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Dates for your Diary

Boxing Day

New Year's Day

Sun 1st Feb

Sat 14th Feb

21st & 22nd Feb

Sat 7th March

Sailing & mince pies 11:00h on

Icicle Race for boards and dinghies (11:30h start) & light lunch (13:00h)

2015 Icicle series starts: 10:30h first race

Power Boat Refresher Courses (start at 14:00h)

Island working party weekend, from 10.00h

Shore working party at the club, from 10:00h, with lunch

Deadline for next Telltales Sun 22nd March

Commodore's Column December 2014

Our well attended AGM last month celebrated the club's and its members' achievements over the last year, thanks to everyone who came, for those who were unable to attend here is a brief summary of my report.

- Over the last year the club has enjoyed continued success, our lake has been busy with established sailors, new members and visitors to our various open events.
- Early in the year much hard work was involved in the development of our ladies changing facilities; the results are clear for everyone to see.
- Six new RYA Dinghy Instructors were trained at the club earlier this year to support our coaching programme.
- Our various race series, including our informal Lazy Sunday races, have been well supported – congratulations to all those who received prizes.
- Junior training, through our Pirate and Buccaneer groups, junior windsurfing sessions and our junior summer course, goes from strength to strength, extra sessions were run this year to satisfy demand!
- RYA Level 1 courses were run, training sailors and recruiting new club members, and dinghy mentoring for club members, adult windsurfing sessions and Powerboat courses were all provided by our hardworking volunteer coaches.



- During the year we launched a new website for the club, which includes a live webcam and weather station and WiFi was installed at the club.
- Another Sport England grant was obtained this year after a successful bid. An award of £10,000 was made to enable us to buy an additional RIB to support the club's activities. In fact we bought two! The extra one to replace one of our older boats.
- Late season events included a very well supported Bart's Bash, our Lay Up BBQ (with spectacular fireworks!) and a visit to Haversham Sailing Club by a group of junior sailors to compete in Topper regatta (see below). All were great club events enjoyed by those who took part.
- The club continues to be well supported by a large group of willing volunteers, without whom our club would not be able to function. Rescue boats are driven, food is prepared, groups are coached, boats, buildings and computers are maintained, and committee decisions are taken. Thanks to everyone who has worked so hard over the year.



Other business at the AGM included some updating of our Constitution and a statement from our treasurer, Mark Roe, who was able to report that the club's finances are in good order and as such no increases in our club's membership fees were proposed for 2015.

Whilst they weren't ready for the water, our new RIBs were 'on show' at the AGM. I'm pleased to report that both boats have now been commissioned and duly run in and are now ready for service. Refresher sessions will be run for our safety boat team early in the New Year and any PSC members who would like to undertake the two day RYA Powerboat Level 2 course to enable them to join the team should contact me.



Male members will be pleased to know that two new showers have been installed in our changing rooms, along with new lighting and PIRs.

Activity on the water has been reduced recently since the introduction of our winter restrictions at the start of November but there is still a group who regularly sail on Sunday mornings and your committee is certainly keeping busy by planning ahead for next year. The calendar looks very full for 2015 with our normal full schedule of races, social sailing events and training courses.



We are also developing a 'to do list' which includes upkeep of our club boats, more work on the men's changing room as well as other updating and maintenance tasks around the club – perhaps you should put the dates of next Spring's working parties in your diary now! (21st and 22nd February and 7th March).

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all Priory Sailing Club members a very Happy Christmas. Here's to a happy, healthy and windy 2015!

Best wishes, Tim Hewett, Commodore

PSC Juniors at Haversham Topper Open

On Saturday the 25th of October a group of nine young sailors from Priory made the journey to Haversham Sailing Club to compete in their annual Topper traveller event. This event is open for anyone to enter and was part of the Topper Traveller Series, attracting some of the best Topper sailors from across the Eastern region. The group of nine PSC junior sailors was the largest in recent times to go to the event. The range of experience was wide, with this being the first venture beyond priory for Timmy Evans, Rory and Grace Caldwell and Ellie Aikman. The rest of the group consisted of Imogen and Nat Otley, Sonia Evans, David Stephenson and myself.



On arrival at Haversham everyone chipped in, and we quickly unloaded and rigged up the nine Toppers ready for what was going to be an exciting days sailing, with the wind forecast to pick up to around 15 knots by the afternoon. The first race started and no one got a particularly good start, David taking the lead of all the Priory sailors. The wind picked up part way through the race,

and with Timmy in a full sized topper rig, he did very well not to get blown away! David held on to the lead of our group all the way through the race, but unfortunately got disqualified for not going through the start gate on his second lap! This shows how one lapse in concentration can cost you an awful lot of places! The second race was more successful for all, at one point Priory sailors holding the places 2nd-7th. Another good race from David saw him again in the lead of our group, but an unfortunately timed capsize meant he lost three places on the line!



