel I must ask the question "WHY?"

The Club lays on a very comprehensive racing programme with training for people who feel they wish to learn more before attempting to race.

If you feel this is your problem come down to the Club and talk to some of the other regular racing fleet members (WE DON'T BITE) who will be only too happy to help with any problems.

1988 should be a good year for our fleet, since we have been asked to host the Miracle Class Association Southern Areas, where we hope to field as many Club boats as possible. So come on down and join in the fun.

Racing is not all cut and thrust as some people seem to think since inter-fleet races develop wherever you seem to be laying, i.e. front, middle or back.

Also the more people who race the more fun is had by all, you can also learn more about your boat in a series of races than is possible in a year of pottering.

## Changes to the Rules of Measurement and Construction

At the 1987 AGM, at Brixham YC, the following rule changes were proposed and accepted by the members present.

Permitted additions (i.e. not mandatory):

**1. Spars** "Spreaders of a rigid type at a recommended height from the mast step of

2670mm length and deflection angle optional but non-adjustable when sailing are permitted."

**2. Hull** "A tie as permitted between the King plank and mast spine just forward of the stowage bulkhead."

## Association Membership

This year the committee of Wilsonian SC has decided to crack down on measurement certificates and buoyancy tests. This will affect Miracle sailors in that unless you are a paid up member of the Association your measurement certificate is not valid.

Class Membership can be obtained from:

John Wilson  
151 Finstall Road  
Bromsgrove  
WORCS  
B60 3DD  
(Tel: 0527 76487)

Anyone requiring a buoyancy test can contact me and arrange a time and date.

## Dates

### Points:

Early Summer (10 races) May 8th - June 12th  
Late Summer (5 races) June 19th - Aug 28th  
Autumn (8 races) Sept 4th - Oct 16th

Southern Areas (3 races) June 26th  
Cruise July 17th  
Medway Regatta July 23rd-24th  
Running GP14 Open August 21st

I look forward to seeing you all on the water soon.

P.S. Well done to Colin and Maurien Lown (206) on coming third in the RNLI Open.

The sailing at the Club is now well under way and I find it is time for the first report of the season. On behalf of the fleet I would welcome all new members and particularly those joining our fleet for the first time. Do remember that if there are matters pertaining to the boat about which you feel you would benefit from some advice, I can recommend your discussing them with the regular GP sailors who, when asked, are more than happy to share their knowledge.

### Catch 22

I regret to have found myself in somewhat of a Catch 22 situation - the winter repaint has been completely disrupted by a winter house move. So much for the planned winter maintenance I reported on at the end of last year. The problem now is completing the boat at the expense of missing all the sport or, as seems the case, placing myself for disposal as a crew whilst leaving the winter maintenance to a few late evenings. However, from the sitings made thus far from the shore and the discussions held amongst the fleet after the racing, my report of the sailing to date follows.

### Spring Points

The mood of the fleet has remained buoyant quite regardless of the amount of time spent in the water but totally in tune with the excitement produced by the exhilarating sailing that the spring weather has produced. With 8 competitors entering the Spring Points to provide a strong competitive spirit, there was certainly some keen interest to obtain the cup.

By providing an excellent class of consistent sailing throughout, the series was finally won by **Ian Parris** and **Malcolm Bryant** in **Rough Justice**. Second place went

to **Chris Harris** and **Derek Cummings** in **Brummagem Scruve Dryva** and third place to **Alan Smith** and **Brian Warwick** in **Myvanney II**.

