



Ulley Update

The Newsletter of Ulley Sailing Club

July 2013



Message from our Commodore – David Holt

When the previous Newsletter came out we were eagerly looking forward to the start of the sailing season. How time flies. We are now more than half way through the season with a number of successful events already completed.

We hosted a well attended YHYSA Summer Travellers' event in May. Our venue is always popular with these keen young sailors who are returning for another event in October.

Our Open Day on 18th May was a great success, after a slow start, with an iffy weather forecast. The first person to take a taster sail joined the club there and then!

The Ent Open on 8th June had a lower turn out than we'd hoped, with 5 Ulley boats and one visitor from Ripon SC. Mark and Harry Pinder were convincing winners.

Filey Regatta in June was well attended by club members and enjoyable as ever (apart from the deluge on Friday night). Unfortunately we had to surrender the Tide Clock trophy, won last year for the highest number of boats, to Ripon SC. Let's get it back next year.

Ulley SC is now a RYA Recognised Training Centre (awarded to us on 29th April). This is a fantastic achievement for the club and means our instructors can train people to sail and award RYA certificates for the following:

- Dinghy Sailing – Levels 1, 2 & 3
- Dinghy Start Racing
- Youth Sailing Scheme Start Sailing – Stages 1, 2, 3 & 4

The hard work put in over the last couple of years investing in new equipment and preparing for the application has clearly paid off. Many thanks to everybody who has contributed to this magnificent achievement.

More good news. We've recently had confirmation that our bid to Sport England for £10,000 to buy new training dinghies has been successful. We intend to buy 4 boats – either RS Qubas or Laser Picos. A brand new Quba and a Pico have been delivered for us to trial. Please have a good look at them, take them out on the water and give us your verdict.

You'll see that we've made major progress in the boat park over the last 4 months, with the double-decker boat racks now in position and the new boat shed for the safety boats in use. There is still some finishing-off work and tidying-up to be done, but the majority of the hard work is complete (see photos over the page). We intend to have a formalised plan for boat storage soon. Thanks to all who have contributed to this big engineering project.

As I reported last time, we had some problems with the council over our new lease earlier in the year. Following a review meeting with the council, they are now back on track and we have been assured that a new draft of the lease document will be produced very shortly. We have stressed to the council that we must have a long term lease in place very soon for us to qualify to apply for significant development funding through Sport England.

A reminder about security:

The container we use to store the engines and fuel must always be fully locked as soon as any equipment is removed, unless someone is standing guard. It would only take a minute for someone to walk in from the car park and take an engine. Remember the pain we went through after the previous theft.

The same goes for Wickersley's container where we keep the tractor. Once the tractor has been driven out, the container must be immediately locked.

To prevent the public from wandering into the boat park the double gates should be closed as soon as the majority of sailors are in.

Finally, don't forget the Club Fun Day on 27th July for all U18s. There will be instructors on hand for Toppers and Visions, fun and games on and off the water plus a buffet lunch. It's not too late to book. The booking sheet is up in the club house.

Happy sailing

Boat Park Development

Multi-Level Boat Park

Phase 1 – Foundations for the boat racks and excavation of the 'garage' (in the rain!)



Phase 2 – Construction of the walls and roof of the 'boat shed' – for storing and securing the safety boats.



Phase 3 – Assembly and installation of the boat racks.



After a lot of hard work, it's all finished (apart from some final 'tweaks') and it's in use!

On an irregular basis, we often need to find somebody with a particular skill, whether it be for maintenance/repairs to buildings or boats, catering, technical drawing, fund raising, writing articles, designing brochures or posters, general IT skills, etc., etc.. **If you have ANY skills that might possibly be of use to the operation or management of the club, please send me a note or an email:**

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Message from the Galley – Rear Commodore

Push the Boat Out Weekend

After a rather damp and slow start on Saturday, the crowds flocked in to sample fun on the water and Ulley's famous friendly hospitality. No doubt the sailing activities from the day will be reported elsewhere in this newsletter but we just wanted to express our appreciation for all the help given on the hospitality side of things. As usual with Ulley catering, how long is a piece of string? We had a chaotic time from 8.30 until opening, making sandwiches, cutting up, pricing and setting out cakes etc. but by the time the hungry hoards descended we were ready for them! Many thanks to all the helpers: Cynthia, Rachel, Margaret, Anne for setting up, Simon for sorting out the barbecue, Claire and Laura for the cooking, Becky and Karen on the tea trolley. If I've forgotten anyone, thanks to you too!

We had a wonderful selection of home made cakes, scones, tray bakes etc. Many thanks to all who baked for their club - it was very much appreciated. Ian did a great job co-ordinating it all, making sure the rotas were up in good time, so everyone had a chance to put their name in a slot, but unfortunately there were still too many blanks. Poor Karen spent three hours behind the tea urn, as no one had volunteered for an afternoon slot. She had to practically beg to be released - many thanks to Margaret for taking over!

