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On the cover: How it should be done. Mark Heather and Doug Horner showing how and why they won the Three-Race Regatta. Photo: Paul Thorpe

## Editorial

Tony Hunt

I'm gratified to have been almost inundated with photos this season (give thanks for digital cameras), such that I'm having to ration the work of individual photographers. Thanks to you all for your submissions. That said, most shots show light airs (when cameras in rescue boats are at least risk!), so a good action shot in windy conditions will have an easy passage onto these pages.

Otherwise this issue is a round-up for the season like the last Winter issue. If you'd like to see some changes to the mag, please let me know.

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*A look forward to next year's Hoo Freezer with a look back at this year's, which wind, temperature and course (only one gybe!) put just on the right side of the limit.* Photo Peter Horner

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## From the Commodore **Colin Treadwell**

With the 2006 sailing season rapidly drawing to a close, it is an appropriate time for me to extend a warm, though belated, welcome to all our new members who have joined us during the course of the year. Congratulations on making an excellent decision, and I really do hope you get to enjoy your membership of the Club. Please do let me know if you have any concerns at all about the Club or your membership.

You will appreciate from my following comments that we have had another great year, both on and off the water. Before I get to summarise these great developments, however, I feel compelled to have a bit of a (threefold) moan. That way, I get it off my chest, get it over with and then move on to the more enjoyable and satisfying aspects of being Commodore of this great Club of ours.

Firstly, an increasing number of people have taken to driving their vehicles down the track to off-load and re-load their sails and sailing gear. Our Bye-laws are quite specific in this regard, and make clear that vehicles are only permitted down the track to deliver/collect dinghies or whilst on official Club business, and are then to be taken back to the car park as soon as possible. This does NOT include the delivery or collection of usual sailing equipment required on a regular basis. Not only is it a breach of our bye-laws it is also a potential safety hazard, so we really must minimise traffic up and down the track. I would therefore respectfully request compliance by all club members from now on. I have also installed a sign to this effect at the top of the track.

Secondly, an increasing number of cups and glasses are being left around the dinghy park and in the changing rooms. Please make sure, when taking away a cup/glass of drink from the galley/bar, that you return the empty cup/glass to the galley/bar rather than putting it down and forgetting about it.

Lastly, I have received reports that the sails in some of the Club's dinghies are being left in the boat(s) in a very untidy fashion, often screwed up like a dish rag. Please ensure if you hire out a club boat that you treat it as though it were your own and fold the sail(s) neatly within the boat.

Your co-operation on all three counts would be very much appreciated. Now that's got that off my chest, I can move on to the more satisfying aspects.

Our Medway Regatta proved once again to be a success, attracting some 88 boats, sponsorship from MTS Cleansing Services Ltd (allowing a free T-shirt to all competitors) and sponsorship from Laser (allowing various items of sailing equipment/clothing as raffle prizes)

A number of Club members competed in Broxbourne's two-day regatta by way of a reciprocal arrangement, and had a great time (both racing and socially). They were very pleased to see so many of us, and would very much like to see us go back next year. Please let me know if you are interested in coming along

We have made it a little easier for CDOs by attaching a small, but powerful, torch to the generator ignition keys, enabling easier and safer negotiation of the various obstacles to the rear of the Clubhouse, and by installing new metal roller shutters at each end of the Clubhouse, operated by an internal pull cord, to replace the old (and often difficult to close) sliding shutters.



*The Commodore is even allowed to sail.*

Photo: David Hudson

## Rear Commodore's Report

This year has been full of good news for the club with well-supported events, from club opens to the points series. Jayne, Tom and I have had now been members for just over three years and have enjoyed our sailing from the early days of 'what's that rope called' to putting the wind up some of our fellow 2000 sailors by catching and on a couple of occasions passing them over the line. Tom and Nicola have joined the fast set and have had some fantastic results of late in the 3000. The club has a good number of loyal juniors again with a swelling fleet of 29er's on the way for next season. The spirit of the club has been one of the major factors in our weekends as there is a fond support for all members by the members, the juniors again were well supported in the Children in Need event and look like breaking last year's £900 raised by at least £100.

The General Committee earlier in the year formulated a club plan to make sailing even more accessible to new members by making repairs to existing club boats and increasing the fleet. Geoff Lambert made Wilsonian watertight and we were able to swap it for two good Toppers to increase the number of club boats available for junior training. We also asked the instructors about the type of boats we need to provide training for all club members who wish to take a course. This led to the club purchasing its first RS Vision, with a plastic roto-moulded hull and asymmetric spinnaker, has proven popular with the members. The Vision has been sailed every week except two since delivery to the club. I was hoping to give news of a grant that the club has applied for to take us to the next stage of the club plan, however Awards for All are still evaluating our application. The club received much help in this application from Medway Council with two of their officers giving up many hours to make sure that our application was put into the correct format and presentation.

The last few weekends have seen some fantastic weather and for those of you who have the time to watch some of the birds on the river as we battle against the tide, the winter migration has begun in full, with large numbers of wading birds; we were escorted to 23 in the first of the winter series by a flock over 100 Dunlin. These sights are rarely seen by the population of Medway we have a unique stretch of water to race on not only for the wind conditions and expanse of water.

The General Committee have asked me to canvas the membership in regard to sailing members who would be willing to do six duties a year

for a reduction in fees, in the same way that Support Members pledge six duties. If any member would like to give the Committee feedback about this idea we would be most grateful.

## *Paul Thorpe*

Laser 2000 No. 21314



*Laser 2000's, a very suitable boat for club and river, are almost enjoying fleet racing these days. Here Jayne Lambert and the Rear Commodore find themselves in an unenviable position beneath Nik Antoniadou and Cathy Evans, another crew who have come on leaps and bounds this season. Photo Dave Vettergreen*

## On The House

By the time you read this the 2006 Dinner, Dance and Prize-giving evening would have taken place at Hartley Country Club. I hope those of you who came along had a good time, and would welcome your feedback for consideration at the 2007 Dinner and Dance (anything at all).

This year's New Year's Eve party at the Club will be on a 70's theme, so do feel free to dress accordingly. The evening will kick off at 8.00 pm and will run through to 1.00 am, with a disco and buffet at a cost of £5 per person. Please add your name to the sheet half way up the stairs in the Clubhouse, or alternatively give me a call, if you would like to join us for a fun evening out.

*Jane Treadwell*

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## Winter Work Parties

As usual, the attendance dates are according to your surname initial:

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January O - S

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January T - Z

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January A - C

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January L - N

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January D - G

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February H - K

Please inform Roy Winnett by e-mail ([roywinnett@care4free.net](mailto:roywinnett@care4free.net)) or phone (01634 861664) if you are unable to make your appointed date and inform him which alternative date you plan to attend.

All work parties start at 09:30.

Please ensure that your name is noted upon arrival or you might be listed as a defaulter!

## From the Duty Secretary

Firstly, many thanks to the vast majority of members who helped to make my work easier by performing their duties to the full and without causing additional problems – special thanks to those who did more than their fair share to keep the club running smoothly by filling in when and where necessary.

Compiling the duty list in readiness for the sailing season, allowing enough time to have it included in the Handbook, is the most difficult part of the task, and every late renewal makes it even more difficult. Renewal forms returned without any details (such as preferred dates/dates you cannot do, who you want/do not to do your duties with, duties you can/cannot do) again make for extra work, as do too many requirements stated. So please make sure you fill in the renewal form in full – tick each duty/duties you, as well as all other family members over 16, can do, with a second tick for the duty/duties you prefer to do, and only put a cross for the duty/duties you cannot do because you are not qualified to do or because of some other reason (if this is the case, please give details).

During the season, individual circumstances can change and some members may need to swap duties – if so, please remember you need to swap like with like (not Crew for RO, or Kitchen for CDO, for example) to inform both CDOs involved as well as me, so I can maintain accurate records.

Our non-sailing support members, who pay a reduced fee in exchange for doing additional duties (minimum of 6 duties a year), are tremendously helpful in helping to maintain a full crew every weekend of the sailing season, but we could always do with more. The Committee is considering allowing sailing members to also be offered a reduction in fees if they volunteer to do extra duties on a regular basis. Please get in touch with me if you might be interested in becoming a Support Member.

Hopefully, the duty list for next year will be displayed on our WSC website, so you will be able to check the latest changes whenever you want. We will also give a detailed summary of what each duty involves.

Finally, a few points to bear in mind:

- Don't forget your Winter Work Party day – if you miss it, you can always do another one – if you miss all of them you may have to do a third Sunday duty during the season instead,

- Please be prompt for the start of your duty and remember that a) no-one should leave without the permission of the CDO and b) everyone is involved in clearing up at the end of the day,
- For two weekends in the season you are expected to help run the club for the benefit of everyone – remember that for all the other weekends, someone else is doing the same for you!
- Please return your Renewal forms promptly and with full details included – the later I receive them, the more difficult it is for me and the less choice you will have as to dates and types of duty.

Many thanks in advance for all your help.

*Brian Lamb*

## Membership Renewals

Membership renewals are strictly due on 1st January, but the **deadline for normal renewal is 31st January.**

There is a **penalty of £10** for those renewing after the deadline, which penalty increases on 1st March by £20, i.e. **£30 extra in total.** If, however, everyone renews early, the Duty List can be compiled and the Sailing Programme can be sent out to you in good time for the season.

## RYA Honda RIB Championship Success

Although it was the first time he had entered, our own Adam Bermingham blew away the competition in the 8-12 age group of the South East Region heat of this annual event. The competition involved driving a RIB around a demanding course at Piddinghoe near Newhaven, involving a high speed slalom, man overboard drill and reversing round a buoy. Well done Adam!



## Sailing Secretary's Report

A good season, 2006. The winds were generally kind and the warmth of summer lasted a good deal longer than we'd a right to expect. There were very few occasions when the rescue boats were called upon to tow boats home en masse, and people seemed to be trapezing most weeks (at least, the ones with trapezes were). Equally, while there were some wild winds forecast, in practice excessive wind was rare, though one or two people tasted the wind's wrath with broken spars, including in the hugely successful Medway Regatta (88 boats & lots of visitors), which contrasted with last year's light wind affair. The Grand Prix was also well-attended, and competitors seemed to enjoy the novel allocation of prizes to different categories of boats, thus avoiding the usual danger of domination by the class and fleet most suited to the conditions.

