



# WIVENHOE SAILING CLUB



## MAINSHEET

2015 SPRING EDITION

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### editor's note:

This concluding issue of the current season of *Mainsheet* (the 18<sup>th</sup> edition *aPC*) has news and views of past and coming events, a dinghy registration form, ads and a take-away pull-out-supplement. [This *contact-and-event/fixtures-list* for your retention and convenience, is for sticking on the fridge or storing in your club holdall!]

There is information of discussion meetings on the future direction and constitution of the club and the reports to the AGM, with the annual accounts and the outcome of elections of the new officers and committee.

The sightings in the 'nature walk' are listed, an overview of club facilities and how to use them is given and a sailing club member is featured as well as highlights from recent social events and one a long time ago.



Claire first discovered Wivenhoe when she studied History at Essex University and then, when Richard bought a house in Lowestoft it prompted her to do a *competent-crew* course, which she did with a friend in Dartmouth. She says '*I really wanted to be on the water looking at people on land for once rather than the other way round!*' This feeling may have its origins in childhood, when her father Sean and Uncle Mickey (below) renovated an old sailing boat in Connemara, West Ireland.



The RYA skipper advised the best way to build sailing skills was to do a dingy-sailing course – 'dingy sailors can sail yachts; not all

yacht sailers can sail dingies!’ So she did *dingy level 1* at Fairlop Waters in Redbridge and then did the *Day skipper* theory course, making friends with Wendy and Owen. They suggested doing the *Day skipper* practical, together and for Richard to go along to do the *competent crew*, which they did at Falmouth. While Richard was told he was a natural by the skipper, Claire was told she had *wind dyslexia* and should consolidate the practical with *dingy level 2!* This she did at Welsh Harp Sailing Club, in Wembley reservoir, where she and Richard learned to sail *GP-14*’s, including racing on Sundays.

Richard surprised her, presenting her with her own *GP14, Red Admiral*, in 2004, which they sailed in Oulton Broad and is now kept at the Club. It took Claire a while to make the transition to the Colne but she has enjoyed sailing the GP together with Fred Gibby. Claire and Richard moved to Wivenhoe from London in 2006, determined to make the most of the sailing opportunities here and promptly joined the sailing Club. She completed the Fastnet Race in 2007 with ‘Sailing Logic’ of Southampton in a *Reflex 38*, having success in the preparation races and consequently enjoyed some good nights at the RRC in Piccadilly! Her crew came second in their class, IRC1.

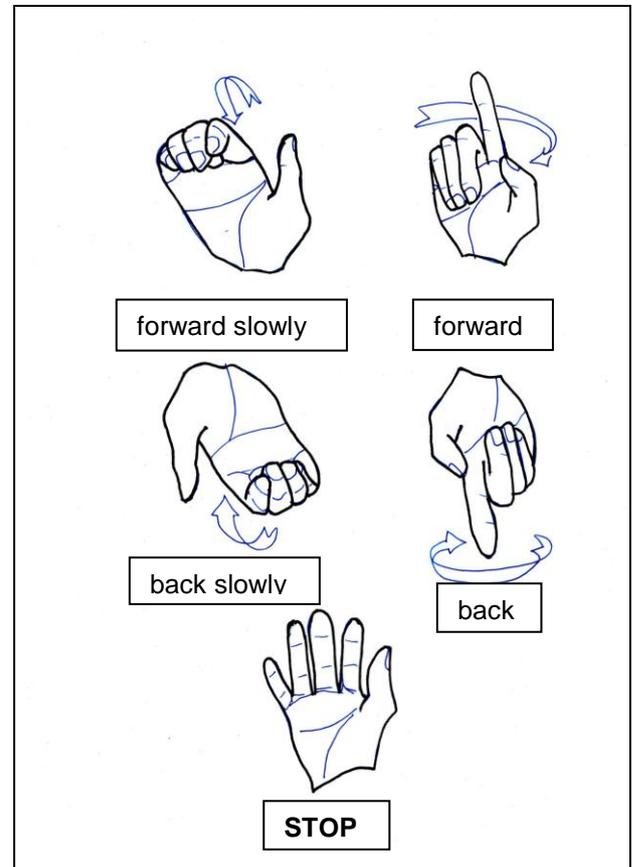
Richard then bought *Curlew* a Leisure 17 based at Maylandsea which they sailed to the club that December. The passage included some night sailing – ‘*thank goodness for hand held GPS!*’ she says. Later they acquired *Dakota*, a Leisure 20 and now are looking forward to the new season and to sailing the Deben with other club members.

### lifting/launching calendar

#### cruiser group meeting

A well-attended pre-season activity group meeting was held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 11.00h, chaired by Kevin Hosking. Ted Reddish made the introductory remarks and introduced the members of the management team explaining a little background and emphasising the depth and breadth of experience they brought to the activities. The range and state of the equipment was outlined and the need to be pro-active and familiarised with both the equipment and the procedures.

Attention was drawn to health and safety, team-work and responsibility in a self-help group. Again communication between functions and operatives, in particular the tractor driver, was essential in a noise affected environment and *tractor-speak* signing was demonstrated.



tractor speak

Ted commented on the need to renew one of the chain blocks for boat lifting and the requirement to keep such things from dragging on the ground, picking up stones. Chris Mullins continued the theme of maintenance of the major rigs and facilities and the need for volunteer teams to undertake and complete jobs for example on the hoist, work boat and tractor. A wheel would need to be replaced on the hoist and the moving parts greased.

