

# Shotwick Lake Sailing Newsletter

September 2013



## Olympic Sailor in the Making



Keiran Lewis takes third place at Bala.

This is Keiran's debut season on the circuit, like many other well-known sailors, is taking the field by storm and is quickly becoming a force to be reckoned with.

The CYRC was a two day event and at the end of the first day he was lying second. The second day was abandoned after two races due to strong winds with multiple capsizes, not that that would worry Keiran, as we have seen him on many occasions go out on the water when his grandad has stayed in the club house!

Watch out for him on the water, as he'll soon be giving us all a run for our money.

Have you taken part in an event? Then send details and a photo and we'll put it in the newsletter.



## More successful courses completed

The end of September and the beginning of October saw the last Level 1/2, Junior and Windsurfing course of the year.

The sailing course students contained two couples who have taken membership forms and we look forward to seeing them on the water very soon. The windsurfing course was blessed with good winds on the first week but less on the second, which makes it very tricky to manage the board, but the students were able to complete a short course. The students commented on the right balance between a professional and friendly approach which made the course very enjoyable. Well done to the training team.

Next year's training programme is being put together for next year already. If you are able to help support the training please contact Tim Bowden and put your name down.

## Work Party Update

Our last work party was well attended and many jobs were completed including: Water pipe buried and joints replaced; Fencing repaired, including new post set in concrete; New work bench installed in garage; Garage store tidied up; Gel coat and deck repairs carried out on one of the Wanderers; Various bits of grounds maintenance completed; Some rubbish removed to the tip (thanks Jeremy). Many thanks to all who attended (there were lots – too many to mention individually!)

**A Little Moan!** Can we bring to members attention that members have been asked not to tie their craft to the wire perimeter fencing as this stretches the wire and causes the fencing to sag resulting in damage. At the work party recently, further repairs were carried out to the perimeter fencing and ties which attached if your boat was attached to the fencing it has been removed. In place of the attachment to the fence, your boat has been temporarily supported on tyres to avoid further damage to the fence. **You are requested to check that you are satisfied with this arrangement as the club committee takes no responsibility for ensuring that individual craft are securely tied down.**

### Boat Berths

The organisation and allocation of boat berths has been taken over by Mark Heaton (The Dark Side). He has already identified a number of boats which are not displaying stickers or any distinguishing marks and has placed notices on them inviting the owner to contact him. If you know of any boat that has not been attended in the last year and have any information about the owner please contact Mark.

We will be moving abandoned boats into the graveyard shortly. If owners cannot be contacted then their boats will be entered into our boat auction in April.

Reminder to current members- Please ensure all your equipment is clearly marked with membership number. This does **not** have to be a sticker, as stickers are only issued to craft identified on the membership form.

## Development of land surrounding the lake

We have been approached by a company who are proposing a solar park on land close to the lake, which has generated some discussion amongst some club members.

There is a 'drop in' session regarding the proposal on the solar park on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at Quay Building, Fron Road, Connah's Quay between 2pm and 8pm. Members who are interested in finding out more information are welcome to go along.

### Laying Up Supper- 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013

Set aside this date in your diary for the laying up supper. Open to all our members. This year looks to an extra special one with a ceilidh band, so we can all have a go at find our two left feet. **Tickets on sale soon**

### What's on next **Nov** Month-

16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> RYA Seamanship skills

23<sup>rd</sup> Laying Up Supper, Presentation and Dance

30<sup>th</sup> RYA Powerboat L2

### Dates for your Diary- **DEC**

7<sup>th</sup> Powerboat level 2

15<sup>th</sup> Last frostbite race including best decorated boat competition