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# 31½

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## From the Commodore

It has been a good start to the sailing in 1999. There have been good winds and good turnouts for the racing and the first Saturday Group.

Following on from the AGM, the General Committee have agreed that work on the extension should start this summer. Ian Wyatt will coordinate the work. We have sufficient funds raised by the club and from promises of loans and gifts so the money is available to complete the shell of the extension. The first task will be the concrete base. This work will be carried out by a Contractor. It is hoped to do this at a time when it will cause least disruption to the running of the Club. If any member wishes to make a donation or the promise of a loan for the club development please contact me. Any donation however small would be welcome. I do appreciate that some members put effort into supporting the club events to raise money and that this is an equally important part of our fund raising. Fund raising activities are continuing and applications for grants have been made to two organizations.

The Kent Schools Sailing Association(KSSA) Opening Splash was our first open event of the 1999 season. Despite the lack of wind in the morning the day was great success with 29 entries. We look forward to KSSA returning to Wilsonian for a future event. We entered a team for the KSSA Team Racing Event and they were third. Two members of Wilsonian will be part of the Kent Team in the National Schools Regatta which will be held at Downs Sailing Club near Deal in July.

At the time that I write this we are in the middle of Navy Days in Chatham Dockyard. There is much interest in the Club from those who have been taken out on the water and several will visit the Club on our Open Day on the 26th June. I look forward to the support of Club Members with help to take potential new members sailing on that day.

Finally I would again like to thank those members who give up so much of their time by helping in various ways when they themselves could be sailing: especially those who have helped or will help with Club Open Meetings, KSSA, Medway Regatta, Club Open Days/Dockyard, training courses and the maintenance and development of the club. Without this effort from these members there would be no club for the rest of the membership.

*Ann Heather*

## Clubhouse Extension News

Every Sunday in the crush that is our changing rooms you probably wonder what on earth is happening about the clubhouse extension.

Planning permission was granted by Medway Council and building regulation approval was gained for the works. We have made an application for a grant towards the cost to the "Foundation for Sport and the Arts" and this is the reason for the apparent delay. We have to wait for a decision - to start work would rule out any grant. Our application has been very well supported by the RYA and our local member of Parliament so we are hopeful.

We have asked that the decision on the grant be notified to us by the end of June at the latest, so that we can start work (with or without a grant) on the foundations, drains etc. by late July or August - when the ground is hard and any damage to the dinghy park will be minimal.

Another possible source of funds has been found in the "Rochester Bridge trust" and an application has been made to them as well.

You were asked recently if you were prepared to make a loan to your club. The response was pretty good and the time is fast approaching for those promises to be put into place - please contact the commodore direct - strict confidentiality will be observed.

We will progress the work as far as funds will allow, we hope at least to get up to (and including) the roof slab this year - so be patient, and generous, it will happen.

*Ian Wyatt.*

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YOUR NAME

- 1 Would you like to attend the club on 31 December 1999?

Yes  No

- 2 If yes, please tick your preferred option opposite

- 3 How many members of your family will be attending?

- 4 Do you have any alternative ideas? If so, please write them here
- .....
- .....
- .....

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per head

- Buffet
- Gift of commemorative glass
- Disco from 9pm
- Champagne Celebration and Fireworks

**Option C**  
approx £10  
per head

- Disco from 9pm
- Gift of commemorative glass
- Champagne

Please return to a member of the House Committee as soon as possible

## On The House

The house committee have had an easy time recently since we have only been selling sausages and burgers. But as the summer arrives so do the barbecues and we will be rushed off our feet. I have asked Sarah's boyfriend Andrew to help - he just happens to be a Chef, so we will have professional help to do the barbecues!

Have a good summer sailing and I hope to see you at the various barbecues.

*Pam Smith*

## Editorial

Hands up - this edition is just a bit late. We have all been busy, with sailing amongst other things, and so the deadline slipped a little bit.

I hope the photograph of the 49er comes out OK. Neil, I resisted the calls to title it "does my bum look big in this boat?" For the cover of the next issue we will have a photograph of Sam Brookes sailing the very first Miracle in the club, sail number 167. That must have been taken over 20 years ago. Do other members have photos of boats ancient as well as modern? Please send them to me and I promise to return them safely.

Have a good look at pages 29 and 30 which set out the options for the New Year's eve party. Also page 9 details the work party on 30 June.

Deadline for the next issue is September 12. I look forward to your contributions. If you are going to your nationals, write and tell the club about it!

*Paul Absolon*

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## What's Going On!

Since the start of the season the membership has increased, and turnouts have improved. This has resulted in the changing rooms being overcrowded and emphasises the importance of the clubhouse extension which is about to start.

Included with 31½ is the minutes of this year's AGM which details the two clubhouse extension options - Option 1 "Contractors" or Option 2 "Do it Ourselves", the first being easier and much quicker, but more expensive. In both options the first stage is the same - using a specialist contractor to pile and then lay the slab. We cannot repeat the clubhouse foundation method as a large hole on one side of the clubhouse may induce ground movement and clubhouse damage.