Looking at the statistics, Miracles were still top dog class by a good margin, and although they had fewer boat-starts than in 2006, there were two more boats involved in racing, which must be good. With the reality of a new GRP boat getting ever-closer they can look forward hopefully to the future. The Laser 2000's were next most popular, but, contrary to predictions their march towards fleet status seems to have stalled. They remain an eminently suitable boat for the club and river, however, and surely must gain more support in due course.

Phantoms, while remaining popular, have likewise failed to make further strides towards freedom, and are more than matched by Lasers for turnout, though the latter is rather low given the number of lasers in the dinghy park. The Kestrels, meanwhile, have failed to attract away any further sailors from the Wayfarers which continue to terrorise the Medium Fleet (even if their turnout was overtaken by the 3000's). Despite being amongst the slowest-rated boats in the fleet, they are perplexingly often at the front on the water, frustrating all attempts (and they are ongoing) to banish them to the Slow Handicap.

Among the trapeze singlehanders, the Contenders have more than doubled their numbers and turnout to top the Vortex A's, who, last year, looked to be headed for stardom until the MPS came on the scene - I was going to say 'made a big splash', but that would have been too unkind.

We still have an enormous Medium Fleet and an almost non-existent Slow Fleet, but the 2005 Fleet Evening having scuppered all proposals for re-jigging the boat distribution among fleets, it's hard to see how that

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will ever be changed. But so long as everybody is enjoying their racing that's probably of little import - big fleets can be fun, and the Medium fleet still has a pretty low spread of PY numbers - approximately 10% - so nobody should be being left far behind.

One of the more recent changes introduced at the Sailing Committee was to change the status of people singlehanded two-man boats. Hitherto we'd said that it was OK for club fleet racing but not for trophy or open races. Evidence arose over the course of the season, however, to show that some two-man boats were considerably quicker without the weight of a crew under some circumstances, so the rule was changed to state that while people lacking a crew may sail their two-man boat singlehanded in fleet racing, they would not be eligible for points unless they had the agreement of the fleet concerned.

The reverse-order starting sequence wherein the Miracles start first seems to be functioning without any great problems, though there has been some bunching early in the race, especially in light airs, and there have been some complaints of boats prematurely prowling the start line before the preceding start has happened - please wait your turn! The logic of sending off first the fleet which wants the shortest course and sending off last that which wants the most time out sailing still eludes me, but in the absence of complaints...

We won-back the Inter-Club Challenge Trophy, continuing the coincidence that, to date, the host club has always won the event. Going into the Finale it was level-pegging after a poor set of WSC results in the Marathon, and when the day dawned windless it looked like another Wayfarer benefit. Luckily for us, though, the MYC entry was depleted for various reasons, so we won. Next year we are due a cracking wind for the Finale - so far every year it has been either excessively windy or windless: statistically very odd. The evening 'do', has always been most enjoyable, however.

If you have friends from other clubs, typically MYC, joining in our regular racing, please ask them to clearly identify themselves as such on the signing-on sheets - that will make it much easier for those trying to work out the club results/points situation.

The New Year will see a change of Sailing Secretary - watch this space.

## Miracle Fleet Captain's Report

The last of the Miracle series of races has now finished with Martin Smith and Mike Groom winners of the Autumn Points series. Overall, it has been a disappointing year for the Miracle Fleet. There are over 20 Miracles in the dinghy park and although 17 boats have raced during the season, there have been many weeks when numbers have been low.

This year Peter Horner and David Brooker were the only Wilsonian members to participate in the Miracle Nationals at Bala in Wales. They achieved their ambition of achieving a position in the top 10 and in a number of races found themselves finishing with the leaders, within the first three boats.

It seems that a number of Wilsonian Miracle sailors were not members of the Miracle Association last year. I have spare forms for those who need to update their membership for next year.

The next social event is the Fleet Evening on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 p.m. at the clubhouse. It is at a time of year when our social diaries tend to be quite full, but I do hope to see many of you there.

*Lesley*

**Miracle No. 3722**

*A Miracle start against a flood tide* Photo Dave Vettergreen



## Junior Fleet Captain's Report

This year has been an eventful year for the juniors. Steph and Alex have been touring with the S.E. zone squad, Alec, Aaron, Nicola and I have moved up [*up? Ed.*] to 29er's although we haven't been brave enough to sail with the fast fleet yet, we might need to swat up on the rule book. We have entered our first event, last weekend at Grafham water, we thought we were going to an end of season jolly and found ourselves sailing in the 29er inland nationals. I think it was a good experience, now I've got over the shock. Aaron went for the sail of his life with a 49er crew, he said he went so fast that the wind stung his face, but at least now he knows what he expects from Alec.

We have had several junior training sessions over the year all of which have been well attended, so a big thank you to all of our instructors.

The KSSA Opening Splash was held at Wilsonian and many of our juniors took part and we had many visitors from other clubs.

Medway Regatta was a great weekend as usual, Nicola and I managed to walk off with a trophy even though Nicola dumped me out of the back of the boat whilst flying the kite, fortunately our friendly rescue boat from Broxbourne picked me up and we were reunited but minus one shoe.

Dan Drummond and Tom Kift have been sailing the Laser 2 together this season, I don't know what they're on but they always seem to be in fits of laughter, maybe its got something to do with the pink shower radio they have strapped to the mast (obviously very serious sailors!!!).

The highlight of the year was as per usual "Junior Week". A big big thank you to Anne Heather for the perfect organisation and hard work that always makes the week run smoothly. Our instructors were all tremendous giving us loads of help and encouragement. The racing group were fortunate enough to have Matt Greer an RYA instructor who was brilliant.

The evenings were just as busy as the days, Mum and Jane D had no intention of letting us get bored. We did everything from looking for ancient pottery, which funnily enough looked just like Kit Kat and Snickers boxes, to building spaghetti bridges (strange but true). We even sussed out bed times, no yelling from "Shut up Smith" or "Pipe Down Paul" we were all as quiet as mice, unfortunately there was no credit left on any of our phones by the end of the week, "where there's a will there is a way".

The weeks highlight had to be Friday night with "DJ Smiffy Skiffy" spinning the disks and looking cool in his shades. First to do a turn was fantastic Phil (Harris) who was in fine singing voice much to the embarrassment of his children. They weren't the only ones who were embarrassed, when your Mum starts dancing on the tables you really do wish you joined Medway YC, but it only needed one to start them all off before we knew it all the big people were on the tables singing along to the beach boys (how sad !!) I don't think they get out much, it might have been the thing to do in the 70's but times have changed.

Some of us sailed at Broxbourne in September, we arrived on Friday evening, one of there juniors told us that their weather was never as bad as on the river ( they lied) it had to have been the windiest weekend of the year, blowing a 5-6 gusting 8 in very fluky conditions, but the sailing was great, the entertainment was great and the company was even better! (Especially the Essex girls).

We supported Children in Need again this year with another sponsored sail, a big thank you to everybody who supported us we raised just under £1000. I've really enjoyed this year as fleet captain thanks for all your support and look forward to seeing you all at the junior fleet evening in January.

## *Tom Lambert*



## Medium Fleet Magic

Another season that seems to have gone by too quickly has all but drawn to a close. Congratulations to all our winners of the various series (see back pages for results) and to those that performed well in the club's trophy events, also congratulations to those that have improved their sailing but may not feature near the top of the results yet, the rest of you must be sailing in the races simply because you enjoy it and that is what it is all about really.

The state of the fleet remains very healthy, no class except the 3000's have had any real increase in numbers and so no possibility of class racing for the L2000's, Phantoms, Kestrels or Lasers. If you care to look at the stats sheets the L2000's are the best at turning out but really do need more boats before class racing becomes a reality.

If the rumour mill turns out to be accurate there will be some boat changing over the winter which always makes for an interesting Spring seeing who has ended up with what.

My thanks to Tony Hunt (vice captain) for doing the majority of course-



*Medium Fleet Action*

Photo: Dan Drummond

setting this season and my apologies for not being around much on Sundays, I even missed my favourite events, Wednesday evening sailing and the Pursuit races. With that in mind and also that I have been fleet captain for three years I will not be continuing and the fleet will require a new Fleet Captain. I will of course continue until the Club's AGM in the New Year. If you are interested or want more details let me know.

To end with a couple of favourite quotes, slightly paraphrased,

"the more I practice the luckier I get"

"the moment of winning is too short to live for that alone"

So for the final time "Come on the Fleet" *[That's enough football, Ed.]*

*Brian Reeve*

## Fast Handicap Report

Well as Fast Fleet Captain I haven't heard anything from you all, I can only assume you are all very happy!

Where did the Summer go? Unfortunately for us we missed a good part of it down to breaking our boat, twice! All I can remember is that I think the fast handicap has had a pretty good season, we haven't had many light weather days and not too many howlers, so can't really grumble. I seem to remember that on several occasions this year the fast fleet have got home with the wind dying only to see those in the slower handicap boats over an hour later still trying to cross the finish line; there really are some very practical reasons why you might want to sail a fast handicap boat where there are strong currents to contend with, it makes the tide so much easier to deal with.

As usual nothing stays the same for very long, the 3 Mustos' never appeared together as hoped for, Chris deciding 400 sailing was more enjoyable with a crew to talk to! Graham has proved it is just possible to teach new tricks to an old dog, and has persevered well with his Musto Skiff and really is beginning to get a grasp of it. Having helped launch and recover it a couple of times I can vouch it looks one mean boat to sail, think I'll stick to the 800 it's far safer.

Within the fast fleet Tim Kift has decided to upgrade to a 59er and give asymmetric sailing a try: another boat that never goes in a straight line,

and good it looks on the water too, masthead kites just look so cool.

From the Medium fleet we have just been joined by Phil Harris's & Caroline Alexander's brand new RS500s, even Tony Hunt is considering giving us a try in his brand new V3000. Also from the medium fleet we welcome Ian and Hannah now in their 29er.

