



Ulley Update

The Newsletter of Ulley Sailing Club

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New 4-stroke engines now in use, check with bosuns if you require training



Rule Britannia...

It breaks me to say this but it is less than 90 days until Christmas, nights are drawing in and Wednesday evening sailing has ended. Let's not be down heartened though, this summer has been action-packed and there are still plenty of events in the calendar to come. There has been a fair number of transfers towards the end of the summer season, bringing fresh faces to the fleets so the frostbite season will be a good one. Let's not forget to say, a warm welcome to all our new members, get liking our Facebook page and visit our website to keep up to date with the clubs latest news.

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Message from our Commodore – David Holt

The year is flying by and we ran the final Wednesday evening race on 12th September, so Sunday racing only from now on. Probably time to shake out those full wetsuits and drysuits. What do you mean; you've been using them all year?

It's been a great sailing season, with good turn-outs at every session and lots of new members, some arriving via our Have-a-Go Sessions. These taster days have been a great success with demand really stretching us at times.

We had a serious knock-back in June when thieves cut their way into our container and took all three engines and the tractor, along with lots of other bits and pieces. In typical Ulley fashion, we picked ourselves up and got on with the task of replacing equipment. We have been busy hunting down modern 4 stroke engines on ebay and took delivery of a 3rd engine recently. We are still looking for a suitable tractor. We are no longer using our container in the cottage yard to store anything of value and are grateful to RMBC for providing alternative secure storage.

We have been working with the police, RMBC and Friends of Ulley Country Park to come up with ways of improving security on site. The Country Park has also suffered a recent spate of vandalism. We will shortly be getting a detailed report from the police with recommendations for security improvements specific to the club.

We've had some good publicity over the last few months with feature articles in the Sheffield Star and three interviews on Radio Sheffield.

After a long grind, we are almost there with our new 25 year lease. We saw the first draft of the lease document last week and our solicitors are working with the council's legal department to produce a final version for us to sign off. We are aiming to achieve this before the AGM. It's amazing how long these things take. We are hoping to have some news soon on our plan to acquire the field corner to extend the boat park.

We all send our best wishes to Paul Goodison and hope to see him before too long. We think he did brilliantly to finish so high up the Olympic Laser fleet, sailing with a back injury. Still our hero? You bet!

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London 2012

Unless you were sent to Mars along with the Rover robot you may be aware of a certain London 2012 Olympics happening in Great Britain during the summer, the buzz of which is still in the air and of course on the water. Sailing has definitely had its profile lifted. With the likes of Ben Ainslie becoming quadruple gold medallist, Helena Lucas bringing home gold in the Paralympics, Mills and Clark with their silver and not to mention all the other achievements.

However our very own defending Olympic Champion, Paul Goodison, saw his chances slip away after a back injury on the Monday. There were fears that his injury would rule him out of any further sailing, but his strength, determination and high pain threshold saw him put in a fantastic fight for the home crowd. After the eleven races Paul managed to finish London 2012 in 7th place - a fantastic achievement considering his injury. Thank you to Cynthia too - seeing her interview after the medal race whilst wearing her luminous green USC polo shirt, she was flying the flag high for Ulley. We wish Paul a speedy recovery and all the best with his future plans.

Activity Centre

There are various rumours circulating about the future of the Activity Centre in both the press and on the grapevine. So what's happening? We're not certain ourselves and we will confirm any information we receive when we have something solid to tell you.

In the meantime we are seeing some use of the centre with small groups of youngsters coming and using the club during the week. In short, we are not alone!

For our part, we need to ensure the club rooms and boat park are left in good condition. This includes removing litter, tools, glass bottles, etc.

It is everyone's responsibility to clear away rubbish and leave the boat park safe for the next set of users. In terms of the Duty Team that looks after the club each weekend your duties include:

- An end of day litter collection across all outside spaces.
- Emptying the outdoor bins
- Emptying the indoor bins
- Emptying the Galley bin
- Emptying the glass bin and aluminium-can bin in the recycling area.

