



Slaughterden Sails Newsletter

May to July 2010

Up-coming activities and social events May to July 2010.

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| ❑ OOD Refresher | Wednesday May 5 th at 18.30 |
| ❑ Games Evening and Supper - ClubHouse | Saturday May 15 th at 18.30 |
| ❑ Orford Picnic | Saturday May 22 nd |
| ❑ Bank Holiday 3 day Cruise | From Saturday May 29 th |
| ❑ Share a Plate Picnic TBA | Monday May 31 st 16.00 |
| ❑ Dinghy and Cruiser Day Sail | Saturday 5 th June 09.30 |
| ❑ Iken Cliffs Picnic (after the race) | Saturday 12 th June 13.00 |
| ❑ BBQ bring your own meat | Saturday 12 th June 17.30 |
| ❑ Dinghies to Cornwall – 8 days | Thursday June 17 th |
| ❑ Weekend Cruise | Saturday June 19 th |
| ❑ Brudenell Day – 3 races | Sunday June 27 th |
| ❑ Brudenell Day BBQ | Sunday June 27 th 17.00 |
| ❑ Dinghy & Cruiser Day Sail to Felixstowe | Sunday July 04 th 08.00 |
| ❑ Dinghy sail and Picnic up river | Sunday July 11 th 11.00 |
| ❑ Weekend Cruise | Saturday July 17 th |
| ❑ East 50 day | Sunday 25 th July 10.30 |
| ❑ Picnic at Dove Point | Sunday August 1 st |

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Games Night and Supper – Saturday May 15th – from 6.30pm in the Clubhouse

Five tables of games, teams of players rotate between Roulette, Shut the Box, Higher & Lower, a Quiz etc. Prizes for the winners and a fantastic chilli cooked by Dawn. Don't be shy, come along & join in the fun!

Sign up in the Clubhouse or contact Stan & Liz 01728 635603 stanley@stanliz.plus.com



£5.00 per Person
Including Chilli Supper



Welcome to SSC – New Members

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following members who have joined this year:

Chris & Brenda Champion
 Paul & Caroline Coe
 Penelope & Adam Davies
 Graeme & Debbie Drysdale
 Ann Gill
 Clare Palmier & Maurice Horhut
 Nick & Loraine Hubbard
 Simon Robertson
 Clare Skelcher & Sean Maxwell
 Eric & Lesley Spicer
 Nick Tizzard
 Candy Wood

Woolverstone Project

Well done to Lesley Dowing who has just been made a trustee of the Woolverstone Project. The project entails taking out a group of keen disabled sailors every week- come rain or shine and at times in some jolly cold weather . There's a lot to look forward to, including taking part in a 'Special Olympics' in the autumn as well as an open meeting for disabled sailors.

A note of thanks to **Musto** for the donation of two junior buoyancy aids and well done to **Jack Saunders** who entered a competition and won a new Topper sail for the club.

Free to enter competition

Two competitions in this edition – One for the adults where you can win a great prize and a separate competition for the juniors

Developing the foundation for a sustainable future

You may not be aware of the challenging programme our Training Centre Principle, Nigel Hemming, has embarked upon to ensure that SSC has sufficient qualified instructors for both now and the foreseeable future.

On this note congratulations are in order for Lesley Downing, Richard Pilgrim, Rupert Hannen and Nigel Hemming who all recently qualified as RYA Senior Dinghy Instructors. Also to Becky Smith who qualified as a Dinghy Instructor and Peter Samuels who qualified as an RYA Power Boat Instructor.

We have a few gaps where we need members to sign up to undertake RYA 1 & 2 Power Boat and in particular Safety Boat courses to ensure we have sufficient cover for the many events that we run throughout the year.

If you would like to embark upon a training instructors course and or power / safety boat course then please contact Nigel. nigelhemming@tiscali.co.uk

Training and Coaching

Smart Sailing

The format for this season's Smart Sailing has changed from that of the past two years. Although prompted by force of circumstance it may have advantages for some members. As shown in the year book there will be two on-the-water days, namely **Sunday 6th June** and **Saturday 24th July**. However it is planned that we meet up on the preceding Friday evening for discussion and briefing.

Friday 4th June we will concentrate more on techniques of boat handling, better and faster sailing. What is taught in Level 2 is fairly basic and designed on a "fits all" concept. However boats and people are different and better performance can often be obtained by varying these techniques. This we will go into on the Friday evening, then practice on the Sunday.

Friday 23rd July will follow on from the June session but also be concerned with Racing Rules and tactics. On the Saturday, providing we have sufficient numbers taking part, we will be on the water practicing our racing techniques.

The published programme indicates starting at 10.00 hrs for the on the water sessions. Please take this as our target time for getting afloat, i.e. boats rigged and crews ready. Bring your own packed lunch so we can eat as and when we wish. Both events will be weather dependant. Mike Tyndale-Biscoe, a qualified RYA Racing Instructor/Coach and David Pegg, a very experienced and successful racing helm, (*subject to their availability*), together with myself, will be running the sessions. Nigel Hemming will provide Safety Boat cover.