The way forward from then onwards depends on you, and your generosity with gifts or loans. Currently we have sufficient funds for the base and structure but we do need to have commitments soon as the timing is to construct the base between the Medway Regatta (10/11 July) and the Junior training week (end August). We believe the structure can be in place this year so work can continue indoors during the colder months. If you have not yet committed to giving a gift or loan PLEASE contact the Commodore as soon as possible to enable the best contract to be made.

As I said before membership is improving and Neil reports the number of vacant boat spaces is low. Members who have items obstructing spaces (not their own) are requested to move the items before we have to chase you. The more members we can get, the more active the club should be, which results in better racing, higher financial turnover and the duties spread among greater numbers.

Chatham Navy Days 29/30/31 May was our latest recruitment effort. We had four boats sailing and giving rides, plus safety boat(s). About 1400 people had rides and this year there seemed a genuine interest in the club. This could result in a greater attendance at our club open afternoon 1p.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday 26 June. There will also be a barbecue and the evening race, and juniors sailing and the new members evening - definitely the Saturday to come to the club and talk and sail - the more the better.

Since my last article Chris Mason is acting as a link with Greenwich

## Millennium Celebrations

Are you doing anything  
Friday 31 December  
1999?

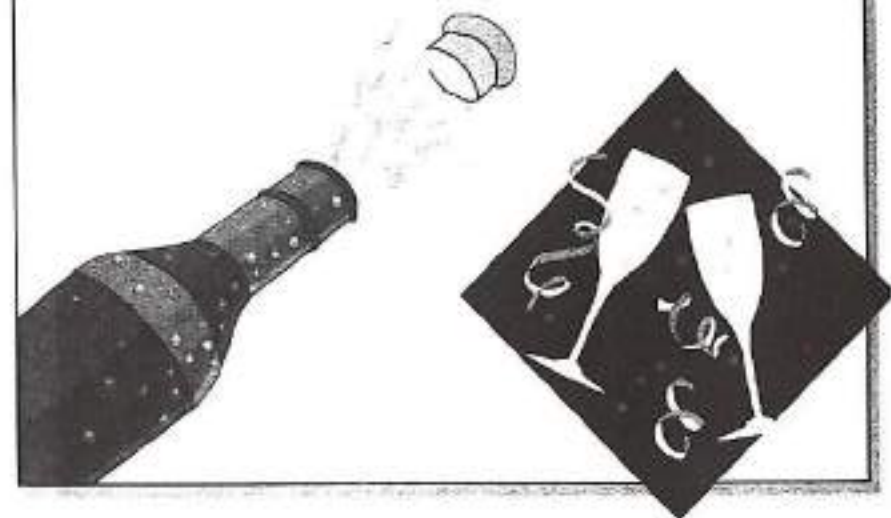
on  
YEAR 2000

It has been suggested that The Wilsonians should push the boat out for the millenium celebrations. So why not join in and celebrate!!!

Three options are being considered (see over)  
Maximum seating for the meal (option A) is 55. Those wishing to attend disco see Option C. There will be a £5 non-returnable deposit per person.

Please fill out the form on the other side to this article and return it to me or another member of the house committee within two weeks of getting this issue of 31½.

*Suzanne Hall*



Wilsonian was well represented in the Topper fleet and although not making the best of starts, Tom Pygall and Mark Heather pulled through to finish third and fifth in their fleet in race one.

In race two the wind was now holding a steady force two but most of the competitors were caught Out by the ebbing tide, causing a general recall at the start. The fleet got away on their second attempt. Again Tom and Mark came through to finish third and fourth with Andrew Smith in his Laser Radial coming first in his fleet

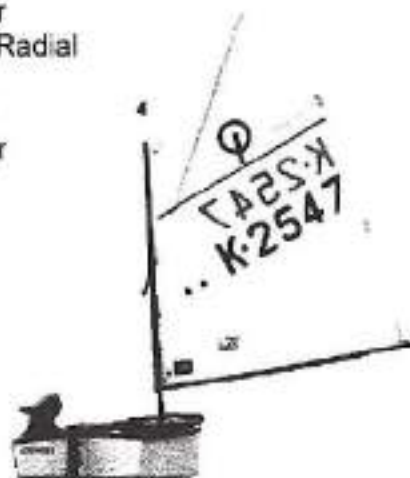
This was the first event for Adam, Douglas and Lucy and hopefully will be the first of many more. The fleet ranged in ability from Kent team representatives to beginners and Wilsonian boats accounted for themselves well throughout the fleet.

A special thanks to all the parents, helpers and race organisers who together, with the competitors made this a very successful and enjoyable event.

#### Overall Results:

1	Andrew Turnill	Laser
2	Jeni Tod	Topper
3	Rob Copley	Laser Radial
4	Stuart Bishop	Laser
5	Chester Candish	Laser
6	Tom Pygall	Topper

*Gela Marshall*



University, which has resulted in their boats again turning out on Sundays. Croydon Schools Sailing Association has now joined the club. This comprises eight adults, a number of teenagers and four Wayfarers, two of which we used at the Chatham Navy days.

