

March 2009

DHEKELIA
SAILING
CLUB
NEWSLETTER



LASER 2000 WEEKEND

The Wind Gods did not smile favourably on our fun/training weekend, with winds in excess of 30 knots on Saturday! This meant that we had to do rather a lot of theoretical stuff in the clubhouse instead of going sailing as we had planned. However, there was an excellent turnout of 20 plus people from all the forces clubs, listening patiently to technical advice and a few practical demonstrations on a variety of topics.

Alan Skitt gave a talk on the new rule changes, and Chris Dodds explained the best starting strategies aka the does and don'ts or Rules of the Road. The rigging demonstrations went very well, especially use of the Gennaker from Sue, and it was good to hear fellow sailors offering their advice and suggestions. It underscores the idea that we are not all experts and indeed all

continue to learn from each other. This of course, is the great thing about our sport; so the first day was run as a kind of learning forum, with a modest amount of success.

In the evening, Dave Jackson organised a superb buffet dinner for 40 people, (many thanks to Pauline, who cooked the food!) The clubhouse was rocking later in the evening to an impromptu disco, well done Tracey! And we all had a great time.

Sunday dawned with light winds forecast and after the boats were rigged up and ready to go, we set off in warm sunshine and a steady force two, to do some practice starts. Ten L2K's on water was a very pleasing sight.

No sooner were the flags up for the first start, than a vicious gust came out of nowhere and we were suddenly looking at upturned boats with the rest sent scurrying back to the beach!

Despite the mayhem on water, no one was hurt and only a few bruises and a broken mast were sustained. Back to the clubhouse for a warm drink and lunch, and we set off again an hour later, in lighter winds for a bit of actual sailing at last! This rounded off the weekend on a positive note.

There was a brilliant sense of camaraderie with our fellow L2K sailors and we were all able to learn something from the weekend. (I, for one, now know how to reef a Laser 2000! Thanks to John Ellerington and Phil Pearson.) Many thanks to all those who took part and made it a success.

Andy Cherry
Sailing Secretary.

Membership Matters

As many of you may know, the number of so-called "non-entitled" members (civilian ex-pats and others unconnected with the British bases) is limited by the base authorities to 15% of the total membership. Our percentage has for many years been reported within this limit but we have included as entitled members the whole of the British UN contingent as full members. The UN have a corporate membership scheme and our inclusion of the full number was not strictly correct according to an official formula governing corporate memberships. Consequently, following a recent inspection of the club (and other clubs), we have had to re-calculate our figures and the result is that we are now considerably in excess of the 15% limit for non-entitled members, and we are required to take steps to remedy this, but at the same time our objective is to enable all current members to continue to sail with us and/or participate in the club in the same way as they currently do.

A number of changes to membership arrangements are therefore necessary. The main change is that some current non-entitled members, will no longer be technically classified as members of the club, although they will be able to continue to sail and participate largely as before, apart from voting at AGM's. Those members affected will shortly receive a letter from the Commodore, detailing the changes

I must emphasize that the club values highly the participation of non-entitled individuals, without whom the club would not function.

Steve Kimberley, Membership Secretary

SATURDAY IS WORKDAY!

Please note that workdays will continue every Saturday throughout March. It is your club, so please come along and help get everything ready for the new season!

LOST AND FOUND

There is a bag of Lost Property in the Bosun's Store:

- 2 Pairs of Sailing Gloves
- 2 Pairs of Flippers
- 2 Pairs of small sailing shoes
- 1 large black and white sailing shoe
- 2 drinking bottles (one baby)
- 1 pair of sunglasses
- 1 small coloured ball
- 2 t-shirts (black with Indian and red)
- 4 sailing caps
- 9 pairs of goggles

Anything not claimed by Easter will be disposed of!

Iris

REGATTA MEETING - Sun 29th March 4pm

There will be a planning meeting for everyone who has already volunteered to help with the Regatta, and for anyone else who would like to offer their services. This is the high point of the year - so please come along and help us to this year's event even better than 2008!

Finally...

All contributions for the newsletter are welcome. Please let me have them by the 25th of the preceding month.

Email: editor@dhekeliasailing.com

Rachel Gresswell

Attached: Updated Sailing & Course Calendar 2009

Dhekelia Sailing Club Sailing & Course Calendar January – December 2009

To be updated monthly, any queries to R/C (Chris Dodds). Last update 3/3/09

Note: The Calendar is subject to change	Six Week Series to be held throughout the season	Safety Cover: Wed – PM Sat – All Day Sun – All day	Junior Sailing: By arrangement Sail Aways subject to Weather
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LEGEND

Sail aways
Powerboat Courses
Rescue boat courses
Sailing Courses
Trysails
Other Courses
Monthly Mug
SPECIAL EVENTS & CUP RACES
ASA TRAINING TEAM VISIT
AWAY EVENTS
DHEKELIA SAILING CLUB REGATTA

January 2009

4	Sun	Six Week Series Week 1	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
11	Sun	Six Week Series Week 2	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
18	Sun	Monthly Mug (MM) + 2 Club Races	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
25	Sun	Six Week Series Week 3	11:00, 13:00, 14:30

February 2009

1	Sun	Six Week Series Week 4	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
8	Sun	Six Week Series Week 5	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
15	Sun	MM + 2 Club Races	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
20 - 21	Fri - Sat	Powerboat Course	09:00 - 17:00
21-22	Sat - Sun	L2K Trophy & workshop	TBA
25 - 26	Wed - Thurs	Powerboat Course	09:00 – 17:00
27 - 28	Fri - Sat	Powerboat Course	09:00 – 17:00

