



## Junior Winter Topper Sailing

This winter has seen the Topper fleet doing various training with different squads. Erin Bailey in the Welsh squad, James Bowler in National JDS and Robert Bowler, after only a year sailing is in the National Youth Squad. As well as squad training our junior Topper sailors have taken part in open training at the club, Port Dinorwic and Pwllheli sailing club.

December saw the annual Christmas regatta at Pwllheli in which James Bowler came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Topper fleet.

At the end of February our junior Topper sailors went to Weymouth for the ITCA Winter regatta. The weather was kind to the parents, who were able to sit and enjoy the warm sunshine, but it meant that it was light winds for the sailors. Robert Bowler was our highest placed at 105<sup>th</sup>.

The months ahead hold lots of travelling and events all over the country as well as some held locally. We wish them the best of luck in all of these events, and thanks to parents who selflessly give up their time to support them.

### Dates for your diary

**23<sup>rd</sup> June** Open Day-Volunteers and ideas needed

**21<sup>st</sup> July** 'Push the boat out/Sail for Gold' activity day to support Olympic sailing-BBQ and fun events for all the family.

### Training in April

**RYA level 1 &2 Dinghy Sailing-**  
Instructor-Tony Forster

**Start to Windsurf-Instructor**  
Michael Plane

**For Sale or Wanted –Latest- Wanted: GPI4 tiller/rudder, cheers** (Check website to contact Andy Smith if you can help)

**If you would like to have you boat or equipment posted on the newsletter please email the details to the address below.**

***This is the new look newsletter if you have any ideas; news items or photo's then please send them to***

***[jcrowland@aol.com](mailto:jcrowland@aol.com) If you have something for the April newsletter deadline is Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.***

# Shotwick Lake Sailing Newsletter

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Picture from 2009 year's work party

## Operation: 'Tidy Up' a Success

Many thanks to all of those members that attended the work party on Sunday 4th March. Your help was very much appreciated.

The event proved very successful and was also quite a social occasion with both long term members and new members working as a team to complete the long list of tasks. General maintenance activity and repairs were combined with clearance of old rafts, pontoons, rubbish and undergrowth in preparation for the start of the sailing season. The work was compensated by free tea, coffee and freshly baked plum cake.

If you should notice anything that needs attention or improvement, please contact Steve Hopson 01244 571386 to make sure that it is added to the list of tasks for the next work party.

## Race Season Begins

The racing season got off to a great start on the 11<sup>th</sup> March with over 25 boats taking part.

### Fast Fleet

1<sup>st</sup>-Jeremy Cooper  
2<sup>nd</sup>-Joe Sargent  
3<sup>rd</sup>-Tim Bowden

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Race

1<sup>st</sup>-Joe Sargent  
2<sup>nd</sup>-Jeremy Cooper  
3<sup>rd</sup>-Carl & Shelly Jones

### Slow Fleet

1<sup>st</sup>- Ian Postings  
2<sup>nd</sup>-Ron King  
3<sup>rd</sup>-Tom Piggott

Tom Piggott  
Ron King  
Allan Hughes

The racing continues on Sunday mornings throughout April, so if you would like to take part, just turn up; first race starts at 10:30am.

Please note we have plenty of race duty vacancies from June onwards.



## Membership Fees Due

Everyone should have received their membership renewal form by now.

Can we please urge you to fill this in and send it back as soon as possible to reduce administration costs, and confusion over membership.

## **Open Youth Training**

The open youth training finished on the 17<sup>th</sup> March and was attended by more than 8 youngsters from 8yrs to teenagers. It was great to see the more experienced sailors helping the less experienced as shown in the picture above. We look forward to seeing them on the water more often.

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