Winged Fellowship will not be coming this year, but hope to return next year again.

Training - The Power Boat course was oversubscribed. Tom's level 2 course was initially fully booked but many dropped out, disappointing for Tom and Barbara. Those wishing to be included in August Junior week or the autumn Level 3 should confirm bookings quickly.

There have been a number of requests for a reasonably priced "do" on New Year's Eve and the House Committee are asking for your comments - return the questionnaire and talk to them.

Sara Wyatt has taken over the merchandising operations. She has placed a new display cabinet by kitchen, has arranged supply wider range of goods and is selling well. The only complaint I have heard are her new type goods are sold before some members see them!

*Bob Jones*



## Notices

Several items have gone missing recently from road trailers that have been left in the dinghy park. For instance, the mast stand and tow hitch have been removed from an RS200 trailer. It's hoped that these bits have been "borrowed" and will return - in the meantime check your trailer if you have left it at the club.

Don't forget the Work Party on Wednesday 30 June! The fun starts from 5.00pm. See page 9.

The Dinghy section of the Medway Regatta is on the weekend of 10 and 11 July. Some people already have the T-shirt!

## From the Archives

*(This time we have a reminder from the summer of 1988, when three of the Miracle fleet were about to attend the Miracle Nationals at Bala in North Wales. Coincidentally the Miracles are off to Bala again this year. - Editor)*

### JUST ANOTHER SUNDAY

Friday. A phone call. "Shall I bring the boat along for the Sunday?" says the voice, "perhaps we can go sailing after the do on Saturday?". This plea of enthusiasm came from a recent convert from motorcycling. Enthusiastic enough to buy a Miracle and join Hoveringam S.C. His other half has sworn never to forgive me! "That sounds like a good idea" says I, absently thinking that I might get smashed at the birthday do and cancel the following week anyway, if all goes well

Sunday. 3am. All went well. Colin had a wonderful time, and managed to get only slightly smashed, but still requires a seat belt to stop him falling into his coffee while trying to hold a sensible conversation.

Sunday 7.30am. With sudden burst of enthusiasm, Colin leaps at the alarm clock and turns it off

Sunday 8.15am. Colin, with the grace of an elephant, is tiptoeing across numerous bodies still asleep on the floor heading for the teapot. After checking for daylight (affirmative), being rescued from drowning in a cup of tea, having dragged assorted boats out of the garage, we are in convoy heading for the Medway.

The wind is veering between two & three and a half, quite lively enough for Colin who has a friend's daughter as crew who is only seven. Colin manages to miss the start flag and is immediately fifty yards down on the two leaders and chasing them against the tide.

On the beat up the trots to approach the club buoy we progress nicely against the tide, taking several tacks to work our way through the trots, pinching the beats to the extent of brushing a yacht gently with the mainsail. Through the trots, a slide across the river at a crazy angle against the wind and tide sees us rounding the club buoy in third position with the fourth place well within striking distance of us if we should make a mess of things. On the run I have the distinct impression that we are making up some ground on the leaders. However this time the beat up the trots isn't so good and we have to

## Junior Fleet News

The Kent Schools Sailing Association held their first event of the 1999 season on 1 May at Wilsonian Sailing Club. A fleet of 29 boats assembled throughout the morning, consisting of 16 Toppers, 4 Lasers, 5 Laser Radials, 1 Miracle, 1 Mirror & 2 Optimists

The day began with brilliant sunshine but unfortunately, no wind. This gave the race officer a difficult decision whether to put the fleet on the water and risk them being taken away with the tide or keep them ashore and wait for the wind.

The decision was made to keep the fleet ashore taking into account the varying experience present. An early lunch was booked, and just in time the wind filled in and the fleet took to the water. A small lapping course was set in Hoo Bay in order to give as little tidal effect as possible.



**KSSA Opening Splash at Wilsonian  
Sailing Club - Saturday 1st May 1999**

## Medium Handicap fleet

Hello I'm Neil Lamprell, Phantom 985, your new Class captain of our renamed medium handicap fleet.

### Early Summer Points

The series had eighteen boats entered with a average of ten boats each week. With a mixture of wind conditions the racing has been close and competitive. I've not had a chance to issue the results yet, but they will be put on the notice board by the time you read this.

### Fleet news.

To improve fleet turnout I suggest having a class day on 27 June. Please make an effort to attend I would like to see as many of you as possible on the water that day. If there is a good response I will arrange another day.

### Open meetings

The three Phantoms of Malcolm Levy, Mark Bew and myself attended an open meeting at Bewl reservoir and had a great day's sailing. Where we gave a good account of ourselves and for the club.

For anyone else attending open meetings, let me know and I will enter it in further issues of the newsletter.

### Committee meetings

If anyone has any matters you feel need to be raised at the sailing committee don't hesitate to ask me.

*Neil Lamprell*



put in several tacks along the shore line and an extra one to make the club buoy. Third lap and up the trots in one this time, nicely across to the club buoy and onto the run down to 31 without any fuss or bother. On the beat to the line we are visibly catching up with only a ten yard gap to Patrick first and Paul second.

