



Making Waves 2007

New start sequence

This year, the Handicap fleet has been divided into two, a Senior Handicap fleet (Portsmouth yardstick of between 952 and 1189 (RS 400/RSFeva)) and a Slow Handicap fleet (Portsmouth yardstick of between 1190 and 1432 (Laser Pico/Cadet)). The Slow Handicap Fleet, which is a Senior Fleet, is open to **novices** sailing any dinghy with a Yardstick between 952 and 1432 (RS400/Cadet). This Fleet will sail the same course as the Junior Fleet.

These changes have resulted in a change to the start sequence as follows:

The starting sequence for the A, B, First, Second and Wednesday series will be as follows:

SIGNAL		FLAG
Time to 1st start	9 mins	Flag F hoisted
Preparatory	6 mins	Flag F lowered
Flag D hoisted		
Warning Merlin	3 mins	Flag D lowered Merlin hoisted (Flag O)
Merlin start	0 mins	Merlin lowered
Warning GP14		GP14 hoisted (Flag A)
GP14 start	+3 mins	GP14 lowered
Warning Handicap		Handicap hoisted (Flag H)
Handicap start	+6 mins	Handicap lowered
Slow Handicap/Junior Warning		Slow Handicap hoisted (Flag L) Junior Hoisted (Flag Y) Optimist hoisted (Flag Q)
Slow Handicap/Junior Start	+9 mins	Slow Handicap, Junior and Optimist lowered

The Autumn Series and Club Championship starts can be found in your new handbook.

Online Additions

Not got your handbook to hand? Visit <http://members.sail.org.uk> to download a PDF version. To log in, your username is your forename and surname as one word in lowercase (eg John Smith would be *johnsmith*) and your password is your postcode, again as one word and in lowercase (eg BL7 8BD would be *bl78bd*). If you have a problem getting in, please email andrew@sail.org.uk with your full name and address.

Other useful pages can be found by clicking on the "Members area" on the main website menu. You can also find the OOD list and club calendar, as well as the link to the handbook.

GP14 News

I'm very proud to announce that the GP14 association has had a much needed facelift. Included in this is a new logo's, image, stationery, leaflets and website www.gp14.org



WIN A BRAND NEW GP14!

We have now launched the prize draw that gives you the opportunity to win GP 14000!

Speed Sails, together with their co-sponsors Super Spars and Harken, have generously donated a New FRP Series II GP14 valued at over £7000. We are raffling this boat with sail number 14000 in recognition of the enviable achievement of reaching this milestone sometime in 2008. This fantastic boat could be yours for a little as £2 if you enter our prize draw. Speak to a committee member or see our *new website* www.gp14.org

I would also like to give my sincere thanks everybody who helped out with the Bolton Sailing Club GP14 Open (Well done everybody).

Andy Bury

GP14 Captain

BREACH OF FUNDAMENTAL RULE 2: FAIR PLAY INCIDENT

On Sunday 20th May, there was an incident at the club which involved a Junior member having their sail number crossed off the signing on sheet before the first race. This was resolved by the OOD reinstating the boat and was put down to 'larking around' by the Juniors.

Whilst we cannot find out who has done this unless the person responsible comes forward, which is unlikely, the committee will take action under Fundamental Rule 2 if a similar incident occurs again that can be proved. This is a serious rule that if it is infringed must be reported to the RYA, who can impose a ban.

Parents, please explain this to your child!

Training News

The club is currently a hive of activity with the Junior Training on a Friday evening and Sunday mornings. The coming RYA course is also nearly full. With the help of Pendle Community High School, the club has taken delivery of four new Tera singlehanded dinghies and the training team have been issued fancy new jumpers with the training team logo on the sleeve.

If you are not enrolled on the first RYA course which starts on 26/5/07, Sunday morning training for new members and novices commenced on 20/5/07. Starting at 10.00am approx and finishing at 11.30am, this training covers the competencies listed in the BSC Log Book, copies of which are available from Warren Price, the Club's Training Officer. If you wish to take part, you need to sign on the list which is posted on the "Training" board a fortnight before the date of training. Participation is on "a first come first served" basis as places are limited. New members and novices who have their own boats please remember that "**Friday night is Practice night**"! Safety boat facilities are available at this time and if you require help, contact your Fleet Captain or any member of the Training Team. You can learn to sail or improve your sailing without formal training by putting in the practice.

Rantings from the Rear!

By Keith Roberts (keith@sail.org.uk)

Greetings fellow sailors!