Peter Cobbold spoke on finances, membership subscriptions, the need to inspect moorings and this year’s schedule for launching. Tony Higbee reminded everyone that to launch, owners must be paid-up club members and that mooring fees were to be paid before taking up the mooring.



nice little undercover job for anyone?

Kevin closed the meeting, reminding us to ensure trailers were fully functional and added a word of encouragement to all members for the scale and proficiency of this group activity over the years since its inception.



anybody ready for launching?



your kingdom awaits you!

This year's launching dates and times are given below. There are 17 days listed, of which 4 are Saturdays and the rest weekdays. The first available day is Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April and the last option is Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May! Members helping are reminded to be

present in plenty of time and to help with clearing up afterwards. Owners are asked to make sure they are ready and present on time and not to forget the obligatory cakes or alternative!

#### boat launching schedule 2015

<i>day</i>	<i>dayNo</i>	<i>month</i>	<i>HW</i>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>15:25</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>14:10</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>14:53</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>15:35</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>16:16</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>17:47</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>12:15</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>12:15</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>13:54</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>14:29</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>15:06</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>16:24</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>13:05</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>13:49</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>14:32</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>15:13</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>16:35</b>

#### WSC structure

Your General Committee has embarked on a series of discussions about possible changes in the legal structure of our club. Since I reported in the last Mainsheet, we have held two members' meetings to discuss the issues involved.

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, around 60 members attended a discussion about becoming a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC). The meeting discussed the advantages and limitations of being a CASC. The main advantage, being mandatory relief from Business Tax, is worth around £5,000 per annum for the club. The main perceived disadvantage was being locked into the scheme with it being difficult or expensive to withdraw.

Recent changes to CASC have introduced a *Participation Requirement*. Several members were concerned that we would not be able to meet this requirement.

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, member Keith Philips ran a workshop on becoming a Limited Company. Keith explained that currently, the club is an

Unincorporated Association of Members. Such organisations have no legal status and cannot enter into legal contracts. WSC has trustees who hold the clubhouse lease on behalf of the club. To quote the RYA guidance on this issue, "***Clubs are rightly concerned over the potential for trustees, flag officers, committee members and members to be held personally liable for the acts or omissions of the club***".

Keith explained the various types of Limited Company and which might be appropriate for WSC. The members then did a workshop exercise in small groups to rank attributes of the club. The results were surprisingly consistent, with the top five being

- Is membership led
- Is mainly volunteer run
- Is friendly and welcoming
- Has clear rules and regulations

- Protects the committee and members from individual liability

Concern was expressed about the costs of becoming a Limited Company. It was explained that it would incur a one-off cost of around £250 to set up and similar annual costs to prepare and submit accounts. The meeting thanked Keith for his time and expertise.

The General Committee will consider any next steps in this process. Any move towards CASC status or registering as a Limited Company would require a 2/3 majority at an Extraordinary General Meeting of all members.

**Note from Hon Sec:** We have recently been informed by Colchester Borough Council that the club is eligible for "Small Business Rate Relief", worth £1843 to the club for the year 15/16. It is unclear if this relief will be ongoing or for this year only. **Eric Strudwick**

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## **Wivenhoe Sailing Club**

### **Annual Report 2014**

(Including the year up to December 2014 and the prospects for 2015)  
Presented by the officers of the club at the 89<sup>th</sup> AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015

#### **Commodore's report for 2014**

The first thing to say is that it has been an immense privilege to be the Commodore of Wivenhoe Sailing Club for the past year. Now in its 90th year it is a major feature of the town and has now provided both access to the water and a social focus for many generations of sailors. This was particularly evident when the Wivenhoe one design Elise was launched last summer. To see some of her original crew present with those who had helped keep the boat going through the years was illustrative of the role these small wooden boats had played in the life of the community and continue to play.

The Vice Commodore had rashly promised champagne for all if there had been 10 Wivenhoe One Designs at the start of any one race and this was very nearly achieved. This did not quite happen in 2014 but there is every danger of 2015 providing an opportunity for 10 WODs to make it over the start at one time. There have been some discussions around the club as to where the Wivenhoe One Design Association sits, but it is clear to me that this association is a special interest group firmly located within the Wivenhoe Sailing Club. This year the association created opportunities for many new faces to get on the water, some very close one-design sailing and of course much food for discussion in the bar afterwards. It would be excellent to see the revival of this class continue this year and for many years to come.

The fantastic turnout for Sail 14, even in somewhat inclement conditions, showed that across the club the interest in getting on the water is undiminished and everyone involved in that event needs to be congratulated for showing the true spirit of the club in running a very well organised event, resulting in our very own armada dominating the River Colne. Of course the old adage of "if in doubt read the instructions" would have made it more obvious to me why several enthusiastic individuals were dangling off the side of a large boat in the middle of the river waving lunch bags at us as we passed!

It can't pass without notice that we have been rather shorthanded this year among the general committee and the absence of a Rear Commodore in particular has been keenly felt. On the positive side it meant that the organisation of events had to be looked at very carefully and I would personally like to thank all of those individuals who came together to form teams around events to ensure that the social calendar was largely intact and continued to provide a highly enjoyable and often very tasty programme. The enthusiasm with which club members embrace opportunities to dress up never fails to amaze and the 1920s AGM was no exception. As we count the decades off, one a year, to our Centenary I look forward to many more such opportunities in the years to come continuing with the 1930s in 2015.

