

June 2008

**DHEKELIA  
SAILING  
CLUB  
NEWSLETTER**



**TRY SAIL DAY - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 10am until 4pm**

Volunteer helms are needed on Saturday to take visitors out and give them a taste of the joys of sailing. Please contact Andy Cherry if you are able to help. Andreas will be there all day.

**Romantza Cruise a Great Success**

The planned early start for this annual event didn't quite happen as one of the Bosuns sprung a leak soon after it was launched! After a hasty change of craft, the group set off in fine weather making good time and arriving in time for lunch. Special mention should go to brother and sister Thomas and Megan Evans (aged 11 and 9 respectively), who completed the journey on their own - and without falling out!

They were met at the restaurant by friends and family who joined them for the meal.

Unfortunately the wind built up at the beginning of the afternoon, necessitating some changes to the crews for the return trip, which was rather more exciting than the journey down. Everyone arrived back safely and all agreed that Iris' final event as sailing Secretary was once again a great success.

### **EPISKOPI REGATTA - 13<sup>TH</sup> TO 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

This is a fantastic weekend of sailing (Friday afternoon on the 13th, Saturday 14th all day and Sunday 15th all day.) ESSC always make visitors welcome, and they have offered to provide Picos for the Ladies Event, (numbers are limited so get your name down quickly please). Junior sailors will also be welcome, sailing on a shortened course, apparently there may be one or two prizes as well! The Club has available 3 new Laser 2000's, 2 club Albacores, 4 Club Laser Ones, with a variety of rigs including 4.7 and Radial. Several Picos and even a couple of Bosun dinghies.

ESSC are making available to us 5 Picos for the Ladies race and even arranging a Junior series if there is any support for this.

**If you would like to participate, then you must let me know by Wednesday of this week, either by phone, email, or by signing up on the sheet at the club.**

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Please also note that our usual summer self-help BBQ is going to start from this coming Sunday, after racing. The BBQ is usually lit at around 5.30 and anyone is very welcome to join in. Look forward to seeing you there!

### **AKROTIRI SAILING CLUB REGATTA**

The weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May saw Akrotiri Sailing Club host their annual sailing regatta. Sailing teams came from Episkopi and Dhekelia with a great turnout of some 20+ dinghies on the water for the first race.

Friday was meant to be the start of the regatta with a general handicap race, but wind speeds in excess of 30 knots off the airfield kept the boats ashore and Principal Race Officer, Sam Allin, sensibly rescheduled the racing for the following day.

Saturday dawned with fantastic breezes and wonderful sunshine, promising a great days sailing for all classes.

The General Handicap Race saw the Laser One fleet powering up to the first mark with Rick Pharaoh (ISYC) in the lead closely followed by Laser 2000 team of Rod Kershaw/Aleks Brown and the Cherry team of Andy and Sue. Mike Vassiliou in his Laser One chased them round the first lap.

At the finish it was still Rick in pole position, but Rod and Aleks right on his transom, closely followed by the Cherry team.

Nigel Keeble from ISYC, fresh from a Senior Instructor course in UK, chasing the leaders up to the finishing line.

There were three more races to fit in for the rest of the day, these were the series races for two different classes. First off were the Laser 2000 fleet with a wonderful turnout of 13 dinghies and the Laser One fleet with nine boats, making for some exciting racing in this class.

It soon became clear that Kershaw/Brown were going to dominate their fleet in the L2K's and revelled in these windy conditions. Andy and Sue chased them to the finishing line but ended up a close second on a very fast reaching leg, blasting along with gennakers flying! Chris Dodds and crew Sarah White finished very closely behind this leading group to finish in third place.

By the end of the day Rod and Aleks had secured two first places and the Cherries had one.

In the Laser One fleet, Mike Vassiliou cleaned up with three bullets and looked set to win the series. Rick Pharaoh and Colin Humphrey, all from ISYC, followed up with second and third respectively.

Sunday dawned with the promise of slightly less wind than Saturday, which gave everyone a chance to have fun and do well in the remaining races.

In the Ladies race, Sue Cherry and Sarah White in their L2K managed to stay ahead of Iris Burt and Sheila Staunton to win overall but Lorraine Miller from the host club sailed a fantastic race to finish a close third place in her Laser Radial.

Whilst the Ladies Race was taking place, the Men were sailing singlehanded in 2 man dinghies. Lee Field led the fleet to the first mark but was overhauled by Chris Dodds and Sam Allin on

the first reaching leg. At the finish, it was Dodds, followed by Allin and Andy Travis coming up in third position.

Two more races remained for the series races for Laser One and L2K fleets, and the Cherry team led the L2K fleet from start to finish. Rod/Aleks were second in a close finish with Chris Dodds/Sarah White. Mike Vassiliou again won this race, to establish a clear victory over the Laser One fleet.

The final series race for the L2K fleet was a closely fought battle with Dodds/White leading for most of the race, however Kershaw/Brown slipped through in the final few yards, and Andy and Sue managed a second place.

Overall winners were Rod/Aleks, runners up the Cherry team and Dodds/White came third , all from Dhekelia Sailing Club.

Most improved sailors over the regatta were Lee Field/Ross Hayes (DSC), Richard Draper/ Peter Hammond (Akrotiri) and Ian Hopwell and Sarah Jane Harvey (Akrotiri)

Lewis Gardener and Elliot Gardener were top Novice sailors at the regatta in their Laser One dinghies, both from Episkopi Sailing Club.

All in all, this was a fantastic weekend of sailing in a variety of conditions, which all competitors enjoyed. The excellent facilities at Akrotiri were made available to visiting sailors and prizes were awarded at the end of the afternoon by Group Captain Conway.

### Overall results:

<b>Laser One Series</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mike Vassiliou ISYC
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rick Pharaoh ISYC
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Colin Humphrey ISYC

<b>Laser 2000 Series</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Rod Kershaw/Aleks Brown DSC
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andy Cherry/Sue Cherry DSC
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chris Dodds/Sarah White DSC

<b>General Handicap</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Rod Kershaw/Aleks Brown DSC
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andy Cherry/Sue Cherry DSC
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rick Pharaoh ISYC

<b>Singlehanded</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Chris Dodds DSC
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sam Allin Akrotiri SSC
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Andy Travis Akrotiri SSC

<b>Ladies Race</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sue Cherry/Sarah White
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Iris Burt/Sheila Staunton DSC
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lorraine Miller Akrotiri SSC



## Finally...

All contributions for the newsletter are welcome.  
Please let me have them by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the preceding  
month. Email: [editor@dhekeliasailing.com](mailto:editor@dhekeliasailing.com)

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