Unfortunately Simon & Sam have taken their 800 away to Southampton due to Simon starting university, but I'm very pleased to welcome Stuart and Zoe from Medway Yacht Club who have just joined the club in their new 800.

So it's all change, but overall the fleet is growing, with a couple more 29ers from the Junior fleet knocking on the door, 2007 is looking good. There really are advantages to sailing a fast boat at Wilsonian - consider joining us, see a lot more of the river and discover real clean wind!

### *Andy Pickrell* **RS800 No.953**



*Class-hopper par excellence, Ian Foxwell, is presently trying to work out how to sail a Canoe and a 29er at the same time, but then again, there is that other boat he's just seen...*

Photo: Paul Thorpe [I think . Ed]

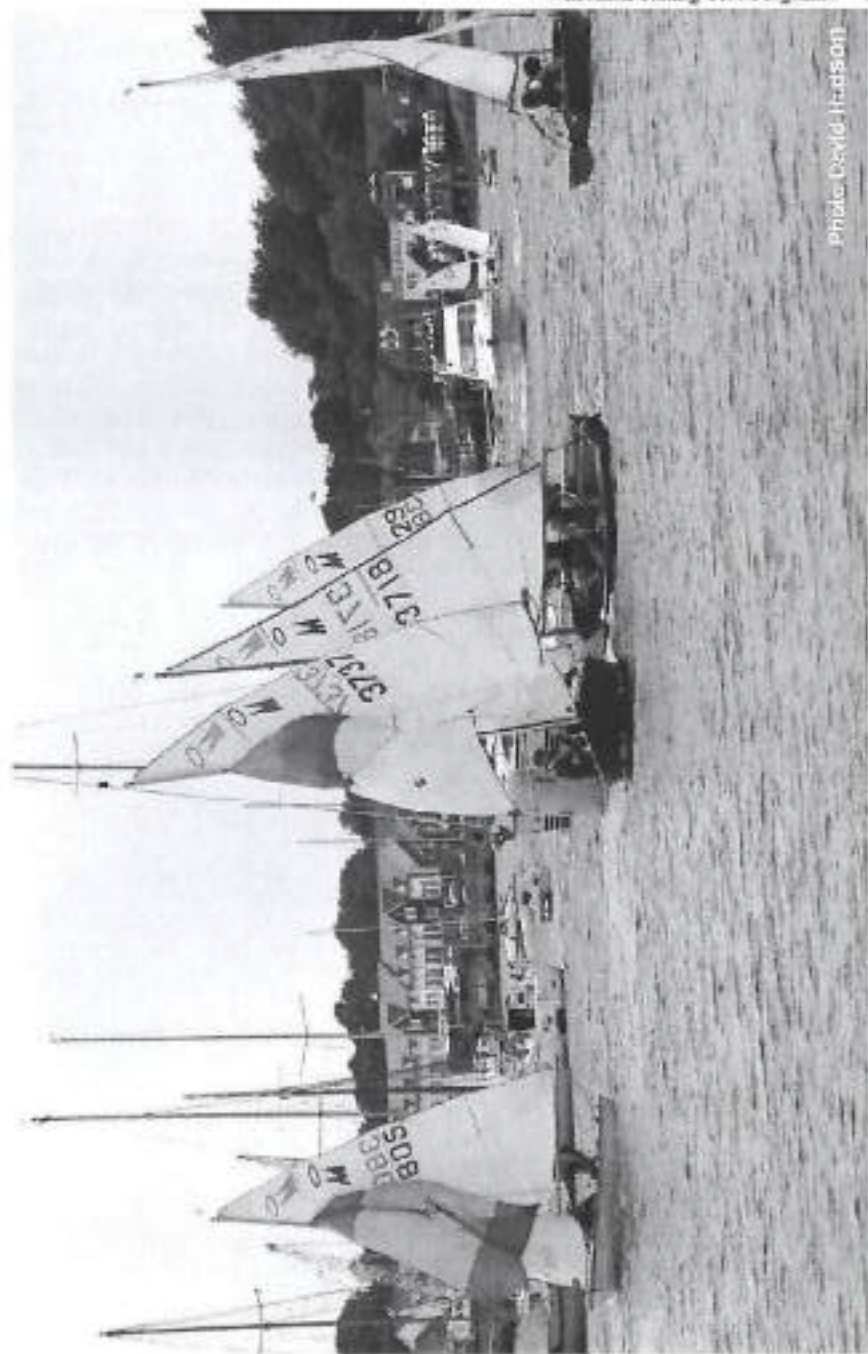


Photo: David Harrison

## UP AGAINST IT !!!!!

by Paul Mudds

In one of those idle surfing moments, I came across the website of the National Tide Prediction Service. They provide info on the highest and lowest predicted tides in the UK up to 2020, so I thought I would check up on Avonmouth in the Bristol Channel, which I know has one of the highest UK tidal ranges.

The figures are mind boggling compared with the Medway's mere trickle. The highest predicted tide is in Sept 2015 with HW 14.59 metres and LW 00.10 metres, that's a tidal range of 14.49 metres and if you're an oldie like me that's nearly 48 feet. Sailing in such fast-moving water must turn the normal dynamics of sailing on it's head. On a flat calm day going with the stream your apparent wind could be force 3 and on a windy day against the stream in a very fast boat you could be at record sailing pace and making no headway at all. So the next time your struggling in light airs against a few knots of tide...**BE GRATEFUL !!!!**

*[Indeed, I've heard stories of Fireballs planing with kites up barely making the leeward mark; just amazing people bother week after week. EdJ]*

## Dodgy Characters & Boats

A little boy is walking along the shore when a boat heaves to and the helm offers him sweets if he will get in the boat with him.

"No way, shove off!" says the boy.

"Sweets and £10?" says the helm.

"I thought I told you to shove off"

"Sweets and £50" says the helm.

"Are you deaf or what?" says the boy.

"What do I have to do to get you into the boat" says the man...

The boy replies, "Look, Dad, you bought a plastic boat, now you live with it!"

A new member walks into Pirates Cave and asks if he can get a new burgee for his Laser Vago...

'Sounds like a fair swap' says the assistant.

What do you call a Topper Omega with the cover off....

A skip!

*The above 'submissions' in no way represent the official view of the club or its officers. Unofficially, however...*

## Expedition to the Lost Village of Aylesford

Having heard rumour of remote tribes on the banks of the upper reaches of the river, an intrepid band volunteers took advantage of the highest tide for 20 years to mount an expedition to make contact with these lost peoples.

Being uncertain whether they would be friendly or not we went heavy handed with 24 bodies 9 assorted sailing craft (5 *Miracles*, 3 *Wayfarers*, 1 *Laser*), and two motorised vessels. Fearing the worst, our leader Paul Nudds left our last messages and details with the CDO Nick and set sail at 10.00 hrs with fair winds and clement weather.

It was not long before we came to our first obstacles of the Rochester Bridges and following assurances from previous ventures by Peter Hampson that clearances were adequate we ventured forth. After making good time down Tower Reach we made sight of strange large concrete-looking structures spanning the river at a great height and came to the conclusion they may be ancient religious temples or left by visitors from space.



We then started on uncharted reaches known only as Woudham Marshes, a strange area spotted with hutments and assorted abandoned river craft (maybe casualties of earlier expeditions) and we could see the Tower of a religious temple through the reeds. Sailing conditions were testing with a strong tide and indifferent winds coming from all directions.

After passing some what appeared to be remote concrete and paper works, we entered an eerie and wooded area and feared swamp people were watching us

concealed along bank. The water was now heavy with floating vegetable debris and hippos lurked round every bend. At this stage boats were drifting sideways with the tide and crews faces showed signs of fear of what was ahead.

After 3 hours we eventually made sight of the lost village of Aylesford and to our surprise some quite civilised dwellings lined the banks and ahead lay a low stone bridge spanning the river preventing our progressing any further. After deciding against making portage around this



obstacle we made the difficult landing on the starboard bank and made contact with the large crowd of tribes-people that had now gathered.

The lost village surprised us as being highly developed and the inhabitants dressed in western clothing. We made our way to the local meeting house and exchanged money for vitals and drinks. After several hours, the tide had turned and we decided to leave these people unmolested to live their simple lives and embarked on the difficult homeward journey.





The nearly impenetrable stretches of river that keep this settlement so remote again proved difficult and tested the skills of our intrepid sailors but we eventually reached the more open stretches of water, and by the time we reached Wouldham the wind had freshened on the nose and against tide conditions tested the mettle of our crews.

The tide was really racing through Rochester Bridges with large eddies buffeting the boats as they passed under. Eventually we made landfall of WSC just as the sun was setting and the tired and hungry crews packed the expedition craft away as darkness descended.

We may return next year to make further contact with the lost village and the leader would like to thank Chris Wallis in the Escort boat and Peter Hampson and crew for assisting with his cabin cruiser.....

*Paul Nudds*



## The "Laser 1"

The Editor noticed that the Laser Centre were advertising their second-hand Lasers as 'Laser 1's', at last using the handy expression the rest of us have been forced to adopt. He advertised the fact on the Yachts & Yachting web-forum. A young contributor who had posted on the forum 597 times, without apparently thinking once, utterly failed to get the point, which inspired this informative response by Chris Tack:

"Way back in the midst of time, back before you were even a glimmer in your daddy's eye (*it was 1969*), a nice man called Mr. Bruce asked another nice man called Mr. Kirby *[who, confusingly, has the Christian name 'Bruce']* to design a boat. To begin with they called it 'The Week-ender' then later it was changed to 'Laser'. And for a long time that is all there was. Then one day some clever marketing people realised that there was more money to be made in them there hills and introduced some new models. Now the thing is, the company that made the Laser... well that was called Laser too. Something to do with market. Anyway, this meant their new boats had names like Laser 2000 and Laser 4000. Now this confused all the nice sailors because now if you said, 'I'm taking out a Laser this afternoon', people didn't know what boat you were going sail. So being a resourceful bunch they started calling the 'original' Laser the 'Laser 1'. And now because this colloquialism is so wide-spread the clever Laser marketing folk have now adopted it officially."