We have a new cruiser captain who has already started to bring the cruisers together again around organised events and connecting with the Wivenhoe and Rowhedge Yacht Owners is a good sign that we will continue to have a buoyant cruiser section. The turnout for last year's Wallet Shield is not what it has been but then the racing itself appears to have stepped up a gear in terms of the kind of boats and equipment used to gain competitive advantage. While the BCOS series of races is possibly eclipsing the Wallet Shield it would be good to work out a strategy whereby Wivenhoe yacht owners could continue to join in such events and to be as competitive as possible. It is not so long since the Wallet Shield was in Wivenhoe hands and it would be good to see it coming back to Wivenhoe at some point in the future.

The AGM in 2014 tasked the general committee to carry through several actions which have certainly been taken on but there is still much to do. Part of this process, which is necessarily slow, is considering carefully what kind of club we want to be for the next hundred years. I don't think we want to change shape to chase grants or for administrative convenience but the world of the 21st century is very different to the first part of the 20th century and we need to make very sure that the sailing club is not at a disadvantage to similar organisations or is unable to take advantage of what support there is. The General Committee therefore has begun a series of information sessions which may result in some proposals coming forward but rest assured the decision for a change lies as always with you the members. Best wishes and have some really good sailing in 2015!

**Stuart Bannerman Commodore**

### **Hon Treasurer's report on the 2014 accounts.**

The Club has still managed to keep its expenditure below its income, although when depreciation is applied, the accounts show a loss. An increase in fees to Members for 2015 has been applied in anticipation of unavoidable increases in expenditure which will occur in 2015, principally loss of our 50% rate relief and increase in electricity charges. I am concerned for the future by the considerable drop in bar receipts; the % profit on bar sales is also down, so compounding the problem. It is fortunate that over the years the Club has managed to build up a fair financial reserve to meet the replacement of some fixed assets in the future. The Budget Sub-Committee will this year be preparing a schedule of replacement for those items which may be coming to the end of their life.

The 2015 accounts will show some slight changes to their presentation, in that Clubhouse Events will be shown in both Income and Expenditure, thus giving better information as to the turnover of the House Committee. Last year, the House Committee, in spite of no Rear Commodore, did absolutely sterling work! The item 'Use of Clubhouse' which will in future be referred to as 'Lettings' has held up well. Cruiser Hardstanding, Lifting Group and Dinghy Storage have all performed well and it is gratifying that the Club is able to generate such funds from these operations. Members will note that the cost of moorings charged by Colchester Council is the same as in the previous year; Colchester did not increase charges in 2014 and the result is we have a double "whammy" in 2015.

I now come to my personal position as Hon Treasurer. I am seeking to be elected again for the coming year 2015/6 but this must be my last year. I am therefore now asking for a member to step forward to take up these reins. It is an interesting job and I hope someone will come forward in the next few months so that we can work alongside one another until he/she feels ready to take over. This has been my third stint as Treasurer, my first commencing in 1979 2 years after joining the Club. I believe I have now completed 22 years in total as treasurer. **Guy Ward: Hon.Treas**

### **Election of Officers**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
<b>Commodore</b>	<b>Stuart Bannerman</b>	Guy Ward	Ewan Alexander
<b>Vice Commodore</b>	<b>Bruce Anderson</b>	Lyn Button	Sue Goldsmith
<b>Rear Commodore</b>	<b>Veronica Alexander</b>	Stuart Bannerman	Guy Ward
<b>Hon Treasurer</b>	<b>Guy Ward</b>	Ted Reddish	Rod Terry
<b>Hon Secretary</b>	<b>Eric Strudwick</b>	Guy Ward	Ewan Alexander
<b>Hon Membs'pSec</b>	<b>Margaret Hetherington</b>	Myrna Ekeroth	Ann Vickers
<b>Hon Sailing Secretary</b>	<b>George Brown</b>	Nel Mooy	Bernie Hetherington

### **Election of Ordinary General Committee Members**

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
<b>Ewan Alexander</b>	Stuart Bannerman	Bruce Anderson
<b>Maureen Peck</b>	Brian Sinclair	Ewan Alexander

WIVENHOE SAILING CLUB				
1. Income and Expenditure Account for year 2014				
showing details of previous years				
	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>INCOME/£</b>				
Subs/Joining Fees	15696	16123	15261	15065
Mooring Fees	8053	7905	7061	6609
Dinghy Storage	2649	2298	2084	1945
Cruiser Hardstanding	5272	3186	4336	3332
Cruiser Lifting Group	2152	1130	503	881
Sailing Events	-369	-294	-267	-545
Clubhouse Events (incl of costs)	-685	406	277	-735
Use of Clubhouse	6662	6760	3867	5306
Sundry Income/Donations	412	597	606	1259
Bank Interest	502	1050	437	663
Cadet Funds	982	1159	400	775
Bar	20786	24972	26558	28797
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>62111</b>	<b>65290</b>	<b>61122</b>	<b>63351</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE/£</b>				
Rates/Water	3597	3563	3401	3524
Electricity	4303	3728	3627	3415
Insurance	4157	4105	4432	4642
Repairs/Renewals	8162	3775	7879	3255
Cleaning/Wages	8856	7909	6478	5297
Tractor/Hoist costs	972	785	817	365
Moorings	5622	5622	5463	5194
Boats/Engines	2468	2343	1553	2413
Alarm/Security	1907	3031	1326	2337
Phone Print Post Stat'y	1754	1831	1257	1561
Donations/Subs	615	630	595	430
Sundry/Flag Officers' Exps	1099	902	1497	666
Bar Costs	14978	17427	16632	21824
Total exp before depr'n	58491	55651	54956	54924
Depreciation	4794	5808	7329	5566
Total cost	63284	61459	62285	60490
<b>Net Profit/Loss</b>	<b>-1174</b>	<b>3831</b>	<b>-1163</b>	<b>2862</b>
I have examined the records of the				
Wivenhoe Sailing Club for the year				
ended 31st December 2014 and				
confirm the above statements are				
in accordance therewith.				
	 Anne Hunter - Independent Examiner			

