



ANNANDALE SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER



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SPRING HAS SPRUNG — FINALLY TIME TO DUST OFF YOUR BUOYANCY AID AND BRING YOUR BOAT OUT OF HIBERNATION AS WE PREPARE TO LAUNCH THE 2007 SAILING SEASON. I KNOW, I KNOW IT SEEMS NO TIME SINCE YOU PACKED IT ALL AWAY...BUT THE FIRST RACE IS NOW, UNBELIEVABLY, JUST A COUPLE OF WEEKS AWAY. MUCH WORK HAS BEEN DONE IN RECENT WEEKS IN PREPARATION FOR THE SEASON, PERHAPS MOST SIGNIFICANTLY THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW NON-SLIP LAUNCH RAMPS FOR THE JETTY. HUGE THANKS MUST GO TO DUNCAN GREENHALGH AND ALAN BARRIE, AND THE OTHERS WHO HAVE HELPED THEM, FOR THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS TO GET THIS MAMMOTH TASK NEAR COMPLETION IN SUCH A SHORT TIME.

WORK HAS ALSO BEEN DONE ON TIE-DOWNS, HEDGE TRIMMING, ANCHORS FOR BUOYS, FLOOR PAINTING AND COUNTLESS OTHER TASKS WHICH ARE SO ESSENTIAL FOR THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF OUR RACING AND TRAINING PROGRAMME. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVEN'T GOT ROUND TO PAYING YOUR FEES YET (TUT, TUT) WE ARE ENCLOSING THE FIRST CHUNK OF THE PROGRAMME SO THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR MISSING OUT ON ANYTHING.

JETTY IN DAY (MARCH 24TH) ALWAYS REQUIRES A SMALL ARMY OF WILLING HANDS SO PLEASE COME ALONG AND PITCH IN, THERE IS SURE TO BE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TO DO, REGARDLESS OF SKILL OR FITNESS LEVEL.

IT WOULD BE GREAT TO SEE A GOOD TURNOUT OF EARLY BIRDS ON THE WATER FOR THE FIRST RACE ON THE FOLLOWING DAY AND PLEASE CHECK THE COMMITTEE BOAT AND SAFETY BOAT ROTAS FOR YOUR SLOT.

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NEW SEASON

The first part of the new programme is printed on page 2. Please check to see if you are on duty. If not, it's time to get the boat on the water.

There will be a Race Officer Training Session on Saturday 17th March in the clubhouse. It starts at 11:30am and should be finished by 4pm. This initial session will be aimed at members with little or no experience of running a race. Places are limited and you should confirm your attendance with Andrew Greenhalgh as soon as possible. More training sessions will be organised and dates will be published in the next newsletter. Please contact Andrew Greenhalgh (01461 40581) if you are interested.

Informal Easter Holiday training days are scheduled for April 3rd and 10th (the Tuesday of each week). These are aimed at everyone, of any age, who wants some training at any level, whether it's beginner, race techniques, rigging tips... let us know your needs. A small charge of £5 per person can be paid on each day. A light lunch and snacks will be available to buy. Please contact training officer Duncan Greenhalgh (tel: 01461 40581, e-mail duncan.greenhalgh@ukgateway.net) if you intend to come.

At the time of going to press a few places were still available for the Seafood Night on Thursday, March 29th. Great chefs, entertaining demo, yummy food and fab raffle prizes. Contact Carol Beattie (tel:01461 500252, e-mail: wyseby@uwclub.net) for more details.

On 29th April, the Open Day is our major push for new sailors to populate our various training efforts. We get a good proportion of our members from this and, in addition, it's a great source of income. The courses remain very competitive in price but, as the instructors/helpers give their time for nothing, it's all profit. To keep this going, and to avoid at least doubling our membership fees, we need all hands on deck. Rendezvous at 10:00 at the club. If you can provide and/or sail a GP14/Enterprise/Wayfarer, please speak to the Commodore in advance if you can or just be there.

Following on from that are the Saturday mornings starting on 5th May (speak to Lindsay Tosh 01387 86024 or 07788 170270) and the training weeks starting 9th July and 6th August (speak to Duncan as above). Lastly, the Tuesdays from 1st May will be an informal mix of training, practice and lower key racing all as decided by those around on the night.

To find out more about all these activities and more, contact the members mentioned above or just speak to any committee member. If they're deep in concentration trying to remember how on earth to tie a bowline after the winter layoff, approach from windward and speak quietly so as not to frighten them!

Programme

Day	Date	Time	Event	Committee Boat	Safety Boat
MARCH					
Fri	2 nd	1930	Annual Dinner		
Sat	24 th	1000	Jetty In		
Sun	25 th	1400	Early Bird 1 (H)	F Gibson	A Thomson
		TBA	Early Bird 2 (H)	F Donachie	R Houston
Thu	29 th	1930	'Foodie' Fitting Out Supper		
APRIL					
Sun	1 st	1400	Early Bird 3 (H)	D Gemmell R Beardon	W Patterson J Beardon
		TBA	Early Bird 4 (H)		
Sun	8 th	1400	Boat Pursuit 1	G Thomson M Brann	G Murray I Rosindell
Sun	16 th	1400	Early Bird 5 (H)	I Beveridge M Robinson	D Richardson S Marshall
		TBA	Early Bird 6 (H)		
Sun	22 nd	1130	N12 Open Meeting	D Greenhalgh A Joseph	A Greenhalgh S Joseph G & R Smith
		1400	Early Bird 7 (H)		
		TBA	Early Bird 8 (H)		
Thu	26 th	1900	Spring Handicap 1 (H)	D Greenhalgh A Joseph	A Greenhalgh S Joseph
Sun	29 th	1200	Open Day		
MAY					
Tue	1 st	1830	Open Sailing & Training		
Thu	3 rd	1900	Spring Handicap 2 (H)	C Midgley A Murgatroyd	N Smith I Murgatroyd
Sat	5 th	1000	Training		

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees are now due and payable. Rises have been kept to a minimum consistent with the real inflation rate suffered by the club—fuel, electricity etc..

Please return your form to Susan with your payment. If you've lost the form, you can download one from the website at <http://www.annansail.co.uk/join.htm>. Sending out some of the Newsletters and other news by email saves a great deal of money so please ensure that your email address is written clearly in block capitals (the database will hold it in lower case).

FOR THOSE OF YOU NEW TO RUNNING RACES, OR FEELING THE NEED TO BRUSH UP ON THE OFFICER OF THE DAY PROCEDURES, PLEASE REFER TO DETAILS OF OOD TRAINING IN THIS LETTER. SOCIALLY WE HAVE ENJOYED THE BURN'T SUPPER AND THE ANNUAL DINNER ALREADY THIS YEAR AND WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO A THOROUGHLY ENTERTAINING (NOT TO MENTION SCRUMMY) SEAFOOD NIGHT ON THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH.

AND THEN WE'LL BE INTO APRIL, WHICH LOOKS LIKE A BUSY MONTH WITH BOTH THE NATIONAL 12 OPEN MEETING AND, OF COURSE, THE CLUB'S ANNUAL OPEN DAY... NO REST FOR THE WICKED. SO IF, LIKE ME, YOU'RE ITCHING TO GET BACK ON THE WATER (OR MAYBE THAT'S JUST THE WETSUIT!) I'LL SEE YOU BACK AT THE CLUB VERY SOON - HERE'S TO A GREAT START TO A GREAT SEASON.

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