



MAKING WAVES

January 2009

First of all, Happy New Year! I hope Father Christmas brought you that new sail you were hoping for and you've not eaten too many Quality Street!

Since the recent Extraordinary General Meeting, where it was agreed to proceed with the building work, we've made a lot of progress. So much so that by the time you read this, work has probably started to get the work done before the start of the new sailing season. For this we've had to board up the front entrance to the club. This means at the moment there is very limited access to the club. As the lake is currently frozen I doubt you'll be up there for a sail at the moment anyway but this means you will not be able to gain entry to the club unless a key holder is there. Don't worry though, the Annual Dinner (see details at the back) and AGM is still on!

On a related note, if you have been up recently, you'll no doubt have noticed new windows in the day room and galley. Work will also soon be starting on a disabled ramp at the back door which we have received a grant to help fund.

All the work that's going on doesn't mean there won't be any working parties in March! There is still a lot of work to be done around the club so we'll need your help on the Sundays in March.

On the training side, it may seem to have gone quiet before Christmas but we are working on a programme of activities leading up to the new sailing season. This will include Friday night talks and also a Training Conference (see detail later on). If there is anything you would like us to run a talk on, or you'd like to volunteer to run a session, please email suggestions to training@sail.org.uk and we'll see what we can do.

This year, we've also seen the Juniors go from strength to strength. We had a small, but good team at the 12 Hour Race and some moving to crewing in the 24 Hour Race. Well done also to Curtis Mearns who has earned a place in the Topper Zone Squad.

The Juniors also gained their own identity. Some clubs have called their Junior group "SunFish Club" or something else fluffy, but our Juniors decided they want to be known as "The Pirates" so look out for hoodie-wearing gangs of Juniors roaming the club!



Congratulations to Katherine Shevelan who got married to Phil in November and also to Andy Jenkins who is now a father.

On a sad note, we heard just before Christmas that Derek Catlow, Honorary Life Member and Trustee of the club passed away.

Finally, as this is probably my last newsletter as Commodore, can I thank all the people who have helped at the club over the last year, we couldn't have run the club without your help. Also if you've supported a social or sailing event at the club I'd also like to thank you for your support.

See you at the club soon,

Andrew

Commodore.
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INSTRUCTORS CONFERENCE

Saturday 28th February 2009
10am – 4pm

If you are an Instructor, Coach, Volunteer or want to become one then this conference is for you.

During the day there will several RYA Coaches available providing instruction, tips and demonstrations etc. both on the water and land.

We intend to use this day to kick start the training for the new season. This is great chance to update your skills and training resources and have your input into this year's training.

Lunch is provided and there is no cost to you.

All are welcome provided that you are prepared to help with the club training.

If you would like a place on the conference please contact Warren Price either by emailing warren@sail.org.uk or ring 01772 321014

CHECK YOUR DETAILS

As the handbook is usually printed before all the membership forms are received back, if your address or boat details have changed since you sent your membership form in last year, please email membership@sail.org.uk, with your new details so we can ensure our details are correct.

OOD LIST

If there are days this year that you definitely can't do, or dates you would rather do, please email membership@sail.org.uk with the dates, or speak to Dennis. We're in the process of creating an online form that you can submit your preferences.

DINGHY PARK BOATS

If you have a boat that's still at the club we'd suggest you look at taking the mast down and ensuring it's well tied down. Many boats get damaged during the winter months so prevention is cheaper than cure!

RANTINGS FROM THE REAR!

Greetings fellow sailors!

Bonfire night went with a bang. Great bonfire, explosive fireworks, and not a damp squib in sight. As for the food, compliments to the chef, people are still asking for Peter's pea and ham soup recipe!

The Laying-Up Supper was well supported with about 100 people in the clubhouse to see the antics of the BSC players perform their rendition of "Aladdin - a boat". It's great to see the clubhouse full of people as it gives the place a real buzz. At this point I must thank all those on the House committee, Andy and Fiona behind the bar and the cast and crew who made the Laying-Up Supper such a success.

The juniors had an end of season meal with junior prize giving on the 13th December. And on Sunday 14th December we had our end of season get together with carol music, Stollen and Gluhwein. It was nice to see you all.

The last event on the calendar is the **Annual Dinner and Prize Giving**. The dinner will be on **Saturday 7th February 2009** with tickets priced at £20 per person. We have got outside caterers to provide the food and waiting staff. Consequently we need to have the final numbers by **31st January at the latest** as they need the info one week before the event. Please note that application forms will not be accepted after this date. An application form is enclosed with this newsletter so please return it as soon as possible.

For those of you who have a chance to come along to the club in the next few weeks you will notice some major changes. The ladies changing rooms have been refurbished and the new doors and windows in the dayroom will have been completed. Other projects have been identified and will be included in the working party schedules.

For those of you who missed the Extraordinary General Meeting, the Members approved funding to commence phases 1 and 2 (and possibly 3) of the building project to build a new entrance and disabled facilities, extend the bar store and re-face the exterior wall of the changing rooms.

Keith

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Annual Dinner and Prize Giving

Dear member,

I would be pleased if you could attend the Annual dinner to be held at the sailing club on **Saturday 7th February 2009** at 1930hrs for dinner at 2000hrs. Dress: Black tie.

The evening will consist of a 3 course dinner and coffee. (See menu below)

The cost of the evening will be £20.00 per person.

Would you please return the form below enclosing payment made payable to "Bolton Sailing Club" to the Rear Commodore, Keith Roberts, 13 Hampson Avenue, Leyland, PR25 5TH before Friday 31st January 2009.

If you cannot attend, could you please email keith@sail.org.uk or phone me on 01772 432254.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Roberts
Rear Commodore



Annual Dinner and Prize Giving

I/We will/will not be attending the Annual Dinner on the 7th February 2009.

Please reserve _____ places in the name of _____

A cheque to the value of £_____ is enclosed (made payable to "Bolton Sailing Club").

Please tick the choices of food for each person from the table below:

Name:						
Starters	Veg Soup	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Main Course	Chicken Kiev	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Roast Beef	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Vegetarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dessert	Apple Crumble	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cheese	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please also advise of any special seating requirements