WIVENHOE SAILING CLUB				
2. Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2014				
(showing details of previous year)				
	2014		2013	
<b>FIXED ASSETS/£</b>				
Property	920		968	
Rescue boats incl outboards	1940		2587	
Cadets Boats	1614		2659	
Furniture and Fittings	285		425	
Lease	16666		16800	
Tractor	50		99	
Stair Lift	2230		3329	
Plant and Machinery	99		148	
Tractor Shed	6313		6645	
Crane (Hoist)	1918		2131	
Boat Shed	9535		10037	
Cycle & Mast Racks	214		285	
Projector & screen	266		397	
Canoe & Kayak racks	1237			
Topaz dinghy rack	509			
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>Yr 2014</b>	<b>43796</b>	<b>Yr 2013</b>	<b>46512</b>
(value after depreciation)				
<b>CURRENT ASSETS/£</b>				
<b>STOCK</b>				
Bar	2351		2572	
Clothing	0		0	
<b>PETTY CASH</b>				
House cttee	632		737	
Cadets	547		372	
Diesel float for tractor	0		150	
Bar till	271		175	
Bar cage	121		254	
Vice Comm float	0		50	
<b>BANK + INVEST</b>	<b>57635</b>		<b>56476</b>	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>Yr 2014</b>	<b>61558</b>	<b>Yr 2013</b>	<b>60786</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Yr2014</b>	<b>105354</b>	<b>Yr 2013</b>	<b>107297</b>
<b>FUNDED BY</b>				
Profit and Loss	-1174		3831	
Reserves	90756		86924	
Lottery Grant	14678		14678	
WOD Assoc - temp	1093		1863	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Yr2014</b>	<b>105354</b>	<b>Yr 2013</b>	<b>107297</b>
Note regarding depreciation of assets: The assets are depreciated over 3 to 20 years depending on the type of asset. Generally equipment is depreciated over 3/4 years, buildings over 20 years. The lease on the clubhouse over 125 years as per lease.				
I have examined the records of the Wivenhoe Sailing Club for the year ended 31st December 2014 and confirm the above statements are in accordance therewith.				
	 Anne Hunter - Independent Examiner			

All the information you are likely to need is to be found at:  
<http://www.wivenhoesailing.org.uk/>

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**Dinghy Races** Please make a note of the dates for your ODD and/or Safety Boat duties in your diary. Would race officers and safety boat crew please ensure that they arrive at least 45 minutes before the published start time. If you have a good reason for failing to meet your commitment, it is your responsibility to find a replacement and to advise the Club. Any boat preparing to race whose crew volunteers for safety boat or OOD duty will be awarded average points for that particular race.



## Wivenhoe Sailing Club Events 2015

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Bernie Hetherington,  
Nell Mooy, Maureen Peck**

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**Club Opening Times:**  
Sunday 12:00 - 14:00  
Monday 20:30 – 23:00  
Thursday 20:00– 23:00 Carpet Bowls  
**Friday 20:30 – 23:00 Main club night**

### Sailing Calendar 2015

<i>day</i>	<i>dayNo</i>	<i>month</i>	<i>HW</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>Event</i>
Sat	28	March		10:00	Spring Hard Working Party
Mon	6	April	14:15	12:30	Fitting Out Race
Sat	18	April	12:35	10:00	Safety Boat Training
Sun	19	April	13:21	11:45	Sainty Memorial Race
Sun	3	May	12:43	11:15	Can Race
Mon	4	May	13:16	11:45	Bank Holiday Cup
Sun	10	May	17:08	15:00	Sailing Tuition day
Tue	12	May	19:23	18:00	Evening Pursuit 1
Sun	17	May	12:15	11:00	Upstream Race
Wed	27	May	20:08	18:30	Evening Pursuit 2
Sun	31	May	11:31	10:00	Stuart Pawsey/Ladies Race
Sat	6	June	15:30		Wivenhoe Town Regatta
Sun	7	June	16:14	14:30	May Mug/Sykes 1
Fri	12	June	20:24	19:00	Evening Pursuit 3
Sat	20	June	15:29		WSC Regatta (Yachts)
Sun	21	June	16:06		WSC Regatta (Dinghys)
Fri	26	June	20:16	19:00	Evening Pursuit 4
Sun	28	June	09:56		BCOSS RACE 2
Fri	3	July	13:52		Cadet Camp
Sat	4	July	14:37		Cadet Camp
Sat	4	July	14:37		Gooseberry pie rally
Sun	5	July	15:21		Cadet Camp
Sun	5	July	15:21	12:45	May Mug/Sykes 2/Halfway cup
Fri	10	July	19:47	18:30	Evening Pursuit 4
Sat	11	July	08:32		BCOSS RACE 3
Sat	18	July	14:33		Bradwell
Sun	19	July	15:07	13:30	Bradwell / May Mug/Sykes 3
Mon	27	July	21:38	19:30	Evening Pursuit 5
Sun	16	August	14:10	12:30	May Mug/Sykes 4
Mon	24	August	19:30	18:00	Evening Pursuit 6
Sun	30	August	13:15	11:45	Bostock Cup
Mon	7	September	20:11	18:30	Evening Pursuit 7

