

DEE S.C.



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RACE OFFICE AND NEW CONTAINER

The new race office is starting to take shape! This will be good news to our lady members as it will free up the current office space to allow for expansion and renovation of the ladies changing facilities.

A new 40ft container has been purchased and is awaiting installation by the Captain and his work force. This will provide secure and weatherproof storage for the smallest rescue boat but will also provide additional storage space for race marks and other paraphernalia.

WORK PARTIES

The help of the membership is required to get the club looking ship shape and Bristol fashion.

The people who attend work parties play a valuable role in preparing the club and it's equipment for the coming season. This is not limited to painting Dawpool and The Arc! There is much work to done in other areas. If you are available then support you fleet and come and help out on the scheduled work party! No special skills are required just willingness and some elbow grease. There might even be a bowl of soup afterwards. Not to mention a pint of fine ale from the bar (or coffee) but you'll have to pay for that!

Wifi

The club now has access to the internet over wifi. The code is available from the bar.

To save the club money on the broadband connection, if you are looking for a new broadband connection for home or are looking to switch your provider, by clicking on the plus.net banner on this website and ordering from here, the club will receive between 50p and 70p per connection each month. If 25 members switch their broadband to plus.net we could end up not paying for our broadband at the club.

See the website for more details.

TALES FROM THE FLEETS

Monohulls - Andy McGovern

Whilst we may be not enjoying the growth hoped for in 2012, the Monohull fleet still managed to enjoy some regular racing around the cans during the Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter Series and hopefully this small but enthusiastic fleet will gradually grow through the new season, possibly also enjoying a closer link with the Wayfarers.

Cruisers - Roy Sheriff

Welcome to 2013 and what will hopefully be a good year of sailing. As you are no doubt aware by now, our long standing, experienced, and most helpful Fleet Captain Greg Cooper has passed the helm to me who hopes to continue in the wake and steer course that will satisfy all Cruisers. Fortunately Greg has offered to keep an eye on me so hopefully things will go as smoothly as they have in the past.

Although the tides are not very favourable this year lets hope we have good weather to compensate for them and the lack of opportunity last Year.

In training to take the helm I have been speaking to a few members who have suggested some additions they would like to see in forthcoming years such as: long overnight trips, information about which boat to buy and ways to support people into cruising.

To help prepare a small leaflet for newcomers I thought it would be useful if people could write a very short description of their boat and why they chose / like it. What are the benefits for sailing in our area, conversely people who have bought boats and recognised they are not the best for their needs, some details and problems experienced would be useful.

I propose we discuss these and any other ideas people may have at our first Cruisers Meeting on the Sunday 3rd March 14:00.

Dart 16 - Paul Oliver

There are three club owned Dart 16 catamarans currently in the boat park, for the use of the older juniors and adults to use. If anyone wishes to book a Dart 16 please e-mail me in advance at dart16@dee-sc.co.uk

On arrival at the club the sails/rigging etc are stored in the 'Brown' container, there is a red folder hanging up in the container to enter your details. The hire charge (£5) is sent at the end of the year with your membership renewal. After use the sails/ rigging etc are to be returned to storage. Please leave the boat/equipment in the condition you would wish to find it in and please advise me of any defects.

Hope to see you out on a 16 this year.

House and Social

Dates for your diary

Quiz Night Friday 22nd February

Dart Open 29th March to 31st March

Launching Down Lunch Sunday 28th April

Open Day Sunday 12th May

D. S. C. Regatta 22nd June

Summer Ball Saturday 29th June

Laying Up Lunch Sunday 24th November

Christmas Tree 11th December

Christmas Dinner t.b.c.

Carol Concert with Salvation Army 18th December

There will be other events during the year and these will be advertised as and when they happen.

TALES FROM THE FLEET



Dart 18 - Simon Moruzzi

2012 started with a bang! We had several weekends with turnouts of around 8 boats enjoying some racing and training as crews prepared themselves for the upcoming open meeting.

One Sunday we were even treated to a video debrief by our own James Douglas.

The traditional Easter open meeting saw 27 boats compete in a variety of conditions with David Lloyd and Hayley Smith finally triumphant with James Douglas in 3rd place taking the honours, of first Dee boat. As usual the off the water activities lived up to their reputation with two nights of live music and dancing to entertain the sailors. Our open meeting would prove to be one of the most successful of the year largely thanks myself with Lee Mathews and to the great team of volunteers that Chantelle Neighbour taking part in their first Dart Nationals. That's not make it work.

