



The Viking

Daneshill Sailing Club Newsletter

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Welcome to the last newsletter of the year, which is short and sweet as we have had very little activity since mid summer. . . . We are very close to the end of the sailing season, and time to look back on what has been a very challenging season. First we had the cold weather, then the high winds, and then the weed. The one aspect that has caused the most dissatisfaction has been the weed. The season started with a cold snap that delayed the onset of the weed, but it came eventually, and with the long sunny days over the summer it became unmanageable, despite the best efforts of our gallant band of volunteers. This has led to the cancellation of training events and social events, and resulted in much frustration all round. The last vestiges of barley straw have maintained the water clean and almost algae free, but possibly the clear water has aided the proliferation of the weed. We are hoping that next year we should be approaching a balance between clean algae free water, and a minimum of weed. We are in close contact with the RYA and Aquascience, the consultants charged with analysing the water samples we send in each week. This problem is taxing all Clubs throughout the country, and we are hoping that with a pooling of experience we may be able to reduce the impact next year.



The first of the month brought the sad news that Norman Jarvis had passed away peacefully at home. Norman was instrumental in founding our club, and was known to many children who he introduced to sailing. His dedication was recognised officially by the RYA and he was introduced to HRH Princess Anne, Patron of the RYA, when he was rewarded officially for services to sailing. Some of the more longstanding members will remember fondly Normans antics on the jetty, offering advice to novice sailors and berating mistakes made by the more experienced, all at full volume. His ability to kidnap innocent walkers and passers-by and cajole them into taking a pleasure cruise was legendary. No-one thought to tell him the Press-gang is now illegal. !!! His contribution over the years has been immense, and he will be missed by his many friends at the club.

*The Birches,
Thrumpton Lane,
Retford,
DN22 6HJ*

18th November 7-30 for 8-00

*Carvey menu,
Turkey, Beef, Pork*

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The Social Evening has been arranged for Friday, 18th November, at The Birches. There will be a Carvery style menu, with a choice of turkey, beef or pork, with a sweet, all for the princely sum of approx. £12.50. Members with special dietary requirements can be catered for if you contact Joy direct at The Birches (01777-711819) to discuss your needs.

Numbers are restricted so please let Brian know (Tel 01777 870457) as soon as possible how many places you require and if you are making your own special dietary arrangements. When you reserve your places, please indicate which Carvery you would like, as this enables the catering staff to prepare the food and

serve us all together. There will be the minimum of formalities as usual. Remember, children are members too and are always welcome.

Latest day for reservations is Friday 11th November.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Club House on the 30th October, at 3.00pm, when reports from the club officials will be made. There is a vacancy for Club Secretary, as Brian has decided to step down after three years of hard work, as required by the club rules, and has decided not to stand again. He has kindly offered to help and advise any prospective candidate as to the workings and formalities involved in this position, so whoever takes over will not be thrown in at the deep end. If you feel you could bring something positive to the club then please make it known that you are interested in the position.

There are also vacancies for two further Committee Members, so if you would like to get more involved with the workings of the club, now is the time to step up.... (The committee meetings are worth it just for chance to get out... MH)

While the season will be officially closed on the 31st of October, the hard work carries on throughout the winter months, with numerous meetings both at club level, and regional level. We enjoy a close working relationship with the RYA Regional body, which means that the committee is kept busy attending various functions over closed season. One of the events is the annual Instructors Conference which is a long hard slog for those involved, consisting of workshops, presentations, updates and some time on the water. (This is generally about February time, extremely cold, wet and hard work)!!! One benefit is that we may be able to secure some of the RYA publications at a large discount, and we use this to replenish our training course literature. If you have a particular publication you would like, please contact Maurice after Christmas and he will endeavour to procure it at a good discount.

The last day of sailing will be Monday 31st October, which happens to be an inset day at school for a number of our junior members. As there are only a couple of Sundays left, lets make the most of them and enjoy what little good sailing we have before the gloomy winter sets in.

On the 16th October, we had an extremely good turnout, and a most enjoyable day in the late autumnal sunshine, with ten boats on the water. The wind was kind and the day sunny and warm, possibly the last one for this year. It was gratifying to see a number of the junior members trying to finish the last of the outstanding items in their log-books to gain their certificates, with a positive attitude and using skills which they have learned over the season. It makes the work of the Instructors seem worthwhile. Well done. The weather seems set to change for the worse now, but don't let it put you off. Time to bring warm clothes and a couple of towels!!

Hope to see you all at the lake soon.

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