Sun	13	September	13:12	11:30	May Mug/Sykes 5/Farren Cup
Sat	19	September	16:17	14:00	Open Day
Sun	20	September	16:54	15:30	Howard Cup
Sun	27	September	12:05	10:30	May Mug/ Sykes6/ Capriol Cpstn
Sun	11	October	12:08	10:15	Rat Race
Sun	18	October	15:53	14:15	GLOZIER LAYING UP RACE
Sun	1	November	15:11	13:30	Winter Serries 1
Sun	15	November	14:00	12:30	Winter Serries 2
Sun	29	November	14:07	12:30	Winter Serries 3
Sun	13	December	13:07	11:30	Winter Serries 4
Mon	28	December	13:52	12:00	Row and Ramble

### Social Calendar 2015

<i>day</i>	<i>dayNo</i>	<i>month</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>Event</i>
Fri	20	March	19:00	Pie and Pint Night
Fri	27	March	19:30	WWW Springwatch – Upper Deck
Fri	27	March	19:00	Pie and Pint Night
Sat	28	March	12:00	Refreshments Spring Working Party
Sun	29	March	12:30	Sunday Lunch
Fri	3	April	19:00	Pie and Pint Night
Fri	3	April	19:30	Baltic Cruise Slide Show - Upper Deck
Fri	10	April	19:00	Pie and Pint Night
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## Dinghy registrations:

*REMINDER: It's that time of year again when we ask you to dig deep and pay up your dinghy fees. Please complete the dinghy form on page (10) of this edition of Mainsheet and send it to Toby Roberts along with your payment. Note that the fees have gone up a little this year.*

*Fees not paid by April 30th will have a £6 surcharge.*

*WOD owners please note that there is a flat fee of £30 for storing your boat at the club next winter, also to be paid by April 30th.*

*We kindly ask that members with boats on a mooring with a tender at the club please also complete and send the form, even though you don't have to pay. This is to easily identify dinghies that get dumped at the club as well as those belonging to smugglers and ne'er-do-wells who aren't members but use our facilities.*

*Any questions, please contact Toby Roberts.*

Please detach this centre-fold and retain the *2015 Events Calendar* and information leaflet for your convenience, when you separate and return the registration form to Toby.

Wivenhoe Sailing Club  
Walter Radcliffe Way  
Wivenhoe Essex CO7 9WS



**TENDER & SAILING DINGHY HARD SPACES SEASON 2015-2016**

NAME			
ADDRESS &			
POST CODE			
Telephone No.		New Application Yes/No	
Dinghy Space (up to 3.0 metres) or Canoe		Dinghy Space (over 3.0 metres in length)	
Name		Name	
Type e.g. Canoe		Type	
ID Mark/ Tag No.		Sail No	
Hull Colour		Hull Colour	
Old Hard		ID Mark	
New Hard		Tag Number	
Cruiser Tenders		Price included in mooring charge - please complete & send form	
On inside of Club House pontoon		LOA(M)	
£22.00		Old Hard £9.50/Metre	
		New Hard £9.50/Metre	
Trailer *		£18.00	
Late payment supplement		After April 30th add £6 per boat	
After April 30th add £6 per boat		Late payment supplement	
Total		Total	

Please note: **All boats using Moorings and Hard Spaces should be clearly and permanently identified.**

Please complete this form as fully as possible. You will subsequently receive a label tag which must be attached to your boat/trailer somewhere visible to identify that the appropriate fee has been paid.

It is the committee's intention that any boats not registered with the club will be removed.

Unregistered boats will be disposed of in line with RYA guidelines and the monies raised set against outstanding fees.

Any enquiries about hard spaces should be made to Toby Roberts on 01206 524598.

I agree to be bound by the Wivenhoe Sailing Club Conditions of Tenancy for Dinghy Trots, Cruiser Moorings and Hard Spaces. I agree that my dinghy may be moved to a winter storage location after the Laying Up Race.

Please make your payment by **cheque**, all cheques made payable to 'Wivenhoe Sailing Club'.

I enclose £ being the sum of all fees for hard spaces requested.

Signed .....Date.....

Please return with payment to:- **Toby Roberts, 12a Recreation Road, Colchester, Essex, CO1 2HE**

**TENDER & SAILING DINGHY HARD SPACES SEASON 2015-2016**

Dinghy Type	LOA		Fee
	Feet	Metres	
420		4.20	£39.90
Bosun	14' 0"	4.27	£40.56
Canoe			£15.50
Dinghy up to 9'			£15.50
Enterprise	13' 3"	4.00	£38.00
Flying 15	20' 0"	6.10	£57.95
GP14	14' 0"	4.27	£40.56
Gull	11' 0"	3.35	£31.82
Heron	11' 25"	3.43	£29.16
K1	15	4.5	£42.75
Kayak			£18.50
Laser	13' 10"	4.23	£40.18
Leader II	14' 0"	4.27	£40.56
Mirror	10' 10"	3.30	£28.05
Rowing boat up to 9'			£15.50
Sport 16	16' 4"	4.99	£47.40
Topaz	12' 8"	3.86	£36.67
Topaz Xenon	14' 9"	4.50	£42.75
Topper	11' 1"	3.38	£32.11
Torch	12' 1"	3.68	£34.96
Trailer*			£18.50
Wanderer	14' 0"	4.30	£40.85
Wayfarer	15' 10"	4.83	£45.88
W.O.D. winter storage			£30.00

\*Trailer fees (and a separate trailer tag) are required for any trailer that is NOT usually stored under a boat. Trailers stored underneath a boat DO NOT require a tag, being covered by the tag issued for the boat which is stored on it.

from the new Rear Commodore,

Hello! I am delighted to introduce myself and the recently formed House Committee, who are keen to work on behalf of our members. This house committee is a great balance between new and longer standing members: Carol Mitchell, Maureen Peck, Dave McCutcheon (Smeagal), Claire O'Toole, Janine Ford and Mandy Bannerman. We meet monthly, this month on Tuesday 31 March, Upper Deck, 7.30pm. Our aim is to be informal, enjoyable and approachable. Do come along to our meetings, just turn up, share ideas and suggestions.

