



Slaughden Sails Newsletter

February to April

2009

Up coming activities and social events February to April 2009.....

- ❑ **Dinghy Park Work Party** Sunday 22nd February at 10am – *Give Stan a call*
- ❑ **Dinghy Park Planting Party** Sunday 22nd February at 10am - *Bring along some bulbs*
- ❑ **Support Boat Refresher** Saturday March 21st - Radio course am and Support boat pm
- ❑ **Fitting Out Supper** Saturday April 4th from 18.30 pm – *Menu attached*
please email menu selection to < dawn_samuels@bat.com > or text / call 07730912158
- ❑ **Club house Work Party** Saturday April 11th from 09.30 am
- ❑ **OOD Refresher** Wednesday April 15th 19.00 pm

With 2008 now behind us its already February 2009 and what eventful times we live in ! Everyone of us will for sure be impacted in some way, if not by the economic climate then certainly the weather climate. So what better place to be, if only for a day, than out on the water where there is no time to think about the gloom as you need to be 100% focused managing the stress of staying afloat and protecting your no claims bonus!

The team have put together a Fantastic programme for 2009 and a huge thank you to all those involved for the effort and planning that has gone into this.....lets make sure we support and reward a very professional approach.

All hands to the pump



FOR A FREE BANGER AND BUN
your sailing club needs a couple
of hours of your time

DINGHY PARK WORK
PARTY
SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

10am till Banger and Bun time!
Grass cutting, boat moving and
general tidy up.

Phone Stan Clark to book your
place!!! 01728 635605

And don't forget the Clubhouse Work party on Sat April 11th at 09.30 am

Website

Spring is the time to buy or sell boats. Don't forget the website has a Sales & Wants section which is indexed by Google so potentially sends your advert to the whole country. Email details to the webmaster if you want to use this facility. If you just want to alert fellow club members to your bargains then why not use the Message Board? It's dead easy to use. Anyone can read this; you have to log in to post the advert. Contact the webmaster if you've forgotten your username / password.

Keep a record of all
your on line shopping
transactions for 2009 as
there will be an award
for 'shopper of the year'
Details to follow

On line shopping ---Order via the link on our website and earn the club valuable commission.
Try and buy ...lets pledge to try this experience in 2009 – Hundreds of High street and Internet stores
www.slaughdensailingclub.co.uk/

This newsletter covers the period February until End April 2009 . If you have any useful information that you would like shared with members please let Dawn know via samuelsfamily@fsmail.net . If you find the publication informative and easy to read then please let me know.....if you don't then even more reason to let me know.....suggestions always welcomed.

Club Developments and Training

Dinghy Park

We have devised a new system for numbering the spaces in the Dinghy Park, which should make it much easier for you to find your allocated space.

We have made plastic discs with a three digit number 'branded' into it. The first digit denotes the row number and the next two digits are the space number. The discs will be either attached to the fence where practicable or nailed into the ground at the front of each space.

Example: **105** this is Row 1 & the 5th space along.

512 this is Row 5 & the 12th space along.

See, it's easy, so no excuse for putting your boat in the wrong space.

Don't assume that your boat will be in the same space as last year, we always have to make some changes to accommodate larger, heavier boats and disabled members. Please check the chart in the Clubhouse or on the website and move your boat into its allocated space as soon as you can.

Weather Station Update

The webcam is performing very well but is showing views of the snowy Derbyshire hills, which isn't much use to Alde sailors. It should be installed in the clubhouse and added to the website in early March. It will show a long view looking up-river so individuals won't be identifiable, although boats should be. Big brother is *not* coming to SSC!

The air temperature sensor is also under development so that you can see how cold you're going to be whilst out on the support boat.

The police are setting up a "Marine Watch" in our area, it operates something like a Neighbourhood Watch but involves those who have boats or related interests. Part of the set up is "Marine Direct". This is a scheme whereby interested persons give their phone number or email address to the police which are added to an automatic notification list. Should the police be aware of any suspicious activity or want to draw your attention to criminal activity, such as theft of dinghies or outboard motors, details are sent out by phone or email depending upon what you have requested. They will also use the scheme to ask for information, such as have you seen a, if so please contact..... With the problems we have been having I think this is a good scheme which might just help catch some of the criminals that have been causing us so much trouble. If we can be of assistance, so much the better. However it does depend upon a significant number of people participating. I would ask you to give consideration to being a Marine Direct contact. The appropriate form can be down loaded from the Club's web site, or collected from the clubhouse. Any problems please contact me. **Barrie Skelcher, Committee Member for Security.**

This seasons program again includes "Smart Sailing" sessions on selected Monday evenings. The purpose of these is to provide an opportunity to practice and improve sailing skills with help from some of the Clubs most experienced dinghy sailors. Generally it will be helpful if the participants are of Dinghy Level 2 standard or above. However that does not mean you have to have a Level 2 certificate but rather that you have basic dinghy sailing skills and want more practice to be able to cope with a range of conditions. The sessions will also suit members who want to improve their racing performance. Finally members who want to practice, or learn more about crewing, are also welcome. We are running these sessions in cooperation with the AYC and may be making use of some of their facilities. Please watch the Club Notice Board for further information or contact Barrie Skelcher, Mike Tyndale-Biscoe or David Pegg.

Training Courses : Refer to the website for details

Support Boat Refresher / OOD Refresher / RYA Level 1 & 2 Combined / SSC Smart Sailing (see above) / RYA Powerboat Certificate Level 2 / RYA Safety Boat Certificate / RYA First Aid Course / YOTAS

Fitting Out Supper Menu

Saturday April 4th from 18.30 hours

Please select from the following choice and email, call or text Dawn Samuels by *Thursday 26th February (Latest)* as follows

< dawn_samuels@bat.com > or **text / call 07730912158**
(dawn underscore samuels)

Name and number in party and choice

Cost £5 per head

Menu 1 Sausage Hot Pot

Menu 2 Feta Cheese, Spinach with pine nut and a filo pastry top
(suitable for vegetarians)

Menu 3 Pasta dish with Mincemeat

All served with French bread, vegetables and or salad depending upon weather

Selection of deserts

Tea and Coffee