

Shotwick Lake Sailing Newsletter

August 2012



Improving boat berths



Work has begun on increasing the number of tie down berths and several work parties have taken place during this month. Around 20 people turned out to help move boats (80+) from the western boundary fence on the weekend 22nd/23rd Sept and , moved about 20 unidentified or abandoned boats to the NW corner, clear a load of undergrowth from around the lake, pressure washed and re-stained the picnic tables, pressure wash the path in front of the club, removed old masts and other items (including boats and windsurfers) that were tied to the fence (the fence has just been repaired, so any future attachments will be removed and the members responsible can expect to be chastised). In addition a scrap metal merchant is due to remove the old steel garage from in front of the training room and any scrap metal items therein.

A clear up of the lake area is long overdue, so all boats, kayaks, windsurfers, trolleys, trailers or anything else on site that cannot be identified, preferably by a current membership sticker will be assumed to have been abandoned and will be relocated to a quarantine area at the NW corner of the lake. Spaces vacated by removal of these items will be reallocated.

Outstanding jobs to be completed:

Repair and relocate number 1 and number 3 racing marks; Lay concrete base for the new storeroom; Construct new store room; Complete painting of changing rooms; Further clearance of undergrowth;

Grass cutting; Remove and redesign work bench in garage; Tidy garage store; Lay concrete path around garage; Install retaining posts for garage doors; Maintenance to Club training boats (Wanderers); Clear Southern boundary fence of undergrowth and abandoned craft.

If you are able to help with any of these jobs then please contact Steve Hopson Work party co-ordinator 01244 571386 or 07837 251337

Presentation Evening/Dinner

Our annual presentation evening is fast approaching (24th Nov). Make sure you keep the date clear. As well as being our annual presentation evening it is also a great way to meet other members of the club in an informal and entertaining evening. Following the presentation there is live music and a disco for those who are fleet of foot! Watch out for the tickets.

Training this month

This month has been busy with RYA level 1/2, introduction to windsurfing, junior introduction to sailing and RYA level 1.

This proved to be quite exciting on Sat 29th Sept, when 3 of the groups were running and the wind was particularly impressive! As a participant of the windsurfing group I would just like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who help to provide such an active programme and if you've not tried windsurfing I thoroughly recommend it- what fun!

If you would like to help with the training for 2013 please contact Tim Bowden

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What's on next Month

13th Oct CYRC

28th Oct Frostbite Series Starts

Dates for your Diary

17th and 24th Nov RYA Seamanship Skills

24th Nov Presentation Evening

1st and 8th Dec RYA Powerboat Level 2

For Sale

Junior windsurfing rig. Owned from new and used only once, now sadly outgrown. Colour: orange and blue. Includes: monofilm sail, mast, boom, mast extension (for taller surfers) and bag. As new condition £85. Can offer a choice of one of two boards for £15 to complete the kit. 01352 756003.

Firefly Sailing Dinghy-Good condition, Road Trailer, Launching trolley, 2 sets of sails-David 0151-625-7192 (This boat is advertised on the noticeboard at the club-no price given)

If you have put an advert on the noticeboard please make sure it is current there are some adverts that have been on the board since July (and longer!)

This month's contributors:-

Steve Hopson lead item

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