

Shotwick Lake Sailing Newsletter

April 2012



Junior Sailors at Pwllheli



On 21st/22nd April eight of the club's youth sailors took part in the Volvo Welsh and junior championships at Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli Sailing Club.

The sailors were represented in Topper, General Handicap and 29er main fleet as well the Topper regatta fleet. As usual Pwllheli sailing club gave a warm welcome. The weather was kind, if not a little chilly, with wind blowing both days.

All sailors faced strong fleets containing GBR national squad sailors. Erin Bailey, James Bowler and Cameron Duffield represented the club in the Topper fleet giving the club the results of 7th, 10th and 19th. Our general handicap sailors, Tom Piggott in his first outing in his Laser Standard and Dave Clark, Laser Radial, finished 1st and 3rd. Tom Williams represented the club as crew in a 29er and finished 5th.

Congratulations to all our main fleet sailors and also to Catriona Duffield and Megan Bailey who finished 8th and 9th in the Topper regatta fleet. A big thank you should also go to all the parents for giving up their time and transporting our sailors for the weekend.



More successful courses took place this month, with the RYA level 1 and 2 sailing and the introduction to windsurfing. Despite the weather being a little cool, all participants had a good time with a minimum of swimming (sailing not windsurfing!) undertaken.

Our solo sailors had an opportunity to improve their skills through further development and training on the 28th.

Andy Fox, National Solo Class Association Trainer put them through their paces



Club house gets face lift for the spring

There has been a flurry of work at the club house during this month as work on updating the changing, showering and toilet facilities gets under way.

New toilets and wash basins, showers and flooring have been installed along with benches in the ladies and storage in the gents. In addition to this the club house has been painted a fetching shade of grey!

We'll have to wait till the next round of spending for the Jacuzzi!

Sail for Gold' Activity day

The London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games provides us all with a unique opportunity to really promote our sport nationally and at locally at Shotwick Sailing Club and a great opportunity for us all to have some fun!

People will naturally be much more sport oriented as we move closer to the Games and so it's a great chance to really inspire them to have a go at sailing and hopefully engage them on an on-going basis, perhaps as a member of our club. We are supporting this event by holding an activity day which will include fun water activities for all age groups. a ceilidh band. a bring your own picnic (barbeque facilities available), Bring your own drink and tent!

Help make this a successful event, put the date in your diary (21st July) now! Who knows we might even put on a 'Shotwick Big Weekend' every year

For more information about 'Sail for Gold' go to <http://www.rya.org.uk/programmes/sailforgold/Pages/about.aspx>

Twilight Racing Begins

Wednesday Evenings from 25th April and runs until 29th Aug

3 boats turned out on a very nasty wet and windy Wednesday to launch the twilight series.

If you are struggling to get time to sail at the weekend, the Wed night racing is an ideal time to take to the water. As always if you're new, there are plenty of members to offer help and advice on the lake; just ask.

For Sale or Wanted

For Sale

Rapide T-Frame Launching Trolley For Laser,
Gunwale Hung 2 Years Old . £150.O.N.O
Tel John ON 01244 547514

Mirror Dinghy in good condition, ready to sail.
Seller offering help with rigging and advice.£250
Contact Tim Bowden timb2@btinternet.com

Wanted

2 windsurf boards complete with mast sail and boom. Ideal for beginners Ideally board will have skeg and dagger board. Please contact James Patrick on

Mobile: 07782 142894 email:
jamesp858@hotmail.com

Double Dinghy trailer wanted – Box style
Looking for a box trailer (Mersea/Trident type)
with double/triple rack suitable for Laser etc.
Contact Andy – 07554 116366

Did you remember to renew your membership?

If not make sure you do it sooner rather than later.

If you're not a member then you can't use the facilities.

What's on next Month

6th May Scorpion Open

*13th May Taster Session from 2pm-
Come try your hand at sailing.*

*Members will be there to offer advice
and help*

Dates for your Diary

3rd June Spring Regatta

23rd June Open Day

1st July RNLi Charity Day

21st July 'Sail for Gold' activity day

Remember to post when you are going to at the lake on the members calendar, so that other members will know if someone is going to be there.

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