After this explosive start to the year the weather played its part in curtailing our activities with many a weekend spoiled by either too much or too little wind. Nevertheless over 11 sailors took part in more than 27 series races this year, not to mention the regattas and club championships. The regatta being won by Ollie and Natalie Price and the club championships by our own Will Thompson although he passed over to the dark side to sail in a Tornado.

Over the main part of the season DSC Darts were well represented at most Dart open meetings by TT regulars Geoff and Jenny Lloyd, Will Thompson and

Club Hire

Looking for somewhere to hold a Wedding Breakfast, Anniversary or Special Birthday? Or know someone who is? The Clubhouse is available for hire at very reasonable cost with discount for members. Please contact Bernard Davis for more information or availale dates. bernardjdavis@hotmail.com or 0151 342 6021.

Subscriptions

A reminder that all subscriptions or Standing Order updates are due by 31 March 2013 after which date you will be in default and not entitled to take part in any club or sailing events.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT - JAMES DOUGLAS

The Objectives

In early 2010 we created a club development plan. To remind you all, the vision/objectives behind the plan were:

- Club structure in place to support the club development;
- Want to increase membership
- Be able to help new members learn to sail and race;
- Would like to attract more young people and families;
- Work towards becoming a RYA Training Centre for juniors on the lake & Multihulls;
- Make more use of the Dart 16s;
- Develop and improve existing facilities and equipment;
- Educate members through programmes, such as volunteer training,
- Long term possibly OnBoard and/or VCC (Volvo Champion club).

What was done in 2012

- Dart 18 race training.
- Dart 16 race training.
- Crew day for members not familiar with racing and racing terms.
- Wayfarer/Cruiser training.
- Club open day.
- Heswall Scouts open day.
- Open day follow up session.
- Junior sailing – coaching Mirrors on the marine lake.
- Dinghy Instructor course complete, we now have 5 qualified Dinghy instructors within the club (to add to 5 qualified RYA racing coaches).

• Dinghy instructor to Cat conversion course complete = 5 Catamaran instructors.

• Recruited Senior instructor as member required for training centre approval.

I would like to say a huge thanks to all the members who have helped to make this possible and the key volunteers who keep the kit working so that we can achieve the plan. In particular thanks to Rob (Bert) Clarke, John Oliver, Simon Moruzzi, Lee Matthews and Pete Spedding for all their help and of course Mark!

Tasks planned to be completed in 2013

- Complete and publish (after approval) the Training Operations manual
- Get the manual approved by General committee and the RYA with a view to planning and inspection for training centre approval (catamaran and powerboat training centre). This is a requirement before we can run formal 'learn to sail courses'
- Schedule Saturday race training session in the programme to be run by our own in house coaches, there would be a small cost for these sessions to cover the costs for the club. Run in Dart 16s.
- Schedule a crew training day – early season.
- Saturday junior lake sessions same format as previous years, parent on duty, fun sessions with basic training in line with RYA level 1. Fun races.
- Schedule open day
- Schedule two follow up sessions to open days ideally training sessions in Dart 16s manned by members.

• Schedule cruiser/ wayfarer awareness session, tidal skills, seamanship

• Schedule another racing coach course and/or catamaran seamanship/ tidal awareness subject to interest.

• Train a powerboat instructor

• Ensure powerboats have the correct kit for training purposes.

• Powerboat level 2 course at least one scheduled before June. More courses subject to demand.

• At least one safety boat awareness session run by club team.

• Consider also the need for Dinghy instructor to Cat conversion.

• Schedule first aid course subject to demand

• Ensure that training progress and updates are communicated to the membership.

• Establish contacts with other local bodies to attract members e.g. re-establish contact with Pensby School, Air cadets (Vince has a contact), ideas welcome.

• Review position in relation to Onboard and training centre status.

So you can see we will have a full programme of planned training activity and at the same time we will be improving our coaching skills to offer a more extensive programme in 2013. Do let me know if you think anything is missing. We still need more volunteers, any skills and any amount of time, do get in touch.

If people need specific boating related training let me know and I will see what I can do to help.