< Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club

May 2011 newsletter

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		to our sailing calendar being the return of Thursday Evening Sailing, the announcements	Sat 28 th May	RYA Courses begin
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RS 800 and Musto Skiff event	8		Thu 9 th June	Thursday Evening Sailing
		Rear Commodore, for all his hard work and dedication in keeping the club ship shape. Our	11 th / 12 th June	Laser/Solo Open
Thursday evening sailing	ng 10	new RC, Alan Marsh, has a hard act to follow! I do hope you make the effort to come along and enjoy the best inland sailing club in the South West. As ever if you have any sugges- tions please contact me or one of the commit-	Wed 22 nd June	Summer Solstice Eve race & BBQ
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Vice Commodore's Report

With the Spring comes a sudden burgeoning of the Club's activities. The hardy souls who braved the Frostbite Series are joined by more racers. It is also a time to bid welcome to new members and hope they enjoy their sailing.

During those cold, dark winter days a lot of work has been carried out on the Committee Boat, the Mary B and the RIBs and they are now in good order. Our grateful thanks go to Alan Coventry, the Bosun, assisted by Mike Meloy. All this work is done on an entirely voluntary basis. Please take care of these boats for they are the "sine qua non" of our sailing. Any faults or breakages should be reported on the board in the clubhouse.

The Sailing Committee has acquired responsibility for the Club's sailing boats. These are now maintained by the two Dinghy Bosuns, Nicholas Hand and Peter Barnes and they, too, need to know of any faults or breakages. The two new Fevas are being put to good use: there are training sessions from time to time to learn how to rig these boats. In a further attempt to stimulate two-man boats for younger sailors the Club is hosting a Feva Open Meeting on October 1st and2nd.

The Club hosted the Asymmetric Open where there was a slightly disappointing turnout of RS800s but a more encouraging one of Musto Skiffs. The best Club performance was a 5^{th} in the 800s by Ralph and Ollie Singleton on a weekend of fairly light winds.

The University of the West of England organised a very successful Open Event in March aimed at students who did not go to the BUSA championships. The racing on the Sunday was integrated into the Club programme and the event was enjoyed by all. It was particularly pleasing to see the University integrating with the Club.

The Portsmouth Yardstick handicap System used at the Club continues to provide many happy hours of time at the Sailing Committee. Under Peter Rose's expert guidance there have been some very minor changes to the PY numbers to be used for the Spring and Summer series. If you don't understand the system buy Peter a pint of beer and he will happily explain it to you. It is quite complex. Further developments are possible.

Training has taken on a new lease of life with the qualification within the Club of a lot of new Dinghy Instructors. The usual RYA Level 1 and 2 courses will take place as advertised in the Club Programme. There will also be a "Thursday Improvers" session, as the name implies, on a Thursday evening. Instructors will be available to help with sailing technique for those who need a little more instruction. This will be quite informal. Details will be advertised on the website. If you feel you would benefit, try sailing after work on a Thursday. There may be other technique-specific courses later.

So, there is plenty for racers, learners and just plain sailing. Enjoy it.

Mike Thompson

Handicap fleet report April 2011

The Wednesday series is almost upon us and 34 boats ventured out for the practice race last Wednesday in a moderate southerly breeze. Rob Higgins won the race in an RS700. Who is going to take up the challenge and take on the skiffs when the series starts for real on the 20th April?

Looking back to the frostbite series it was Tony and Zach Freer who won both the morning and afternoon series in their RS200. Peter and John Rose were second in a Scorpion with third slot going to Ralph and Ollie Singleton in anRS800 in the morning series and to Colin Evans in the Finn in the afternoons. The frostbite was well supported with 12 qualifiers in the morning series and 11 in the afternoon.

In March the club hosted an asymmetric open meeting with Ralph and Oliie finishing 5th in a fleet of 19 RS800s and Ian Collis-Smith heading the Chew contingent with a 9th in the Musto Skiff fleet.

Away from Chew, Ralph and Ollie finished 2^{nd} in a fleet of 15 RS800s at their winter championship at Grafham, while Peter and John Rose came 6^{th} in a 30 boat fleet at the Scorpion regional challenge at Northampton.

