



Ulley Update

The Newsletter of Ulley Sailing Club

March 2014



Message from our Commodore – David Holt

After some horrid weather over the last couple of months, with understandably low turn-outs for the Brass Monkey series, we finally seem to have hit some better weather in time for the start of the new season on 5/6th April. Let's empty the boat park and get the season off to a flying start!

Before that we have two working party weekends (22nd/23rd and 29/30th) when we will need as many volunteers as possible to get through the Bosun's job list.

We have recently won two small grant bids. £2000 from the Community First Neighbourhood Award fund is currently being spent. Thus far we have purchased 3 high-quality VHF radios for easier communication between duty officers and we have made a contribution to the Club's purchase of Nick Lander's GRP Enterprise. (We have also sold two old Ents to Whitby Sailing Club to go towards this.) More buoyancy aids for young sailors will also be bought.

The Banks Fund has awarded us £2500 to buy good quality gazebos and picnic benches.

We should find out in April if we have been successful with our £50,000 Inspired Facilities bid to upgrade the building. Fingers crossed!

Last week we spoke to the RYA about becoming a Sailability Centre so we can help people with disabilities to get on the water and enjoy our sport. We will be progressing this over the coming months.

Thanks to everybody involved in organising our successful Prize Giving and Curry Night on 8th March, especially Linda Burkitt who is now in danger of being appointed Club Curry Officer!

The next club social event is our Bring and Share evening on Saturday 12th April. Don't miss it.

And don't forget, the bar is open every Wednesday evening throughout the year so please pop in and join us for a drink and a natter.

The club really has done brilliantly to reach the final of the RYA Club of the Year award. More about this later in the Newsletter. We have had some good publicity in the local press – one article in the Sheffield Star and two in the Rotherham Advertiser, based on our own press release and one the RYA put out after the Dinghy Show on 1st March.

A massive thankyou to all the people who have put their hearts and souls into the club over the years to get us where we are today – the best club in the region, of course!

Happy sailing

David Holt

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Dates for the Diary

April

- 5th Season Starts
- 5th Instructor Training
- 12th 'Bring and Share'
- 26th Training

May

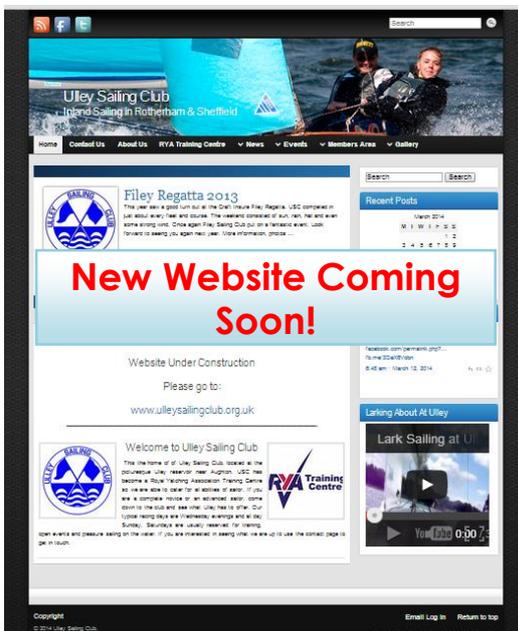
- 17th Open Day
- 18th Push the Boat Out
- 24th Training

June

- 7th Enterprise Open
- 14th Training
- 21st & 22nd Filey Regatta

July

- 23rd Training
- 31st BBQ





RYA Club of the Year Finalist

RYA Club of the Year Award at the Dinghy Show - Alexandra Palace 1st March 2014

Finalists: Ulley SC, Brightlingsea SC, Horning SC, Staunton Harold SC, Sussex Yacht Club

The Story

Ten of us set off by minibus from Ulley car park at a frosty 7.30am, heading for Ally Pally to find out if the Club had won the ultimate prize, being one of five finalists for the Club of the Year award, as you all know.

George Davis, Tom and Petrina Flewitt, Alan Ward, John Woffinden, Ken Russon, Ian Mawson, Dave White, Steve Butler and I made up the ten, meeting Mark, Linda and Will Burkitt at the show entrance. Dave Staniforth, Matt Velamail, Tim Brownell and Rachel Burkitt were already there, manning the Enterprise Association stand. Dave Rowlands was also there with the RYA, and Matthew Butler was on the Buzz stand. So we had a good Ulley support crew. Apologies if I've missed anybody.

The Dinghy Show was as good and busy as ever and the morning flew by.

At 12.30 Ian, Steve, Mark and I went along to represent the Club at the finalists' lunch. Each club did a video interview before lunch. You'll find short extracts on the RYA website. The RYA Chairman, Stacey Clark, gave a resume of the entry submissions, praising the high quality of the entries and saying that selection of the winning club had been very difficult indeed this year. I think he really meant it. Lunch was a classy affair with seating mixed so we met members from the other finalist clubs and senior RYA people, including the Chairman and the CEO, Sarah Treseder.