A very enjoyable race and one or two comments on how well we were going makes me wonder if one of the greatest aids to boat speed is to carry the absolute minimum of weight.

Whilst sampling the energy reviving delights of a nice hot bowl of gruel in the club house, two more refugees from the night before arrive to take up my offer of going for a float. Simon, quite experienced in Lasers and the like was keen to introduce his non sailing other half Jane to the dubious delights of dinghies. Thus, with the wind picking up enough to see us continuously planing on a nice broad reach, all three of us head down past the island to 28, whereabouts Simon takes over the helm. Now the wind was even more lively out there, and I'm not the best of crews, so we were perhaps heeling a little more than we should have been when Simon informs me that the rudder has gone! The night before must have taken it's toll.

"Gone where?" I ask.

"Gone, broken!" replies Simon, and just to prove it the boat does the quickest pirouette I've ever experienced. Everything starts to bang flap and crash in the usual deafening manner and tries to shake itself to pieces (quiet relaxing sport huh?) Colin dives for the main halyard and lets go, Simon grabs the boom and makes sure that it doesn't crunch onto my brand new decks and Jane stuffs the main into the bottom of the boat. Now Colin has played this game before so he grabs the paddle and heads for the stern. Simon, on request, heads for the jib sheets. We meet in the middle, the boat completes its third pirouette and is aiming for a fourth when we untangle ourselves and attempt to take charge again.

With Colin on paddle, Simon on jib, and Jane providing the accompaniment we prepare to see how far we can sail back to the club. "Hello are you alright?" comes the voice from one of our rescue boats, "we'd like to offer you a lift but it's this race thingy that we're covering and I think they would appreciate our company".

"Well we're quite comfortable so we'll try to make our way back, but if you could pick us up on your way back that would be appreciated". So saying they proceeded on their way and we proceeded to sail straight onto the island! We now decided that this was as good as time, if not place to, discuss a possible skiing holiday for the coming season.

"Hello are you alright?" comes the voice again from one of our rescue boats. "We've had an idea, swim out and give us your line and you can come onboard so that we can cover the race whilst we leave the boat on a mooring".

What a good idea I think, I try to tempt the rescue boat into shallow water and they try to tempt me to tow the boat out to them. We compromise, we board the rescue boat and we leave my boat on a vacant mooring. I now explain to Jane about the duties of the rescue boat and how well the Club looks after its members, who seem to have a tendency to try their utmost to wreck themselves, as we head for a Graduate on its side with two tired looking bodies hanging to it.

While we are throwing them a line and helping to right the thing there's a Topper practising Eskimo rolls. This we manage to dismantle and stow the mast, boom and crew with us in the rescue boat. Now, just for the hell of it, out goes our anchor so that we can drift down into shallow water and reach a Tasar with a very sorry looking mast. With a considerable amount of rope twiddling we capture all three boats and make a start for home, along with various other rescue boats also with things on tow. On looking around it reminded one of one of those paintings of the Battle of Trafalgar, only with the gunfire and smoke missing.

"Would you like us to collect your boat as we go past?" enquires our captain of me. Mindful of having spent six months completely rebuilding my Miracle and not having yet got over the parancia of scratching the varnish, I elect to let the other rescue boat collect mine. "Can you phone them up and tell them to be careful please" I ask of our captain. On arrival at the beach numerous assorted drowned rats and bits of boats are of loaded and sorted into some sort of order.

"It isn't always like this" I try to explain to Simon and Jane, but they don't seem convinced as they disappear towards the club house.

News of my returning Miracle reaches me in the shower and causes

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**Discounts for Wilsonian Members!**

Details of accommodation are available from Karen Steadman or myself.

### Year 2000 Nationals

We are in the process of exploring alternative events for the Millennium nationals which many have decided not to attend. I will report on progress in the next edition of 31½.

### 1999 cruise

I am hoping to organise a cruise this year to Queenborough on the Isle of Sheppey on Saturday 21 August. I intend to meet at the club at 10.00 with a prompt departure at 11.00.

I suggest we take our own lunch with us but I will also ascertain beforehand if we could lunch at Queenborough at the Yacht Club or a local pub.

I am aiming to return to the club by 4.30 and to light the barbecue to round the day off. Please remember to bring your own food to cook on the barby.

This should be an enjoyable day out so please come along. Please let me know if you are interested by phoning me at home or seeing me down at the club. I will confirm arrangements in due course with all those who express an interest.

*Colin  
Treadwell*



me to panic about my paint work as I have visions of them running it straight onto the beach. I jump back into my wet gear and go rushing down the beach just in time to catch it. By the time we'd packed up the boat distinct shell shock was setting in. My thoughts were about how to get a new rudder and stock in order to have the boat ready for a week's sailing on Bala Lake, North Wales. Another story, another time.

*Colin Lown (Miracle 263)*

## Mid Summer Work Party

An evening work party has been arranged for

**Wednesday 30 June starting at 5.00pm.**

The main work will involve grass cutting and bush trimming. Please bring suitable tools and clothing for this work.