Flying Fifteen report April 2011



For those coming out of hibernation after a long cold winter, or those who have been away for a while, I thought you might be interested in an up date on the southern pontoon.

The original pontoon was adjusted when the water level dropped, by easing the shore end chains and taking up the slack on the outer chains, to move the pontoon out, and the reverse when the water level came up again.

This worked well if !!

The well meaning adjuster knew the chain arrangement, they didn't. !!

The anchor points kept their position, they didn't. !!

The adjuster was available, every time there was a rise or fall in the water level, they weren't !!

The pontoon went aground if the water level dropped quickly and you had to wade out to it if the level came up quickly. Not what Fifteen crew want to do.

The General Committee charged Jim Boyd our recently retired Rear Commodore, to come up with a solution.

After much consultation with Bristol Water and the pontoon experts,

It was decided to purchase a go aground section pontoon and walk-way. The existing pontoon would be positioned as far out as at low tide, and the new parts fitted to reach the shore. So instead of the pontoon going in and out with the water level changes, it would go up and down, with no need for adjustment.

To make this work, advice was taken on the number of anchors, weight's and positions, chain size and length.

The whole thing was set up at low water level and will need some fine tuning as the water rises, but this will be supervised by the new Rear Commodore, Allen Marsh. Please don't attempt it your-self.

This new arrangement is also wheel chair friendly, and even as I write George Simpkins and Brian Brooks are arranging to have a hoist fitted to the end of the pontoon.

New Members

Normally we have an influx of new members in May. This year I'm told, that as people have left through out the year, their place has been taken up.

So this year, the New Members Day will have people who may have been a member for months, who have not been introduced to the folks who help run the Club or been shown around. If that is you, you are warmly invited along on Saturday 14th May.

The various fleet Captains will try to convince you, their fleet is the one for you. Don't listen, it has to be a Flying Fifteen.

Solo report April 2011

A lot has happened since my last report, the great freeze of 2010 brought an abrupt end to the Winter series, this was won by Chris Goldhawk with George in 2^{nd} .

On a National level I travelled to the Solo Winter Championships at Grafham on the last weekend of January, it was brass monkey weather, the first race took an hour to get away, by which time I had two icy balls, on the end of my legs my feet have never been so cold. However, great racing with a finish of 25th from 41 and a glass for third Vet, yes I really am that old.

We then were into the Frostbite series at the club, it seemed as though the wind would never stop, some racing taking place in gusts up to 40kts, it seemed as though take-off was imminent at times. The stalwarts were out and the AM results were Chris G, Graham G-S and then myself. The PM results were reversed for first and second with Graham taking the glassware and Chris in 2nd, myself again in 3rd.

A training day was held in March which saw 17 people taking part, with visitors from Tewkesbury and surrounding areas joining us. Simon Jones and Paul Kimmens (solo Association trainers) joined by Chris Goldhawk gave a comprehensive day which we all benefitted from. George has been going faster and faster since, particularly in the light airs that he so dislikes.

Back to the National scene, Saturday the 10th April saw four of us travel to Oxford

SC for the Spring Championships (Chris, Graham, Steve P and myself). With an attendance of 61 boats it was a hard fought day with the wind force from a 4 to a 1 in a short time, very shifty but a beautiful sunny day. Chris finished in 7th overall, Graham 27^{th} , Steve 31^{st} and a 41^{st} for me along with my usual black flag in the first race.

Over the past 4 or 5 months we have had Derian Scott and Steve Turner join us, some great racing and plenty of practising on a Wednesday with Steve and myself.

It was a great sight on Sunday when I crested the rise into the club and saw the Maestro that is Dave Macklin leading the lasers around the lake. David has been unable to sail for the last 6 months due to ice and illness. He has been the stalwart of the solo fleet for many years and given encouragement to me and many others over the years, thanks David, great to have you back. (Will we see Duncan Gil-christ sometime?)

Wednesday racing should be underway by the time this is on the website, if you haven't been to the club for Wednesday evening delay no more. This has to be the best and busiest time on the lake. Up to 100+ boats on the lake, a nightmare for the race Officer and a joy for the sailors. We had 14 solos on one evening and I hope we will beat that this year.

