



Durleigh Sailing Club

News Letter February 2010

Commodores Welcome

It may feel cold out there but we are only a few weeks away from the start of the sailing season, so it's time to clean off the algae, dust off your whistle and get ready to hit the water.

Although last year wasn't a great year for sailing the weather held out for all our main annual events. The Open Day was a great success reaching record attendance for the second successive year. Plans are already underway to make this year's event even bigger and better. However it is reliant on the effort our volunteers put in so we will be asking for more help nearer the day to man the galley, helm the boats and manage the crowds. The Regatta was also well attended and everyone enjoyed the festivities both on and off the water, especially the delicious catering. This year bring along your families and let's see if we can have another very enjoyable day.

I am eternally grateful to all the volunteer members who put in a large amount of effort to ensure the facilities are clean, comfortable and safe. We have a number of projects planned for this season so will again be calling on all members to come along on Working Party Days and get stuck in. If for some reason you can't come along on those days but would still like to help please contact Bosun Richard Loveless and he will find something for you to do at your own convenience. On a negative note, it is disappointing that despite all this hard work to make the premises presentable some boat spaces still look like they could hide the odd tiger or two. So if you can make the effort to keep the grass tidy around your boat it would be very much appreciated.

Hopefully this year the weather will treat us with the respect we deserve and we can look forward to some fantastic sailing, so I look forward to seeing you all on the water, and remember the best way to improve your sailing is to join in the racing. Beginners, improvers and experts you are all welcome.

Thank you

Ray Smith - Commodore

New Committee for 2010 :

Commodore **Ray Smith**. Vice Commodore **Richard Bruce**, Secretary **Steve Briggs**, Sailing secretary **Lynn Harland**
Bosun **Richard Loveless**, Membership secretary **Richard Bruce**,
Wind surfing **Stuart Bruce**, Away Events **Bob Langford**, Health & Safety **Ian York**, Treasurer **Sue Weston**, Web Master **Stuart Bruce**.
Committee Members **Peter Branson**, **Peter Upton**, **Jon Smith**.

SYCSA Representatives:

Peter Sedgwick and **Chris Berkley**

- Work Party :** Saturday 20th March, Start at 09.30 hours. A free hot lunch will be supplied
Various jobs to do including
Painting , grass cutting ,hedge trimming, fence building to name but a few
Please sign in at the galley and then find Richard Loveless who will allocate you
a job. Please bring some tools along . richlove6@btinternet.com
- Power boat Course** There are still some spaces left, dates are Saturday 27th February and Saturday
6th March. Contact Peter Sedgwick for further details
peter@fourforks.freeserve.co.uk
- Windsurfing Weekend** South west Regional Windsurfing weekend Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st
February. Contact Stuart Bruce for further details.
- Windsurf Training** there will be Windsurfing Training. dates to be advised. For further information
Please contact Stuart Bruce on prayerforarefugee@googlemail.com
- Start of Sailing season** Commences on Sunday 21st March 1st race starts at 11.30am or cruise about on
your own. Saturday afternoon sailing starts on April 3rd and Wednesday
evenings start on April 21st richard.bruce@virgin.net
- Open Day** Open day this year will be on Saturday 8th May. As usual competent helms
Required with or with out their boats plus safety boat cover (RYA power boat
level 2 required) or to help in the Galley. bosunbriggs@aol.com
- Regatta and BBQ** This will be held on Sunday 18th July .there will be a race in the morning, BBQ
Around lunchtime then some fun and games on and off the water
- Junior Race Training** SYCSA will be running some junior race training on selected Saturday
afternoons with some actual races on Sundays with DSC. Dates are
April 24th 2pm until 4.30pm Training
April 25th Racing with DSC
May 15th 2pm until 4.30pm Training
May 16th Racing with DSC
June 12th 2pm until 4.30pm Training
June 13th Racing with DSC
July 3rd 2pm until 4.30pm Training
July 4th Racing with DSC
September 11th 2pm until 4.30pm Training
September 12th Racing with DSC
For further information contact Pete Branson pete.branson@btinternet.com
- Sailing Licence** Soon you will be receiving your sailing licence discs, will all members please
stick these discs on the stern of your craft where they can easily be seen. If you
do not display your discs you will not be allowed to sail.

If you require a boat space please contact me before you bring your craft up to the club. Steve Briggs bosunbriggs@aol.com

Boat Hire

We have for hire the following boats:

Wayfarer.....Lark.....Laser and 3 Toppers. Life jackets are available

Please contact Steve on bosunbriggs@aol.com for details and booking.

Somerset Square

Every year we take part in the Somerset Square with Sutton Bingham SC Wimberball SC , Minehead SC and at home at Durleigh SC. It would be nice if we could get more of our members attending these events. The dates are:

Sutton Bingham Sunday June 20th

Minehead Saturday 7th August

Durleigh Sunday 5th September

Wimberball Sunday 19th September

For further information please contact Bob Langford

bobthesailor@btinternet.com or Steve Briggs bosunbriggs@aol.com