

Mainsheet

An occasional newsletter from Rollesby Broad Sailing Club

Summer 2005

From The Commodore

The Spring programme is now well underway following the social event in April. The food and prize giving was enjoyed by members at the evening but the highlight was the talk by Matt Boreham. Matt's description of the trials and tribulations of rowing single-handed across the Atlantic Ocean left all of the audience fascinated.

The Open Class Regatta held on the 24 April 05 attracted a good range of entries. Enterprises, Waferers and Lasers were scored as separate classes in addition to an Allcomers section. Mike and Lisa Williams of RBSC won the Enterprise class ahead of visiting boats.

The general committee has had good news from our landlord the Essex and Suffolk Water Company. The Company has indicated that it is prepared to fund substantial improvements to clubhouse property. We are now awaiting a meeting to discuss details. The objective is to re-build the back of the clubhouse to provide new enlarged changing rooms, showers and toilets. New disabled facilities, a boat store and improved access to the race box are also on the agenda. We will also discuss repairs required to the existing timber framed main room and will keep you up to date with information as the project proceeds.

John

Our OOD Rota and Dutyman!

Dutyman is a Data processor who is managing our list for us through a link on our website www.rollesbybroadsc.org. See below!

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If you gave us your email address, Dutyman will have sent you an email giving you a link to follow. The site is secure with a changeable password. Only your name appears your address will be secure and hidden. You will be able to check AND change your duty date by signing in and simply following the links. You will also receive a reminder before your duty date.

If you do not have an email address don't worry as the OOD list will remain on the noticeboard for you as usual. If you change your email address during the year PLEASE remember to send the change to oodrota@rollesbybroadsc.org
Jill Searle

Open Day

Saturday 11 June 11.00am to 3.00pm

Please spread the word and invite your friends and colleagues to visit us on Open Day. You can pick up a poster from the clubhouse or if you have email, print and circulate one I have attached.

Can you help in any way on the day? Offers to take visitors for a sail, man the rescue boat or rig the club Toppers would be very welcome. We also need members to sign in the visitors, help them in and out of boats and to tell them about the club. You can also help by simply being on the water and showing how enjoyable sailing is.

Janet will be there with her usual food and drink.

Do join us with your family and friends and let's have a great day again.

Valerie Anderson

2005/2006 OOD Duty Rota

The duty rota stipulates who drives the club safety boat and this person could also be the designated Officer of the Day. Those unable to attend are expected to arrange a swap of duty, informing their OOD of what has been done. It is vital that the OOD's support team is adequate to the demands of the day.

Jim Anderson

Other Dates for your Diary.

Open Singlehanded Regatta **Sunday 26 June**
Commodore's Weekend **4 & 5 September**

Norfolk Schools Sailing Association

The NSSA, as you may have seen in the EDP, is in trouble because it has been locked out of Filby, their home for nearly 50 years. The NCC's Youth Service is moving to the new expensive site opening at Trowse and had been expecting the NSSA to go with them. This proved impossible for the NSSA for many reasons, high costs, availability of weekend time and unsuitability of the water for serious teaching etc. They were suddenly left with a full programme and nowhere to sail!

This forces them into a nomadic existence, trailing boats around the county between temporary homes, while they fight for the right to use Filby again. Very difficult for a group of voluntary Instructors with full time jobs. In the short term, we along with Hickling SC, are delighted to be able to help them. We said they could leave some of their boats at the back of our site, while they run two adults courses for their members.

By the time you read this their first course, an improvers, will have finished. Three of our Laser sailors were invited to join them and really enjoyed the experience even though they had difficulty getting out of bed the next day! They have a 5 day beginners course in Wayfarers starting on 9th and 16th July, 6th, 13th and 20th August and there could be spaces for up to four RBSC members to join them. If you are interested, email me at sailingsec@rollesbybroadsc.org or call 01493 740457.

The NSSA have a 'guestbook' on their site <http://www.nssa.co.uk/> where people have already made comments (which are very enlightening) and you could add yours too !

Jill Searle

Changing Rooms

You will all have enjoyed our improved clubroom over the last couple of years and now we are delighted to tell you that the changing rooms are to be upgraded too. We are very pleased that our landlord has come up with money for both disabled access and extending the changing rooms, including additional toilets and useable showers!

It will not happen until next year, as we have many stages to negotiate, before the first brick can be laid. However a matter for concern is the increasing size of sailing bags! In order to have enough room for actually changing we may have to arrange a rack system for the bags, possibly outside the changing areas.

Jill Searle

Racing Results 2005

We are now using a PC program called Sailwave to record our results. It is an interesting program & very quick to do. Several members of the committee have already enjoyed the experience and it seemed like a good idea to see if anyone else would also like to try their hand at it? It is a small program and it can be downloaded for free from this link.

<http://www.sailwave.com/index.php?page=download>

RBSC is a listed partner on their website . If you would like to know more please contact me at sailingsec@rollesbybroadsc.org It is a 'bare program' so I will send you a completed series to experiment with and notes that Dave Parsons has prepared. The more people involved the better and it is interesting, if you decide to give it a go – It will take you about 20 minutes a week to do -with a little practice- and we would be grateful to have them posted on the notice board every couple of weeks or so. Hope to hear from you.

The 'AllyCan' and Health & Safety

Our new boat has been in use for over a month now, the committee deliberated long and hard over its choice but I am delighted to say that it has only ever received good reports.

Everything you need for the boat is on the 2 blue belts, in the fuel store, **to be worn around your waist**, including kill cords without which you will never start the engine!

The electric start makes it effortless **to stop the engine when near anyone in the water** and restart just as easily when ready - without the driver even moving! Instead of using the normal fore and aft painters, mooring strops with steel carabineers have been fitted on each side of the boat for ease of use and speed of departure.

A minimum age of 18 yrs is mandatory for all Safety Boat crews

The Allycan is stored, locked complete with buoys in the back, between 2 trees under a tarpaulin. It will be like that over the winter, so we would like to make/borrow something we could just push the boat under. Has anyone any suggestions please? Also please be careful with the new buoys, they have plastic staffs to reduce the weight you have to lift, so need to be stored straight.

Jim and Jill Searle

Safety Boat Training

I will confirm arrangements with members attending the courses in June.

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