The Solo open is on the 11/12th June this year. The first time we've gone for a two day event. With 5 races with 3 to count I hope to encourage our older sailors to continue to compete without making it a fitness competition. Based on the success, or not, of this format we can re-evaluate for the future. Graham C-S has offered free camping at his property which we hope will bring a few more competitors from further afield.

If anyone wants to try a solo at any time please give me a call, text or email and try my boat.

See you on the water

Nick Fisher



Topper report April 2011

The Topper season at Chew has already begun, the first event being the Chew Valley Winter Regatta. It was extremely windy and it paid to be bigger and heavier. All together the race officer managed 3 races (with thanks to John Smalley as RO) with Giles Kuzyk (He's a national squadie) winning all 3 to be crowned champion. Also the Chew Valley sailors put in an impressive performance coming 6thwas Ellie Cumpsty and at 15th James Cummins.

The next event on the Chew Valley Topper calendar is the South West Topper Zone Squad training. The zone squad is made up of the best 14 sailors under the age of 14 in the South West. In the Zone Squad we have three sailors flying the flag for Chew, James Cummins, Ella Cudmore and Jess Harding. Again just like the winter regatta it was extremely windy and everyone was reluctant to reef their sails, but all learned how to improve their boat handling skills under these conditions.

Also the Zone Squad have been doing training events all over the South West these venues include: Roadford, Plymouth, Chew, Paignton, Weymouth and Frampton. The Zone Squad has enjoyed themselves throughout all of the training sessions and would like to thank their coaches Duncan and Lynn. Lynn will be taking the VCC Topper Coaching event in May. Then both Duncan and Lynn are likely to be the coaches for the Topper Training event organised by ITCA (South West region) which precedes the CVLSC Topper Open – a must do event for everyone who owns a Topper at the club (I would like to think). Hopefully we can have even more Chew sailors in the Zone Squad next year.

During the weekends when the Topper sailors aren't away doing an event they are usually doing the club racing. The winner of the Frostbite AM series was James Cummins followed by Simon Cummins and then Freya Cumpsty. Likewise the winner of the Frostbite PM series was James Cummins followed by Simon Cummins and then Miriam Woodbridge. Unfortunately due to other commitments nobody completed the series to qualify overall. Also the winner of the Class day in Toppers was Freya Cumpsty followed by Murray Scott. We're now into the Spring Series so it will be great to see as many Toppers out on the lake as possible – hopefully there will be new faces joining in the racing along with the seasoned campaigners!

The South West Traveller series has commenced and the first one being at Frampton. The winner was Crispin Beaumont however the Chew sailors put in another impressive performance, the top Chew was James Cummins in 17th then Ella Cudmore in 19th after that was Ellie Hitchings in 21st and Jess Harding in 22nd with Freya Cumpsty in 29th. The next event was held at Durleigh and Chew Topper sailors came in at 10th James Cummins, 11th Freya Cumpsty, 13th Jess Harding and 24th Rory Dinwoodie. Early dates yet as there are more events to come, but so far overall top Chew is James Cummins in 8th and then Jess Harding in 9th and Freya Cumpsty in 12th.

There has been some Volvo Champion Club coaching which was very successful there were several participators they are; James Cummins, Ella Cudmore, Jess Harding, Murray Scott, Miriam Woodbridge, Eleanor Hemming, Mathew Hemming, Freya Cumpsty and Rafe Watson. There is some more VCC coaching in the future (7th & 8th May) and if you're interested you should go to the website or contact Simon Cummins for more information.

Another event on the Topper calendar was the Topper National series the first one was at Rutland with 250 sailors! The Chew sailors did well with the top full rig Chew sailor coming 114th, Ellie Hitchings then Ella Cudmore in 122nd then James Cummins in 140th and then Jess Harding in 149th. In the 4.2 rig Freya Cumpsty finished 14th and Olivia Jones 22nd. The next National event is at Grafham for the National Inland

Championships where hopefully the Chew sailors can put up for another good performance.