Here is a list of upcoming events and activities we have arranged for your enjoyment in the next few weeks:

- **PIE NIGHT:** Every Friday for the next six weeks, we plan to extend the bar opening times to 7pm – 11pm and there will be hot pies to purchase at the bar. Please come down, bring friends and eat pie with us!
- **LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:** Regular event nights with the first one being Friday 24th April when Carol Mitchell will be running the popular Fish and Chip Supper with a Quiz. Put the date in your diary – guests welcome!
- **SUNDAY LUNCHESES:** Regular Sunday lunches will take place on the last Sunday of the month with the first one being Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. No need to cook a roast, come and eat with us! Frank and Carol will be catering for the lunch on 29<sup>th</sup>.

We hope there is something for everyone in the above so put a date in your diary!

On a practical level our aim is to draw members and their friends as guests regularly to our historic Club. We heard at the AGM that there hasn't been enough foot-fall in the bar or things happening to attract people to visit the club regularly and now that I am in post and have a full *house team*, we're going to try very hard to change this. In anticipation Peter Goldsmith as Bar Manager will ensure the bar is fully stocked, new wines are on offer and bar volunteers in place. We also want to encourage you to bring friends and guests, as this is an important way to raise

awareness about the club and attract new members to secure its future.

If you are interested in supporting any of the above and/or volunteering for the bar please do email Peter or myself, even if it's just to find out how specifically you can contribute.

e-mail: veronica.alexander@fuelmatters.co.uk and for Peter: [pjg@mm.st](mailto:pjg@mm.st)

Finally, for those of you who stayed around after the AGM, what a great night. This was followed by a lovely Sunday lunchtime with a great atmosphere and buckets of sunshine. We had a cruiser in from Brightlingsea and a couple of people who applied for membership! A great taste of things to come as we approach the new sailing season – for fair-weather sailors at least, if not die-hard, winter series participants.

I look forward to seeing you around and will stay in touch, to ensure you are given plenty of notice about events, some old and some new!

**Veronica**

## Burns night

Burns night this year on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January was as well-supported as ever, starting with the mandatory '*Selkirk Grace*' delivered by Mandy Bannerman, (what you heard was!):

*'Some hae meat and canna eat and some wad eat that want it but we hae meat and we can eat and sae the lord be thanket!'*<sup>[1]</sup>

An ample smoked salmon starter with Scotch whisky was on the table, to fill us up before we started! The haggis was brought in with great theatre and pierced with the ceremonial knife to the familiar rendition of the '*address to a haggis*' from Lyn Button (and again what you heard started!):

*'Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face, great chieftain o' the pudding-race! Aboon them a' ye tak your place, painch, tripe or thairm: weel are ye wordy of a grace as lang's my arm....'*<sup>[1]</sup>

The haggi were served with *tatties and neeps* and, if you had room for more, there were seconds. Traditional pudding of shortbread, fruit and cream, challenged any remaining capacity, then toasts, recitals and songs with Jan Sinclair at the organ, gave opportunity to dance off some calories on the upper deck. It almost made the winter feel warmer!

[1] credits and apologies to Robert Burns 1759-96.

## wod - tapas night

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March saw a full club-house of members and guests at a fund raiser for the wsc wod group. The evening of Spanish food and music was organised and presented by Janine Ford with a group of University students, colleagues and friends.



*I'll have some of that!*

The food included a wonderfully tasty range of starters, tapas and paella (the latter prepared by our Commodore – a man of many talents).



a tasty sea-food paella

The meal was well received by all present and the music – a blend of excellent classical guitar recitals, beautifully delivered vocals

and more modern favourites, performed by *los Reyes de ISER* – was appreciated by the diners. The event also raised welcome cash for the wod group funds!

## it's pie- an'a-pint-Friday night

The club-house was buzzing on Friday night, 20<sup>th</sup> March ahead of the meeting for discussion of the implications, should we consider seeking incorporated status. The event was marked by the first Friday-pint-and-pie-night. A selection of *beef and onion*, *chicken and ham* and a vegetarian *cheese and onion* pastry option were available, prepared and served by delightful kitchen volunteers on the night. Some members had two!



cometh the pie cometh the man

## Sunday lunch

Maybe it was a week too early for Sunday lunch but it was a nice day and a good tide and the regulars were glad to see that spring was at last in the air. So there was a good turn-out for the usual pre-lunch chat and a glass of *grog*?



*now what was I saying?*

## WSC: shared facilities

The club owns equipment, some of which is available for use by all members. For each item, we ask you to contact someone responsible, who can assess your skills and give appropriate tips and then permission. Most require some previous experience before use, and all require care.

For example, the pressure washer can cut wood - so watch out!

The remaining equipment (mainly the tractor and lifting gear, the launch and the safety boats) is restricted to use by qualified people for club purposes. Ask, if you'd like to be involved.