Barrie Skelcher.

Suffolk Boat Jumble - Sunday 16th May from 10am.....Entry £3.00
Trinity Park Events Centre, Ipswich

Lots of bits and bobs, new and old at reasonable prices.

Guests & Visitors

Members' guests and visitors are always very welcome at SSC but please follow these guidelines (*see House Rule 26*):

All guests must be signed in, but no more than **four occasions** in any one year. You can sign in children under 18 as often as you like (excluding your own children, who must be part of a Family membership).

If you have regular guests who stay for a week or more, then you should consider taking out Short Term Membership for them (for details contact June Walker, Membership Sec.).

Partners who sail occasionally and wish to join in the social events are expected to join as family members.

Dinghy Park **Alert!**

The Dinghy Park is almost full! We started off the season with 30 more boats than at the same time last year & we have just enrolled quite a few new members with boats. There are no 12' spaces, just a few 14' spaces & no 16' spaces. If you buy a new boat don't assume that there will be a space for it. Please, please contact June Walker or Stanley Clark **before** you buy a boat to check availability.

Website Features

The screenshot shows the Aldeburgh Weather website interface. It includes a header with the title 'Aldeburgh Weather' and a sub-header 'brought to you by Slaughter'. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Slaughter Winds' with a satellite image, 'Webcam at Slaughter Quay - updated every 10mins' with a live webcam feed, and 'Sponsored by: this space is for sale'. Below these are 'Wind speed 5mph (Force 2) Direction: West South-West Temp: 1.0°C Windchill: -1.1°C Time: 10:38:20', 'Wind changes over last 24 hours' with a line graph, and 'Tides Feb 3' with a table of tide times. At the bottom, there is an advertisement for 'O&C Butcher'.

Tides Feb 3	
River Alde	Aldeburgh Beach
HW 02:50 15:40	
LW 09:30 21:40	
Sunrise- 07:31	Sunset- 16:42

Tell your non-sailing friends about the Alde Weather website - current weather information for everyone in the Aldeburgh area... and tell the advertisers you saw them on the site!

www.aldeweather.org.uk

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...Just a few of the retailers you can use!

COME CRUISING WITH SLAUGHDEN SAILING CLUB 2010

DINGHIES

The 2010 cruising season begins. We have had some wonderful weather in April to get boats prepared and on the water. The Dinghy Shakeout Sail on April 17th was well supported - 8 boats joined in a brisk sail down river. This season we have tried to organise a comprehensive programme for both large boats and dinghies, with some new events scheduled, some of which will challenge even the more experienced dinghy sailors. Have a look at the programme in the Year Book and choose the events you would like to join in. Don't forget that, even if an event is scheduled as a race, you can still take part without racing, e.g. May 22 Orford Race and Picnic. If you would like to take part without racing you will be welcome, but please let the Officer of the Day know your intentions. You still need to sign your boat in on the form, and leave close to the scheduled start time so that the Safety Boat can keep an eye on you. If new members and the less experienced want any advice please contact me. There are two longer dinghy trips planned; down to North Weir Point at the southern end of the River for a picnic, which is a warm up for the big one. For the really intrepid, a combined trip to Felixstowe Ferry and back, which will need considerable planning, so start thinking about it now.

CRUISERS

It's exciting to learn that several new cruisers have been acquired by members for this season, so we hope to have sizeable fleets of boats leaving the river to visit other locations and rivers to enjoy some good sailing and socializing at different anchorages. The choice of destination usually evolves through consultation with the Skippers on the day, when an idea of the weather to be expected becomes clearer. However it would be good to try and go further and visit some less familiar places. Although it's good for boats to sail in company, sometimes individual skippers have a different idea as to how and when they want to make a passage, but we usually arrange to meet up at a pre-determined anchorage in the evening. There are some members with motorboats and we always enjoy their company too.

In the past some of the cruising boats have accompanied the dinghy trips within the river, and offered lifts to members who for various reasons could not sail in dinghies and this has proved very valuable. Please contact me to discuss your ideas, a chance of a berth on a cruiser, needs for a crew or any other queries you may have.

I hope you all have an enjoyable, successful and safe sailing season. See you afloat. - **Paul Eaton.**

Stranger on the Shore?

It may have happened, and you didn't notice, sad really because he (she/they) may have been a visiting yachtsman, probably looking for basic amenities traditionally offered by most, if not all Sailing Clubs on our stunningly beautiful east coast rivers, estuaries and coastline. I hope they did not creep away disbelieving the reputation of SSC as being a friendly club.