In a few weeks time is the Chew Valley Topper Open on the Sunday but on the Saturday is some coaching from top Topper coaches. It would be a great opportunity for the Topper sailors at Chew to improve their racing and then have a go racing on the Sunday (there will be prizes across many categories with some going to Chew boats). All you need to be able to do is sail a triangle it's that simple.

At the end of the Zone Squad Training the top eight sailors get chosen to represent the South West at an event called the Eric Twiname. The Chew sailors did well and both Ella Cudmore and James Cummins have been selected. The Eric Twiname will be held at Rutland at the start of May.

Well done to all the Chew Topper sailors and good luck in future events!

Simon Cummins

Laser report

The Laser training on the 26th of February found the lake Ice free and the punters keen. Duncan Whitrow fielded questions in the training room at the start with the air of confidence that you would expect from a regular CVLSC series winner. Indeed Duncan won the 2010 Wednesday Evening series (W.E.S.) very convincingly, stacking up 7 first places and only 11 points to his name. (He also won the 2011 Frost-bite morning series).

The training room was filled with sailors who are rather a long way from such high performance, (Steve Smith excepted), so we were listening avidly... Meanwhile the Volvo youth training day for Lasers was in progress and although the coaching was kept separate, we teamed up for short races and everyone gained from the experience. With something like 20 races to contend, we had a good many exciting and competitive starts with (occasionally exciting) mark rounding practice. Many thanks to Rich Hole for getting the coaches talking.

Martin Jeremy has been working hard this winter. His protracted (3 year?) vacillation on *to buy or not to buy* a new Laser ended in 2010 with a purchase of a new boat which immediately effected his results for the better. Not all of us were too happy about this, I for one see his stern all too frequently now... No doubt he will be putting all his winter practice to good effect in 2011.

Chris Sunderland told me only this week that he had never won a W.E.S. - that may be the case but he has won the 2011 Spring points and managed a fourth in the Wednesday practice race last week. Unfortunately he is not coming to Rock this year where many of the fleet will be heading on the annual Easter pilgrimage. This is as much a social as a sailing event but is a popular occasion to blow the winter cobwebs from the Laser sailors grey matter. It will be well attended again this year, so watch this space for the Rock Easter Report later in the season.

Duncan Staff will be Laser training in Greece in May and no doubt demonstrating his new found skills at CVLSC soon afterwards but he will continue to face tough com-

petition. Cameron Scott; Andrew Rose and Adrian Kerr are back in regular attendance and Jose Simas, a new face on the block has done really well in recent races.

It is with sadness that we wave Steve Turner farewell from the Fleet. Though he his only three minutes behind us in his new Solo, his presence will be missed on our start line. He honored me two years ago with the longest lead up to a capsize I have ever seen. I had a ring side seat for this most elegant and graceful Laser inversion and It is now etched in my mind as a CVLSC highlight.

The new season has lots to offer the sailor recently awoken from hibernation, with the W.E.S starting next week (20.04.11), The aforementioned *Rock Open*, Laser training / short race day on May 21st and the *CVLSC Laser Open* on the 11th and 12th of June. This year's Open is to be held over two days with two races on Saturday and three on Sunday and three races to count. This will allow those who want to sail on Sunday only, the opportunity to take the event by storm - if they dare to sail without discard...

So join us at the club for sailing jollity, excellent views and dubious jokes from the head barman.

Andrew Southall

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RS 800 and Skiff event report

Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club hosted the first round of the RS800 Grand Prix circuit event on the weekend of 12/13 March. 19 boats turned out to on a grey Saturday to be greeted by a force 2-3 from the South East but with significant shifts up and down the course.

Race officer Keith Harris set a windward/leeward course across the width of the lake – with the windward mark causing some difficulties as the wind become more variable nearer the hills and trees. The first race got away cleanly and Ben Schooling with George Kingsnorth from Helensburgh led from Oxford's Derek and Elaine Buchanan at the end of the first round. The rest of



the race was about reading the shifts, and Laurie Fitzjohn-Sykes and Daniel Allen from Queen Mary made the most of them to come through to take the gun followed by Schooling with Datchet's Nick Charles and Chris Martin taking third.