The RIBs and Viking are sometimes used, with WSC crews on board, to assist at external events such as Pyefleet Week and the Town Regatta. **Bruce Anderson: Vice Commodore.**

item	kept	permission	notes
<b>boats</b>	<b>kept</b>	<b>permission</b>	<b>notes</b>
Hunter 19 keelboat	Pontoon/mooring	Steve Hart or Alan Tyne	<b>(version 4)</b>
Sport 16 dinghy	Dinghy park	Steve Hart	
Hack boat (rowing dinghy) and oars	Ask	None	Return to foreshore
<b>working space/storage</b>			
Oar store	Starting hut	None	Mark oars distinctively
Working space for a dinghy	Boatshed	Vice-Commodore	
Working space for a dinghy	Old hard hut	Vice-Commodore	
Workbench and vice	Boatshed	None	Usual precautions
Temporary pontoon space	Pontoons	Moorings Sec	Summer only
<b>equipment for boats</b>			
Pressure washer	Old tractor shed	Any previous user - ask	Very powerful - ask for demo
Air compressor	Old tractor shed	Any previous user - ask	Ask for a demo
Salt-water pump and hoses	Old tractor shed	Moorings Sec	Used for hard cleaning
Water hoses	Old tractor shed	None	Coil them up
Water hose on reel (coming!)	Pontoons	None	No fresh-water boat washing!
A-frame for lifting	Alongside boatshed	Any lifting group member	
Mast trolley	Old tractor shed	None	
Mains extension cable on reel	Workbench	None	Cable and reel are both blue
<b>fetching and carrying</b>			
Trolley for taking stuff to/from the pontoons	Old tractor shed	None	Put it back!
Dinghy road trailer - at your own risk	Dinghy park	None	Check carefully before use
Wheelbarrow	Old tractor shed	None	
Stepadders (2)	Old tractor shed	None	
Ladder	Old tractor shed	None	
<b>domestic</b>			
Couple of barbecues	Boatshed loft	Rear-Commodore	
<b>utilities</b>			
Power outlet	In boatshed	None	no heaters or dehumidifiers!
Power outlet	Under fire stairs	None	no heaters or dehumidifiers!
Power outlet	By mast rack at gate	None	no heaters or dehumidifiers!
Water point	Side of old tractor shed	None	turn off carefully
Water point	Rear bar door	None	turn off carefully

## Wivenhoe sailing club: sailing and social events 2015

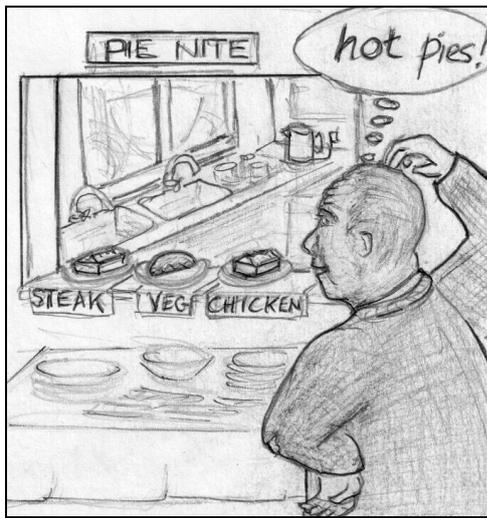
### Sailing Calendar 2015

<i>day</i>	<i>dayNo</i>	<i>month</i>	<i>HW</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>Event</i>
Sat	28	March		10:00	Spring Hard Working Party
Mon	6	April	14:15	12:30	Fitting Out Race
Sat	18	April	12:35	10:00	Safety Boat Training
Sun	19	April	13:21	11:45	Sainty Memorial Race
Sun	3	May	12:43	11:15	Can Race
Mon	4	May	13:16	11:45	Bank Holiday Cup
Sun	10	May	17:08	15:00	Sailing Tuition day
Tue	12	May	19:23	18:00	Evening Pursuit 1
Sun	17	May	12:15	11:00	Upstream Race
Wed	27	May	20:08	18:30	Evening Pursuit 2
Sun	31	May	11:31	10:00	Stuart Pawsey/Ladies Race
Sat	6	June	15:30		Wivenhoe Town Regatta
Sun	7	June	16:14	14:30	May Mug/Sykes 1
Fri	12	June	20:24	19:00	Evening Pursuit 3
Sat	20	June	15:29		WSC Regatta (Yachts)
Sun	21	June	16:06		WSC Regatta (Dinghys)
Fri	26	June	20:16	19:00	Evening Pursuit 4
Sun	28	June	09:56		BCOSS RACE 2
Fri	3	July	13:52		Cadet Camp
Sat	4	July	14:37		Cadet Camp
Sat	4	July	14:37		Gooseberry pie rally
Sun	5	July	15:21		Cadet Camp
Sun	5	July	15:21	12:45	May Mug/Sykes 2/Halfway cup
Fri	10	July	19:47	18:30	Evening Pursuit 4
Sat	11	July	08:32		BCOSS RACE 3
Sat	18	July	14:33		Bradwell
Sun	19	July	15:07	13:30	Bradwell / May Mug/Sykes 3
Mon	27	July	21:38	19:30	Evening Pursuit 5
Sun	16	August	14:10	12:30	May Mug/Sykes 4
Mon	24	August	19:30	18:00	Evening Pursuit 6
Sun	30	August	13:15	11:45	Bostock Cup
Mon	7	September	20:11	18:30	Evening Pursuit 7

Sun	13	September	13:12	11:30	May Mug/Sykes 5/Farren Cup
Sat	19	September	16:17	14:00	Open Day
Sun	20	September	16:54	15:30	Howard Cup
Sun	27	September	12:05	10:30	May Mug/ Sykes6/ Capriol Cpstn
Sun	11	October	12:08	10:15	Rat Race
Sun	18	October	15:53	14:15	GLOZIER LAYING UP RACE
Sun	1	November	15:11	13:30	Winter Serries 1
Sun	15	November	14:00	12:30	Winter Serries 2
Sun	29	November	14:07	12:30	Winter Serries 3
Sun	13	December	13:07	11:30	Winter Serries 4
Mon	28	December	13:52	12:00	Row and Ramble

### Social Calendar 2015

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ooo ( mmm - what shall I have? -beef or veg or chicken? No! ) .. 'one of each please!'