If you can't get to the club by 5.00 please come along when you can - it won't get dark until late! The bar will be open once work has finished and the Barbecue will be available for your use.

If you were one of the few who did not attend a Winter work party please make a special effort to come along and help at this one.

Your Club needs **You!**

*Colin Treadwell*



## Sailing Secretary

The season has started well with encouraging turnouts - higher than this time last year, with a record 42 boats out on 25th May. The exception has been the turnout for the Slow/Junior fleet - let's hope that this will improve soon - there's not much competition when there's only one boat! It will be interesting to see which will be the 'Boat of the Year' - it looks like the RS200s popping out everywhere this season! Nice boat - shame about the colour!

### ICE BREAKER 1999

CLASS	SAIL NO	HELM	CREW	POS.
ISO	921	R.LAUGHTON	???	1
49ER	463	N.ASHBY	S.DODDS	2
RS400	538	C.ASHBY	M.SMITH	3
RS400	409	C.MASON	R.BREWSTER	4
FIREBALL	14282	R.WINNETT	C.SWIFT	5
PHANTOM	985	N.LAMPRELL		6
ISO	599	S.HILTON	R.ALEXANDER	7
PHANTOM	955	M.LEVY		8
RS200	465	I.PARRIS	K.PARRIS	9
LASER	117189	A.SMITH		10
GP14	13603	D.FRY	D.CUMMINS	11
WAYFARER	9700	B.LAMB	B.WARWICK	12
MIRACLE	3723	S.PYGALL	A.TREADWELL	13
MIRACLE	3805	P.HORNER	D.BROOKER	14
RS200	441	P.HEATHER	M.HEATHER	15
WAYFARER	9293	B.WARD	M.CADY	16
MIRACLE	206	C.LOWN	M.LOWN	17
LASER	117103	G.JENKINSON		18

You may have noticed a slight error in the sailing programme - the New Years Eve party will be held on the 31 December and the New Years Day Open will be on the 1st January.

You will notice that there is no racing organised for most Bank Holidays, although it is hoped that individual fleets will arrange their own activities. An additional handicap race has been arranged for 29 August (Three Creeks Race) - we intend to finish this race near the mouth of the river to allow those who wish to cruise on to Whitstable, stay

## Miracle Fleet News

### Spring Points Series

The spring points series saw an entry of 16 boats and an average of 7 boats per race. Not bad at all for the early part of the season.

### Results

1	2964	Ian Kelly and Tom Pygall
2	3795	David and Jackie Hudson
3	3722	Coin and Lauren Treadwell
4	3723	Sam Pygall and Adam Treadwell
5	379	Archie Campbell (single handed)

Well done to everyone who got their boats ready in time and who took part in the series.

### Southern Area Championships

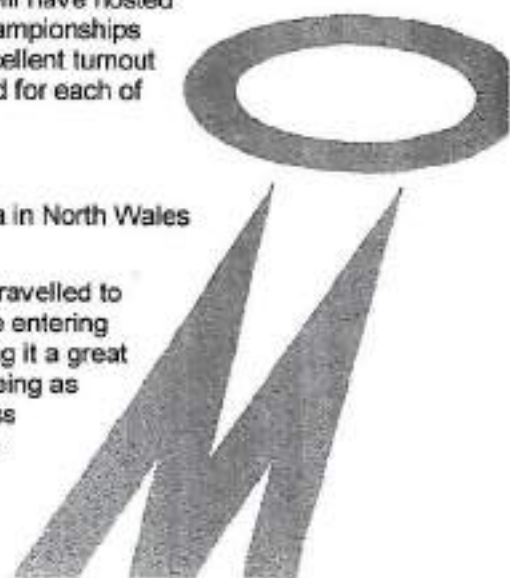
By the time you read this we will have hosted the Miracle Southern Area Championships again. I am hoping for the excellent turnout from our club that we have had for each of the last two years.

### National Championships

This year's national are at Bala in North Wales from 8 to 13 August.

Last year 12 Wilsonian boats travelled to Hunstanton with some of these entering their first nationals and enjoying it a great deal. Whilst I'm doubtful of seeing as many this year I'm nevertheless hoping a good many will come along and enjoy themselves.

Please let me know if you're interested in coming along.



## RNLI Bike Ride

Andrew Clarke (Miracle 210) is undertaking a 300 mile sponsored cycle ride for the RNLI during the last week of June. Andrew says he was inspired by an article in "The Lifeboat" the RNLI magazine about last year's Arctic Challenge.

Throwing caution to the wind, Andrew has signed up to raise a minimum of £2500 in return for a week of cycling and camping in northern Norway - north of the Arctic circle. WSC members have already pledged £103 in one hour in the clubhouse so the support is already fantastic.

If there are other potential sponsors Andrew would love to hear from you. The sponsor form is up in the clubhouse! The pictures of the expedition will be displayed later in the year. In the meantime please sponsor generously!

Also, if there are any businesses which would like to be associated with the Arctic Challenge please tell Andrew.