It is a tradition amongst clubs that such amenities as, use of the slipway, fresh water, somewhere to leave the dinghy, directions to the nearest shops etc, perhaps the hospitality of the Clubhouse with the offer of a much needed shower if there are members about to welcome them. We have over 30 cruisers in the club and as a cruising 'yotty' myself, such seemingly simple things can be very welcome indeed and add enormously to the enjoyment of cruising. One makes new acquaintances, reciprocal offers are made to visit their home club, and friendships develop. All good stuff!

How to spot the stranger, difficult, as we do not yet have a sign on our slipway, "Visiting Yachtsmen Welcome" (it's on the list of things to be done); he will probably seem a little unsure of the welcome. If you see someone you don't recognize, loosely fitting the description, clutching his dinghy painter, please ask if they are visitors, and if so, do make them welcome, as they most certainly are, in the traditional SSC way. News of such hospitality does travel widely and with it, the reputation of SSC.....*an article from our Commodore, Robin*

EAST COAST 50- Sunday 25th July 2010

The purpose of the event (organized by 2 charities- The Woolverstone Project and East Anglian Sailing Trust) is to raise awareness of the work done to help people with disabilities enjoy sailing- and to encourage participants to have a satisfying day on the water.

Aldeburgh YC, Orford SC and SSC are joining forces under the auspices of East Coast 50 to produce an event on the Rivers Alde/Ore and have agreed to the following arrangements.

1. A race for cruisers & fast dinghies downriver and around Havergate Island, separately
2. Starting at SSC at 10am- 2 groups of dinghies- children & adults to embark on a Treasure Hunt upriver to Little Japan for a picnic & fun.
3. Tea will be available at SSC and at 6pm a BBQ at AYC for all.

This is a Sponsored event and the aim is to get as many people as possible to sponsor you for the event. Registration and Sponsorship forms are available on the following website to download and there will be hard copies in the clubhouse nearer the time - www.eastcoast50.org.com

This has all the ingredients of a great day out and it would help enormously if you could confirm to Lesley whether you intend to participate in any of the sailing events, evening BBQ or both. - There will be an entry form pinned up in the clubhouse or alternatively contact Leslie Downing on 01728 833599 or by email leslie.downing@btinternet.com.

Your support for this event would be extremely well appreciated. It will be fun, enjoyable and really rewarding, experiencing first hand the enthusiasm that exists from those with a disability, to conquer the challenge of sailing and get so much pleasure and excitement from the sport.

There is also a cruiser Challenge on June 5th (50mile race)- see same website

Junior Rep Section

Gabriella Samuels

Gabriella would like to hear from Junior members, YOTAS etc with any ideas and/or comments you may have that would make being a member of SSC more enjoyable for you.

Following the triumphs at the AYC Regatta last year for SSC juniors let's ensure we enrol a strong squad for this year's regatta. It's the experience of taking part that matters so make sure you fill in your entry forms early.

Competition for Juniors - What are the 5 essentials that you need to be aware of to get your boat sailing properly? Small prize for all answers received by end May to ssc.samuels@fsmail.net - don't forget to include your name.

Competition Time for Adults

How would you like to win a bottle of **Baileys Irish Cream !**



Two steps to heaven.

1. Purchase just ONE item via the SSC 'e' shopping link and
2. Answer the following questions from the Members Area / Message Board on the SSC Website
 - ❖ Who was looking forward to the free lunch at the recent work party
 - ❖ On what date was this posted on the website

To go into the draw please email the editor with the value of your purchase and from which retailer and include the answers to the questions above to Dawn at ssc.samuels@fsmail.net

Competition closes end June 2010.....winner drawn from the hat.

All entrants over 18 years of age. Entrants details will be checked against members profile.

Security Alert!!

The SSC Committee have been in discussion with Suffolk Constabulary regarding covers for outboard motors which allow the cowl to be removed and stored elsewhere, thereby making the outboard less attractive to potential thieves.

These covers have been available for some time in Norfolk (photo attached) and in Essex and are now available in Suffolk.

Suffolk Constabulary will be doing a bit of a PR launch within the next few weeks so keep an eye on the press.

In the meantime, if you are interested in obtaining one of the covers you can contact:

Anne Powell at Felixstowe on 01473 383313 or by email to Anne.Powell@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Prices are as follows

Extra Small (suitable for dinghy) £14.00 each

Small (up to 8hp) £14.25 each

Large (10hp up to 40hp) £15.00 each



For up to date information on all the following items visit the SSC website www.slaughdensailingclub.co.uk

- > Race results as they happen
- > e Shop – shop on line for SSC
- > Members only pages
- > Links to other sites
- > Articles of interest
- > News and Views
- > Photo of the month
- > Weather forecasts for this area
- > Bulletin Board – have your say
- > Social Events – What's on
- > Gallery – the year's photo's
- > Tide times at Slaughden
- > Minutes of previous meetings

This newsletter covers the period May to July 2010 . If you have any useful information that you would like to share with members please let Dawn know via samuelfamily@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.