

TSC NEWS



The Racing Edition

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Happy Easter from the Commodore

Jonathan Websdell



Happy Easter everyone,

We have had a very windy end to March especially for sailors last weekend. Following on from the JB Smith trophy last weekend we have the Easter Pennant on Easter Monday where slower sailors like me, set off first and the faster sailors have to catch us within an hour.

The events start to come thick and first now, we have monthly **training sessions** starting this month, which offer something for both new and experienced sailors and a great chance to meet and mix with other club members. The big event in May is the **Open day** which ties in with the **RYA Push The Boat Out** national event, we have got some great plans for a fantastic day for members and visitors alike, get it in your diary now. I hope to see you over the Easter weekend I will be sailing the Easter Pennant if you are looking for a crew or would like a sail give me a call, otherwise I'll have to sail the laser which does not have a holder for my G&T.

Trimpley Junior to be published in RYA Junior Newsletter

One of our very own Junior Sailors, **Isla Gibbs**, recently entered a story writing competition that the RYA ran. Isla wrote about her time spent at Trimpley and was selected to have her story published in the RYA Junior Newsletter. She was very excited about this, although mum Jen and friend Scarlett Holland were surprised by their inclusion in the story! We'll make sure everyone gets to see the article as soon as it is published. Well done Isla from all of us at TSC!

DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

Pay your membership fees by 30th April and you are able to claim a discount.

Receiving funds quickly also helps the committee with looking after the club in the best way, so do your bit and get paid up!

Rear Commodore

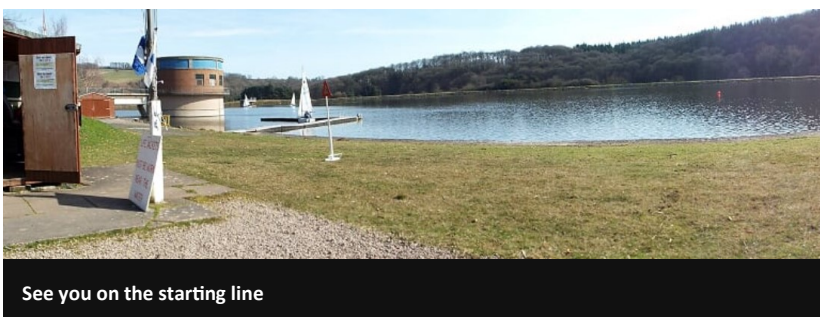
Mike Stout

The Rear Commodore's duties involve collating the race results and producing them for publication on the club's website and in the clubhouse. Each year these results form the basis for the presentation of trophies and awards at the club's annual dinner.

This year we awarded fifty GP14 and Laser race awards as well as monthly shields – so there are plenty to share around. Racing for the novice is not as daunting as it may sometimes appear. If you can remember which is "port" and which is "starboard" you are well on the way to racing your boat. There is plenty of advice and help available both on and off the water, so why not give it a go this year!

One of the joyous parts of being RC involves my able assistant and I activating the Time Multiplication Factor in order to even out the races which normally take place over an hour. This equation lies somewhere between Einstein's Theory of Relativity, Newton's Law and the X Factor scoring system – but it seems to work and makes racing fair for all.

So now that the weather is getting warmer and the pond is looking more inviting why not dust off your dinghy and come and show us what you are made of – you will be welcomed with open arms and by some sailors with open bung holes (yes we have all done it !!)



See you on the starting line

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Training Day - 11th April 10.30am

Over the next few months we will run a course of training sessions to improve confidence by developing skills, knowledge and having fun. Sessions are open to all members.

The first session will be run by Jonathan and will focus on the basics such as rigging, clothing, and basic skills on the water. On the day we will of course tailor the content to the group we have, and of course the weather!

For further information please get in touch with Jonathan.

We hope to see many of you there!