**WSC member visits most northerly lifeboat station in Europe - by Bike!**

overnight at the Whitstable YC and sail back the following morning. Please contact your Fleet captain if you're interested.

A new large notice board will soon adorn the Clubhouse - this will be for posting up all race results - I shall try and ensure that the details are kept up to date. If you spot mistakes, please tell me sooner rather than later.

### LEIGH TROPHY 1999

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49er	463	N.ASHBY	S.DODDS	1
INT.CANOE	278	S.ALLEN		2
BOSS	732	T.HUCKELL	C.PYGALL	3
GP14	13603	D.FRY	D.CUMMINS	4
RS400	409	C.MASON	R.BOC	5
RS400	538	C.ASHBY	M.SMITH	6=
GP14	13544	K.LENNOX	M.DOHERTY	6=
WAYFARER	9700	B.LAMB	M.WYNN	8
RS200	496	I.KELLY	T.PYGALL	9
WAYFARER	84	R.DUTTON	J.COOPER	10
WAYFARER	847	L.AYRIS	K.FLOWERDAY	11
WAYFARER	10003	N.FENTON-SMITH/L.O'ROURKE		12
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RS200	228	A.SMITH	S.HALL	16
RS400	741	J.HANMAN	W.DAVIES	17

### Frostbite Series 1999

We are working on improving the organisation of the next Frostbite series - you will have already noticed that the duties have already been covered, so competitors will not have to do any extra duties. Class prizes will be awarded if five or more boats compete and I'm hoping that there will be enough competitors to have three starts instead of the usual two. So how about talking to people outside the WSC and invite them to join in - it's a cheap way of trying out the club and we might get a few more new members next year!

# Wordsearch

## SOUTH KENT 1999

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49ER	463	N.ASHBY	S.DODDS	1
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ISO	667	A.GIBBS	S.COPPEN	4
ISO	599	S.HILTON	R.ALEXANDER	5
RS400	409	C.MASON	R.BREWSTER	6
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PHANTOM	985	N.LAMPRELL		8
GP14	13544	K.LENNOX	M.DOHERTY	9
OSPREY	555	T.KIFT	S.OFFER	10
ISO	675	TINNAMS	TINNAMS	11
WAYFARER	9700	J.GOUDIE	M.WYNN	12
RS200	465	I.PARRIS	A.SMITH	13
WAYFARER	10003	N.FENTON-SMITH/P.TYLER		14
MIRACLE	1806	M.SMITH	M.GROOM	15
RS400	491	J.PARSONS	B.DUNMALL	16
LASER 4000	4496	D.MASON	???	17
RS200	228	P.ABSOLON	S.HALL	18
LASER	143524	G.BELCHER		19
ENTERPRISE	20175	D.VETTERGREEN/S.SPROTT		20
TASAR	985	G.GIBBS	D.O'NEILL	21
WAYFARER	847	K.FLOWERDAY/J.TYLER		22

I hope you continue to enjoy the sailing offered at WSC - please contact me if you have any suggestions concerning the running of the club and I shall do my best to respond to your wishes.

And finally, to answer those young whippersnappers who keep going on about the Wayfarer being an 'old man's boat', I would reply that perhaps it can only be sailed properly by people with the experience which comes only with age!

*Brian Lamb*

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Miracle	Firefly	Lark	Enterprise
Laser	Iso	GP Fourteen	Osprey
Mirror	Phantom	Tasar	Graduate
Contender	Wayfarer	Optimist	Topper
Streaker	Dragon	Skiff	Fireball

We are indebted to Lucinda Turnbull for this Wordsearch. If any other club members have skills that could pep up the magazine let us know!

**Progressing clubhouse extension and associated activities**

Several details were clarified on construction and finances.

Proposed Keith Jeremiah, Seconded Chris Stevens:

"That we authorise the General Committee to progress this extension this year, provided they are satisfied there will be sufficient funds"

For ALL, against nil, abstentions nil. Motion carried

**14. Commodores Closing Remarks & Any Other Urgent Business :**

**Saturday Sailing** - it was confirmed that less experienced sailors were most welcome to sail on junior and less experienced sailing Saturdays.

The members also expressed appreciation at the way Barbara Sims has regularly and conscientiously cleaned the clubhouse and for her gardening during the year.

**Cars at bottom of track** - Recently cars have been left parked at bottom of track so later cars delivering goods have had to back up the track. Two cars have run off the road causing damage to them. Members were reminded only CDO car should be at bottom (in case of emergency). Cars delivering club goods should be taken to car park as soon as goods delivered.

It was noted the clubhouse interior has been painted. The pictures and plaques from clubroom downstream wall have been moved so that a racing notice board can be put there.

The Commodore thanked all the members who were standing down from office, some after many years of service. She also thanked those standing for another year in office at what promises to be a busy year.

The membership spontaneously thanked the Commodore for her considerable contribution.

Meeting closed 10.56 p.m.

# WILSONIAN SAILING CLUB

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 26 February 1999

Ann Heather (Commodore) was in the chair and fifty-six members were present.