Timmy went down to a 4.2 rig for this race, and the stand-out performances of the morning were from him and Grace, who did extremely well given the blustery conditions. Imogen also gained a very well earned 7th, just beating Sonia and Ellie.

After a warming lunch, the wind increased and everyone was relishing the opportunity to get back on the water. Our starts were getting better and better; with David and I managing to break away from the main group, gaining a 3rd and 2nd respectively. Although one of the lightest sailors there, Nat's perseverance showed through, gaining another good result in the afternoon. This same perseverance showed from Rory, who, even though this was his first open event, was right behind some of the regulars. The final race was by far the windiest, and this meant there were many non-finishers, but no one gave up too easily. It was good to see everyone smiling throughout, even if they were capsized at the time! Even though everyone was cold and tired, we still managed to put the boats back on the trailer in record time thanks to a great PSC team effort, which was followed

by a quick prize giving. On return to Priory it was great to see everyone helping out once again when unpacking the boats, meaning we could all get home and have a nice hot drink!

For me, the two stand-out performances were David and Timmy. This is the best I have ever seen David sail, and he was very unlucky to not get in the top 3. Timmy was the most determined sailor on the water, (including the regional sailors) and never gave up, always smiling throughout the day. Overall everyone enjoyed the day very much, and thanks must go to Tim for organising our team, and to all the parents for coming out to support us, rigging and de rigging, loading and unloading. A great day was had by all.

Owen Hewett, Laser and Topper

Overall

Sailed: 4, Discards: 1, To count: 3, Entries: 18, Scoring system: Appendix A

| Boat | Class | SailNo | Club | HelmName | Rating | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | Total | Nett |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------|----------|------------|------------|----------------|------------|----|-------|------|
| Bubble 2 | Topper45701/508 | BASC & SFSC | Elie Edwards | 1322 | 3.0 | | (19.0 OCS) 1.0 | 1.0 | | 24.0 | 5.0 |
| | Topper41895 | Emberton | Jack Bryant | 1322 | 1.0 | 3.0 | (5.0) | 4.0 | | 13.0 | 8.0 |
| | Topper24842 | Priory Sailing Club | Owen Hewett | 1322 | (7.0) | 4.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 | | 16.0 | 9.0 |
| | Topper46652/224 | Broxbourne | Edward Brown | 1322 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 8.0 ZFP | (9.0) | | 20.0 | 11.0 |
| | Topper47602/640 | Horning S C | Natalie Stiff | 1322 | 4.0 | | (19.0 OCS) 7.0 | 2.0 | | 32.0 | 13.0 |
| | Topper47461 | Marconi Sailing Club | William Harrison | 1322 | (6.0) | 2.0 | 6.0 | 5.0 | | 19.0 | 13.0 |
| | Topper45229 | Priory Sailing Club | David Stephenson | 1322 | (15.0) | 6.0 | 3.0 | 6.0 | | 30.0 | 15.0 |
| Double Trouble | Topper35818 | Greet Moor | Matt Evans | 1322 | 9.0 | 5.0 | (10.0) | 8.0 | | 32.0 | 22.0 |
| | Topper45234 | Priory Sailing Club | Sonia Evans | 1322 | 11.0 | (12.0) | 8.0 | 7.0 | | 38.0 | 26.0 |
| | Topper45235 | Priory Sailing Club | Imogen Otley | 1322 | (12.0) | 7.0 | 9.0 | 10.0 | | 38.0 | 26.0 |
| | Topper43999 | Haversham Sailing Club | Jasmine Gosling | 1322 | 8.0 | 9.0 | (13.0) | 11.0 | | 41.0 | 28.0 |
| OLLY | Topper45237 | Priory Sailing Club | Nat Otley | 1322 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 11.0 | (19.0 DNS) | | 50.0 | 31.0 |
| | Topper19145 | Haversham Sailing Club | Olly Anderson | 1322 | 5.0 | 8.0 | (19.0 DNF) | 19.0 DNS | | 51.0 | 32.0 |
| | Topper45209 | Priory Sailing Club | Rory Caldwell | 1322 | (19.0 DNF) | 19.0 DNF | 12.0 | 12.0 | | 62.0 | 43.0 |
| | Topper45233 | Priory Sailing Club | Ellie Aikman | 1322 | 14.0 | 11.0 | (19.0 DNC) | 19.0 DNF | | 63.0 | 44.0 |
| | Topper44396 | Priory Sailing Club | Grace Caldwell | 1322 | (19.0 DNF) | 19.0 DNF | 14.0 | 13.0 | | 65.0 | 46.0 |
| | Topper28448 | Haversham Sailing Club | Lilly Gosling | 1322 | 13.0 | (19.0 DNF) | 19.0 DNF | 19.0 DNS | | 70.0 | 51.0 |
| | Topper44397 | Priory Sailing Club | Timmy Evans | 1322 | (19.0 DNF) | 19.0 DNF | 19.0 DNF | 19.0 DNS | | 76.0 | 57.0 |

Improving your dinghy sailing in the New Year

If you're keen to improve on your sailing in 2015, here are some options.