In the second race the fleet was too keen and saw a general recall. Nick Charles

made the most of the restart to lead the first round and at the end of the second lap was duelling neck and neck with Burghfield's Justin Deal and Ollie Page for the lead. As the breeze built during the last lap, Deal made the most of the wind to storm through and take the win with Charles second and Andy Jeffries and Allyson Ody from Eastbourne third. Special mention must be made of the perfect dive from the back of the boat by Simon Pryer from Starcross who made a rapid exit as he lost control at the gybe going through the leeward gate for the last time

For the third race, the wind swung south and built to a respectable force 4-5. Dan Kilsby and Bart Bridgen from Stokes Bay made the most of the conditions and built a solid lead for the first two laps only to be hauled in by Deal and Charles who were again having a close duel. By the end of the race, Charles slipped in front to take the win from Deal with Russ Gibbs and Paul Smalley from Starcross just beating Kilsby to third.

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So at the end of day one, there were three different winners to the event with all to play for in day two.

The Sunday dawned bright and sunny and the wind performed a quick 180 to blow a shifty force 2-3 from the West. Deal got off to a port end flyer leaving the entire fleet behind him for the first lap, but the shifting wind and on/ off gusts allowed Russ Gibbs to sneak through as the wind swung through 40 degrees. The race officer made the wise decision to shorten course and Gibbs held on to take the win from Deal with Fitzjohn-Sykes third. Four races and four different winners so far!

After some quick course re-laying, Race 5 got away in with the wind filling slightly and some stronger gusts for those lucky enough to find them. The Buchanan's led for the first lap with a bunch of 10 boats hard on their heels. For the second lap, Deal read the shifts as did the local team of Ralph and Ollie Singleton who closed to second behind Deal, and they held these positions to just before the end when Schooling slipped through to take second with Singleton third.



Their good form on day two meant that Deal and Page won the event with a race to spare, but with a touch more wind for the last race there was still good competition to be had. Charles led the first lap, and as the fleet bunched in the approach to the leeward gate for the first time, Chew's Hugh Stone made the most of a decent gust to sail over the rest into second place. For the rest of the race, the Singletons put their local knowledge to use and chased Charles hard through the shifts and gusts, but then found a nailbiting calm in the last few yards to the finish. The final order was Charles from Singleton with Russ Gibbs taking third.

The overall results were very close with Deal taking the event by one point from Charles. Schooling was third and Fitzjohn-Sykes just beat the Singletons on count-back for fourth.

Overall this was an excellent curtain-raiser for the season and the Chew race and shore teams are to be congratulated on their excellent handling of the difficult conditions

Simon Chapman

Thursday evening sailing

Do you want to get some expert advice on rigging, sailing or even racing or do you just want to enjoy a Thursday Evening sail?

This year the club has arranged rescue cover on four Thursday evenings in May and June. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the lake without the pressure of a lot of other boats on the water. What better way to wind down after a hard day?

A small team of club dinghy instructors will be on hand to help those who are new to sailing or getting to grips with new boats and equipment. Club boats will also be available. Note these are not just training evenings so the racers are welcome to come down to get a little extra practice in too!

The dates are:

May 19th

May 26th

June 2nd

June 9th

We will aim to be on the water from 6.30pm until 8.00pm. The galley will be open on the first evening (19th) serving hot and cold food. If there is sufficient demand the galley will also be open on the other 3 Thursdays. The bar will also be open for those wishing to relax with a drink after sailing.

If you're planning to come down to make use of the instructors please let me know in advance. This is just so that I have a rough idea of numbers for each evening - the lake will be open regardless. Also please contact me if you have any queries or would like further information.

Andy Harris

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August Antics

In support of Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club's 5 Year Plan to encourage junior sailing the Club runs a number of training courses and dedicated junior racing challenges. However the highlight of the junior calendar is August Antics which is run over the 3 days of the **August Bank Holiday** (27-29 August 2011) for all junior members aged between 8 and 14. It provides an excellent opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills and have fun on the water. This is a very popular event, but for safety reasons the Club can only provide 60 places.

