

# Sailbase

The Newsletter from Hunstanton Sailing Club

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## From the Commodore



It's that time of year when you look forward to sizzling sunshine and warm summer evenings and wind, anything less and we feel cheated.

The club has been working with the council to organise the 2007 **Lifestyles** event on the weekend of **15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June**. The event this year is being really well publicised and supported and promises to be a great success.

This event it sets out to promote a whole host of outdoor activities including **BMX, climbing, wind surfing, and kite surfing**. Demos will be given by some of the top professionals in these sports. The public (and club members) will also have the opportunity to get some free training in some of the activities.

Lifestyles will also play host to Round 3 of the **British Kite Surfing Association (BKSA) Championship**. Free entertainment will be provided in a the large marquee in front of the sailing club on Friday and Saturday evening in the form of **live bands, disco and bar**. The clubhouse facilities (bar, toilets and changing rooms) will **only** be available to members and their guests, and also competitors and officials of the Lifestyles events. It will not be available to the general public.

### Members please take note...

Whilst club members will still be able to surf or sail from the club during the weekend the event will inevitably cause some inconvenience to club members. In particular, you **only have access to unload and load your gear**. Free parking will be available to members at the Hunstanton playing field should you be unable to find parking closer by.

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### Dinghies will need to be moved before Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June

from outside the club further down the prom to an enclosed protected area. The boats will still be accessible to sail. If you are unable to move your boat, please let a member of the committee know and we will arrange to move it for you.

Please come along and enjoy the event, it will be good for the profile of the Club and Hunstanton. The Discovery Channel will be filming all weekend and GMTV intend to host the weather forecast from the prom. Other film crews also want to attend.

The Lifestyles event also provides the club with opportunity to raise additional funds as we will be running the bar in the marquee and will retain the profits.

Anyone interested in helping with the bar, around the clubhouse, or with the event on Friday, Saturday or Sunday please let me know (Tel 01485 579363 or email [stuart@ee-scape.com](mailto:stuart@ee-scape.com)). I look forward to seeing you there.

**Stuart Moore**

## Betty Worsfold



It was with great sadness that we heard the news of the death of Betty Worsfold. She had been a member of the Club for many years, originally sailing an Enterprise dinghy with her husband, Ted.

For the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, she collated photos and newspaper clippings into an album recording the first 50 years, and in there we find the earliest record we have of her: a newspaper article from 1963, mentioning Ted as Commodore and Betty as Secretary. Betty kindly presented the Club with the board listing all the Commodores in 2000.

The Club was very close to her heart, and until her illness last year, she came to every AGM and enjoyed helping at every event, always baking a batch of her famous Welsh cakes. She was a great character who will be sorely missed.



## Future events

### 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> June – OK and Challengers open meeting.

We will be playing host to about 20 visiting boats on this weekend, mostly OK sailors. Sadly, Challenger sailors seem less inclined to travel than in former days when we would see up to 12 boats sailed by disabled people.

We don't expect there to be problems parking, but we would ask members to park at the North end of the Prom to leave space near the clubhouse for our visitors.

OKs are unusual in having a fixed rudder, so leaving and approaching the shore can be tricky if the sea is up between the groyne. Last year's tornado saw some of them make a perfect approach, while the beach party had to swim to others!

Help is always welcome for launching and recovery; safety boat and committee boat duties. Please contact Ian Holland on 01485 572625 (email: [ian@holland.bbmax.co.uk](mailto:ian@holland.bbmax.co.uk)) if you can help, or sign up in the clubhouse.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> /24<sup>th</sup> June – RS700s open meeting

This event will be on a similar scale, and again we will need helpers.

There will also be a **midsummer bash** on the Saturday evening – Hawaii Five-O theme – wear your loudest shirts!

### Family fun days

This has just been mooted at the last committee meeting, and with the increasing number of families with children, we think this would be a nice idea with some games on the beach and a bring-your-own barbecue. Dates to be set, and will be emailed out.

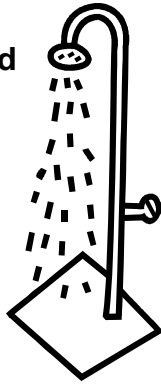
### North-West Norfolk Week

This year we have agreed to host 3 days of sailing – Saturday, Sunday and Monday 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July. With up to 50 boats attending, we will have to restrict parking to competitors and helpers only.

It is likely that we'll be offering some hot food on the Sunday, details nearer the time.

## Ladies' showers clogged

Please take care with the ladies' showers as they are not draining properly. Unfortunately they appear to be clogged with sand. We had a similar problem a few years ago in the Gents' showers and it will take time to get it cleared.



