

Shotwick Lake Sailing Newsletter

July 2012



Sail for gold day

Change over Chaos as the competitive Spirit Kicks in!



Whose Bottom is this?



Our Sail for Gold day was a roaring success.

The day started with members tentatively putting their name down to compete, giving lots of excuses as to why they shouldn't do it and ended taking part in a good natured, but fiercely competitive enjoyable team event. Even Richard Jones who was sceptical about the day, said that it was the club's 'best day that year'.

The weather even came through for us, with just the right amount of sunshine and wind.

The day went like a dream with great fun events, barbeque hosted by the sea cadets, RNLI safety support and music from a disco. Everyone who attended said what a great day it was and would like to see something similar next year.



Gentlemanly conduct went out of the window when competitors had to pick up balls out of the water and return them to their teams bucket.

Many tried shouting 'Starboard' or even 'Water' but to no avail!

Some even resorted to cheating! However, firm but fair judging ensured that the integrity of the games held.

Boost to RNLI Funds

We managed to raise £400 for the RNLI, which is brilliant! Well done to everyone who contributed.

Official Judges of 2012 Games



Thanks go to:

Tim Bowden who organised the event (What sort of warped mind thinks up these sorts of games?)

The Ladies in the Galley. Who did a grand job serving tea and cakes.

Sea Cadets for sterling work on the barbeque.

RNLI who provided excellent safety boat cover but dubious team leadership.

And **YOU** for turning up and making it a brilliant day.

What's on next Month

4th and 11th Aug

RYA level 1 Dinghy Sailing

RYA Start racing

Dates for your Diary

2nd Sept single hander open meeting

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th Junior Sailing

8th, 15th 22nd, 29th Sept 6th

Oct RYA L1/2

Taster Sessions

The club offers a taster session every month and it is intended for our new/novice sailors to have the opportunity to get on the water with a member of the club's training team available for support and advice. The next session is on 19th Aug so don't miss the opportunity to get some free help and advice.

August is looking like a very quiet month at the lake, so if you have any news worthy items for the next issue, please email them to me.

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