The final points for the Series, counting 6 out of 10 races are:

1st	Rough Justice	4.5 pts
2nd	Brum. Scruve Dryva	9.5 pts
3rd	Myvanney II	16.0 pts

### Easter Cup

The Easter Cup was raced by six competitors with a consistent hell-bender of a wind. Following cancellation of the first race the fleet were sent to the line to be tossed and scurried around the course for the last two races. The results were as follows:

1st	Chris Harris Derek Cummings	Brum. Scruve Dryva
2nd	Mike Doherty Keith Lennox	Bin
3rd	Ian Parris Malcolm Bryant	Rough Justice

### GP Open

Looking to the future, our open event this year is being held on 21st August. It is now a good time to place this date in your diaries so that we may again see the good turnouts achieved over previous years. The open meeting counts for the Area Traveller's Trophy and for those who have thought about taking up the circuit, keep your eyes on our notice board for details of the various events.

Wishing you all a good season's sailing; I hope my own boat will be down to join in the fun in the near future.

The season has started very slowly this year with only one or two boats sailing regularly. The Spring Points Series was won by **Dave Vettergreen**.

The **Easter Cup** was won by **Roger Frith** where the wind on the Monday was a force 5 gusting 6. Having no one to sail against in our own fleet, we sailed with the GP14 fleet and led them round all the way, until the last mark, where we lost the shackle pin of the main sheet block. We then had to finish the race on the jib!

### May Day Series

The May Day Series on the Bank Holiday Monday saw 4 Enterprises out, the best turn out of the year so far. The wind again was about a force 4 to 5. **Dave Vettergreen**, **Chris Wastell**, **Robert Hart** and myself sailing with **Roger Frith** in his boat, joined the fast handicap fleet. A capsized on the start line left Robert and Lyn Hart in some trouble, as their boat decided to attach itself to the trots. It was not long before I took a swim on the hairy run across to 23. **Chris Wastell** had problems with his jamming cleats, which he lost overboard, but was still able to complete the race.

### Maidstone Open

**Roger Frith** and I entered this open and had a very enjoyable day, although the wind variation and size of this small lake gave us a few problems initially. With results of 5th, 4th and, in the last race, being piped on the line for 2nd, we gained 4th place overall. Not only did we race but used this as an excuse to invite crews to our own open.

### Enterprise Open

Warm weather and the prospect of a good

wind brought twelve visiting boats to the River Medway for the annual open meeting at Wilsonian SC.

Using the Club line for the first and twelve course channel marks down river proved to be a fitness exercise.

**D Kilner** of Frensham Pond SC was soon establishing a lead and won the first race. **N Cheetham** of Paper Court SC was 2nd and 3rd was **J Driscoll** of Walton on Thames SC.

The afternoon races were both committee boat starts which were sailed back to back. The tide, now on its way out, played an important part in the afternoon's racing.

The second race was won by **J Driscoll**; **J Goldsbrough** of Shustoke SC was 2nd and **D Kilner** was 3rd.

The last race was sailed with the wind dropping dramatically. **J Goldsbrough** was in the lead until the final gybe mark, where he unfortunately hit the mark, allowing **J Driscoll** through to take first place and win the series.

### Results

1st	J and A Driscoll	Walton on Thames SC
2nd	D and M Kilner	Frensham Pond SC
3rd	J Goldsbrough	Shustoke SC
	A Bradbeer	
4th	N Cheetham	Paper Court SC
	B Wooding	
5th	P Saunders	Dell Quay SC
	S Pinnell	
6th	G and P Belcher	Wilsonian SC

Thank you all for making it another successful open meeting.

Hope to see you in 1989.

# Laser . . .

by : Kevin Powley  
Laser 86725

I feel a brief introduction is required. For those of you who were unable to attend the fleet evening in February, I was elected (volunteered) to become fleet captain.

Thanks to **Dave Ingermells** for undertaking the fleet captain's role last year and for organising an enjoyable fleet evening.

This year, the Laser fleet has over 20 helms, of whom — have entered the **Spring Points Series**, with an average of 5-6 boats on the water each week. The results are as follows:-

1st :  
2nd :  
3rd :

Other results so far this year are as follows; congratulations to **Gordon Belcher** for his 2nd place in the Ice Breaker Handicap Open.