## It's a Miracle we survived a Tornado

North west Norfolk Sailing Association's 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Meeting, for National 12s, Fast and Slow Handicap fleets, Lasers and Enterprises.

A week's sailing, at Hunstanton Kings Lynn, Brancaster Staithe, Wells-next-the-Sea, Blakeney and Snettisham.

At Hunstanton,, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2006. Just before the second race started, storm clouds were building over the Wash.

With light winds the National 12s, started, then the Miracle, in the Handicap Fleet headed for the first mark. Within seconds the wind increased to force 9. We let the sails right out, all the Handicap Fleet in front capsized, we pulled our sails in went around the buoy, weaved our way though the upturned boats, going towards the second mark, with all the National 12s still upright, sailing near the second mark.

A wall of water came behind us threw us in to the sea; it put a end to racing .

We tried to right the Miracle three times; the third time the boat caught my shoulder as it came down, David was thrown off the boat into the sea about five yards away, but he managed to swim back to the safety of the Miracle. The waves by this time had got much bigger.

After that we tried swimming, pushing the boat towards the shore.

About ten minutes later the safety boat appeared and plucked us out of the sea; we said goodbye to our Miracle and after a wet ride, we arrived on dry land.

48 of the 50 boats capsized, one of the two that stayed upright was an Enterprise, with brand new sails, when the boat returned the jib was like a lettuce leaf.

By the time we had reported we were safe and changed, the wind had subsided.

We walked to the next beach at Holme-next-the-Sea, it was covered with boats. Our Miracle had seaweed caught up around the sheets, that's all. We hoisted the sails, and arrived, two miles later, at Huntsanton Sailing Club.

The rest of the week was quite successful for the Miracle, with a silver cup, and three bottles of wine.

**Jackie Hudson, Miracle 3795, OUT OF THE DARK**



*Safe and sound back at WSC, Jackie poses with The Grand Turk in the background and Peter Horner flies the Miracle flag - well, sort of.*

Photo: David Hudson

## Medway Dinghy Regatta 2006 by Roy Winnett

The favourable forecast encouraged an excellent entry of 90 boats, including 42 visitors from as far a field as the Yorkshire Dales. Held over the weekend 8th & 9th July, the Saturday evening Barbecue and disco proved to be a huge success if bar sales is an indication. The event was sponsored by the locally based MTS Cleansing Services and Laser UK, and every entrant got a T-shirt and, if you were quick enough, a cap. The regatta incorporated the Laser Vortex SE Grand Prix Anglo-Marine Racing Plate Traveller's Trophy, which is sponsored by ASAP International and also the Wanderer Association Traveller's Trophy. Broxbourne SC sent a contingent of enthusiastic crew with eight boats.

Plenty of sunshine, sparkling seas and a force 3 - 4 south-westerly set the scene for the racing on Saturday enticing all to participate. Unfortunately Sunday dawned with grey skies and an evil blustery wind gusting to 30 knots that kept many ashore. Adding to the occasion the morning race was postponed as a square-rigged boat sailed through the line.

International Canoe aces Simon Allen and Mark Goodchild had their usual conflict in the fast handicap with Martin Jones (Contender) joining the contest. Allen won the opening races on Saturday, with Goodchild a couple of thirds and Jones a fourth and second. Jones won race 3 with Allen second and Goodchild third, so with three races to count all were in contention for the top prize going into the final race. It was neck and neck between them on the final leg to the line but Goodchild had a spill, Allen a dunking to allow Jones through for another win and the series. David/Stuart Mason (Laser 4000) was consistent with three fourths to count and Ian Foxwell/Hannah Packman (Buzz) was fifth on aggregate.

In contrast Tony Hunt with, in turn, Alison Dart, David Bourne and Suzanne Hall (Laser 3000) had three comfortable victories under their belt going into the last race of the 26 strong medium handicap fleet. The other prizes were still up for grabs, with Lucy Heather/Laura Alldis (RS200) and Laser 2000 contestants David Vettergreen/Janice Smith and Roy Winnett/Geoff Lambert in the frame. Heather/Alldis were over the line at the start, Hunt/Hall decided to retire and Vettergreen/Smith had a lengthy swim when they attempted to fly their gennaker. Winnett/Lambert survived their gennaker launch, kept the lead to win and were awarded third prize overall; a second place for Vettergreen/Smith gave them runners-up spot. Heather/Alldis were fourth, while a fourth place lifted Gordon Belcher (Laser) to fifth overall. Juniors Tom Lambert and Nicola Smith contested the four races in their Laser 3000 to end up in 6th place and were awarded the Laser Cup for perseverance.

Similarly Peter Horner/David Brooker won the first three races in the Miracle event to ensure they lifted the Mirror Magnum Trophy; a win for Colin/Martin Lown in the last race gave them runner-up prize and David/Jackie Hudson, last year's winners, had to settle for third.

Just 5 boats contested the slow handicap and David/Sandra Wilson (Graduate), who have won for the past five years, were expected to retain the Medway Regatta Trophy. However, although they won the first race, they lost out to Daniel Redrupp (Topper) in the next three, so the Wilsons had to settle for second spot. David admitted afterwards that Daniel deserved to win for his exceptional sailing skill in the challenging conditions, so in recognition of this Tom Sims the Race Officer awarded him the Bill Stewart Cup.

Richard Stone just managed to hold onto his longstanding possession of the Wayfarer Matkin Trophy. John Goudie/Susan Raiser pegged him, each with a win and a second place at the half way stage. Stone/John Player won race 3 while Goudie/Raiser were forced to retire after numerous dips, so they needed to win the final race to take the title. But they could only manage a second place as Brian McKenzie/Roger Gibbs spoiled their chances by winning the race and in the process securing the third prize.

Seven Wanderer visitors joined John Talbot/Jean Whittaker from the



*Pre-start milling on the Saturday afternoon* Photo David Hudson

home club for the Traveller's Trophy. Adam Wickenham/Jack Mann had two firsts and a second going into the final race while Gavin Barr/Mark Skipper trailed with a first and two seconds. However, Barr/Skipper led Wickenham/Mann to the line to win by a 28 seconds margin and the event. Andy Hines-Lindo/Jon Redshaw had three consistent thirds to count.

Three host club Laser Vortex asymmetrics were joined by eight visitors for the opening races and at the half way stage Chris Tilbrook, Phil Whitehead, Jonathan Lister, Neil Spinks and Mike Gower were in contention. However the strengthened winds on Sunday sorted out the top guys with Tilbrook first, Whitehead second and Lister third in both races and the same overall.

**Fast Handicap Fleet - Sailed: 4 Discards: 1 Boats: 23**

|      |            |                   |                  |      |    |
|------|------------|-------------------|------------------|------|----|
| 1st  | Contender  | Martin Jones      |                  | WSC  | 4  |
| 2nd  | Int Canoe  | Simon Allen       |                  | HISC | 4  |
| 3rd  | Int Canoe  | Mark Goodchild    |                  | MYC  | 9  |
| 4th  | Laser 4000 | David Mason       | Stuart Mason     | WSC  | 12 |
| 5th  | Buzz       | Ian Foxwell       | Hannah Packman   | WSC  | 18 |
| 6th  | Buzz       | Stuart Bailey     | Zoe Noble        | MYC  | 20 |
| 7th  | Laser 4000 | Stewart Robertson | Richard Melcoffe | WSC  | 20 |
| 8th  | Laser 4000 | Tom Gray          | Jon Patridge     | MYC  | 21 |
| 9th  | Osprey     | Paul Heather      | Jonathan Osgood  | WSC  | 30 |
| 10th | RS800      | Ian Paris         | Ian Watson       | WSC  | 36 |
| 12th | RS 600     | Doug Homer        |                  | WSC  | 47 |
| 13th | Buzz       | Robert Joce       | Isabel Joce      | QMSC | 47 |

**Vortex Fleet - Sailed: 4 Discards: 1 Boats: 11**

|     |      |                  |                   |    |
|-----|------|------------------|-------------------|----|
| 1st | 1030 | Chris Tilbrook   | Teign Corinthians | 4  |
| 2nd | 1045 | Phil Whitehead   | Yorkshire Dales   | 5  |
| 3rd | 1164 | Jonathan Lister  | Yorkshire Dales   | 7  |
| 4th | 1048 | Neil Spink       | Yorkshire Dales   | 12 |
| 5th | 1073 | Terence Pressdee | Yorkshire Dales   | 13 |
| 6th | 1013 | Mike Gower       | WSC               | 15 |

**Slow Handicap Fleet - Sailed: 4 Discards: 1 Boats: 5**

|     |          |                |               |            |    |
|-----|----------|----------------|---------------|------------|----|
| 1st | Topper   | Daniel Redrupp |               | Bixbne     | 3  |
| 2nd | Graduate | David Wilson   | Sandra Wilson | Broadwater | 5  |
| 3rd | Topper   | Jonathan Hewat |               | MYC        | 14 |
| 4th | Laser 13 | Robin Price    | David Price   | WSC        | 18 |

**Medium Handicap Fleet - Sailed: 4 Discards: 1 Boats: 26**

|      |            |                   |                                       |          |    |
|------|------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|----|
| 1st  | Laser 3000 | Tony Hunt         | Allison Dart/David Bourn/Suzanne Hall | WSC      | 3  |
| 2nd  | Laser 2000 | David Vettergreen | Janice Smith                          | WSC      | 6  |
| 3rd  | Laser 2000 | Roy Winnett       | Geoff Lambert                         | WSC      | 10 |
| 4th  | RS 200     | Lucy Heather      | Laura Aldis                           | WSC      | 11 |
| 5th  | Laser      | Gordon Belcher    |                                       | WSC      | 21 |
| 6th  | Laser 3000 | Thomas Lambert    | Nicola Smith                          | WSC      | 31 |
| 7th  | 420        | Alec Rogers       | Aarna Smith                           | WSC      | 33 |
| 8th  | Lark       | Katharine Sampson | Allison Dart                          | WSC      | 34 |
| 9th  | Phantom    | Malcolm Levey     |                                       | WSC      | 35 |
| 10th | RS 300     | Chris Mason       |                                       | Draycote | 36 |
| 11th | Laser 2000 | Jayne Lambert     | Paul Thorpe                           | WSC      | 37 |
| 12th | Lark       | Bob Redrupp       | John Carroll                          | Exline   | 41 |
| 13th | RS 300     | Matthew Wynn      |                                       | WSC      | 42 |
| 14th | Kestrel    | Bob Dutton        | Peter Good                            | WSC      | 42 |