1. Talk to club and committee members at the club: they will be happy to help you. There are always folks around on Sunday mornings through to early afternoon, even in the depths of winter unless the lake is frozen solid! As the lake warms and the evenings get lighter this extends to Saturdays and Wednesday evenings.
2. I'll be offering informal coaching on Saturday mornings in May & June. Ideal if you've done Level 1 and want to build on that, or if you are just out of practice, or if there's something specific you'd like help working on.
3. Join in the racing. The last Sunday in each month from April on has Lazy Sunday races, from 2pm; these are for everyone, including juniors and novices who would like to try racing but are not confident they know how, or would just value the "during the race" coaching on offer.
4. Join the club racing, which takes place every Sunday morning. We're a friendly lot despite being competitive, and there's nothing like developing your sailing by watching how good sailors are doing it!

Dick Knowles Vago XD 669

Priory Sailing Club Annual Awards 2014

Here are the awards as presented by Tony & Tim at the AGM and awards ceremony, which was very well attended by a packed room-full of members!

| 2014 Awards | Awardee | In/ On |
|--|--|---------------|
| Bell Trophy for the best non-sailing contribution | Caroline Bennett & William Armitage | Club-house |
| Mariner of the Year | Tony Ogborn | Heron |
| Lady Mariner of the Year | Pascale Hewett | Laser |
| Novice of the Year | Alaistair Charatan | Laser |
| U17 of the Year | Owen Hewett | Laser |
| U13 of the Year | Imogen Otley | Topper |
| Most improved Junior | Sonia Evans | Topper |
| Most determined Junior | Timmy Evans | Topper |
| Most improved Adults | Dan Perry & Lucy Catu | Omega |
| First Laser | Paul Williams | Laser |
| First Laser U17 | Owen Hewett | Laser |
| 2014 Series Winners | | |
| Icicle winner | Andrew Wilson | Streaker |
| Spring winner | Andrew Wilson | Streaker |
| Summer winner | Owen Hewett | Laser |
| Autumn winner | Dick Knowles | Vago |
| Autumn first novice | Joan Taylor | Comet |
| Olympic winner | Tony Ogborn | Heron |
| Olympic first novice | Steve Dyson | Laser 2 |

Well done to Tony for winning Mariner of the Year despite his added personal handicap! I gather he only beat Tim Hewett after a deep dive into the results (and close examination of the rules) was able to separate them. Bravo to all the award winners.

Dick Knowles Vago 669

Has your boat got a History?

Archie Marler has just bought himself his first dinghy; he learnt to sail at PSC last year and he has since been honing his skills using club boats, but he recently decided it was time to own a boat of his own. He is now the proud owner of a Graduate, sail number 2076, called 'Starfish'. With the help of Google he discovered that the boat won the Graduate National Championship in 1969 at Llandudno helmed by James Hawker who later went on to found Hawker Marine Products that manufacturer the wind vane indicators that many of us use! Does your boat have a history?



Tim Hewett

The RYA Dinghy Show

Held at Alexandra Palace in London over the weekend of 28th Feb & 1st March 2015 the RYA Dinghy Show has something for all dinghy sailors.

<http://www.rya.org.uk/programmes/dinghyshow/Pages/RYADinghyShow.aspx>

They have some good talks and coaching sessions and hundreds of exhibitors showcasing the latest boats and classic designs, kit, gear and gadgets, as well as loads of activities, competitions and events for visitors to enjoy. There are free talks and workshops covering first steps through to the latest racing tactics and techniques, helping you to make the most of your sailing.



Editor's Plea

Many thanks to the contributors to this issue.

Please submit articles of interest to club members for inclusion in Telltales, as well as pictures. They can be short or long. Both wind-surfing and dinghy sailing pieces welcomed obviously. You might consider:

- Opinion pieces or hints and tips articles
- Reports from going to open meetings
- Sailing holiday reports, any other sailing experiences
- Information on club members, current and former

Feel free to make other suggestions to make Telltales as relevant, informative and entertaining as possible.

Telltales is much enlivened by some sailing-related pictures, so please help by submitting your pictures to the current Editor with a bit of text to say what is going on in the picture, who, where etc, or else post onto the Photo Gallery (<http://www.priorysc.org.uk/gallery/index.php/>).

Telltales comes out quarterly so please submit anything by Sunday March 22nd for this, via myself (milldick@btinternet.com, Mill House, Mill Lane, Langford Beds SG18 9LZ) or any PSC committee member, and by email, hand-written note, phone call, carrier pigeon, whatever!

Dick Knowles (Editor, Vago XD 669)

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