Some of the duty teams already cover these areas but unfortunately that's not everyone.

Saturday's fish and chip papers should be double bagged and disposed of in the main skip in the cottage courtyard because we want to avoid attracting mice and rats into the site.

RS600 National Champion

Ulley Sailing Club's very own Jamie Mawson has brought home the **2012 RS600 National Championship** title. The title was fought at Pwllheli Sailing Club over the weekend of 8th -11th September. Tough opponents and steady breeze provided a challenging championship however Jamie showed his true colours. Calm and calculated, he provided a consistent performance against a close second placed Anthony York. The nationals saw 13 RS600 sailors attend, greeted with light breezes on the first day, steadily increasing over the weekend.

Jamie is sponsored by Living Well Health Club Sheffield (c/o Sheffield Hilton Hotel). A special mention to them as they have helped Jamie to be at the peak of fitness for his campaign.

For more information

www.rs600.org

www.yachtsandyachting.com/news

www.livingwell.com



Children's Christmas Party – Saturday December 8th
Details to follow.....

West Lancashire Yacht Club 24 Hour Race at Southport

During the week or two before this maddest of mad events, we were a bit concerned that the tail end of the Gulf hurricane might make the 24hr race unsailable. As it turned out, the strong winds battered our base-camp team putting up the Ulley HQ tent during Friday, but by the end of the day the wind had dropped to a manageable level and stayed reasonably kind throughout the weekend.

The race started at midday Saturday and the first 8 hours were helmed by our serious racers - Matt Velamail, James Morley, Max Nicholson and Jonathan Holt. They settled Ulley A around 20th place (out of 58) before handing over to the rest of us. As darkness fell, last year's jinx struck again; another king post failure. The Ent limped back to the pit area and we manhandled it out of the water. One team started stripping down the damaged area while a second group rummaged in a skip looking for suitable timber. After 45 minutes we were back on the water, having dropped to a disappointing 45th place.

We fought back valiantly, finishing a creditable 39th. We would probably have finished in the upper twenties if we'd had a clean run.

As you will recall, Ulley had two entries last year, the second boat being sailed by Matt Velamail and Tim Brownell for their epic non-stop race. Our 2nd entry was taken up this year by Tim Vick and his team, sailing as Ulley B. They finished a brilliant 16th, winning the prize for 3rd Enterprise and the Yorkshire Cup for the first Yorkshire team to finish. We have retained this trophy as Matt and Tim won it last year.

We had a great turnout this year, the biggest for some time, with 23 sailors and 5 shore crew.

Any sailors who've not been to Southport should give it a go next year. It's great fun and I can guarantee you'll sleep like a log on the Sunday night!



Calling all ODs – from the Rear Commodore

The tried and trusted method of recording transactions over the weekend seems to have fallen flat on its face recently. Will all ODs please ensure that the page detailing cash in the till, expenses and the cash returned is completed, together with the number of boats sailed (to give the next week's OD an idea of how many to cater for) and food served together with prices charged (for the same reason) .

Boat hire fees need to be KEPT SEPARATE. Will all members hiring club boats pay the fees to the OD BEFORE sailing, before things get hectic in the galley!

If any members are unsure of how to complete the OD book I will explain it all when the bag and keys are collected on Wednesday evening.

Ulley Take Filey Regatta By Storm

Winners of the Filey Town Council Tide Clock

1st Enterprise	ENTERPRISE	Ulley SC	Matthew Velamail, Tim Brownell
2nd Enterprise	ENTERPRISE	Ulley SC	Tim Vick, Rebecca Marks
3rd Enterprise	ENTERPRISE	Ulley SC	James Morley, Rachel Burkitt
4th Enterprise	ENTERPRISE	Ulley SC	Mark Burkitt, Linda Burkitt
5th Enterprise	ENTERPRISE	Ulley SC	Dave Staniforth, Becky Thickett
6th Enterprise	ENTERPRISE	Ulley SC	Nick Lander, Will Burkitt
7th Enterprise	ENTERPRISE	Ulley SC	Phil Scolah, Jane Scolah
8th Enterprise	ENTERPRISE	Ulley SC	Alan Ward, Gary Benton
11th Enterprise	ENTERPRISE	Ulley SC	Martin Fenby, Christopher Hartley
13th Enterprise	ENTERPRISE	Ulley SC	David Holt, Brian Cavell / Julian Morley