The first of the quiz nights was held last Friday, 11 May with several teams taking part. Apart from the music round (the result of Mr Price's fevered imagination), everybody had an enjoyable evening. The next quiz night will be on 8th June.

The House Committee have completed the arrangements for Regatta Day 24th June with invitations going out to the mayors of Bolton and Bury, RNLI and our senior members.

There will also be face painting for children and the possibility of a bouncy castle if we can sort out the insurance.



Keith at the Supernova Open

The planning of the main event of the summer, the Summer Bash 7th July, is well underway with tickets being available within the next couple of weeks. The format for the evening is doors open at 19.30, casual dress, with food (meat roast, salad and dessert) being served at 20.30 hours. Music will be provided by our resident DJ, one of the commodores (no, not Lionel Richie or any of his gang!) What can you expect for £5 per person or £15 per family? Be prepared to be approached and asked to buy tickets by members of the House Committee because if we don't get the support we will be unable to run the event.

The Laying up supper, Bonfire night, Carol Concert 9th December (after sailing) and Annual Dinner are all planned and we again need your support to make these events successful.

Friday nights at the club are extremely busy with all the training with thanks going to Pete Burton and his crew for doing a sterling job in the galley, providing food and hot drinks.

Whilst I was up at the club doing some jobs the other week, I was approached by Ian Harper, the United Utilities Wildlife Warden, who looks after the reservoir and surrounding area. He especially asked me to thank all the members for their support during the last year for contacting him when any suspicious characters (excluding club members) were spotted. However, this arrangement works both ways with Ian keeping a watchful eye over the club and dinghy park when we are not there. He can be contacted on 07901851269 or e mail ian.harper@uuplc.co.uk

Finally in response to requests for club clothing we will be putting up a sheet in the club for members to register an interest in ordering either polo shirts, rugby shirts or ¼ zip fleeces. This will be available when the prices have been confirmed.

See you on (or in) the water.

Keith

FROM THE BOSUNS

Belated thanks to all the members who helped on the Working Parties in March, especially the newer members, Juniors and those hardy souls who braved the elements to improve the drainage on the dinghy park. Because the weather was unkind again this year, not all the jobs were completed and we are still trying, but failing, to catch up and keep pace with the repairs which are needed as the season progresses. If you can spare any time to help clear the backlog, eg. Jetty fendering, building a tyre wall along the edge of the dinghy park, please contact Dennis or Geoff to find out how you can help.

PROGRAMME FOR 2007

8th June	Warren's QUIZ NIGHT
24th June	REGATTA DAY
7th July	Summer Bash
13th July	Warren's QUIZ NIGHT
20th October	Halloween night (juniors)
3rd November	Bonfire Night
1st December	Laying Up Supper
9th December	Carol concert

<p>REGATTA DAY SUNDAY 24th JUNE Two Pursuit Races & Jeans for Genes Fun Race 11 am start</p>

Tickets will be on sale from any member of the house committee or behind the bar.

NEW MEMBERS

The Flag Officers and Committee would like to welcome the following new members to the Club:-

- Peter, Wendy, Matthew and Jason Harris.
- Michael, Joanne, Grace, Jack and Madeleine Bury. Sailing Laser Vago 492.
- Kevin, Ann and Sean McGovern.
- Jeremy, Tracy Ward and Rebecca and Adam Ward-Thomas. Sailing GP14 10904.
- David, Julia and Alice Bartholomew.
- Chris, Chloe and Naomi Wood.
- Gerard and Silke Parkinson.
- Michael, Joan and Rebecca Smethurst.
- Richard, Emma, George, Henry and Thomas Mitson.
- Adam, Ann, Felicity, Edward and Alice Robinson.
- Sean, Olga, Alexander, Anastasia and James Reynolds. Sailing a Pico.
- John and Daniel Hughes.
- Debra Grogan.

If you have any questions/queries do not hesitate to ask the Officers – other club members should be able to point you in the right direction if you do not know who we are.

<h3>Jack Bailey and Gordon Allum</h3>
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<p>We have the sad news to report that two longstanding members of the club have passed away recently.</p>
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<p>Jack Bailey and Gordon Allum have done a lot for the sailing club in their many years of membership. I am sure you would join the Flag Officers and Committee to pass on our sympathies to their respective families.</p>
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Mark and Rob dominate at Bolton GP14 Open – 27th April

By Andy Bury

Finally the light winds that had dominated the opening events of the Northern Travellers series were replaced with an early fresh breeze. The talk amongst the arriving travellers at Bolton SC wasn't about when and whether there would be a first race but more how little sailing gear would be appropriate in the bright sunshine that greeted all.