**Wayfarer Fleet - Sailed: 4 Discards: 1 Boats: 9**

|     |       |                 |                   |     |    |
|-----|-------|-----------------|-------------------|-----|----|
| 1st | 8288  | Richard Stone   | John Player       | MYC | 4  |
| 2nd | 9812  | John Goudie     | Susan Raiser      | WSC | 5  |
| 3rd | 9498  | Brian Mc Kenzie | Mark Seed         | MYC | 6  |
| 4th | 9491  | Andrew Pearson  | Stan Pearson      | MYC | 10 |
| 5th | 10201 | Brian Lamb      | Nick Fenson Smith | WSC | 12 |

**Miracle Fleet - Sailed: 4 Discards: 1 Boats: 8**

|     |      |                 |                |     |    |
|-----|------|-----------------|----------------|-----|----|
| 1st | 3806 | Peter Horner    | David Brooker] | WSC | 3  |
| 2nd | 206  | Colin Lown      | Marin Lown     | WSC | 5  |
| 3rd | 3795 | David Hudson    | Jackie Hudson  | WSC | 8  |
| 4th | 210  | Andrew Clarke   | Rob Silverton  | WSC | 12 |
| 5th | 3722 | Lesley O'Rourke | Angie Clemence | WSC | 18 |

**Wanderer Fleet - Sailed: 4 Discards: 1 Boats: 8**

|     |      |                  |              |               |    |
|-----|------|------------------|--------------|---------------|----|
| 1st | 1282 | Gavin Barr       | Mark Skipper | Whitstable YC | 4  |
| 2nd | 1087 | Adam Wickendes   | Jack Mann    | Silverwing    | 4  |
| 3rd | 1626 | Andy Hince-Linda | Jon Redshear | South Ferry   | 8  |
| 4th | 992  | Mike Hamilton    | David Oats   | CSSA          | 12 |

## **Wilsonian Grand Prix 2006** by Jeremy Drummond

There was an added incentive for many sailors to speed round the Medway Creeks in Wilsonian Sailing Club's premier open meeting, the Grand Prix, on June 25th, as it preceded England's World Cup football game with Ecuador. This was the first year of sponsorship by Craftinsure. There were 55 entries, with 15 visitors, and the weather was kind with a steady Force 3 under pleasant if cloudy skies.

The course made full use of the high tide with a club buoy rounding close to the shallows by Nor Marsh. It deceived some crews who got too close to the mud at the edge of South Yantlett Creek on the passage down to Otterham Creek buoy. The asymmetrics were less happy with the dead run back up the river to Hoo Creek and then enjoyed the close reach to the club buoy near Nor Marsh.

The fast handicap boats took full advantage of the slackening tide after their late start and claimed all the top places. Mark Goodchild from Medway Yacht Club took top honours in his International Canoe. Close behind were the pack of Wilsonian SC RS800's lead by up and coming sailors, Simon Conway and Sam Proctor. They picked up the award for the first two person trapeze boat with an asymmetric spinnaker. Ian Parris and Ian Watson (RS800) were third overall.

Phil Harris brought his Vortex home in 5th place to earn first place in the one person/trapeze/asymmetric spinnaker category. The first two person trapeze boat with a symmetric spinnaker to cross the finish line was Paul Heather and Jonathan Osgood in their Osprey in 12th place overall.

Tony Hunt and David Bourne (Laser 3000) were the first medium handicap fleet boat to finish with a very creditable sixth in the tidal conditions. Des Davis and Mark Lee (MYC) then led a pack of Wayfarers from this fleet with 14th place and finished as the first place two person non-trapeze boat with a symmetric spinnaker.

Makolm Levey (Phantom) was the first single handed non-trapeze boat without a spinnaker to complete the course (21st overall). Holly Hewat and Charlotte Gore from Medway Yacht Club came in 27th in their RS200 and led the fleet of two person non-trapeze boats with asymmetric spinnakers.

The first slow handicap boat, Peter Horner and David Brooker's Miracle, came home in 23rd after a valliant battle against the tidal streams encountered by the first start. David and Sandra Wilson in their Graduate from the Broadwater club were the second of this fleet to finish and

took 29th place on corrected time and the prize for first non-trapeze/  
non-spinnaker boat.

It was pleasing to see a good entry of juniors in two person boats. The first to cross the line was Alec Rodgers and Aaron Smith in 24th place in their 420.

From the smiles and chatter after the race it was clear that everyone had had an enjoyable sail and were looking forward to the then forthcoming Medway Marathon and Regatta.

|    |             |                    |                      |     |      |          |
|----|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----|------|----------|
| 1  | Int Canoe   | Mark Goodchild     |                      | MYC | 905  | 01:36:23 |
| 2  | RS 800      | Simon Conway       | Sam Proctor          | WSC | 822  | 01:37:29 |
| 3  | RS 800      | Ian Paris          | Ian Wilson           | WSC | 822  | 01:38:21 |
| 4  | RS800       | Andrew Pickell     | Vivienne Pickell     | WSC | 822  | 01:39:13 |
| 5  | Vortex A    | Phil Harris        |                      | WSC | 930  | 01:39:55 |
| 6  | Laser 3000  | Tony Hunt          | David Bourne         | WSC | 1630 | 01:40:28 |
| 7  | Laser 5000  | John Tinnams       | Steve Tinnams        | WSC | 946  | 01:40:41 |
| 8  | Vortex A    | Mike Gower         |                      | WSC | 930  | 01:43:14 |
| 9  | Laser 4000  | Stewart Robertson  | Richard Metcalfe     | WSC | 908  | 01:44:36 |
| 10 | Contender   | Matthew Love       |                      | WSC | 964  | 01:45:45 |
| 11 | Musto Skiff | Grahame Smith      |                      | WSC | 675  | 01:45:52 |
| 12 | Osprey      | Paul Heather       | Jon Osgood           | WSC | 940  | 01:47:03 |
| 13 | Osprey      | Tim Kit            | Paul Rogers          | WSC | 940  | 01:47:35 |
| 14 | Wayfarer    | Des Davis          | Mark Lee             | MYC | 1099 | 01:48:40 |
| 15 | Wayfarer    | Richard Stone      | Catherine Gore       | MYC | 1099 | 01:49:27 |
| 16 | Wayfarer    | Brian McKenzie     | Mark Seep            | MYC | 1099 | 01:50:08 |
| 17 | Wayfarer    | John Goulko        | S Hall               | WSC | 1099 | 01:50:38 |
| 18 | Wayfarer    | Steve Walder Davis | Barbara Walder Davis | MYC | 1099 | 01:51:24 |
| 19 | Wayfarer    | Simon Winn         | John Poyer           | MYC | 1099 | 01:51:36 |

## Commodore's Trophy Series (in part) by Roy Winnett

This year saw the return to a split-fleet format, but whereas in previous incarnations the fleets were referred to as Commodore's and Bosun's, this year the nomenclature Commodores 1 & 2 was used. Comm's 1 was a longer course, and 2 relatively short. 33 boats contested the long course and 44 boats the short course over the 5 race series, of which three were to count.

A light to moderate breeze filled in for the start of the final races. All the top places were up for grabs in both fleets and most of the contenders were on the start line. The course did not favour the spinnaker boats and Martin Jones took full advantage of this to win on corrected time and secure runners-up spot in the process, while a second for Tony Hunt/David Bourne was sufficient for them to lift the Commodores 1 Trophy. Similarly Doug Horner beat David/Stuart Mason to the line to pickup fourth and fifth respectively on aggregate with Simon Conway/Sam Proctor, who were not competing, retaining third spot.

In Commodore's 2, Malcolm Levey (Phantom), who had not competed previously, led the short course fleet all the way to win by a comfortable margin and Lambert/Smith showed their earlier form for a well deserved second which lifted them 8th overall, while Brian Lamb/Brian Warwick added a third to a couple of seconds for overall winners. A sixth for Nick Fenton-Smith and a fourth for Roy Winnett/Geoff Lambert gave them third and fourth places respectively on aggregate, while David Vettergreen/Janice Smith in spite of suffering a swim had done enough previously to hold for second spot.