The results for the **Easter Cup** were:-

1st Gordon Belcher  
2nd John Cochersole  
3rd C Coard  
4th Jason Ramsden

## Laser Open

As you will be aware, this year's Laser Open is on 26th June. I hope as many of you as possible will be able to compete and if there are any other would-be Laser sailors

in the Club, why not borrow a boat for the day! This year we are again on the South East Traveller's Circuit so we are expecting quite a few visitors.

## South East Travellers

This year's UKLA South East Traveller's got off to a windy start in March, with 3 events so far at Weir Wood, Bough Beech and Chipstead. The current leader is **Richard Smith** from Bough Beech followed by **Mike Devitt** from Chipstead and **Mark Lowton** from Worthing in 3rd place. Yours truly currently lies in 9th place and **Gordon Belcher**, having only sailed two events, lies in 18th place. A poster of the remaining 12 events is on the notice board and whilst I should be drumming up support for Club sailing, it would be great to see you on the circuit.

## Trolleys

It was agreed at a recent Sailing Committee meeting that all launching trolleys should have the boat's sail number clearly marked on them - Please!

An important date for your diaries is Sunday 21st August, as the Laser fleet are running the GP 14 open meeting. Maximum turn out please as there will be loads to do.

Finally, I am trying to arrange training and social events for this year. Any ideas for content, place and times?

# Tasar . . .

by : Derek McAuley

The 1988 spring turnout was very encouraging with up to 7 boats out. **Paul Cussen** beat **Ray** and **Molly Fryatt** by a discard point. Well done Paul.

## Spring Points

1st **Paul Cussen**  
2nd **Ray & Molly Fryatt**  
3rd **John & Judy Vinson**  
4th **Derek McAuley & Lucy Vinson**  
5th **Ken Crundwell & Peter**  
6th **Keith Durham**  
7th **Peter D'Costa & Jane Kelly**

## Tasar Open Sunday 15th May

18 boats, including 8 club boats, took part. The first race from the Club line went via a club buoy in Hoo Bay to 24, with several loops and turns around 28 and 26. Some of the visitors got lost but we don't do triangles on rivers do we! This race was won by **Derek McAuley** and **John Parsons** followed by **Mark** and **Linda** from Whitstable. 3rd were **David** and **Chris Mason** who took the lead twice during the race.

The second and third races were sailed back-to-back from a committee boat near the Thumb Buoy to a club mark in Hoo Bay around a similar course to race one. In the second race **Mark Barnes** lead all the way round followed by **John Bradley** and **Chris Mille**, their first time out this year. 3rd were **Martin Pavey** and **Jenny Fidler** from Stour SC. In race three, **Martin Pavey** lead all the way round followed by **Mark**

**Brown**. Third were **Alan** and **Gillian Labrum** from RMSC.

1st	Mark Barnes	Whitstable	2.75 points
	Linda Harnett		
2nd	Martin Pavey	Stour SC	3.75 points
	Jenny Fidler		
3rd	Derek McAuley	WSC	5.75 points
	John Parsons		
4th	Alan Labrum	RMSC	7 points
	Gillian Labrum		
5th	John Bradley	WSC	8 points
	Chris Melville		
6th	David Mason	Bowl	8 points
	Chris Mason		
7th	John Timmans	BCSC	10 points
	S Timmans		
8th	Ray Fryatt	WSC	15 points
	Molly Fryatt		
9th	Paul Cussen	WSC	18 points
	K Biggs		
10th	P Caldwell	Grapham	19 points
	J Caldwell		
11th	D Evans	BCSC	20 points
	J Evans		
12th	O Halford	RMSC	21 points
	J Callaghan		
13th	Frank Robinson	RMSC	22 points
	Brenda Robinson		
14th	A McCarther	-	23 points
	J Verlinde		
15th	J Finch	WSC	24 points
	P Sellers		
16th	Ian Wyatt	WSC	25 points
	John Cockar		
17th	Peter D'Costa	WSC	26 points
	Jane Kelly		
18th	Peter Crundwell	WSC	27 points
	Evan Cook		