**Please would everyone remember to wash sand off kit - and children - using the taps and hoses outside.**

## Welcome to our new cleaner!

A number of us have noticed the excellent job being done by Faye Wilby (Dave's Mum) since she started working for us a few weeks ago. She only works for 3 hours a week but work surfaces are sparkling and the place noticeably tidier.

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## Bar opening

Word of mouth has already got around about the bar opening – Friday evenings with Dave Wilby, Saturday evenings with Sarah Wainwright, and Sundays from lunchtime covered by Clive Insley and Smithy. Clive has overall responsibility for both rota and stocks.

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## Keys

Many of you will be aware that we have struggled to provide enough keys to meet the demand from members – new members, members whose keys have been lost, members whose keys have broken.

We recently decided we'd reached the point where the existing system had become unmanageable, and we have therefore arranged for the system to be upgraded. We will shortly be able to clear the backlog of requests for keys.

## What's under the seats?.....

There is storage space under the seats in the clubhouse, where you can find (amongst other things) some children's games and volley-ball equipment.

## .....and what's in the garage?

The Club owns a Topper which is stored in the garage, and an Enterprise – outside, but its sails and spars are in the garage - which are available for members to use; ask a committee member to help with rigging.

We have also made space available for members to store kit in the garage but until we get some racking we have to consider it full. We had an offer of some racking but it never materialised. If anyone has ideas for the design, and/or time to make them, please talk to a committee member.

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## Your new Committee

Your new committee consists of:  
Commodore – **Stuart Moore**  
Vice Commodore – **Andy Holland**  
Rear Commodore – **Ian Holland**  
Treasurer – **Warren Mitchell**  
Secretary – **Julia Paul**

**John Matthews** and **Garry Moore** remain in post, although Pete Godfrey decided to stand down.

**Keith Twaites, Dave Gumb, Stuart Riches** and **Phill Cook** were elected as Committee Members, although **Phill** has decided not to take up the position. Since the AGM, the Committee has also co-opted **Sarah Wainwright** and **Steve Murfet**.

This gives good representation for the three main sections of the Club – dinghy sailing, windsurfing and kitesurfing, although there are still vacancies for a Social member and a Disabled member.

We'll try to get everyone's mugshot up on the noticeboard before long so you can pick them out in a line-up!

## Further news from the AGM

We started the AGM by inviting **Jess Thomas** to step forward and unveil a plaque commemorating her fantastic achievement when she swam across the Channel last September.

The **Treasurer** reported a small loss in 2006, partly due to a large bill which arrived in 2006 but which related to goods received in 2005. However it also reflected that the bar had not been opening regularly in 2006; we hope this will be healthier in 2007 as we plan to go back to opening the bar regularly.

New **Trustees** were approved – these are the people with the Club's authority to sign legal documents for us. They are Mick Ford, Stuart Moore and Warren Mitchell.

New **membership fees** will come in next year, with a slightly steeper rise than normal, for two reasons: first, membership fees did not rise at all in 2007; second, fewer people than in the past are willing to give their time to do odd maintenance jobs, so increasingly we have to pay someone to undertake quite small jobs. So membership fees will increase next year: for Full members to £83 (up by £11); for Family members to £98 (up by £12); and Students go up to £35 (up by £4).

We discussed the problems with **car parking**, especially the blatant abuse by non-members of our space. The consensus was that we should take steps to enforce our rights, and seek more support from King's Lynn Borough Council.

The **Commodore's report** reviewed the last year, with highlights including the sailing events, the fundraising of £1000 towards RNLI, and the mini-tornado – a potential disaster which brought us some praise from professionals for the way we coped. He also reported on the grant of £15,000 received from Norfolk Fund, a group of 13-19 year olds with the power to award grants to benefit other 13-19 year olds. This grant will be used to purchase kite-surfing equipment and pay for instruction for young people (both members and non-members).

Looking towards the future, the Commodore gave a short presentation about the possibility of re-developing the Clubhouse, which will entail a bid to Sport England for 100% grant. Meetings with King's Lynn Borough Council have brought expressions of support, including willingness to extend our lease, willingness to consider extending the area we occupy, and positive suggestions such as disabled access from the cliff top to the top floor.

The Commodore showed some slides of developments of clubhouses around the coast, which the Borough Council have also seen, and which met with their approval – the theme being "contemporary coastal" rather than imitating Victorian architecture around Hunstanton (which was required at the time of the last development).

The Commodore closed his report with these words:

"Being Acting Commodore has been a very enjoyable experience. It has given me a far more detailed insight into the Club and to appreciate what a fine collection of members and excellent location we have. I have been particularly impressed with the enthusiasm so many of you have for your sport and the Club.

"Enjoyment, developing our skills and continuing to work to secure the future of our Club must always be our priorities. Let's continue to work together to keep it that way."

I think Betty would have agreed with that. (Ed)