

KIDS PAGE

2008 Report

It was great to see so many of our younger members out sailing during the monthly Saturday Clubs held throughout the summer. The new Oppis have made a massive difference in encouraging juniors onto the water and hopefully we can build on this throughout 2009. This coupled with the club's progress with the On Board scheme and movement towards becoming an RYA training establishment, will enable us to run many more activities in the future aimed at encouraging and training our junior members.

Back to 2008. It was great to see the new Oppis in such high demand during the Saturday Clubs. Mind you it wasn't only our junior members using the boats. It appears that a number of creepy crawlies and bugs took a liking to the boats and you could hear the shrieks of excitement as some of the younger sailors realised they were not alone on the water! Luckily Men of Steel such as Mike Woodhead were on hand. On one occasion he single-handedly wrestled no less than 6 spiders, 3 millipedes and a slug like you'd never seen before, and brought them safely back to shore. Remember kids, Mike may not be there when you take a boat out so we need brave young volunteers to keep the boats clean and bug free!

The Summer Camp was well attended again with fun and games for all those there. The climax was the Junior Race, which saw participants battle it out for the Dadswell Spoon. The race was won by visitor Oliver Vauvelle. Congratulations must go to Bethan Keighley, who was the first West Riding boat and Spoon winner ahead of Jo Gledhill and the deadly duo of Elena Trowsdale and Sally Gledhill.

Congratulations must also go to Richard Weston, who has been nominated as the winner of the George Harrison Trophy for the most improved junior. Richard came back to sailing in 2008 and has spent the year learning the ropes in the front end of his dad's RS400. Other notable achievements include both Anna Langford and Alex Wilkinson, who both continue to hone their sailing skills in the Laser Fleet on Sundays and Wednesday Evenings. Let's hope more of our juniors are able to take the leap to full racing in 2009.

JUNIORS – HELP!

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

We need as many Junior members as possible to help out at the Spring Bank Regatta 23/24/25 May 2009.

We need a dedicated team to help competitors with their launching trolleys at the beginning at end of each race. We are looking to our Junior members to run a team to help with trolleys over the whole weekend.

DATES FOR YOU DIARY

SPRING BANK REGATTA 23/24/24 MAY 2009

2 NIGHTS OF CAMPING.
GET IT IN MUM AND DAD'S
DIARIES NOW.

JUNIOR TEAM NEEDED FOR SOCIAL EVENT ON SATURDAY NIGHT! WE NEED A NAME!

Rather than being called Juniors we need a name for the Club's Junior Section.

What do you want to be called?
We need our Juniors to get together to decide what they want to be known as. A good starting point would be to Log On to the club's website and start a thread on the Forum. Remember to ask mum or dad before logging onto the Forum.

Some ideas:-

Winterset Pirates, West Riding Ducks,
The Water Rats, The Bath Tubs

SUMMER CAMP 21st – 22nd JUNE 2009

Quick Kids Quiz.

(Answers on the club website members area (www.wrsc.org.uk). You need to register as a user and get a password, but then you can access all the exciting information you've been missing.

1. When the sails are pulled in tight and you are sailing into the wind you are:-
a) Biting b) Betting c) Bolting d) Beating e) Batting
 2. What is the name of the rope used to pull in a sail?
a) Sheet b) Duvet c) Blanket d) Pillow e) Valance
 3. What do you hold onto to steer a boat?
a) Filler b) Tiller c) Chiller d) Teller e) Joystick
 4. What is the back end of a boat called?
a) Transit b) Transom c) Trance d) Trench e) Train
 5. People running a race communicate with competitors by:
a) Waving arms in the air b) Shouting at the top of their voice c) Texting on mobile phone d) Carrier Pigeon e) Flying flags
 6. What is the flag flown at the top of the mast called?
a) Spinnaker b) Burgee c) Bungee d) Bhaji e) Samosa
 7. The front of a boat is called
a) The Squat b) The Curtsey c) The Bow d) The Stoop e) The Kneel
 8. What do you put down to stop a boat moving sideways?
a) Centrepiece b) Centipede c) Centreboard d) Starboard e) Freeboard
 9. When beating to windward you have to zigzag up the course. When zigzagging the boat has to turn sharply a number of times. The wind blows from one side of the boat, the boat turns into the wind with the sails flapping, and the boat carries on turning until the wind is on the other side of the boat. This is called:-
a) Ticking b) tocking c) docking d) tucking e) tacking
 10. To make the boat go as fast as possible when the wind is blowing from the side you should:-
a) Pull the sails in as tight as possible
b) Let the sails right out
c) Pull the sails in, but still letting them flap or flutter a bit.
d) Have the sails as far out as possible without them flapping or fluttering.
e) Don't worry about the position of the sails.
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