

Shotwick Lake Sailing Newsletter

August 2013



Shotwick Lake Survey Results

Thanks to those who have completed the survey. The reason for the survey was to give members an opportunity to have their say about the club and an opportunity to put forward some suggestions. A number of different suggestions were made and some suggestions were made by more than one member.

This is a brief outline of the survey results.

Q1. The majority of people who completed the survey had been a member between 1 and 5 yrs.

Q2. 66% of people who were asked how they liked to pay their membership fee preferred to pay online.

Q3. 56% of members said that they would be prepared to make an additional contribution of between £10-£50, depending on what the improvement was.

Q4. Over 80% of members visit the lake more than twice a month for a variety of reasons including organised events like training or racing, and with family and friends.

Q5. Most people were satisfied with the current arrangement of key collection from the gate house staff.

Q6. 75% of members were happy with the current facilities. However, this was the biggest area of comments, amongst which were comments about improving the changing facilities to meet the growing need and improving a more sociable feel to the club house.

Q7. 62% said that they had attended social event put on by the club. A number of comments were made about improving this aspect of the club.

Q8. 66% of people had undertaken one or more training courses run by the club.

Q9. 67% of members had taken part in racing and had commented that the current programme was well balanced

Q10. 91% of participants said that they felt well informed about what was going on at the club.

However, it was suggested that it could be improved by setting certain dates for things like work parties and social events at the start of the year would be more helpful.

The committee are grateful to everyone who took the time to fill it in and are now considering the comments made to see how best they can improve the club. Results will be on the notice board at the club.



Help needed in the Galley

We are desperate for help in the Galley on a Sunday.

The Galley provides a wonderful service, every week the ladies give up their time to provide us with warm drinks and sarnies, not to mention the cakes! If we don't support this facility we may lose it. If you know of someone who is able to help then speak to Dot King.

Dave Clark takes top honours

Sunday 4th August saw the annual Anglesey Offshore Dinghy Race running from Beaumaris to Red Wharf Bay Sailing & Watersports Club. 3.5 boats attended from Shotwick Lake Sailing. Dave Clark & Joe Sargent (the .5 as racing under his home club of RWBSWC) sailing a Laser Radial's, Carl Jones & Shellie Jones and Rich Jones & John Purdie in the Scorpions. A good 15-20knt breeze, occasionally gusting 25knts saw most competitors finishing the course in around 2 hours on the water.

Shotwick Lake Sailing Member Dave Clark took top honours, winning the event over all as well as the Slow Handicap Fleet.

Other Successes- Zed (not sure of his surname) our very own zippy windsurfer came 25th in the Windsurfing World Championships in Poland out of a fleet of 93.

More news on other club sailors in next month's newsletter

Club Needs Your Help-Work Parties

The list of small jobs needing to be completed around the club is always fairly extensive, but over recent months members will have noticed significant improvements due to the voluntary effort of fellow members. The more we can do for ourselves in terms of maintenance and improvements, the better the facilities and the lower membership fees.

We attempt to ensure that organised work parties are social occasions, as well as productive and they serve as useful forums for you to get to know other club members. We really appreciate **any** time that you can give (no need to commit the whole day). Volunteers that attended the work party on 31st August were faced with an excess of tea and homemade cakes (grateful thanks to Sue Hopson), as the number of members attending was lower than anticipated, but those members that did attend were kept fully energised through the free refreshments and good progress was made on some of the smaller tasks, but low numbers meant that some of the bigger but essential tasks could not be undertaken.

Survey work was also undertaken to try and identify how excess surface water is getting into our effluent holding tank as this needs emptying (at considerable cost) more regularly after rainfall. Despite efforts to resolve this problem at the work party, the cause remains a mystery, so if any member has expertise in this field please contact Steve Hopson or Phil Gallagher.

The next work party is scheduled for **28th September**. Main tasks include:

Burying the remaining 50m of water supply pipe to prevent freezing during the winter. This will involve clearing undergrowth, digging a trench, burying and backfilling. We also need to do some maintenance on the floating jetty and if resources permit, undertake routine maintenance to the club buildings and grounds.

Some members undertake maintenance work on a regular basis and for this we should all be appreciative. However, some tasks are of a scale that requires the concerted effort of an organised work party of volunteers or the services of a paid contractor and to avoid paying contractors we are reliant on volunteers turning up at work parties. If you are willing to help but are unable to attend organised work parties (normally held on a Saturday and published on the web), please contact Steve Hopson (01244 571386 solo 4639) or have a chat with a member of the committee who will no doubt be able to find you a job to match your skills and availability.

*What's on next Month- **Sept-** 7th*

Level 1 and 2 RYA Dinghy sailing

9th Junior Training

28th Start Windsurfing and Work party

*Dates for your Diary- **Nov***

16th and 23rd RYA

Seamanship skills

30th RYA Powerboat L2