As these events need 'All Hands On Deck' to make them work. Perhaps more members might feel the urge to get involved next time - new members will be especially welcome. There are always people around to help, and it's not rocket science, just a case of having enough pairs of hands to ensure that everything runs smoothly. Don't be shy, your club needs you!

P.S. My scissors have still not returned from their holidays in the boat park or someone's tool box. I promise not to hit the culprit too hard - dare you return them? You can sneak them back into the drawer when I'm not looking if you prefer! **Christine**

Summer Barbecue – Thanks and Apologies! – by Ian & Christine

What a perfect evening for our barbecue. It's been a long time since we were able to sit out to enjoy the view over the lake, whilst tucking in to delicious food in the company of friends and guests.

Many thanks go to all the ladies who provided the delicious salads and desserts: to Laura and Darren for perfect barbecuing (and Ian later after Darren left the party!); to Laura for the idea of DIY desserts of jelly, ice cream and sprinkles etc. for the children - they loved it. Sara again entertained the children with Play Doh, games, drawing etc. and that was very much appreciated; thank you Sara.

Following complaints a couple of years ago that everyone would prefer 'proper' plates and cutlery instead of paper and plastic ones, it was agreed that we would revert back to them on the understanding that the washing up afterwards was undertaken fairly, i.e. lots of members helping! In spite of Ian asking before the food was served, this didn't happen and it was left to team Pinder, together with their friends, Margaret and new members John and Lynn to do most of it. This is hardly fair! Social events such as the barbecues should be team efforts, not left to a few members (and their guests) to ensure that a good time is had by all.

Now for the apologies! Although we were on holiday the week of the barbecue, I sorted as much as I could before we went, but obviously didn't do enough! The new members and guests must have thought it was a pretty poor do because the salad table was nowhere near as full as it usually is, with hardly enough to ensure that everyone got a fair share. Please, don't wait to be asked if you can bring something to the table, it is always appreciated, and anything left over can be used on Sunday. Note to self – don't go on holiday the week before the barbecue!

Cautionary Notices

Recreational swimming is forbidden by the Byelaws of Ulley Country Park. In hot weather, it is very tempting to jump off the pontoon and use the reservoir as a swimming pool but you must resist the temptation – even if wearing a buoyancy aid! Firstly, it makes it more difficult for the Rangers to stop swimming elsewhere in the park ("They are, why can't we?"); secondly, it causes a lot of hassle for your committee if we are reported to RMBC. So, please keep to the shallows, do not do anything that might be interpreted as swimming and ensure that your children do the same.

Club car stickers are for use by Club members ONLY! Free parking when displaying a sticker is a concession that has been negotiated with RMBC and we don't want to jeopardise this concession by abusing it. Spouses and partners are automatically Associate members so they can use the stickers, but other relatives and friends who are not members must pay for parking when visiting the Club. Please also remember that the free-parking concession only applies during the Club's operating hours.

Filey Regatta – by Jamie Mawson

Eleven Ulley boats made the annual pilgrimage to Filey regatta on the 15th and 16th of June and were rewarded with close competition, exhilarating conditions and a great atmosphere off the water. Most of the sailors chose to head up on Friday night and had to time putting tents up between showers - some more successfully than others! Darren Machen rustled up an impressive BBQ tea of belly pork, fillet steak and grilled halloumi - a far cry from the more usual menu of sausages followed by more sausages.

Saturday dawned with sunshine, the odd shower but a nice force 3 breeze and flat water. Perfect conditions. A long wait was in store as the race officer tried to set a true course in the constantly shifting offshore breeze, somewhat reminiscent of Ulley. During this time a freak storm came over the fleet, bringing thunder, lightning and 25 knot winds. Fortunately this soon passed over and the race got under way although, ironically after all the waiting, the wind decided to swing back to where it started from, making the race a series of reaches and close fetches in a force 3-4 breeze, with no beat.

The first Ulley boat in the handicap fleet was Jamie Mawson in his RS300 in 4th place.

With the wind now settled the second race got underway, this time with a long beat that proved tiring on the legs! Without the tight reaches of the previous race, Tim Vick and Rebecca Marks were able to sail their Lark more effectively into 3rd place, and Jamie was 4th again.

That night most of us headed into Filey for an all-you-can-eat Indian meal, with others choosing to either eat at the club or one of the many excellent fish and chip shops in town.

Despite a dire forecast of a cloudy, windless day, Sunday brought bright sunshine and a force 2-3 breeze. It was an early start with everyone on the water in time for a 10:30 start. In the handicap fleet, Jamie found the lighter winds more to his liking and pulled out enough distance on the pack to finish 2nd on corrected time. The race also saw ex-Splash National Champion Georgie Hill return to her roots, sailing Rosalie's boat.

After a break ashore for lunch, the final race started in a slowly decreasing and shifty wind. Jamie was looking good after the first lap, after overtaking the faster Fireball and Contender down the run to lead on the water, but blew it by forgetting that coastal venues generally have tide, heading out to the middle of the bay in search of more wind rather than staying in the slacker water close to Filey Brigg.

