



Slauchden Sails Newsletter

February to Mid May 2010

Up coming activities and social events February to Mid May 2010.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> RYA First Aid Course | <i>Saturday March 20th at 09.00</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tour of Aldeburgh Lifeboat Station | <i>Wednesday April 7th at 19.00</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RYA Power Boat refresher | <i>Saturday April 10th at 10.00</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fitting Out Supper in clubhouse | <i>Saturday April 17th at 18.30</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Day cruise to Butley Creek | <i>Saturday April 24th / 25th</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club House Work Party | <i>Saturday May 1st at 10.00</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OOD Refresher | <i>Wednesday May 5th at 18.30</i> |

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A 2010 welcome to all members of Slauchden Sailing Club. Yet again we have a fabulous array of events for club members and friends which you can find in the 2010 yearbook and also on the website. A small taste of the events throughout the year is featured below.

This is the year that you must set yourself one or two goals even if it is entering one race from our calendar, first aid, Powerboat refresher, training or helping out at one of our many functions.

Events to look forward to in the clubhouse for 2010

The Social calendar gets off to a cracking start with the *Fitting Out supper on April 17th*. Dawn will be running this don't forget to book your place as soon as the adverts go out. We can only seat around 50 in the clubhouse and that is at a push!!

Next on the events list is a *Games and Supper night on May 15th*. Great fun for all the family.

Just a little reminder to ring or e-mail Lizzie Clark 01728 635605 or stanley@stanliz.plus.com if you want to help at any of the Social events in the programme. She will be especially grateful for any offers of help for lunches on the following dates: - June 19th. Sept 11 & 12th. Oct 16 & 17th.

East 50 (a showcase for sailing for disabled held in conjunction with AYC and OSC) on 25th July will be a big day for us - we need as many helpers in the galley as possible to make it run smoothly.

Also we need someone to lead the running of the *BBQ on the Brudenel Cup day on 27th June*. This is always a good club day with 3 races run during the day and a great chance to participate or watch and then have a party after all of the exertion!

Remember that without your help we cannot run the social events calendar to its full potential.

Dinghy Park Work Party

Around 30 volunteers turned up on 7th March and worked their socks off until lunchtime, when all enjoyed sausage butties courtesy of Lizzie Clark.

Thank you to everybody who gave up their Sunday morning to help.



Aldeburgh Lifeboat guided tour Wednesday 7th April Meet at the Lifeboat station at 1850 hrs.

We have arranged with the RNLI, a guided tour of Aldeburgh Lifeboat and Station at 1900 hrs. This will include a talk and a short film. Please book with Lizzie Clark (01728 635605 or e-mail stanley@stanliz.plus.com) We are limited to 30 places so do book early.

Fitting Out Supper

Always a big hit – so don't miss out, max 50 covers

Please see last page for menu and booking details

New Commodore's Message...an introduction

Robin Smith, who is he? Some will have asked, its true that I have not met all of the members who may have joined in the last couple of years or so, but many of you do know me as a member of some 30 years, also serving on the committee, and as treasurer for several years.

Family - married to Maggie, (Skipper on our boat) two grown children, four grandchildren aged 4 – 13 years.

Sailing History - Maggie and I started sailing as teenagers; we bought Mirror Dinghy 13897 in kit form for £65.00 direct from Bell Woodworking and launched it on a Leicestershire gravel pit just two weeks later. We later moved to Yorkshire, racing a Marauder at sea from Filey SC, which was fantastic, trapezing in big seas and strong winds should be experienced by all.

We moved to Norfolk in 1978, and joined SSC about that time. We love the area but found the river a bit tame after Filey. We subsequently bought our first cruiser, the Intro 22 "Little Tern" We raced her with the AYC fleet for a couple of seasons, crossed the North Sea several times pottering about the Belgium and French coast as well as our own "patch". In 1994 we bought the MacGregor 26 "Turnstone", no more racing, but we could trail her to Brittany, Biscay & the Mediterranean which we did for most of the month of September, for 14 years. As well as trailing, we made 24 crossings of the Southern North Sea, Dover Straights, and English Channel. Our longest passage was St. Peter Port in Guernsey, to Weymouth, which we did in very good time, and in poor weather. In August last year we bought the Jeanneau 29.2 "Avocet" (Another damn bird!) She is extremely civilised compared with the others, Maggie being a very big influence in the selection process. We spent most of the remainder of last season sorting things out, and fiddling etc. as one does. We wintered at Tollesbury on the Blackwater.