Although the warm weather and easterly winds were uncharacteristic for the Bolton Open the leader at the first mark wasn't. Twenty two competing GPs left a rather biased line but it was Mark Platt and Rob Senior that made the best of the first beat, that coupled with putting Neil Platt about at the first mark gave Mark both the satisfaction of leading and the added bonus of getting one over his older brother.

The battle was now more about second place and Adam and Tim McGovern, Ian Platt with Chris Jolly plus Gary Deighan with Dale Knowles fought each other hard for podium places. The rather processional course left few options for passing and the positions were largely unchanged with Adam and Tim taking second from Ian and Chris in third.

A long lunch in the sun followed by the prompt posting of a new course and quick hoist of the first flag lead to a sprint to the boats and the water for race two. A similar pattern emerged as once more Mark and Rob rounded first to go on and win the second race. Behind Ian and Chris were comfortably in second place with Adam and Tim sailing strongly for third. The breeze was now building and the whole fleet were enjoying fast reaches in bright sunshine with a few confirming that the water was indeed at it's coldest at this time of year!

Although Mark and Rob had the event in the bag the draw of the great conditions made it hard to resist and they ventured out for the final race. A quick port move off the line by Gary and Dale saw a change of leader round the first mark only for the pair to inexplicable take an early swim thus leaving Ian and Chris to try and hold Mark and Rob at bay. This wasn't to be the case and Mark and Rob powered down the reach, gibed and took the lead to make it a clean sweep of victories. Bill Kenyon and Ben Ditchburn had now started to charge in the increasing wind and took a well-deserved third behind Ian and Chris in the last race thus snatching fourth overall.

All credit to Len Alison and his team for the OOD and rescue but the big winner was the fabulous conditions and high quality of sailing throughout the fleet. Particular mentions to Julie and Chris Waddington for a great performance to win the silver fleet, especially in conditions that they don't usually relish, plus Graham Hutchinson and Andy Bury for a win in the bronze fleet at their first ever open event.



Full results and photos can be found on our website at www.sail.org.uk

NEXT SOCIAL EVENT: Friday 8th June – Warren's Quiz Night

Supernova Open – 28th April

By Keith Roberts

Bolton Sailing Club hosted the Supernova Open on Saturday 28th April. Helms travelled from as far away as the North East and South Wales 13 boats took part in the competition with the host club entering five boats. The weather lived up to the forecast of bright conditions and a strengthening South Easterly wind with frequent strong gusts.

The first race was started from the committee boat on a short line, but all boats got away cleanly. There was a tight race at the front of the fleet between Mike Gibson (Bartley) and Tony Critchley (Bolton) closely followed by Ian Moodie (Bolton). The lead changed several times between Gibson and Critchley. However, by a quirk of fate the OOD shortened course and Critchley lost out to Gibson as they both tacked up the lake and the race finished. Ian Moodie took third place.

After lunch the wind had strengthened to a force 4 with gusts providing taxing but excellent sailing conditions. Tony Critchley dominated the second race leading by a country mile; the race for 2nd and 3rd places was hotly contested by Mike Gibson and Neil Boneham (Bartley). As the race finished Gibson snatched second place from Boneham.

The 3rd race was dominated by Tony Critchley, Mike Gibson, and Neil Boneham. Steve Hawley (Severn) entered the fray, with some very close racing and fast planing reaches, keeping the pressure on to the end. Critchley eventually got in front and held on to win, with Gibson close behind, and Hawley 3rd, Boneham 4th, Robinson 5th.

The overall results:

1st T. Critchley (Bolton SC)

2nd M. Gibson (Bartley Green SC)

3rd N. Boneham (Bartley Green SC)

Full results and photos can be found on our website at www.sail.org.uk



Merlin Rocket Open – 13th May

Well done to Chris Scott and Carol Pilkington who picked up first Bolton boat and Richard Whitworth from Hollingworth Lake who took the overall crown.



Full results and photos can be found on our website at www.sail.org.uk

Club Security

In recent weeks we have had reports from other local clubs of thefts from the changing rooms while members have been out sailing. This included equipment, cash and even a car was taken at one club.

To ensure the safety and security of our club we need the co-operation of members to ensure the changing rooms are kept locked at all times. Both changing rooms have five-digit combination locks on the doors, if you don't know the code please ask an officer of the club for help.