The feeling I came away with was that the RYA really appreciate what the clubs are doing to promote sailing and to develop themselves. They had spent a lot of time assessing the entries and wanted to make the finalists feel special. They certainly succeeded.

Then we had to wait for the big moment at 4pm – the Club of the Year Award Presentation on the main stage.

Two representatives from each club went up on stage to be presented with a heavy finalist's plaque by the British Sailing Team's Megan Pascoe, the announcements being made by RYA CEO Sarah Treseder. As the order was alphabetical, Ian Mawson and I were up last, all the finalists staying on stage for a nail-biting couple of minutes until the gold envelope was opened and the winner announced.

As you will all know by now through the speed of Facebook etc, the winning club was Staunton Harold SC. Congratulations to them.

It was very clear that any of the five finalists would have been worthy winners, but that didn't stop us feeling just a little deflated for a while. We retired to the bar, had a pint and reflected that the club should indeed be very, very proud of itself. Over 750 sailing clubs in the UK...mmm!

Then it was back on the minibus and home, to finish a 14 hour day that was over in a flash.

You can see our plaque in the clubhouse, along with a 2m long 'Finalist's' flag that we will proudly fly at the Club.

Well done everybody and a special thankyou to Rosalie Hill, who put so much into preparing our application.

We can all feel very proud of what Ulley Sailing Club has achieved.

David Holt



Message from the Galley – Rear Commodore

The eagle eyed among you will have noticed that we have a new microwave cooker. It is fairly straightforward, but the instructions are in the top cupboard, third from the right. Will members please ensure the inside is wiped out after use, to avoid the condensation damage done to the last one.

Welcome home Ulley tea towels, great to see so many of you back in residence, just need the stragglers to join you now!!

Ian

Santa's Return Visit to Ulley - Christine

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The childrens' Christmas party held at the Club on Saturday December 7th was, as last year, a huge success! The big room had been transformed into a magical Santa's Grotto, with trees, decorations and lights, and of course, Santa himself with sacks of presents for the children. The tables were laden with party food, which soon disappeared after the energetic party games!

Santa's arrival by boat just as it was going dusk, with Rudolph's red nose flashing was amazing! There was great excitement on the terrace; Emily Sumner was jumping up and down and screaming, and even a lady walking in the park was stopped in her tracks, brilliant!! Of course, Santa can't do his job without assistance from his elves, Rachel and Becky, thank you, girls.

The party was rounded off by fireworks, a fitting end to a fun afternoon.

Our thanks to Laura for all her hard work over several weeks. The thought and care put into ensuring all the children had a really happy time was much appreciated. Thank you to Sara for her 'contact', to George for the refurbishment of Rudolph and to the Burkitt family for their help in setting up the big room. Also appreciated was the help in the galley and the delicious 'thank you' chocolates from Jill. If I have missed anyone, consider yourselves also thanked!

Christine

A date for your diary

On Saturday April 12th we will be holding a 'Bring and Share' evening. These evenings have been very successful in the past, a time to get together with other members before the season starts in earnest. Christine will coordinate the food, so please contact her with details of your contributions, but we need volunteers to take charge of the entertainment for the evening. In the past we have had Bingo and quizzes, any new ideas would also be appreciated, show us your talents!!



Cautionary Notices

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.

Membership News – Welcoming all new and current members

2013 was a very busy year for everybody on the committee, including the Membership Secretary. We had seventeen new memberships and ended the year with more than 90 memberships for the third consecutive year! Many sailing clubs are seeing a decrease in their membership but we are more than holding our own. We must be doing something right!

There have been nine new memberships since the last newsletter, so we give a hearty welcome to:

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| 2013: | Robert Edwards | Crew member |
| | Jane and Rhodri Huws | Family Members |
| | Christine Garrison | Single Member |
| | Andrew Cooper | Single Member |
| | Torston Middleton | Student Member |
| 2014: | Martin Ramsay | Single Member |
| | Karyn McArthur | Student Member |
| | Keith Litherland | Single Member |
| | Greg Reynolds | Single Member |

For those of you who have not yet renewed your membership for 2014, I hope that the expenses of Christmas have now been paid off and you are able to pay your renewal fees. Otherwise, I'm sorry but you are not entitled to use any of the Club's facilities and you must be signed in as a guest if you visit the Club.

Unfortunately, the cost of membership renewal now includes the late-payment surcharge, as set out in your letter about the AGM. If you have lost this letter, you can see the required fees on the Club website, on the "Members' Information / Membership Renewal" page. You can download a copy of the Membership Renewal Form from there as well.

Please send your payment (cheques payable to "Ulley Sailing Club") and the completed Renewal Form to my home address, as given in your Club Handbook, or you can leave them at the Club for me to collect, but please ensure that they are in a sealed envelope marked for the attention of the Membership Secretary and with your name on the outside.