There will be excellent training and excitement in Oppies and Toppers for everyone from beginners to experts. It will be a great opportunity to get wet, have fun and meet similar aged children who want to enjoy the water, wind and the sun (I hope!) Apparently there is also the famous CVLSC water fight?

There are only 60 places which will be awarded on a first come first basis with application forms available to download from the Club's website from **New Mem-ber's Day** (14 May 2011). To ensure there is sufficient time to complete all the necessary preparations the closing date for all applications is the **15 July 2011**.

For the parents and adults, to make this happen I will need help. We will need instructors, assistants, rescue boat helms, beach stompers, help with administration and boats. If you are able to help then please please contact me.

Contact Details: Adrian Cudmore 01761 435 489 augustantics.cvlsc@googlemail.com



RYA courses

The club offers a full RYA Training programme which includes Levels 1 to 4 and Advanced for Junior Sailors and Adult Levels including Start Sailing, Level 1 Basic Skills, Level 2 Advanced Skills.

The club is now taking bookings for the 2011 RYA Courses, to be held at the club. The dates so far are: 28th & 29th May, 4th & 5th June and 18th & 19th June. Spaces are limited so if you want to either learn or improve your sailing and are interested in achieving an RYA Sailing Certificate then please contact our RYA Principal, Mike Malcher (<u>mike.m@watergarden.myzen.co.uk</u>

The New Year's Wish list

Back in January our President sent all members an email asking what was at the top of their wish list for the club. Here is a summary of the most popular requests and what the General Committee is trying to do about them.

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Permit dogs in the grounds of the Sailing Club, either in cars or on leads, as with the Bristol Water public picnic areas and Wood- ford Lodge itself.	Bristol Water have not allowed this in the past, and the 'no dogs' rule is specified in our lease. It has been noted that dogs are permitted at other parts of the lake although when we queried this with Bristol Water they said that they only allowed dogs in areas where they didn't have direct access to the water. Whilst several members expressed a wish for dogs to be permitted, the Committee feel that there may well be an equal or greater number of members who would wish to retain the status quo. If BW ever decide to remove this condition from our lease members may wish to put the issue of dogs being allowed to a vote at an AGM
Join the two Southern slipways and create a con- crete beach as on the North side of the clubhouse.	This is still very much a long term aspiration of the Club Committees. It will be an expensive exercise and needs to find its place in conjunction with more pressing priorities.
Improve the Northern most slipway and sur- rounding area.	We have a new Rear Commodore and this is defi- nitely on his long term agenda.

Have a webcam cover-	This is being actively considered now that the upgrade to our
ing the lake with live feed to the website.	website is completed and the clubhouse has Wifi.
Permit camping on site for Club Open events and/or August Antics.	Bristol Water have made a concession regarding camper vans, by prior request, at Open Meetings but they still don't want tents being pitched on our site. The committee are approach- ing local landowners to see whether there are any other op- tions for the occasional pitching of tents close to the club.
Expand our Junior Summer event to a week	Originally the Summer training event was 'Junior Week'. This placed a huge burden on a limited number of volunteers, par- ticularly instructors and was gradually reduced over the years to the present 3 days! Working parents struggled with having time off work. With the current influx of keen Junior parents/ organisers, who knows, maybe the event can grow again.
Make changes to the qualification criteria of Club racing series to make qualification eas- ier and encourage more racers to complete se- ries.	The Sailing Committee frequently consider the racing pro- gramme; new ideas should be given to fleet captains or the Vice Commodore or Sailing Secretary.
Improve/modernise the interior of the Club- house.	This is an ongoing concern for the House and Grounds team. We are currently preparing for a major re-design of the Ladies Showers. New blinds have recently been fitted. The training room has a set of new chairs.
End the ban on foiling Moths.	This has been imposed on us by Bristol Water. They were asked again recently to re-consider, but they would not.
Allow radio controlled model yachts to be sailed from the Club frontage.	Yes this is already permitted – sailing boats only.
Provide proper baby changing facilities in the toilets	This is under consideration.

There were also requests for more wind, less weed, a professional Club newsletter, a Club Professional to run things, more rescue boat helms scheduled each day and a Junior July for sailors' wives – 'Female February'!