## Handicap "B" . . .

by : Wendy Ward

The Spring Points Series was very well supported, with twenty competitors. The results are:

1st	Ron	Streaker	1259
2nd	John	Solo	1257
3rd	Wendy	Comet	174
4th	Frank & Mark	Pacer	2200
5th	Ross & Amanda	Pacer	1846
6th	David	Comet	169
7th	Brian	Solo	2201
8th	Jackie	Comet	70
9th	Tom & Barbara	Graduate	1290
10th	Brian	Comet	76
11th		Solo	1830
12th	Graham & Alison	Pacer	1680

We are very lucky that the fleet consists of:

6 Pacers, 6 Comets, 5 Solo's, 3 Streakers, 2 Toppers and 1 Graduate.

As the PY numbers (excluding the Toppers) range from 122 (Solo) to 126 (Pacer), it

makes for some very close and exciting racing. Then when the wind is as brisk and stimulating, but not too overpowering as it has been during the series, what more can you ask for?

### Round or Lay?

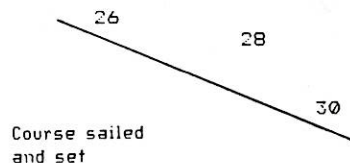
We did have one problem during the series in that a course set as 28P should have been set as 28S.

Under Rule 51.2 we should have rounded the buoy as per example 2 and not as example 1, because each buoy in a course has to be rounded, not just left to port or starboard.

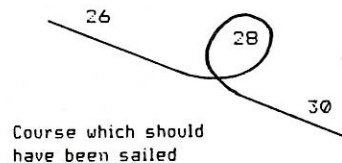
The proof is that you should be able to pass a piece of string from start to finish and pass all buoys or marks the correct way.

Lastly, I would like to welcome the new people to the fleet. **Brian** in his Solo 2201, and **Graham** and **Alison** in Pacer 1680.

Example 1



Example 2



## Handicap "A" . . .

by : Mike Upton

With six weeks gone now and the season well under way, we seem set for a really good year. Not only has the weather been pretty good every Sunday, but the RNLI meeting on 2nd May really blew the cobwebs away.

The news that you've all been waiting for of course is the results of the **Spring Points Series**. If my calculations are okay then they go as follows for the first three races:

1st	Carl Palmer	Contender	347	11.25 pts
			( - WELL DONE)	
2nd	Mike Upton			
	Chris Bickford	Fireball	12698	12.50 pts
3rd	Ian & Ellie			
	McDonald	Fireball	12737	14.75 pts

Eight boats sailed in all, but the average turn-out was only 3.6 boats. Where are you Handicappers?

Actually, turn-outs look to be on the up with 4 or 5 extra Contenders and a Moth or two on temporary membership, **Adam** and **Ralph's '14'** is also new to the Club and I believe there are two more Fireballs and a 505 to

come. Could Handicap 'A' be the biggest fleet this year? It's certainly the fastest growing! A very warm welcome to all new members and potential members.

In order to keep the fleet active, I believe that we need to have some extra-curricular activities, if you know what I mean. In this vein, we have organised a fleet social evening for Friday 20th May. A good chance to talk even more about sailing and attack a plate of curry. I will contact you with more details.

### Whitstable

Another possibility this year is a visit to Whitstable one Sunday. The idea is to have a social sail in a somewhat bigger fleet without the pressures of a proper open meeting. We shall then act as hosts for a return visit on another weekend. To make this a success I need your support and about 5+ boats. More details on 20th May.

Finally, I would like to wish you all good sailing and urge you to turn out on Sundays to make '88 a year to remember.

## Visiting Contender Sailors . . .

A word of thanks to all Club members who very warmly welcomed the visiting Contender crews. It was an interesting four weeks with varying wind conditions.

All the visitors wished me to express their thanks to the Club, it is hoped at least two of them will take up full membership.

Carl Palmer

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