This spring, Maggie had a serious accident, suffered a dislocated left shoulder, broken arm, nerve damage and paralysis. We were pretty scared at the time, and we were grounded! The Marina kindly found us a berth, and we had no option but to remain there for the season. Maggie is now healing faster than anyone thought possible, and we did finally make our first little potter up to Lowestoft and back at August Bank Holiday. It was then back to the floating country cottage routine again. We now look forward to next season and plan to be on our mooring, 283, as soon as the weather is civilised, spending more time at the club. We hope to revisit favourite creeks and mud holes in our local patch, and answer the irresistible call from far away places with strange sounding names. That's the way we like to cruise and with luck, I might even catch a fish! **There is always a welcome on Avocet, if the ensign is flying, tie alongside, and come aboard.**

Other matters.

Your new Committee has met several times and finalised the programmes for racing, cruising and social events. There is however a requirement for more Safety Boat Crews. Anyone interested should contact Nigel Hemming, or any other committee member. If a crew fails to show for a designated duty this season, the event will be cancelled.

Social Secretary Lizzie Clarke is appealing for more volunteers.

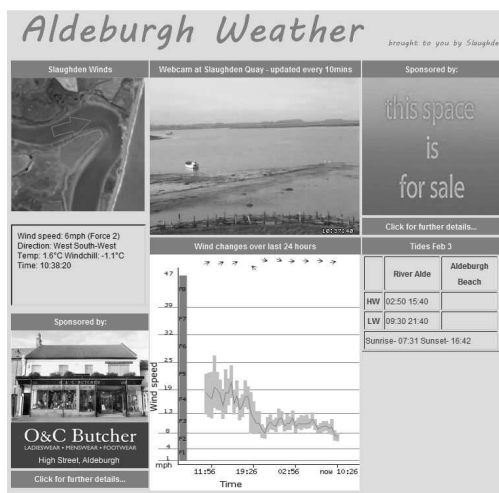
Membership Secretary June Walker thanks everybody who has re-joined SSC but would like to remind members that the dinghy park is almost full and if you add to your fleet, don't assume that there will automatically be a space for your new boat.

Good sailing in 2010

Robin

Website Features

- ❖ Race Results
- ❖ Slaughden Quay Tide Times
- ❖ Club Photo Gallery
- ❖ Local Weather Forecasts
- ❖ Details of Social Events
- ❖ Sales & Wants Page
- ❖ Message Board
- ❖ News & Views
- ❖ Links to other Sailing Sites
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Training Schedule Reminder

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The RYA First Aid course to be held on 20th March - a few places left
RYA Powerboat refresher course on Saturday 10th April – a day to brush up on your powerboat skills

Wednesday evening May 5th an Officer of the Day refresher course
Adult training for RYA NATIONAL Sailing Level 1 and 2 starts on Monday April 12th
YOTAS – RYA National Youth Training Scheme starts Tuesday 11th May

Congratulations to Peter Samuels who recently qualified as RYA Powerboat Instructor following a 4 day intensive course at F.A.C.T in Tollesbury Essex.

Corporate Fund Raising update

The economic collapse seems to be really biting, as there does not appear to be much cash and goodwill around at the moment. No success from:

- ❖ Henry Lloyd – budget already consumed
- ❖ Local Shipping lines – who lost circa \$20b in 2009
- ❖ Adnams – governed by Portman group policy

Pending responses from

- ❖ British Energy / Sizewell – will table at their next community agenda in April
- ❖ Quba Sails – a maybe
- ❖ Musto – looks promising

This newsletter covers the period February to Mid May 2010 . If you have any useful information that you would like to share 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.

Fitting Out Supper

Saturday April 17th from 18.30 hours in the clubhouse.

Please select from the following choices and email, call or text Dawn Samuels with **your name, number in party and menu choices**, by **Friday 26th March** at the latest, (*due to travelling*) or you can complete the form in the Club House.

Samuels@blackberry.orange.co.uk

Telephone 07774 713606

Menu

Cost £5 per head

Choice 1 Pork belly and red pepper casserole

Choice 2 Chicken Coq au Vin

Choice 3 Cheese and lentil loaf with a tomato sauce
(suitable for vegetarians)

All served with Dauphinois Potatoes and petits pois.

Selection of deserts

Tea or Coffee