GP14 Captain

Ralph Webb

Ralphs Racing Tips:

- 1 Boat preparation, check your kit, toe straps, foils smooth, nice clean bottom, and well-tuned if your boat is the best it can be you cannot blame your equipment!
- 2 Sign on! 'Nuff said!
- 3 Write the course down...and which way round the buoys you are supposed to go..
- 4 Get on the start line! There is no point in being 20 boat lengths off the line when the gun goes!
- 5 From the start go for clear wind, and boat speed, concentrate on the tell tails so you are pointing efficiently. In my opinion 70% of winning is your start!
- 6 Try to keep the boat moving sweetly, avoid sudden movements, and watch upwind for the next batch of wind coming through so you can use it to your advantage.
- 7 Don't worry about getting in the way! Just go for it and have fun!
- 8 'Mirror' the faster boats, look how their sails are set ... Is their boat sailing flat?
- 9 Don't give up! If I had £1 for every time a boat has come through the fleet and won on the last leg I would be a wealthy man! Remember... "It ain't over till the Fat Lady sings!!"
- 10 Sign off.....

Racing to me means competing to win! Try to avoid the 'Red Mist' descending (note to self!) Do the best you can and keep going (see above...)

My most memorable race was a sunny day at Trimpey about 10 years ago (before single handed GP's were allowed to race!) I was sitting on the bank somewhat despondent as I did not have a crew :(The race started and the fleet had gone round no 1 buoy and were approaching no 3 buoy when Janet Cooksey (the then resident club grandma!) leaned over and offered to crew for me, she walked casually up to the workshop to get a life jacket, I signed on and we jumped in my GP, we fired round the lake, caught and passed the whole fleet and totally smashed it for the win! It was just one of those unforgettable moments!

The most important thing is to have fun and if you don't do well then blame your crew!!!! LOL!!

Best wishes
Ralph

Bart's Bash

As many of you know Trimpey sailing club took part in the world record breaking event Bart's Bash. The 2015 event will take part on 20th September.

It would be great to get as many boats as possible out on the water, so put the date in your diary now!



Upcoming Event – May Day Pursuit, Monday 4th May

Push The Boat Out - Open Day and Regatta

Sunday May 17th, 13:00—16:00

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Our Push The Boat Out event last year was an overwhelming success, which we hope to improve on this year. We want it to be a fun day for old and new members, where we can all enjoy the club and show it off to new people at the same time. Last year we welcomed many new faces to the club and as increasing membership is key to the future success of the club events such as PTBO provides a perfect platform to increase awareness and show off our fabulous club.

Make sure you all come along, and bring your friends and family too. The day will consist of fun and games, on and off the water, refreshments and we hope to get lots of new people on the water!

One of the best things about our club is the experience and passion that our members carry. We want to see that at its best on the day and we are appealing for volunteers to help support this great event. There will be many roles ranging from welcoming people, to helping in the galley and of course taking people out on the water. Very importantly prior to the event we need your help to spread the word!

We will be in touch with everyone soon with further details.



Plas Menai Update

Update on places and what happens next??

Race Calendar

Please remember to print a copy of the race and event calendar provided with this newsletter. Stick it somewhere you will see it so you don't miss out on any of the events!

Upcoming Event – Easter Pennant

On Easter Monday, 6th April, the Easter Pennant event takes place. This is open to all members with classes for GP14, Laser and Topper.

The event is a series of 3 races, the first race at 12:00, with 2 results to qualify. Awards are given for the overall winner and handicap.

We hope to see you there!

2014 Prize Giving Dinner

Saturday March 21st, Stourport Manor Hotel

Scarlett Holland, Age 9 (nearly 10)



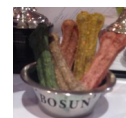
On Saturday 21st March we had our annual Trimpley prize giving dinner. There were lots of different prizes and certificates awarded. Congratulations to people who got prizes. The food was absolutely gorgeous, and the grace was short and sweet.

Well done to John Cookson and Simon Fletcher who won the Cock of the Wyre award. It certainly is an interesting trophy!

Norman Quarry (who has been sailing for 33 years) won the Sunday Noon GP14 Main and Handicap with his sailing partner Jo Jones.