March 2009

1	Sun	Six Week Series Week 6	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
6 - 7	Fri - Sat	Safety Boat Course	09:00 – 17:00
8	Sun	Six Week Series Week 1	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
14	Sat	UN and 62 RE Regatta	TBA
15	Sun	Open Trophy (Scratch Series)	11:00, 13:00, 14:30, 16:00
22	Sun	MM + 2 Club Races	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
23 - 27	Mon - Fri	Sailing Level 2 Course	09:00 – 17:00
29	Sun	Six Week Series Week 2	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
29	Sun	Regatta Meeting	17:00
30 - 31	Mon - Tues	Powerboat Course	09:00 – 17:00

April 2009

4	Sat	Sail Away (Romatzo's) ?	TBA
5	Sun	Six Week Series Week 3	12:00, 13:30, 15:00
11	Sat	Pig Roast (English Easter)	Evening Social
12	Sun	Six Week Series Week 4	12:00, 13:30, 15:00
18 to 26		ASA Team visit	
19	Sun	MM + 2 Club Races (Greek Easter)	12:00, 13:30, 15:00
25	Sat	Trysail	11:00
25	Sat	AGM	TBA
26	Sun	Novice Trophy (Handicap)	12:00

May 2009

1 - 2	Fri - Sat	Safety Boat Course	12:00 Fri
3	Sun	Six Week Series Week 5	12:00, 13:30, 15:00
9 - 10	Sat - Sun	Sailing CSE level 2 Pt 1	09:00 – 17:00
10	Sun	Six Week Series Week 6	12:00, 13:30, 15:00
16 - 17	Sat - Sun	Sailing CSE level 2 Pt 2	09:00 – 17:00
17	Sun	Six Week Series Week 1	12:00, 13:30, 15:00
24	Sun	MM + 2 Club Races	12:00, 13:30, 15:00
29-30-31	Fri-Sat-Sun	Dhekelia S C Regatta	TBA

June 2009

7	Sun	Katklysmos Regatta (Larnaca Nautical Club)	TBA
7	Sun	Free sailing Appoint own OOD	As Req
12 - 13	Fri - Sat	Powerboat Course	09:00 – 17:00
13	Sat	Trysail	11:00
14	Sun	Six Week Series Week 2	12:00, 13:30, 15:00
20	Sat	Sail Away & BBQ	TBA
21	Sun	MM + 2 Club Races	12:00, 13:30, 15:00
27 - 28	Sat - Sun	2 Man Team Racing Weekend at DSC	TBA

July 2009

5	Sun	Six Week Series Week 3	12:00, 13:30, 15:00
10-11-12	Fri-Sat-Sun	Episkopi Regatta	TBA
19	Sat	Sail Away (Romatzo's)	TBA
20	Sun	M M+ 2 Club Races	12:00, 13:30, 15:00
25 - 26	Sat - Sun	Sailing course Level 2 Pt 1	09:00 – 17:00
26	Sun	Six Week Series week 4	12:00, 13:30, 15:00

August 2009

1 - 2	Sat - Sun	Sailing Course Level 2 Pt 2	09:00 – 17:00
2	Sun	Six Week Series Week 5	12:00, 13:30, 15:00
9	Sun	Six Week Series Week 6	12:00, 13:30, 15:00
10 to 15	Mon To Sat	Children Sailing Week	TBC
16	Sun	Junior Plate	TBA
23	Sun	MM + 2 Club Races	11:00, 13:00, 15:00
30	Sun	Six Week Series Week 1	12:00, 13:30, 15:00

September 2009

5 - 6	Sat-Sun	ESSC Single handed team racing	TBA
13	Sun	Six Week Series Week 2	12:00, 13:30, 15:00
19	Sat	Sail Away & BBQ	TBA
20	Sun	MM + 2 Club Races	12:00, 13:30, 15:00
27	Sun	Ladies Cup	TBA

October 2009

2-3-4	Fri-Sat_sun	ASSC Regatta	TBA
11	Sun	Founders Cup	TBA
17	Sat	Sail Away (Larnaca NC)	TBA
18	Sun	MM + 2 Club Races	12:00, 13:30, 15:00
24 - 25	Sat_sun	Sailing Course Level 2 Pt 1	09:00 – 17:00
25	Sun	Six Week Series Week 3	12:00, 13:30, 15:00
31	Sat	Sailing Course Level 2 Pt 2	09:00 – 17:00

November 2009

1	Sun	Sailing Course Level 2 Pt 2	09:00 – 17:00
1	Sun	Six Week Series Week 4	11:30, 13:00, 14:30
8	Sun	Griffiths Cup (Teams in Bosuns)	TBA
15	Sun	Six Week Series Week 5	11:30, 13:00, 14:30
22	Sun	MM + 2 Club Races	11:30, 13:00, 14:30
29	Sun	Six Week Series Week 6	11:30, 13:00, 14:30

December 2009

6	Sun	Six Week Series Week 1	11:30, 13:00, 14:30
13	Sun	Six Week Series Week 2	11:30, 13:00, 14:30
20	Sun	MM + 2 Club Races	11:30, 13:00, 14:30
26	Sat	Boxing Day Fun	TBA
27	Sun	Six Week Series Week 3	11:30, 13:00, 14:30