### Commodores 1 Fleet - Sailed: 5 Discards: 2 Boats: 33

|      |                   |               |                                      |    |
|------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|----|
| 1st  | Lasar 3000        | Tony Hunt     | Suzanne Hall/David Bourne            | 5  |
| 2nd  | Contender         | Martin Jones  |                                      | 8  |
| 3rd  | RS 800            | Simon Conway  | Sam Proctor                          | 10 |
| 4th  | RS 600            | Doug Horner   |                                      | 12 |
| 5th  | Lasar 4000        | David Mason   | Stuart Mason                         | 12 |
| 6th  | RS 800            | Andy Pickrell | Vivienne Pickrell/Caroline Alexander | 13 |
| 7th  | RS 800            | Ian Parris    | C Alexander/Watson/N Ashby           | 14 |
| 8th  | RS 400            | Chris Ashby   | Mike Smith/Kate Parris               | 17 |
| 9th  | Lasar Vortex Asym | Mike Gower    |                                      | 18 |
| 10th | Musto Skill       | Grahame Smith |                                      | 21 |

**Commodore's 1 cont'd...**

|      |                |                    |                            |    |
|------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----|
| 11th | Laser 4000     | Stewart Robertson  | Matt Robertson/Sonja Riley | 29 |
| 12th | Laser Vortex A | Phil Harris        |                            | 33 |
| 13th | Contender      | Mathew Love        |                            | 36 |
| 14th | Laser 4000     | Jonathan Schofield | Annetarie Weland           | 43 |
| 15th | Laser 5000     | John Tinnams       | Steve Tinnams              | 46 |
| 16th | 50er           | Tim Kift           | Paul Rodgers               | 58 |
| 17th | Laser 4000     | Colin Treadwell    | Adam Treadwell             | 60 |
| 18th | Buzz           | Ian Forwell        | Hannah Padiman             | 69 |
| 19th | Contender      | J Ramsden          |                            | 69 |
| 20th | Osprey         | Tim Kift           | Paul Rodgers               | 73 |

**Commodores 2 Fleet - Sailed: 5 Discards: 2 Boats: 44**

|      |            |                                   |                                   |    |
|------|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1st  | Wayfarer   | Brian Lamb                        | Brian Warwick                     | 7  |
| 2nd  | Laser 2000 | David Vettergreen                 | Jenice Smith                      | 14 |
| 3rd  | Phantom    | Nick Fenton-Smith/Brian Warwick   |                                   | 15 |
| 4th  | Laser 2000 | Roy Winnett                       | Geoff Lambert                     | 15 |
| 5th  | Kestrel    | Jeremy Drummond                   | Ian Drummond                      | 16 |
| 6th  | Miracle    | Colin Low                         | Martin/Maureen Low                | 21 |
| 7th  | Laser      | Gordon Bolcher                    |                                   | 22 |
| 8th  | Laser 3000 | Tom Lambert                       | Nicola Smith                      | 24 |
| 9th  | Miracle    | David Hudson                      | Jackie Hudson                     | 26 |
| 10th | Laser 2000 | Jayne Lambert                     | Paul Thorpe                       | 30 |
| 11th | Miracle    | Lesley O'Rourke                   | Angie Clements/John Innes         | 36 |
| 12th | Enterprise | Andy Hockey                       | L Somers/B Shelden                | 41 |
| 13th | Laser 2000 | Nik Antoniadou/Andy Hockey        | Catherine Evans/B Alexander       | 41 |
| 14th | Laser      | Graham Jenkinson                  |                                   | 44 |
| 15th | Wayfarer   | Roy Laphorn                       | David Buitfoot                    | 53 |
| 16th | Miracle    | Gordon Wallace                    | Leah Johnson                      | 53 |
| 17th | Laser 2000 | John Parsons                      | Bryan Dummail                     | 55 |
| 18th | Laser II   | David Fenech                      | Allison Williams                  | 55 |
| 19th | Buzz       | Sonja Riley/Peter Homer           | Caroline Alexander/ David Brooker | 70 |
| 20th | Miracle    | Peter Homer                       | Jane Drummond/David Brooker       | 70 |
| 21st | Buzz       | Adam Treadwell/Jonathan Schofield | Tina Wallis                       | 74 |
| 22nd | 420        | Alec Rodgers                      | Aaron Smith                       | 76 |
| 23rd | Miracle    | Nina Wallis                       | Sue Hannant                       | 76 |

## Early Summer Series

| Class  | Helm       | Crew                     | Pts                                |    |
|--|------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|----|
| <b>Fast H'cap Fleet - Sailed: 10 Discards: 4 Boats: 24</b>   |            |                          |                                    |    |
| 1st  | RS 400     | Chris Ashby              | Mika Smith/David Bourne            | 10 |
| 2nd  | RS 800     | Simon Curway             | Sam Proctor/Ian Parris             | 10 |
| 3rd  | Laser 4000 | Stewart Robertson        | Scnja Riley/Richard Micozito       | 26 |
| 4th  | RS 800     | Ian Parris               | Ian Watson/Hirsty Hill             | 28 |
| 5th  | Oxpey      | Tim IGR                  | Paul Rodgers/Tom Kiff/Ian Drummond | 31 |
| 6th  | Contender  | Matthew Love             |                                    | 34 |
| 7th  | Laser 5000 | John Tinnama             | Steve Tinnama                      | 40 |
| <b>Medium H'cap Fleet - Sailed: 10 Discards: 4 Boats: 43</b> |            |                          |                                    |    |
| 1st  | Phantom    | Malcolm Levey            |                                    | 17 |
| 2nd  | Laser 2000 | David Vettergreen        | Jarice Smith/John Parsons          | 24 |
| 3rd  | Wayfarer   | Brian Lamb/Brian Warwick | Brian Waniewski/Derek Cummings     | 26 |
| 4th  | Kestrel    | Bob Dutton               | Peter Good/P Connolly              | 32 |
| 5th  | Laser 2000 | Roy Winnett              | Geoff Lambert                      | 32 |
| 6th  | Laser      | Gordon Belcher           |                                    | 33 |
| 7th  | Kestrel    | Jenetty Drummond         | Jana Drummond                      | 42 |
| 8th  | 420        | Alec Rodgers             | Aaron Smith                        | 52 |
| 9th  | Laser I    | David Fenech             | Arlson Williams                    | 53 |
| 10th   | Laser 2000 | Jayne Lambert            | Paul Thorpe                        | 63 |
| 11th   | Laser      | Grahams Jenkinson        |                                    | 72 |
| 12th   | Buzz       | Martin Brown             | Amanda Randall                     | 81 |
| 13th   | Laser 2000 | Nik Antonlades           | Cathy Evans                        | 94 |
| 14th   | Phantom    | Neil Lamprell            |                                    | 97 |
| <b>Slow H'cap Fleet - Sailed: 10 Discards: 4 Boats: 2</b>    |            |                          |                                    |    |
| 1st  | RS Feva    | Jim Tyler                | Anna Tyler                         | 11 |
| 2nd  | Wanderer   | John Talbot              | Jean Whitaker                      | 14 |

**Junior Fleet - Sailed: 10 Discards: 4 Boats 8**

|     |              |                             |              |    |
|-----|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----|
| 1st | Laser 4.7    | Robin Price                 | 38           |    |
| 2nd | Topper       | Stephanie Wicken            | 39           |    |
| 3rd | Topper       | Alexander LeGassick         | 40           |    |
| 4th | Topper       | Martin Loan                 | 41           |    |
| 5th | Topper       | Edward LeGassick            | 46           |    |
| 6th | Topper       | Aaron Smith                 | 46           |    |
| 7th | Laser 3000   | Rachel Bermingham           | Nicola Smith | 51 |
| 8th | Laser Radial | Adam Bermingham/A Baradough | 52           |    |

**Late Summer Series****Fast H/cap Fleet - Sailed: 10 Discards: 4 Boats 20**

|     |            |                   |                                   |    |
|-----|------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1st | RS 400     | Chris Ashby       | Katie Parris/Neil Ashby           | 7  |
| 2nd | RS 800     | Simon Conway      | Sam Proctor                       | 9  |
| 3rd | Laser 4000 | Stewart Robertson | Richard Melkoff/Matthew Robertson | 26 |
| 4th | Laser 5000 | John Tinnams      | Steve Tinnams                     | 29 |
| 5th | Laser 4000 | David Mason       | Stuart Mason                      | 36 |
| 6th | Contender  | Martin Jones      |                                   | 50 |
| 7th | Osprey     | Paul Heather      | Jonathan Osgood                   | 57 |

**Medium H/cap Fleet - Sailed: 10 Discards: 4 Boats: 42**

|     |            |                           |                                  |     |
|-----|------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|
| 1st | Laser 3000 | Tony Hunt                 | Suzanne Hallinan Foxwell         | 7   |
| 2nd | Weyfare    | Brian Lamb                | Brian Warwick                    | 9   |
| 3rd | Laser 2000 | Roy Winnett/Geoff Lambert | Geoff Lambert/A Parsons/Tom Mans | 35  |
| 4th | Laser II   | David Fenech              | Aileen Williams                  | 45  |
| 5th | Phantom    | Neil Lamprell             |                                  | 60  |
| 6th | Laser 2000 | Nik Antoniadou            | Cathy Evans                      | 61  |
| 7th | Wayfarer   | John Goudie               | Susan Raiser/G Labbery           | 72  |
| 8th | Laser      | Gordon Belcher            |                                  | 113 |
| 9th | Buzz       | Sonja Riley               | Caroline Alexander               | 113 |
| 10  | Phantom    | Nik Fenton-Smith          |                                  | 120 |
| 11  | Kestrel    | Jeremy Drummond           | Jane Drummond                    | 122 |
| 12  | Kestrel    | Len Ayris                 | Derek Cummings                   | 125 |
| 13  | 420        | Alec Rodgers              | Aaron Smith                      | 127 |
| 14  | RS Vision  | Tan Kiri                  | Paul Rodgers                     | 128 |

**Late Summer Series continued**

| Pos   | Class      | Helm             | Crew         | Pts |
|---|------------|------------------|--------------|-----|
| <b>Slow H'cap Fleet - Sailed: 10 Discards: 4 Boats: 2</b> |            |                  |              |     |
| 1st   | RS Feva    | Jim Tyler        |              | 12  |
| 2nd   | Topper     | David Price      |              | 16  |
| <b>Junior Fleet - Sailed: 10 Discards: 4 Boats: 6</b>     |            |                  |              |     |
| 1st   | Topper     | Stephanie Wicken |              | 30  |
| 2nd   | Topper     | A LeGassick      |              | 30  |
| 3rd   | Laser 4.7  | Robin Price      |              | 32  |
| 4th   | Topper     | Aaron Smith      |              | 38  |
| 5th   | Laser II   | Tom Kilt         | Den Drummond | 37  |
| 6th   | Laser 3000 | Ashley Harris    | Nicola Smith | 38  |

**Autumn Series****Fast H'cap Fleet - Sailed: 8 Discards: 3 Boats: 16**

|     |             |                       |                                     |    |
|-----|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|----|
| 1st | RS 800      | Ian Parrie/Doug Homer | Ian Watson/Ian Parrie/Doug Homer    | 10 |
| 2nd | Muslo Skiff | Grahame Smith         | Aaron Smith                         | 14 |
| 3rd | RS 400      | Chris Ashby           | Kate Parrie/Paul Heather/Mike Smith | 17 |
| 4th | Cortender   | Matthew Love          | Lauren Treadwell                    | 18 |
| 5th | RS 800      | Andy Pickard          | Caroline Alexander                  | 30 |
| 6th | Laser 4000  | David Mason           | Stuart Mason                        | 38 |
| 7th | Laser 4000  | Stewart Robertson     | R Metcalfe/M Robertson/Sonja Riley  | 40 |
| 8th | 59er        | Tim Kilt              | Paul Rodgers                        | 52 |