### Wildlife Walk: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2015

A perfect day! The sun was out; the sky was blue; the temperature mild and the wind very light. Could this be the day for a record total of bird species seen? (50 to beat!) Some 30+ members assembled outside the clubhouse at 10.00h. and enthusiastically set off along the sea wall towards Marriage's Wood, to take part and complete this annual circular walk. Birds were quickly spotted from the off and each species ticked. Two of the best sightings were on this seawall stretch. A lovely female reed bunting posed perfectly for us close-by, on top of a bramble bush, while shortly afterwards a black and white looking, darting green-sandpiper, a club first, shot across the distant marsh. You had to be on your metal to see it! Other species were seen and gradually the total built. By the time we got back to the clubhouse (in time for the lovely lunch Nicki and her galley crew had prepared for us) we were desperate to see our old faithfully regular species: the pied wagtail, greenfinch, house sparrow, starling, mute swan and marsh harrier, all seen virtually every year. But no! So, sadly our total reached only 47, 4 short of our best total yet. For the anoraks the birds seen were:

little grebe, cormorant, grey heron, Canada goose, Brent goose, greylag goose, shelduck, mallard, teal, wigeon, reed bunting, chaffinch, goldfinch, little egret, buzzard, kestrel, pheasant, oystercatcher, golden plover, grey plover, lapwing, dunlin, redshank, magpie, jackdaw, rook, green sandpiper, black-tailed godwit, bar-tailed godwit, curlew, avocet, black-headed gull, herring gull, woodpigeon,

green woodpecker, skylark, carrion crow, meadow pipit, wren, dunnock, robin, black-bird, redwing, mistle thrush, long-tailed tit, blue tit and great tit.

A new bird for our clubs *Accumulative Life List*, which now stands at 73, was briefly sighted by a lucky few from the seawall. It rose in the distance by the old railway track and darted, low and very quickly, over the marsh, before landing out of sight some distance further across. It was airborne just long enough to be recognised. Its alert and darting flight, looking black with a gleaming white rump, like a house martin, identified it as a green sandpiper. The green of the name is never very evident! A few of these birds now winter in Essex usually as individual birds or in small flocks, never more than five. They frequent coastal grazing marshes, muddy edges of gravel pits, reservoirs and small ditches, but not open mudflats. Classed as passage migrants, most winter in the Mediterranean basin and in Africa, south of the Sahara, it breeds close to the Arctic circle during April & May, leaving late May. Numbers peak here in August. Its breeding habitat requires freshwater, mud and stands of alder, birch or pine. The trees are vital for nesting; some other bird's nest or a squirrel's drey is often used.

Tim Denham



green sandpiper Gill Maloney

a record from the club's first AGM held in the *Black Buoy*

*AGM held Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 1926. (Note: No commodore. Chairman Mr. Chas Schofield) Mr. Schofield in a few remarks said he was pleased to know how successful the season was. The balance sheet was then read showing a balance of £6-17s.-8d. Mr. Taplin then promised to contribute 10/-*

towards the fund. This was accepted. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the honorary members.

Prop. Mr. Sainty (Junior) sec by Mr. Edwards that Mr. Wade carries on the duties of secretary assisted by Mr. J. Brown (Junior) (Others were elected – Mr. Barr, Mr. Brown, Mr. Taplin, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Chas Sainty (Treas.), Mr. Sainty (Junior), Mr. Fale & Mr. Gibson Scofield.) Prop. Mr. J. Scofield and seconded by Mr. Sainty (Junior) that a letter be sent to Capt. Harvey and asked if he would act as Commodore carried. Prop. Mr. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Oakley that Capt. Ham be asked to act as Vice Commodore carried.

Prop. By Mr. Oakley and seconded by Mr. Fale that Junior Members of the Club be accepted for 11- for the season up to the age of 16 years carried. The proposal of having two classes of boats be left over until later. Prop. that the purchase of a pistol be left over until the next Committee meeting. Prop. by Mr. Brown, sec. by Mr. Mitchell that rule 6 concerning three members be allowed in one boat rescinded.

Prop. by Mr. Sainty (Sen.) sec. by Mr. Barr that the old rule stand. After a long discussion, it was agreed that the old rule stand. Ladies allowed to sail free. Prop. by Mr. Mitchell sec. by Mr. Barr that races for points be raced for once a fortnight only – carried.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman ended the meeting.

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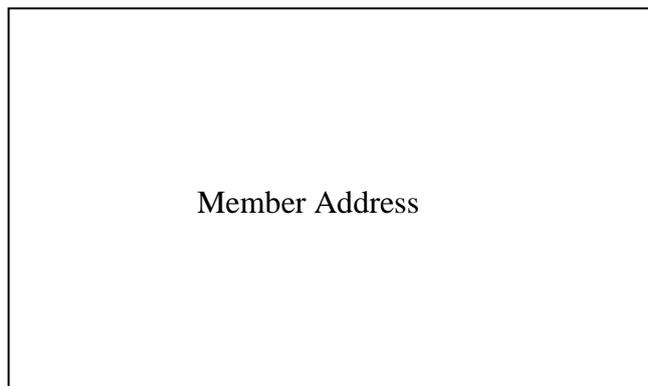
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## WSC: MAINSHEET



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Sat	19	Sept	Open Day

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