**1. Commodore's opening remarks:** Ann Heather welcomed all the members to the 41st Annual General Meeting of WSC.

**2. Apologies:** Apologies were received from D & F Tozer, K & M Crundwell, R & H Blyth, D & K Davis, C Godman, C Grindly, T Huckell, S James, M Jones, N Jones, G March, S Offer, D Parris, J Shenton, M Smith, R Tibbs, R Winnett, J Yeo.

**3. Minutes of 1998 Annual General Meeting:** There were no corrections to these minutes which were signed by the Commodore.

**4. Matters Arising :** There were no matters arising.

**5. Secretary's Report** on the Operation of the club in 1998: A written report had been circulated. There were no comments.

**6. Treasurer's Report :** The Audited Income and Expenditure and Current Assets and Liability accounts were circulated, and formally accepted by the members present.

The treasurer had prepared a written report which was distributed at the meeting. The purchase of the new RIB engine resulted in expenditure being slightly more than income. Functions were a deficit of £600 on the year. Kitchen / Bar sales were again up, but not as much as expected due to the bad weather during Medway Regatta reducing competitors and hence income. Depreciation for 1998 was £3774 - just covered by the surplus.

**7. Rule Changes:** The Commodore explained the reasons for the two changes. Proposed "The rule changes circulated be approved" T Sims.

Seconded C Treadwell For ALL, Against Nil, Abstentions Nil.

**8. Appointments:** There was one nomination for each of the following posts who were therefore deemed to be elected:-

COMMODORE	Ann Heather
VICE COMMODORE	VACANCY
REAR COMMODORE	Ian Wyatt
SECRETARY	Bob Jones
TREASURER	Ken Crundwell
BOSUN	John Yeo
SAILING SECRETARY	Brian Lamb
HOUSE SECRETARY	Pam Smith

GENERAL COMMITTEE	HOUSE COMMITTEE
Peter Horner	Gill Warwick
Colin Treadwell	Sara Wyatt
Jean Whittaker	Suzanne Hall
R Winnett	Trish Ayris
S Wyatt	VACANCY
VACANCY	

AUDITOR	Roy McLeod
TRUSTEES	Martin Fish
	Philip Holmes
	Roy McLeod
	David Vettergreen

FLEET	CLASS CAPTAINS	VICE CAPTAINS
GP 14	Brian Warwick	Alan Tibbs
Miracle	Colin Treadwell	Ian Kelly
Wayfarer	Nick Fenton - Smith	Paul Tyler
Handicap Fast	Chris Pygall	John Shenton
Handicap Medium	Neil Lamprey	Malcolm Levey
Handicap Slow + Junior	Leslie O'Rourke	John Talbot
Junior representative	Gela Marshall	

	CLASS REPRESENTATIVES:
Enterprise	Dave Vettergreen
Fireball	David Tozer
Iso	Vacaney

explained. Wayfarers and GP 14s will share a start. Tim Huckell organised the 1998 prizes very well - this year the intention is to spread the prizes wider.

Duties - trying to minimise total number of duties to increase numbers sailing. To this end the introduction of regular safety boat Cox should also improve safety boat standards, especially if we can get a regular group of about four persons.

Bank Holiday Mondays in past have poor turnouts so this year the fleets will organise those days instead of scheduled races. There will only be CDO and an ADO on duty that day.

One objective this year will be to get more youngsters regularly sailing.

**12. Proposals from the GP 14 Fleet:** Brian Warwick as GP 14 fleet captain explained that at their fleet evening one topic was safety, and there were very different views expressed. It was thought we should have a committee to look at our club rules and see if they need changing or if we need to change our safety practices. He had therefore brought the proposal circulated forward for a consensus on the way to go forward.

There was some discussion on policy statements, rules and what the General Committee is doing especially if laws and RYA advice change.

An Amendment Proposed Chris Stevens, Seconded Tom Sims

"That we refer the matters put forward by GP 14 fleet for the General Committee to review"

For 49, Against 1, Abstentions 4. Amendment carried

### 13. Future Club development - Discussion

Duties. It was agreed that providing the individual was willing to do duties during colder months there was support for any surplus duty days being used during frostbite series. Concern was expressed that if insufficient reserves were available, if a duty person then was ill, or failed to turn up, the performance would suffer. - this will be monitored. To both enable this monitoring, and to find out why any individual did not attend the CDO, in the instructions, is already asked to record the facts in CDO log (which is now a diary).

Suggestions are requested. There has been some requests for the New Years Day race to be regularly repeated, but a co-ordinator will be required for this.

**Duties.** The main complaint was kitchen duties. To reduce the workload we were intending that except for once / month the menu would be simple, easily prepared foods, and only two on duty.

We have had several offers for regular Cox for the safety boats, but still need a couple more to enable one person each week to be a regular.