Meanwhile Tim was sailing a superb race, finishing only a few minutes behind the leaders to take the win on corrected time, and with it moving up to third overall and first Ulley boat in the handicap fleet, with Jamie 4th overall. Peter Cleverley sailed his Phantom to 22nd overall.



USC is now on
Twitter -
[@ulleysailing](https://twitter.com/ulleysailing)



Membership News – Welcoming all new and current members

There have been 11 new memberships since the March Newsletter, so we give a hearty welcome to:

Marcus Eachmharcaigh	Crew Member
Timothy Hanlon	Family Member
Michael Birds	Crew Member
Craig Seaman	Student Member
Lawson Pater	Single Member
Simon and Bettina Bellamy	Family Members
Josh Bell	Student Member
Zubear Zaman	Crew Member
John and Lynn Bradshaw	Family Members
Jill and Ash Brown	Family Members
Reece Unwin	Student Member
Jeanette Teare	Single Member

Once again the Club is buzzing with activity – especially on Saturdays! We were busy last year with the Sailing Experiences and with new members practising, but we now have the extra activity arising from us becoming a RYA Recognised Training Centre. Gone are the days when the Duty Officers were lonely on Saturdays!

We now need to get more of the new members racing on Sundays!

Training News – Brush up on those 5 essential skills

ULLEY SC - An RYA Training Centre.

As a lot of you know already, we have been working towards becoming an RYA Training Centre for some time now. The inspection took place in April this year and the Club passed with only three minor action points. Ironically, Mark Burkitt forgot his Senior Instructors Certificate, we needed to put an Emergency Action Plan by the telephone, and we needed to place a suitable First Aid sticker on the door of the galley saying where the first aid box is kept.

All other points on the inspection we passed with flying colours thanks to a few individuals (you know who you are) putting together the policies and procedures needed to fulfil the criteria. The inspecting officer (Adam McGovern) from the RYA was very pleased with what he saw, and was impressed by the professionalism shown by everyone he spoke to at the Club. WELL DONE EVERYONE!

We have already run our first RYA course on 22nd and 29th June and the 6th July, when six members took to the water to learn the ropes. This RYA Level 2 course was run by Guy Moseley and Thomas Flewitt, helped by Dave White who is to become an Assistant Instructor over the coming weeks.

All six members completed the course, attending on all three days and collecting the first certificates issued by the Club (the photo shows the attendees and the training team).



As a member what does RYA Training Centre mean for me?

You may have noticed that there is more activity at the Club. The training team have a full diary and nearly every Saturday there is something going on, either Sailing Courses or Sailing Experiences for potential new members. But there will still be an instructor on hand on the afternoon of the fourth Saturday in every month to give tips and hints to help improve your skills.

Under the Training Centre banner, the Club can now offer RYA training using our small bank of instructors. Initially, it is for members only and we will be running courses throughout the year, offering Adult RYA Levels 1 and 2, Start Racing and Youth Stages 1 to 4. The next course is running on 10th, 17th and 24th August and there are limited spaces still available. If you are interested, the cost of the course to members is £50 and includes your book and the Levels 1 and 2 certificates. Contact Mark Burkitt for details on training@ulleysailingclub.org.uk

Ladies that Launch! In September there will be a ladies-only course running on 14th, 21st and 28th September. This course is full, but with the interest shown by our lady members we may have to put another instructor in and get a few more club boats to fulfil demand.

So what is next? The hope is that we will get a few more willing volunteers to become either dinghy instructors or assistant dinghy instructors, along with a power boat instructor or two with a view to offering RYA Power Boat courses to the members and increasing the skills in handling the safety boats, etc. Again, anyone wishing to attend a course or who is vaguely interested please speak to Mark Burkitt or Dave Staniforth.



Pico vs. Quba, Top Gear style!
Two boat choices being evaluated
by Rachel Burkitt & Becky Thickett.



Safety First – by Simon Nicholson

Following the recent accident in the south of England where there were several injuries and deaths as a result of not wearing a kill cord, the club has decided to issue new guide lines on safe use of the kill cord for any drivers of the clubs safety boats.

With immediate effect the following rules must be observed:

- The kill cord should be attached to a part of the driver's buoyancy aid around a secure point where the cord cannot come off, an example of this is shown in the picture where the cord is attached to the shoulder strap.
- It is no longer acceptable to have the kill cord attached to your wrist or leg.
- When a safety driver comes on duty the kill cord should be attached to the buoyancy aid and stay there all day, the cord should not be left on the boat while it is unattended.
- In the event of an emergency where the Safety Officer cannot be found, there is a spare cord in the white tub, which is stored with each engine.
- This tub of essential items should be placed on the safety boat at the beginning of the day and removed back into storage at the end of the day.

You will see from the photograph that there are several items that will help a safety officer in the event of an emergency.



Items that should be contained in the white barrel, please check current list of items required, they may change

Kill cord must be attached to the buoyancy aid at all times.



Thank you for reading the newsletter. If you have any comments or feedback please email Dave Holt – Commodore, and he will inform the relevant person.

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Happy & Safe Sailing!