1st Handicap	RS 600	Ulley SC	Jamie Mawson
5th Handicap	RS 400	Ulley SC	Mark Pinder Simon Pinder
20th Handicap	LASER RADIAL	Ulley SC	John Twigg
22nd Handicap	PHANTOM	Ulley SC	Peter Cleverley
23rd Handicap	LASER	Ulley SC	Darren Machen
26th Handicap	Splash	Ulley SC	Rosalie Hill

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Filey Regatta

Well, what a great turnout from the Ulley team for this event. For some people it was the first time they had been there, in a regatta, on the sea or all of the above. This event really showed how strong the club is, bringing home the *Filey Town Council Tide Clock* in recognition of being the club with the most participants. For a full break-down of the club's and the members' achievements see the picture.

Members' Away Success

This is a new feature that I need your help with. If any of you go to open events at other clubs please let me know and I will mention you in the newsletter.

Matt Velamail and Tim Brownell

- Filey Regatta - 1st,
- Grafham - 1st ,
- Bassenthwaite - 4th,
- Ent Nationals - 18th -
<http://www.sailenterprise.co.uk/2012-championships/2012-nationals-full-race-results-reports/>

James Morley and Rachel Burkitt &

- Nationals - 36th

Charles Power

- Currently 7th in the Yorkshire & Humberside Youth Sailing Association - Autumn 2012-13 Travellers Series
- Attended the NSSA Regatta at Weymouth after only sailing for a few weeks and finished solidly in the middle of the Slow Handicap fleet.



Max Nicholson by Dad

It seems like only yesterday when we took up Family membership with Ulley Sailing Club. Both Max and I had done our RYA level 1 and 2 at Rother Valley and we were looking to join a local sailing club. We had connections with Ulley as some close friends had been founder members in 1972. We came along to an open day and signed up.

Max was keen to get his own dinghy and he bought a green Splash from Petrina and Tom Flewitt for the princely sum of £200 which he had earned from his paper round. He started sailing on Saturdays and went on to following the fleet around on Sundays, trying to stay out of the way but trying to follow John Woffinden in his Splash replicating what he was doing.

It was suggested that Max join the YHYSA and join the older Youth members representing the club around the region. John Dowd donated a road base to Max which we refurbished and headed off to the Travellers. The Ulley team kept a watchful eye over Max with Matt Velamail taking a particular interest in making sure Max was race-ready on each occasion. Max attended the Travellers for 4 or 5 years showing constant improvement.

After the first season he had outgrown his Splash and we located a used Laser which he still sails and polishes constantly today. As Max progressed with his sailing, he came to the conclusion that he would like to work in the marine trade when he left school and more specifically he wanted to be a Naval Architect, designing racing yachts. Max continued sailing, winning the YHYSA series 3 times in a row and being the highest placed Yorkshire boat in the NSSA 2011 regatta, taking part in the Tall Ships race, sailing keel boats in West Highland Yachting week and much more.

When his A-level results came in this year it was confirmed he had what he needed to take his place at Southampton University to Study Naval Architecture. We are delighted for him and can only thank the club members who have invested their time and attention in him. There are too many names to mention but you know who you are.

I am sure you join us in wishing Max a long and successful career in the marine industry.