#### Promoting the Club

- We will be present at the Navy Days at Chatham Dockyard over the three day Whitsun weekend
- We have again booked Medway Council's Local office shop window in Military Road, Chatham for the week before the Navy Days, and John Talbot is again helping with the display
- Local Press reports by Roy Winnett appear each week appear in "Medway News"
- Medway FM are restarting regular features about sailing on the Medway and our club in particular
- Yachts & Yachting publishes reports of our Open Meetings.
- Open Meetings (both here & our members attending elsewhere), KSSA, Hoo Freezer and Medway Regatta all publicise the club
- We now have an Internet page.

**Promoting Junior sailing** RYA Volvo Champion Club. RYA has a three year sponsorship from Volvo, primarily in training young sailors to Olympic levels. We are registering to be one of these clubs. It will involve some changes but is seen as beneficial.

KSSA WSC have had a strong presence at KSSA events during last year and they will come here in May.

Wish to encourage Junior sailing on Sundays, but have had to choose between several alternatives - finally opting for a separate prize for Junior Helm within the Slow Fleet.

**10. Bosun's Report:** The previously circulated report was accepted.

**11. Sailing Secretary's Report:** The junior arrangements already

Laser	Vacancy
Tasar	Ian Wyatt
Optimist	Mark Steadman
Topper	Lesley O'Rourke

Cruising Secretary	VACANCY
Saturday Juniors & less experienced	Paul Heather & Martin Jessop

Publicity Officer	VACANCY
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**9. Future Club Development:** The commodore outlined the main areas being presented for discussion:

*Plans  
Fund raising  
Management of Club  
The Way Forward*

**Plans :**

"Option A", with the extension across the front of the clubhouse at ground level and forming a balcony accessible from the upstairs room via the three sliding glass doors had become the viable option. Both outline and detailed planning permission has been obtained. Detailed costing and quotes had been obtained.

Ian Wyatt explained the plans with the new Gents changing room occupying the majority of the new front to the building, the Ladies / Gents partition being moved forward to give an increased changing area for everyone. In the South East corner will be a small family changing room. There would be two accesses to the Gents changing area, from the new door in SE corner (near flagpole) and an access where present shower window is. To maintain clubhouse security with a balcony the present front window shutters would be replaced by roll down steel security shutters. The cost will be influenced by the way the work is carried out.

**Option 1 "Contractors".** The work would be let to a contractor who would do the work, including contract management. Advantages include shorter work duration (about twelve weeks), less involvement by

members, less disruption for members. Disadvantage it would be more expensive.

Costs	Contractors	£26925
	Provisional Sum	£14300
		£41225 ( excluding Generator )

Note that this provisional sum is an estimate which covers costs such as the new shutters and ceramic floor tiles.

**Option 2 " Do it Ourselves "**. Advantages include lower cost and easier to phase over longer time if money income slower. Disadvantages include greater disruption to members who would also have to do more, both physically and in contract management.

Stage 1 Slab	£11800
Stage 2 Superstructure	£ 8600
Stage 3 Finishing / Services	£12800
	£ 33200 ( excluding Generator)

Stage 1 would take about four weeks.

In either case the estimated cost of a new, push button start, stand alone, quiet, 1500 r.p.m., 12.6 kW generator is AN additional £5500 + wiring £800, total £6300

#### **Fund Raising:**

This is in four areas : Grants, Sponsored Events, Club Reserves, gifts and loans from members.

**Grants.** Applied to new Medway Council, who said they would like to support us but that they had no Capital money available.

Have just applied to Foundation for Sport and the Arts. They are considering our application but have also indicated their funding has been cut due to the Lottery.

No application has been made to the Lottery, partly as application is complicated, expensive, and time consuming (takes up to two years) but mainly because no work can start until decision finalised.

Other grants are being applied for e.g. Rochester Bridge Wardens, but they only hold their court once a year in October so no decision will be

received this summer.

<b>Sponsored Events.</b>	Walks
	Swimming
	Stockport 24 hour race
	Events at Club ( Raffles / Talks )

**Loans.** The letter from the Commodore had resulted in some immediate responses and several others indicated support after details explained this evening.

To 22 /2 / 1999	
Sponsored events / Club events	£ 1340
Gifts to club	£ 1170
Loans pledged by members	£ 7400
Contribution from club funds	<u>£ 6864</u>
	£16774

There had been pledges for a further £2000 this evening.

#### **Management of Club:**

Commodore asked for comments after the interval on the following:-

**Social Events.** There had been requests for considerably more social events. A barn dance was arranged but then there was no support. This had resulted in financial losses and great frustration and disappointment for the house committee.

**Prizegiving Dinner & Dance** for 1998 was early January and the attendance was poor. For 1999 the only date available at Gravesend Masonic Hall is 8 January 2000.

**Events through the Winter months.** The New years day Race, several fleet meetings, and Mark Steadman's talk had been held in the clubhouse, increasing income not only due to events, but also better bar and kitchen usage.

**BBQ / Bar Opening** - Colin Treadwell had opened bar one Saturday a month, but few had come. This year BBQ will be lit on Junior sailing Saturdays for you to bring your own food, and bar will be open also.

**New years Eve / New Years Day.** Mindful that this is a more eventful date the club intends to hold a low cost New Years Eve event.