Recently, especially with the gents changing rooms, even though the locks have been put on the door some people feel this is inconvenient and use the catch to hold the door open. This obviously defeats the object of having the locks to help prevent theft. Can I ask members not to leave the door open to try to prevent an incident at our club?

We've also had reports that some boats, especially Toppers have been tampered with. I'd suggest that spars and foils are marked with the boat number to deter thefts.

Please remember though that the club is not responsible for the loss or damage to property or valuables whilst on the club premises and all dinghies must have insurance.

JUNIOR RACING SQUAD

By Mark Platt (mark.platt@mouchelparkman.com)

The Friday night training has been going for five weeks now with the juniors in the racing squad making good progress with the 'five essentials', boat handling and starting. I would like to thank Ian Thompson and Gary Deighan for their help coaching the older juniors in GP14s in preparation for the 12 Hour Race. Last Friday showed the flexibility and adaptability of the juniors by their ability to turn a strong winds training session into a capsize and lee shore recovery session. Fortunately no harm was done except to my pride when I by capsized a reefed down topper!

A Junior Travellers Event will be held at the club on Saturday 23rd June and is open to helms and crews under the age of 17 on the 1st January. It is a great chance to test your skills against juniors from other clubs. The club would like to put out as many home boats as possible to help our case to keep the event for next year. If you want more information look on www.nwjtt.co.uk

Could those who would like to take part let me know so that we can have some idea of the number of competitor that will be taking part from the club.

The junior 12 hour race takes place on Saturday 30th June and we are looking to improve on last year's results of 14th and 19th position. I have spoken to many of you, but can you all confirm that you would still like to take part.

Can you also tell me if you would like to helm or crew, would prefer centre or stern main and if you have any preference of who you would like to sail with.

The club is going to enter two teams again and Rob Paul has kindly offered to lend his boat and I will be lending my blue GP. I intend to select the teams in early June.

If you are interested in the 12 Hour Race, take a look at the Southport SC website: www.southportsailingclub.org.uk

In June I would like to do some more training in GP14 in preparation for the 12 Hour Race, so if anyone has a GP that they are willing to lend for the training please get in touch.

Looking for an Optimist or Topper?

Try looking on the following websites: Boatsandoutboards.co.uk & Apolloduck.co.uk

Lightning Open – 28th April

By Ian Ranson

Bright sunshine and a force 3 gusting 4 Easterly occasionally South Easterly made for a good days sailing for the Lightning 368 open meeting at Bolton Sailing Club on Saturday 28th April 2007. Seven visitors and one home boat took part in the event.

In the first race Mal Hartland (Dovestone SC) was first to the windward mark followed by Ian Ranson (Bolton SC) and Caroline Key (West Oxfordshire SC). Tracey Hartland headed for the wrong mark and spent much of the rest of the race making up lost ground to gain third position. Ranson hit a mark and the time lost on penalty turns enabled Mal Hartland to establish a clear lead which he held to the end.

In the second race the wind had become more gusty making the sailing more demanding. Mal Hartland was first to the windward mark followed by Ranson and Tracey Hartland. Key capsized three times enabling Adam Styles (Ensham SC) to take fourth place.

Tiredness had set in after the second race; both Tracey Hartland and Key stayed ashore for the third race. Mal Hartland again made it to the windward mark first followed by Ranson and Styles. Ranson managed not to hit any marks in this race but was unable to close the gap and Mal Hartland again finished first.

Results

- 1st Mal Hartland Dovestones SC
- 2nd Ian Ranson Bolton SC
- 3rd Tracey Hartland Dovestones SC
- 4th Adam Styles Ensham SC
- 5th Gary Hogan Haversham SC
- 6th Caroline Key West Oxfordshire SC



Full results and photos on the club website at www.sail.org.uk

BOATS FOR SALE

Enterprise 5055. Complete with road trailer and launching trolley – requires tiller/rudder and sails. Offers in writing to the Bosuns.

Cadet 8524. Complete with launching trolley, mainsail and jib. Requires spinnaker. £250.00 secures. Contact Bosuns or any Flag Officer if interested.

GP14 12203. GRP, sails, cover, launching trolley and road trailer which requires one wheel. Requires rudder. Offers in the region of £450.00 to the Bosuns in writing.

Torch 13' dinghy. GRP hull with wooden decking. Complete. Loose cover, fairly new Snipe combination trolley/trailer. Trailer requires wheels. Collectors item. Offers in writing to the Bosuns.

All the above are available for inspection on the dinghy park by arrangement.