**Medium H'cap Fleet - Sailed: 8 Discards: 3 Boats: 31**

|     |            |                             |  |    |
|-----|------------|-----------------------------|--|----|
| 1st | Buzz       | Ian Foxwell                 | Hannah Pookman                           | 9  |
| 2nd | Wayfarer   | Brian Lamb/Brian Warwick    | Brian Lamb/Richard Ayland/Derek Cummings | 12 |
| 3rd | Laser 2000 | Roy Winnett                 | Geoff Lambert                            | 21 |
| 4th | Laser 3000 | Tom Lambert                 | Nicola Smith                             | 25 |
| 5th | Phantom    | Neil Lamprell               |  | 39 |
| 6th | Wayfarer   | John Goudie                 | Susan Rateer                             | 54 |
| 7th | Laser II   | David Fenech                | Allison Williams                         | 57 |
| 8th | Laser 2000 | Jayne Lambert/Grahame Smith | Paul Thorpe/Ian Foxwell                  | 60 |

**Medium H'cap Fleet continued**

|      |            |                         |                |    |
|------|------------|-------------------------|----------------|----|
| 9th  | Tasar      | Malcolm Levey           | B Colbert      | 83 |
| 10th | Laser II   | Tom Kib/Jeremy Drummond | Don Drummond   | 74 |
| 11th | V 3000     | Tony Hunt               | Suzanne Hall   | 77 |
| 12th | Kestrel    | Jeremy Drummond         | Jane Drummond  | 78 |
| 13th | Laser      | Gordon Belcher          |                | 85 |
| 14th | Buzz       | Martin Brown            | Amanda Randall | 86 |
| 15th | Laser 2000 | Nik Antonades           | Carly Evans    | 92 |

**Junior Fleet - Sailed: 8 Discards: 3 Boats: 4**

|     |        |                     |              |    |
|-----|--------|---------------------|--------------|----|
| 1st | Topper | Alexander LeGassick |              | 17 |
| 2nd | Topper | Martin Low          |              | 20 |
| 3rd | Topper | Adam Birmingham     |              | 22 |
| 4th | 29er   | Aaron Smith         | Alex Rodgers | 22 |

## The Evening Race

| Pos  | Class      | Helm           | Crew          |
|------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1st  | Osprey     | Paul Heather   | Martin Jones  |
| 2nd  | Blaze      | Ian Cowell     |               |
| 3rd  | Wayfarer   | Brian Lamb     | Brian Warwick |
| 4th  | RS 200     | Lucy Heather   | Laura Aldis   |
| 5th  | RS 800     | Simon Conway   | Sam Procter   |
| 6th  | RS 600     | Steve Tinnams  |               |
| 7th  | Laser 2000 | Roy Winnet     | Geoff Lambert |
| 8th  | Laser 2000 | Jayne Lambert  | Paul Thorpe   |
| 9th  | Graduate   | David Wilson   | Sandra Wilson |
| 10th | Laser 3000 | Tom Lambert    | Nicola Smith  |
| 11th | Miracle    | Petar Homer    | David Brooker |
| 12th | Europe     | Hannah Packman |               |

## Miracle Summer Series

| Pos                                      | Sail No | Helm                        | Crew  | Pts |
|--|---------|-----------------------------|---|-----|
| <b>AM Fleet - Sailed: 10 Discards: 4</b> |         |                             |   |     |
| 1st                                      | 3737    | Martin Smith                | Mike Groom/Josh Heyes                               | 7   |
| 2nd                                      | 3722    | Lesley O'Rourke/Roy Laphorn | P Heyes/A Clemence/M McKay/<br>D Burfoot/Ben Brooks | 14  |
| 3rd                                      | 1808    | Paul Nudds                  |   | 36  |
| 4th                                      | 3805    | Peter Homer                 | David Brooker                                       | 42  |
| 5th                                      | 2955    | Gordon Wallace              | Lesh Johnson/Steve Bridges                          | 57  |
| 6th                                      | 3718    | Nina Wallis/Nicky Brant     | Chris Wallis  | 62  |
| 7th                                      | 3636    | Ben Brooks                  | T Brooks/K Hill                                     | 67  |
| 8th                                      | 206     | Colin Lown                  | Maureen Lown/D Biddle                               | 75  |
| 9th                                      | 36      | Nina Wallis                 | Sue Hannant   | 79  |
| 10th                                     | 80      | Peter Heyes                 | Susan Heyes   | 91  |
| 11th                                     | 3829    | Martin McKay                | Peter Heyes   | 93  |
| 12th                                     | 3795    | David Hudson                | Jackie Hudson                                       | 94  |
| 13th                                     | 1506    | Steven Pettifer             | Sarah Cotton  | 94  |
| 14th                                     | 1502    | Chris Cherriman             | Terry Lovegrove                                     | 94  |
| 15th                                     | 3553    | Adrian Totton               | James Totton  | 96  |
| 16th                                     | 210     | Andrew Clarke               | Chris Wallis  | 96  |
| <b>PM Fleet - Sailed: 10 Discards: 4</b> |         |                             |   |     |
| 1st                                      | 3737    | Martin Smith                | Mike Groom  | 6   |
| 2nd                                      | 3722    | Lesley O'Rourke             | M Smith/A Clements/M McKay                          | 46  |
| 3rd                                      | 3636    | Ben Brooks                  | Tom Brooks  | 47  |
| 4th                                      | 3805    | Peter Homer                 | David Brooker/Gordon Wallace                        | 49  |
| 5th                                      | 3718    | Nina Wallis                 | Chris Wallis  | 64  |
| 6th                                      | 206     | Colin Lown                  | Maureen Lown  | 77  |
| 7th                                      | 1808    | Paul Nudds                  |   | 77  |
| 8th                                      | 3829    | Martin McKay                |   | 78  |
| 9th                                      | 36      | Nina Wallis                 | Sue Hannant   | 80  |
| 10th                                     | 80      | Peter Heyes                 | Tim Gift/Susan Heyes                                | 81  |

**Miracle PM Summer Series continued**

|      |      |                 |                            |    |
|------|------|-----------------|----------------------------|----|
| 11th | 3795 | David Hudson    | Jackie Hudson              | 81 |
| 12th | 2855 | Gordon Wallace  | Leah Johnson/Steve Bridges | 84 |
| 13th | 1502 | Chris Cherriman | Terry Lovegrove            | 92 |
| 14th | 3553 | Adrian Totton   | James Totton               | 93 |
| 15th | 210  | Andrew Clarke   | Chris Wallis               | 94 |
| 16th | 1506 | Steven Petifer  | Sarah Cotton               | 96 |

**Miracle Autumn Series**

| Pos | Sail No | Helm | Crew | Pts |
|-----|---------|------|------|-----|
|-----|---------|------|------|-----|

**AM Fleet - Sailed: 3 Discards: 0**

|     |      |                 |                               |    |
|-----|------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----|
| 1st | 3737 | Martin Smith    | Mike Groom                    | 3  |
| 2nd | 3722 | Lesley O'Rourke | Angie Clemence/Peter Matthews | 7  |
| 3rd | 3795 | David Hudson    | Jackie Hudson                 | 12 |
| 4th | 3636 | Ben Brooks      | Tom Brooks/Rebecca Seager     | 16 |
| 5th | 3805 | Peter Horner    | David Brooker                 | 17 |
| 6th | 206  | Colin Lown      | Maureen/Martin Lown           | 19 |
| 7th | 36   | Nina Wallis     | Sue Hannant                   | 20 |

**PM Fleet - Sailed: 4 Discards: 1**

|     |      |                 |                               |    |
|-----|------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----|
| 1st | 3737 | Martin Smith    | Mike Groom                    | 4  |
| 2nd | 3722 | Lesley O'Rourke | Angie Clemence/Peter Matthews | 12 |
| 3rd | 3636 | Ben Brooks      | Tom Brooks/Rebecca Seager     | 15 |
| 4th | 3805 | Peter Horner    | David Brooker                 | 17 |
| 5th | 2870 | Paul Rodgers    | Jane Drummond                 | 18 |
| 6th | 206  | Colin Lown      | Maureen Lown                  | 18 |
| 7th | 3795 | David Hudson    | Jackie Hudson                 | 19 |

# Leigh Trophy

by Roy Winnett

Clear blue skies and a warm, light easterly welcomed members to the club. The Crews' Race in the morning gave the opportunity of the crews to prove their helming ability. The strong flood tide and light airs made the beat down river a difficult undertaking for the six entries but Aaron Smith/Alec Rodgers (420) and Katie Parris/Lucy Heather (RS 200) showed the way. They were neck and neck all the way and although just 2 seconds separated them at the line, Smith/Rodgers won comfortably on corrected time. Alison Williams/David Fenech followed them home for third well ahead of fourth placed Nicola Smith/Tom Lambert (Laser 3000).