Mike Stout (who has been sailing for 18 years) was very happy with his monthly shield. Pat Stout loved the photo montage and Ralph's speech. Peter John thought that all the trophies were well presented. Bosun has been sailing for 2 years now and he won the top dog prize. I think Bosun will be very happy with his treats.

The annual prize giving was a great success we have achieved lots and the best part everyone had fun. In the raffle we raised £100.00 and someone said it might be the most money ever raised. Jonathan said that overall that night went very well, everyone was laughing and most importantly everyone had lots of FUN!



Have you seen the new and improved Trimpley Sailing Club website? Many thanks to Tom Fletcher for all of his work on this.

Log on to www.trimpleysailingclub.co.uk and check it out.



Laser Captain

Andy Allan

I've been racing dinghies and yachts for the last 44 years and he still gets a 'buzz' every time he steps onto a boat. I enjoy sailing, but love racing!

My top Tip: In really windy conditions on a beat pull the control lines for Cunningham, Out-haul and Kicker in tight; lift the centre board by 20 cm; ease the main sheet by 50cm and hold the kicker control so that when a heavy gust hits it can be released to prevent the end of the boom dragging in the water which will avoid a capsized.

My best race ever: The last race of the European Championship in a Soling in Helsinki in 1980

Laser Open meetings: Six of us went to Chelmarsh - Paul, Ian, Harry, Simon, Mike & Phil, with Paul finishing 13th. Andy was the only Trimpley boat at Tamworth, he came 3rd. Six of us went to Earlswood - Paul, Andy, Harry, Simon, Mike & Phil. It was very windy and only one race was completed; all the Trimpley sailors did really well with Harry pitch-poled his boat in spectacular fashion completing a full summersault as he was thrown into the water. Andy came 2nd... there is still room for improvement!!

Thought for the day: A bad day on the water is still better than a good day at work!



It's Summertime, so don't forget that this means Sunday sailing starts at 12 noon now!

Dinghy Park—We have new members who are waiting for a space in the Dinghy Park. It may be that some members are parking boats in spaces which appear to be free but are intended to be allocated to new members. If you are parking boats temporarily, please let me know where and for how long. Thank you. Contact the Harbourmaster Simon Fletcher

J B Smith Trophy Race Report

Sunday 28th March

Mike Stout

The J B Smith Trophy race took place on what was forecast to be a day of strong winds – a good sailing day. Unfortunately although there were some blustery winds as the competitors assembled on the starting line, the wind soon dropped off.

Nine boats took to the water, and as the starting hooter sounded and the two hour race began, there was chaos immediately as the wind died, with contact in the bunch as everyone jockeyed to get across the line. Several boats were forced to make their penalty turns.



The pack soon started to split with Andy Allan taking the lead. Sadly after a great start, our more novice members Jon Holland and Warwick Pannell had to retire from the race after only a few minutes as the tiller extension on the “Grey V Boat” snapped off, much to their surprise!

In very fickle wind conditions the pace was often slow as the wind faded to almost nothing, but still Andy Allan managed a strong pace and began to lap most of the rest of the field. Eventually he had lapped everyone except Elliot Tromans and Ralph Webb.

Towards the end of the race Elliot caught up with Andy and as they rounded the shorten mark it looked as if we were in for a close finish. However, Andy held off his young opponent and crossed the line first to take the overall winner trophy (based on PY handicaps) and the Laser main trophy. Elliot took the Laser handicap award. Ralph and Mike Neville won the GP14 main and handicap award.

Following the race many gathered in the clubhouse for tea and a chat. Chris and Lynne Rees had brought along an excellent pirate cake, to celebrate Chris’s birthday, which was enjoyed by all. A rousing version of “Happy Birthday” completed the celebration.



Well done to all those who took part, it was a great Trimpley day.

Look after your investment!

We have noticed that there are a number of boats in the boat park that have covers that are either past their best or aren't secured properly. Look after your boat and make sure you cover it properly!

It is your duty to do your duty. Please remember the membership supports the membership, so make sure you play your part in keeping us all sailing! Remember to use the duty swap function on the website if you have a problem.

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