On a less regular 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:**

general.secretary@ulleysailingclub.org.uk

Membership News – Welcoming all new and current members

In the May newsletter we reported five new memberships this year and, at the time of writing (25 September), this number has increased to NINETEEN new memberships. So a hearty welcome to:

- Andy Bishton Full/Single Member
- David Rowlands Full/Single Member
- Steve Bird and Deborah McGarvey Family Members
- Matthew McGarvey and Isabel Frost Family Members
- Lisa and Dean Baker Family Members
- Tim Drew Full/Single Member
- Paul and Sue Hermiston Family Members
- Amanda Hindley Crew Member
- Oliver Machin Full/Single Member
- Jonathan Newsome Full/Single Member
- Neil and Julie Carver Family Members
- Sam Bloomfield Student Member
- Grant Baugh Full/Single Member
- Steve Scott Full/Single Member

As we said last time, a Register of Members should either be in the holder above the hi-fi or on the bar. Please make use of this Register if you are on duty and are unsure if somebody is a member or not. Many of the established members do not know the newer members and vice versa, so nobody should be offended if you ask their name and look them up in the Register - it will also tell you if they are entitled to sail and whether they are over 18 so they can buy an alcoholic drink.

The receipt of membership fees and membership applications must also be recorded on the page provided for this in the Register. Completed renewal forms or application forms must be placed in the pockets provided at the back of the Register.

Steve Butler

Membership Secretary

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting – that most exciting of all events in the club's calendar ☺ – is only two months away, on 28th November. This is your opportunity to have your say about the way that the club is run, so please give some thought to possible subjects for the agenda and send them to the General Secretary. It is also your chance to choose your duty weekends for next year!

Committee Members Wanted!

One of the most important items on the AGM agenda each year is the election of the Management Committee that will run the club for the next year and this year's committee would very much like to see some different people putting their names forward – particular newer members. The only requirement is that you are a voting member of the club; i.e. a Single/Full member, a Crew or Student member over 18 years old, a House member or either of the two adults from a Family membership.

Committee members must be prepared and able to attend a meeting on the first Tuesday of each month throughout the year, to be available for email discussions or informal debates between meetings and to carry out an assigned role in the running of the club which may occupy variable amounts of time in the evenings or at weekends as required.

A list will be on the club noticeboard from this weekend for people to volunteer to serve on the committee and it will stay there until the end of October. If there are twelve or less volunteers, these will all be proposed at the AGM. If there are more than twelve then there will be a ballot.

Other Volunteers Wanted!

As the size of the club increases and we take on extra activities like becoming a RYA Recognised Training Centre, there is an increasing need for volunteers to help with the running of the club. If you would like to do something to help but don't want to be a member of the Management Committee, there are plenty of other opportunities: we are always looking for people to help with training or with the Sailing Experiences; there always seems to be something needing repair on the club boats or some maintenance needed on the buildings or site; suggestions and assistance with social events are always welcome, as are new ideas for the sailing programme.

Simply tell a committee member that you would like to help and what you could do and we shall put you in touch with the appropriate sub-committee or working group.

Training News – Brush up on those 5 essential skills

For all you budding sailors, Wednesday night desk-top training started on Wednesday 19th Sept at 8:00pm. The sessions aim to start at the beginning, running through the RYA Method.

The idea is that the theory will be covered during the sessions and then you put what you have learnt into practice at the weekend. Don't forget I'll be around on Saturday to maybe give you some pointers. You can also book and pay for your club boat on Wednesday, in time for the weekend.

The sessions are aimed at beginners and anyone who would like to improve and maybe move into Club racing. New members are particularly welcome and are encouraged to come along and meet other like-minded members who have taken the plunge. Oh! And capsizing drill will be covered in one of the sessions.

Don't forget to keep a lookout on Facebook for updates and I'll see you at the Club 8 o'clock sharp.

For more information contact Mark Burkitt at:

training@ulleysailingclub.org.uk



Jamie Mawson has put his RS600 up for sale and is believed to be looking for a slower type of boat. He was seen at Ulley getting lessons on how to sail one.



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.

commodore@ulleysailingclub.org.uk

Happy & Safe Sailing!!!