The wind gradually increased to a steady force 3 over lunch for the start of the Leigh Trophy race and a long course was set through Hoo, South Yantlett and Otterham Creeks to encourage 26 entries. Two Miracles were the first off but the conditions did not suit them and were soon overhauled by the Phantoms of Brian Reeve and Mark Bew, followed by the Kestrels of Len Ayrís/Derek Cummings and Bob Dutton/Peter Good. However it was Ian Parris/Caroline Alexander (RS 800), starting 15 minutes later, who overtook the leaders on the homeward trek to take line honours and lift the Leigh Trophy. Graham Smith (Musto Skiff), also a late starter found his form in the gentle conditions to take second spot. Reeve eased ahead of Bew on the final leg for third and fourth respectively, while Ayrís/Cummings won the contest of the Kestrels and fifth place on adjusted time by just one second over sixth placed Stewart/Matthew Robertson (Laser 4000)

|      |             |                   |                    |
|------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1st  | RS 800      | Ian Parris        | Caroline Alexander |
| 2nd  | Musto Skiff | Grahame Smith     |                    |
| 3rd  | Phantom     | Brian Reeve       |                    |
| 4th  | Phantom     | Mark Bew          |                    |
| 5th  | Kestrel     | Len Ayrís         | Derek Cummings     |
| 6th  | Laser 4000  | Stewart Robertson | Matthew Robertson  |
| 7th  | Kestrel     | Bob Dutton        | Peter Good         |
| 8th  | Contender   | Matthew Love      |                    |
| 9th  | RS 200      | Lucy Heather      | Katie Parris       |
| 10th | Laser 3000  | Roy Winnett       | Geoff Lambert      |
| 11th | 59er        | Tim Kit           | Faul Rodgers       |
| 12th | Laser II    | David Fenech      | Alison Williams    |
| 13th | Kestrel     | Jeremy Drummond   | Jane Drummond      |

# The Wednesday Series

This series successfully ran its third year with 60 boats making a total of 212 boat-starts between them. Average turnout was 12 boats over the series, which for the first time featured a more structured duty system, wherein people were expected to do a duty for every three races sailed. With the regular assistance of Terry Eaglestone this meant that all duty slots were just about covered. There did seem to be fewer 'casual' sailors this year who sailed only one or two races; whether the prospect of duty expectations put people off is uncertain, but it was emphasised on several occasions that no duty was expected from those who put in only the odd appearance.

Another notable first this year was the input of Len & Trish Ayris, who effectively acted as CDO most weeks and got the bar and galley into full swing, including bacon sandwiches - a huge improvement on previous years' 'get changed in the dark and straight home' routine.

Winds were generally kind, and despite a few late and windless finishes, when stragglers were towed in under RIB navigation lights, no races had to be abandoned.

|      |              |                                  |  |     |
|------|--------------|----------------------------------|--|-----|
| 1st  | Laser 3000   | Tony Hunt                        | David Bourne                                     | 9   |
| 2nd  | RS800        | Ian Parris/Doug Homer            | Ian Watson/Grahame Smith/Ian Parris              | 17  |
| 3rd  | RS800        | Simon Carway                     | Sam Proctor/Emily Stanbrook/Doug Homer           | 20  |
| 4th  | MPS          | Grahame Smith                    |  | 21  |
| 5th  | Laser II     | David Fenech                     | Aileen Williams                                  | 25  |
| 6th  | Lark         | Katharine Sampson/Des Davis      | Aileen Dart                                      | 34  |
| 7th  | Laser 2000   | Jayne Lambert                    | Paul Thorpe                                      | 34  |
| 8th  | RS600        | Steve Tinnams                    |  | 38  |
| 9th  | Buzz         | Ian Foxwell                      | Hannah Packman/Des Davis                         | 40  |
| 10th | Laser Radial | Jo Wicken                        |  | 46  |
| 11th | Vortex A     | Phil Harris                      |  | 51  |
| 12th | Laser 3000   | Tom Lambert                      | Nicola Smith/Kathy Evans/Joak Heyes              | 53  |
| 13th | RS600        | Doug Homer/Steve Tinnams         |  | 73  |
| 14th | Phantom      | Geoff Lambert                    |  | 173 |
| 15th | Miracle      | David Hudson                     | Jackie Hudson                                    | 175 |
| 16th | RS 200       | Lucy/Mark Heather                | Paul Heather/Doug Horner                         | 208 |
| 17th | Miracle      | Lesley O'Rourke/Stephanie Wicken | Steve Drain/M Lodge/Steph Wicken/Lesley O'Rourke | 238 |

## Three Race Regatta

The 2006 regatta was held with 29 boats in South Yantlett Creek in a fine, sunny force 3-4. Unfortunately, it turned into something of a weedathon, as competitors assiduously harvested the creek's rich crop of wrack weed with their centreboards and rudders, and huge penalties were paid by those who failed to make timely and regular clearances (only to find some more on the foils a minute later).

The event was won in convincing style by Mark Heather and Doug Horner in their Laser 4000; some cracking starts off the over-crowded start line saw them sail into clear air where they were able to sail their own race, while those behind struggled to find their own wind and track amid collisions and near-collisions in the narrow confines of the creek. Tactical options in the regularly-shifting wind were limited by the ever-present shorelines and the need to cross the start-finish-line mid-way up every beat for the purposes of average lap timing. During races the line became mind-bogglingly skewed as wind and tide took charge of the committee boat.

All good boat-handling practice, then, and there can be few who didn't come away from the event not having learned considerably more than after a normal Sunday's pleasurable sail round the cans.

| Class      | Helm              | Crew               | R1 | R2 | R3 | Pts |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Laser 4000 | Mark Heather      | Doug Horner        | 1  | 1  | 1  | 3   |
| Laser 3000 | Tony Hunt         | Hannah Packman     | 2  | 2  | 2  | 6   |
| Wayfarer   | Brian Lamb        | Brian Warwick      | 3  | 3  | 3  | 9   |
| Osprey     | Paul Heather      | Lucy Heather       | 8  | 5  | 4  | 17  |
| Laser 5000 | John Tinnams      | Steve Tinnams      | 5  | 6  | 7  | 18  |
| Laser 4000 | Stewart Robertson | Matthew Robertson  | 10 | 4  | 6  | 20  |
| 420        | Alec Rodgers      | Aaron Smith        | 6  | 10 | 5  | 21  |
| RS 400     | Chris Ashby       | Katie Paris        | 4  | 11 | 9  | 24  |
| Topper     | A LeGassick       |                    | 7  | 8  | 13 | 28  |
| Laser 2000 | Roy Winnett       | Geoff Lambert      | 11 | 7  | 10 | 28  |
| RS 800     | Andy Pickrell     | Caroline Alexander | 12 | 9  | 8  | 29  |
| RS 300     | Matthew Wynn      |                    | 9  | 13 | 11 | 33  |
| Laser 3000 | Tom Lambert       | Nicola Smith       | 14 | 12 | 12 | 38  |
| Miracle    | Leslie O'Rourke   | Angie Clemence     | 15 | 15 | 17 | 47  |

## Pursuit Race 2

After a string of poor winds for the pursuit races - too much or too little, we were due a good one. In a sense we got it - many people enjoyed a fine sail in a sunny F4-5 - once they'd survived the heavens opening in a stormy squall. At one point, the visibility was down to a few hundred metres. Most of the 19 boats entered capsized and most recognised that it would be a brief affair and simply waited on their upturned boats for conditions to settle.

Others were not so lucky, and much depended on the point of sailing you were on when the squall struck. Andy & Viv Pickrell in their RS800 could be seen bearing away further and further on a spinnaker reach as the squall hit until the bow dug in and the boat slowed but the rig carried on. Meanwhile, Matt Love's Contender's boom snapped at the kicking strap attachment. The two boats were moored on adjacent buoys in Gillingham Reach until towed home by Puffin.

Yet others sailed on through the squall unscathed, including Mark Heather and Doug Horner, who took advantage of an uncharacteristic capsizes by Martin Jones to pass and lead him over the finish line by just over a minute. Remarkably, considering the devastating conditions, capsizes etc., all the finishers crossed the line within 17 minutes of each other after sailing a course that, taking advantage of the high tide, had lapped three times between 25, South Yantlett 4 and Hoo Green 1, finishing at buoy 30.

|      | Class          | Helm            | Crew            |
|------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1st  | Laser 4000     | Mark Heather    | Doug Horner     |
| 2nd  | Contender      | Martin Jones    |                 |
| 3rd  | Kestrel        | Jeremy Drummond | Jane Drummond   |
| 4th  | Laser 2000     | Roy Winnett     | Geoff Lambert   |
| 5th  | Laser          | John Hewat      |                 |
| 6th  | Laser 2000     | Jayne Lambert   | Paul Thorpe     |
| 7th  | Laser Vortex A | Phil Harris     |                 |
| 8th  | RS 200         | Holly Hewat     | Emily Stanbrook |
| 9th  | RS 400         | Tim Kift        | Colin Treadwell |
| 10th | Laser 3000     | Tom Lambert     | Nicola Smith    |
| 11th | Musto Skiff    | Grahame Smith   |                 |

# Calendar

| Date       | Time  | Event   | Contact/Notes                   |
|------------|-------|---|---------------------------------|
| 18 Dec     | p.m.  | Winter Series Prize-giving and Childrens' Party |                                 |
| 31 Dec     | 20:00 | 70's Party                                      | Jane Treadwell                  |
| 01 Jan 07  | 11:55 | Chilly Willies Open Handicap Race               | Entry fee = donation to RNLI    |
| Sat 06 Jan | 09:30 | Work Party Surnames O - S                       | Roy Winnett                     |
| 07 Jan     | 09:30 | Work Party Surnames T - Z                       | Roy Winnett                     |
| Sat 13 Jan | 09:30 | Work Party Surnames A - C                       | Roy Winnett                     |
| 21 Jan     | 09:30 | Work Party Surnames L - N                       | Roy Winnett                     |
| Sat 27 Jan | 09:30 | Work Party Surnames D - G                       | Roy Winnett                     |
| 03 Feb     |       | Safety Boat Course                              | John Gore                       |
| 04 Feb     | 09:30 | Work Party Surnames H - K                       | Roy Winnett                     |
| 11 Feb     | 10:25 | Warm-Up Series Starts                           | Ian Parris                      |
| 17 Feb     | 11:15 | HOO FREEZER PRACTICE RACE                       |                                 |
| 18 Feb     | 11:55 | HOO FREEZER                                     |                                 |
| 03 Mar     |       | Powerboat Instructors' Course                   | John Gore                       |
| 3/4 Mar    |       | Dinghy Show at Alexandra Palace                 | 0845 345 0424<br>www.rya.org.uk |
| 24 Mar     |       | SE & E Topper Training (& Sunday)               |                                 |
| 25 Mar     | 14:00 | ICE BREAKER Trophy Race                         | N.B. BST starts!                |