



Slaughden Sails

March to May 2008

New Dinghy Park Plan

Checkout the plan that is available in the clubhouse and pick up your stickers for 2008 these need to be displayed at **all times on your craft.**

Events for your Diary
New look calendar format
– see below

Key Reminder!!!

Combination Code for the clubhouse has changed
New code effective 01.03.2008
Refer year book 2008

Weather Station update

At a recent management committee meeting the long debated weather station got the go-ahead. This is likely to be a gradually developing project over the course of the year, but keep your eyes open for online, real-time wind data on the web site as a first step.

Website update literally!

By early April the new-look website should be active. It will have had a complete makeover to give a more modern and less cluttered look, including more space on the front page, by relocating many of the options into a drop down menu system. Reminders of imminent events will be automatic. All your favourites will still be there - tide times and weather forecast - and more photos will be used (please send me more!). Let me know if you like it and also tell me if you have any problems.

Richard Walker

Visit the SSC e shop

The SSC e-shop is still struggling on. To date it has only raised £32.54 for the club. This is a real shame as there is so much potential to raise money for SSC. It's not just buying books from Amazon (or preferably Waterstones, who give us much more commission), you know. The best commission comes from insurance and utility sales so buy your insurance, change your gas supplier and take out broadband via the shop and make us rich! **There's a link on the website to get you there safely.**

Arctic Antic – seems like a long time ago but a good turn out from members, both sailing and supporting. This did not prove to be ideal sailing conditions with high water at 6am leavings very little water to launch at 11am and a promise of no water to finish! This coupled with virtually no wind and the Elbow marker missing made the event interesting. Well done to all with David Pegg in Tac Tic floating in first followed by John Chalker, Lesley Downing, Liz and Stan Clark and Dave Abbot. The food prepared by Liz Wright was very welcomed by all following an exhausting time pulling the boats out through the mud.it can only get better!

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<http://www.slaughdensailingclub.co.uk/>

This newsletter covers the period March until End May and will be issued quarterly. 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. Proposals to improve always welcomed.

What a Winter !

A HUGE THANKYOU to all those involved in tidying up the dinghy park and cleaning up the debris following strong gales, heavy rain and flooding. The Rib shed, as you will have seen, is a casualty of the weather.

What a Winner !

Some fabulous news circulated by Jack Saunders. The club have been successful in its applications for financial support, which will enable us to really focus our development on the young talent in the club. Two of the successes resulted in:

- a) £750 being recently paid into club funds as participants in the RYA Onboard Children's Sail Training Scheme.
- b) £2000 paid into club funds from RYA HQ to support the purchase of 1 Valiant DR 400 Rib and 1 Honda 4 stroke 20hp engine for use with our RYA Onboard Children's training Programme.

We also have discussions underway with Suffolk County Council's grant advisor who is supporting us with an application for Lottery Aid.

Powerboats 2008 - Don't forget Saturday 29th March

Refresher on handling the club's powerboats and brushing up on your VHF radio procedure. Suitable as well for any cruising member requiring an International Certificate of Competence.

Check the yearbook for the dates that you have been rostered to provide safety cover over the season. Should there are any dates that you are unable to fulfil please try to arrange a swap..... or as a last resort contact Barry Skelcher.

Club Sailing Dinghies - Club sailing dinghies have been kept solely for training purposes. This season a scheme is being devised which will allow members, who have reached the necessary standard of sailing, to borrow certain boats to take part in club events. Details of how this will operate are still being worked out but they will be put up on the notice board in due course.

Dinghy Sailing and Racing – Your attention is drawn to two innovations this season.

- 1) Wednesday evening races will be sailed together with AYC handicap dinghies. Each club will compete for their own trophies. Races will start at the AYC line and finish at the SSC line. The objective is to provide more interesting racing with a larger fleet than would have otherwise been possible.
- 2) On six nominated evenings 'Smart Sailing' sessions are being offered. These will be tailored to suit your needs and should be of interest to members who:
 - already sail having reached level 2 standard and who now want to advance further.
 - would like to join the racing programme but lack experience
 - are experienced at racing but who want to improve their chances of winning.
 - crew and want to improve their crewing techniques.

You may use your own dinghy or go out with one of the coaches in their boat. We anticipate there will be scope to gain experience at using a trapeze. We are hoping to run these sessions in conjunction with the AYC. Please watch the notice board for further details or contact Mike T-B or Barry Skelcher.

March 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
17	18	19 Clubhouse Meeting Come Cruising 19.00 hrs	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Clubhouse Meeting Briefing for all OOD's 19.00hrs	27	28	29 VHF & Support boat refresher Powerboat 2 / ICC by assessment 10.45hrs	30

April 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31	01	02	03	04	05 Dinghy Shake out sail 14.00 hrs HW 16.26	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Fitting out supper Saturday 5th April – refer to website for menu / details </div>						
07 Adult Sail Training 18.00 hrs HW 13.41	08	09 Series 1 (1) & Skelcher Cup 19.00 hrs HW 14.29	10	11	12	13 Thaw (2) (open) 11.00 hrs HW 09.00
14 Adult Sail Training 18.00 hrs HW 21.54	15	16 Series 1 (2) 19.00 hrs HW 23.18	17	18	19 Cruise overnight to Butley creek HW 13.11	20 Thaw (3) (open) 11.00 hrs HW 13.42
21 Adult Sail Training 18.00 hrs HW 14.14	22	23 Series 1(3) 19.00hrs HW 14.51	24	25	26	27 Thaw (4) (Open) 14.30 HW 06.24
28 Adult Sail Training 18.00 Smart Sailing 18.30 hrs HW 18.20	29	30 Series 1 (4) 19.00 hrs HW 20.13	01	02	03	04 Sunday Lunch in the Clubhouse 13.30hrs

May 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
05 Adult Sail Training 18.00 hrs HW 13.08	06 YOTAS 16.00 hrs HW 13.54	07 Series 2 (1) & Commodores Cup 19.00 hrs HW 14.48	08	09	10	11 Round the Island Race 11.00 hrs HW 06.58
12 Adult Sail Training 18.00hrs Smart Sailing 18.30 hrs HW 20.25	13 YOTAS 16.00hrs HW 21.22	14 Series 2 (2) 19.00 hrs HW 22.10	15	16	17	18 Dinghy Cruise up river & Picnic 11.00 hrs HW 12.12
19 Adult Sail Training 18.00hrs HW 12.43	20 YOTAS 16.00 hrs HW 13.15	21 Series 2(3) 19.00 hrs HW 13.51	22	23	24 Bank Holiday Cruise Return Monday HW 16.38	25
26	27	28 Series 2(4) 19.00 hrs HW 19.49	29	30	31	01