Alternatively, you can make your payment by internet bank transfer to the Club's bank account, but you must still return your completed renewal form. The account details are:

Branch Code: 12-18-68 (Bank of Scotland)
Account Number: 00900660

Enter the "Reference" for your transfer as "[Your Name] Fees" so we can be sure who the money has come from.

The Club has really been buzzing at the weekends for the last few years. Gone are the days when the Duty Officers were lonely on Saturdays! With so many activities taking place, **it is essential that the OoDs find out what will be happening during their duty weekend and contact the rest of their duty team some time before the weekend, to ensure that they will all be coming and will arrive in ample time to prepare for the events of each day.** Don't forget that Safety Officers must do the Club's Safety Boat training before their duty weekend.

Some news of two former Ulley members: Matt Butler won the Buzz Inland Championships in October 2013; after several years as RYA Youth Racing Manager, Duncan Truswell has been appointed as the new RYA Sport Development Manager. Both Matt and Duncan learnt to sail at Ulley and were part of our very successful youth squad in the 1990s.

Enjoy your sailing year everybody. If you are a new member, let's see you sailing on Sundays as well as Saturdays! Joining in the races is by far the best way to improve your sailing skills.

Steve Butler
Membership Secretary

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Thomas Flewitt – Youth Development Officer

At the recent AGM I was elected onto the committee in order to re-develop the youth squad that Ulley SC used to be known for within our region.

The plan for this year is to invite every young member under 20 to attend the club on the afternoon of the 4th Saturday in each month. So, rain or shine, wind or no wind, there will be a regular afternoon session each month where the youth squad will get together.

Those who want to improve and get out onto the water will have the Club boats at their disposal. Those that are new or too young to sail will also have the opportunity to get out on the water or stay on dry land and do some games and activities. This means that the adults with children will hopefully have a bit of time to get on the water themselves with an instructor on hand to offer advice and guidance.

In terms of events that we can attend as a squad during 2014, we have the Southport Junior 12 hour race and the NSSA Topper Team Racing Event to look forward to. I'm also available to help with anyone wishing to attend the Yorkshire and Humberside Travellers Series, which is an absolutely fantastic way for young members to race on other waters in the region, against their peers.

The first date will be 26th April 2014 from 12:30pm. During this first afternoon I'll be after some young members to come together in order to represent the youth section, along with someone coming forward as the leader in order to feed back ideas and queries to me.

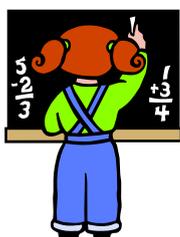
In the meantime, however, feel free to contact me by email with any questions and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Training Opportunities

Once again this year we are running combined RYA Level 1 and Level 2 courses over three weekends (on each Saturday) throughout the year. We've also brought back the very successful "Ladies that Launch" course dedicated for the female members. Whether you've never sailed before or are a pro, the course provides you with a way to improve your skills and learn something new. Ultimately you end up with an internationally recognized RYA level 1 & 2 certificate.

The course dates for the L1&L2 courses in 2014 are:

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| 28/06/2014 | 1 st L1 & L2 Course |
| 05/07/2014 | 1 st L1 & L2 Course |
| 12/07/2014 | 1 st L1 & L2 Course |
| 02/08/2014 | Ladies that Launch 2 nd L1 & L2 Course |
| 09/08/2014 | Ladies that Launch 2 nd L1 & L2 Course |
| 16/08/2014 | Ladies that Launch 2 nd L1 & L2 Course |
| 27/09/2014 | 3 rd L1 & L2 Course |
| 04/10/2014 | 3 rd L1 & L2 Course |
| 11/10/2014 | 3 rd L1 & L2 Course |



The cost for the L1&L2 course, for Club members is £55.00. This includes the use of club boats, the cost of the two certificates and the RYA national sailing scheme book.

Sailing Experiences are a great way for people to be introduced to sailing and are open to the public. During the half day session (either am or pm) we aim to get you sailing on the water with an RYA qualified instructor. If you know of anyone who wants to book onto it the dates and prices for this year are below:

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| 12/04/2014 | Sailing Experience am/pm |
| 19/04/2014 | Sailing Experience am/pm |
| 10/05/2014 | Sailing Experience am/pm |
| 01/06/2014 | Sailing Experience am/pm |
| 30/08/2014 | Sailing Experience am/pm |
| 06/09/2014 | Sailing Experience am/pm |

The costs for half a day of instruction with use of club boats is:

Adults = £15.00
Juniors = £10.00
Family of 4 = £40.00

With a 50% refund on the sailing experience if an Ulley SC membership is taken out.

As you've seen, we have a full training calendar along with the safety boat training, dinghy training and youth squad. If any members would like to get involved in becoming a sailing assistant / instructor or powerboat instructor or would like to just come and give us a hand then please get in contact.

For any more information on courses or getting involved please email: training@ulleysailingclub.org.uk



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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!