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NEWSLETTER



## *ESSC Regatta Report*

Episkopi Services Sailing Club played host to their annual regatta a couple of weekends ago, and we went down in force to participate, (an amazing 11 tents and lots of fun on Happy Valley)

The first race was scheduled for Friday afternoon, with a good turnout of 20 boats, and we set off in fair breezes for the General Handicap Race. As is usual at Episkopi, the wind built quickly and after an hour's racing, dinghies were surfing down the waves in a good force five... Champagne Sailing at it's best!

Sue and I were the winners in this race, in our L2K. Chris Dodds and Sarah White were fifth with Tim and Helen May in sixth place. Several non-finishers included George and Eva in their Laser Two

A BBQ Social was organised by ESSC, entertainment consisted of a funny man selling raffle tickets, but we enjoyed it anyway! Tall yarns about sailing were told around the campfire later in the evening!

Saturday dawned with light to moderate breezes and the first of the Series races. Chris and Sarah had a blasting start and were not seriously challenged by the eleven boats in the L2K fleet. We came in second, after a lot of hard work catching up (thanks to Pete Hammond on the start line!) Pete and Elaine showed fantastic boat speed in these light conditions, in third, well done guys! Tim and Helen finished fourth, a clean sweep from DSC!

The wind finally came in for the next three races, and I must confess, my aging knee complained, so we were unable to complete more than another two races in the day. Chris Dodds scored his second win in the last race although there were by this time a lot of non-finishers and the series looked completely open to all-comers!

Iris and Dave looked set to achieve an overall win, in their Albacore, having won the first two races in the General handicap fleet but two retirements in the last races put paid to their chances. George and Eva were playing a consistent race plan, and kept their results in the top 4 or 5 throughout the series.

More Social things on the Saturday and an early night for most of us! Sunday dawned with an ominous line of wind fast approaching the beach! It was the forecast force 5 to 6, just in time for the single-handed and Ladies race! Reefed down in the L2K was the order of the day and Iris and Donna set a cracking pace, closely followed by Sue and Helen. A mere six seconds separated them at the finish, with a Pico Sport following in third from ESSC.

Andy White took line honours in his L2K with seven dinghies taking part in the Single-handed race. Well done Andy!

The rest of the day was given over to spectating, (for me anyway) but Chris and Sarah stamped their authority on the L2K fleet and clinched another first place to give them the overall lead.

All in all, a good showing from DSC, a pity that only three RS Visions took part in their own fleet, when they would have been better off joining in with the General Handicap fleet. A mere 5 Laser One dinghies wasn't much better either, but George and Eva pulled off a great coup by stringing together a series of second places to take third overall in the General Handicap! Well done you two!

Many thanks to the guys at 62 Squadron without whom we would have been unable to get the boats to and from Epi. Fantastic!

*Andy Cherry*  
*Sailing Secretary*

## **Commodore's Farewell Party**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August - 7pm until late**

**This is a "Bring a Plate" Event - please contact Pete or Tricia Last if you would like to attend on:**

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## *Sailaway - another first for DSC*

There was a new destination for our latest sailaway - the UKCA club at Larnaca - and a great turnout! The mixed fleet of Bosuns, Lasers and even a catamaran made a great sight as they set off in light winds. There was a warm reception waiting for us and thanks go to Alan Gaddass and Pete Whiting for organising the BBQ. Thanks also to the safety boat teams for ensuring a safe return - which turned out to be rather quicker than the outward leg!

## Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Halloween Party,  
with Dangerous Dave's Disco, Food and Fancy Dress.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Quiz and Chips.

### *Finally...*

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

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