

ELSC Windmill Dec 06



Crisp winter sun and milder weather have brought the boats out in buckets!

Events Diary:

- Quiz Night – 9th December
- The Boxing Day Bottle...er...on Boxing day!
- The Hangover Handicap.. New Years Day
- Working Party - Jan

Winter Season at Earlswood Lakes

Milder weather and a keener than usual set of new members has swelled the numbers sailing the Frostbite series to amazing levels over recent weeks. There have been beautiful blue skies and decent winds to make for some excellent races.

Seeing 20 boats out in the winter months must say something about our development as a club, but still the Frost in the title of the winter series hasn't really kicked in yet. Hope you enjoy the crossword in this festive

edition of our magazine. There's also a review of the ELSC magazines of 40 years ago!

Good to see that the water has remembered where the jetty is again and we all look forward to using Pete Middleton's hand driers in the changing rooms to defrost our fingers in Jan and Feb!



James

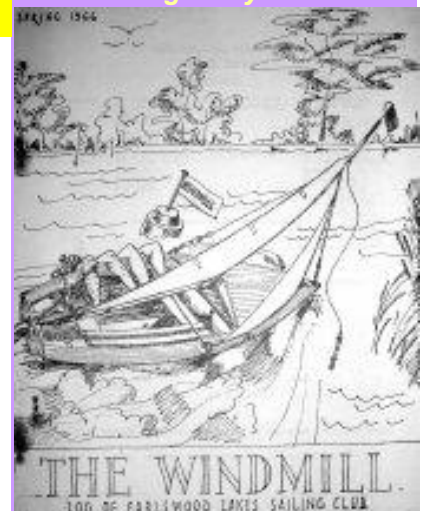
Commodore's Report

Hi All,

The year has all but come to an end, and what a year it has been. The Club is flourishing and the Frostbite series has been so well supported, it has been great to see so many sails out on the lake and welcome to all our new club members. We have of course lost Andrew Day to the charms of the South West coast; I hope Pauline and Andrew will be very happy in their new home. I have got his number, so when I am down in Falmouth next, they can expect a call. (Nobody escapes that easily). Congratulations to Peter Newbury, who has had a successful year sailing and has now

been accepted onto the Topper Training Programme over the winter, we all look forward to receiving tips etc. and well done to Alex, Jack and Vicky who are now sailing with us on Sundays and putting up a very good fight!

We shall be having a working party early in the new year, every body welcome, for a bit of tidying up and we are about to rebuild the cadet hut, so if you have any belongings in stored in the hut could you please reclaim them and take them home until such a time as the new one is built. Please watch out for the time scale, as



Check out the 'Ghosts of Windmills past!'

items left will either be put to good use by the club or disposed of.

Please make a note in your diaries 24th February 2007 Annual Dinner and Prize giving with the AGM on Sunday 25th February 2007. I could go on a lot longer, so if you want to hear more, Sundays in the Bar after a brisk sail.

I would like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and All The Very Best for 2007.

Diane M3241

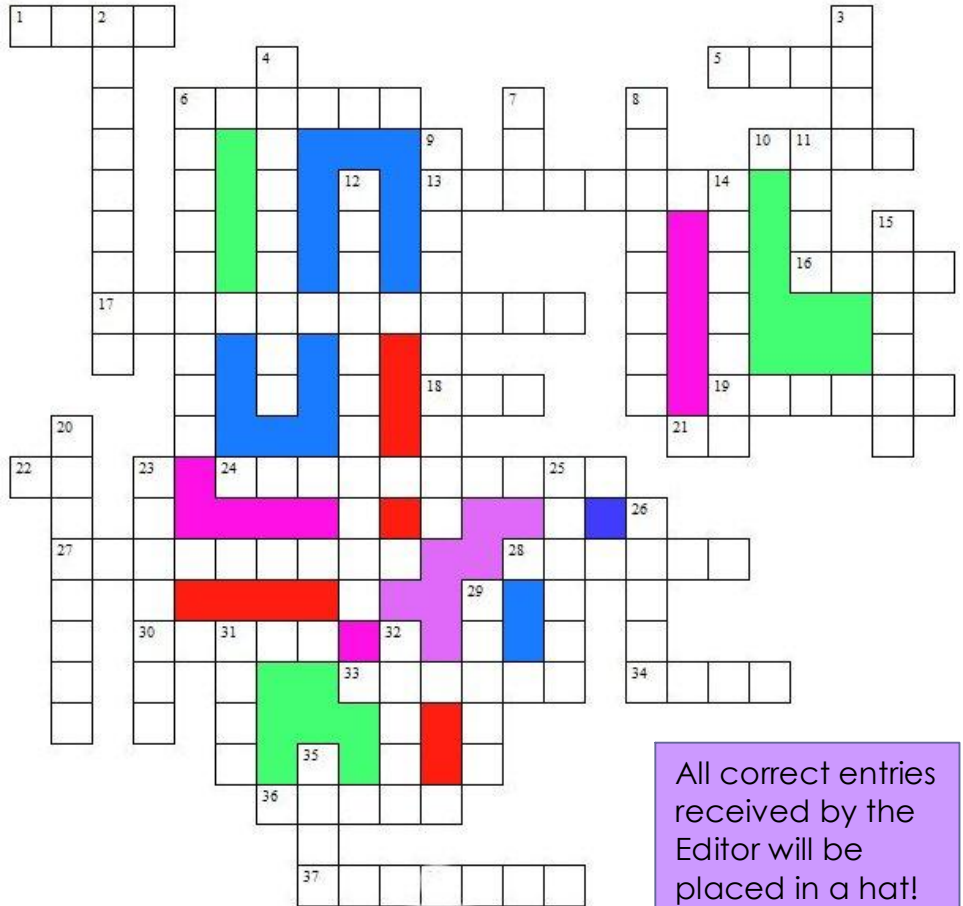
ELSC Xmas Prize Crossword!

Across:

1. Don't do this in another's water! (4)
5. It's not personal.(4)
- 6 & 19. King Arthurs' transport to the stars(6,6)
10. A Coppers' favourite angle into the wind.(4)
13. A classic boat minus a dozen.(8)
16. see 37 across.
17. He keeps the money in his cap! (5,7)
18. Ken's looking for you! (3)
19. see 6 across
- 21 & 7 dn. Thankless position whilst racing (2,3)
22. Short and Sweet! (2)
24. If you mess around with bouys! (5,5)
27. Petrolhead with too many boats! (4,5)
28. It's new and orange and it precedes answer 5 across. (6)
30. Dermot's ideal point of sailing. (5)
33. see 31 down
34. Sailing above a proper course (4)
- 36 & 25 down Junior Beverage

Down:

2. Casa Familias. (9)
3. A good mark in light winds (4)
4. Merlin Marksman! (5,4)
6. A wooden boats best friend!(9)
7. see 21 across
8. opposite of 14 down.(8)
9. The blue sailed legend (9)
11. It's who we are!
12. Universal Forgiveness can be yours to a degree(5, 6)
- 14.opposite of 8 down. (7)
15. weapon of choice for cadets (6)
20. It's our lake and we love it! (8)
23. Dermot's kit (1,1,5)
25. see 36 across
26. The Mark of Death! (5)
29. The Mark at the top of your tree! (5)
- 31 & 33 across – A man of numbers
32. The *Podiceps Cristatus* Mark! (5)
35. We round these for fun you know! (4)
37. Cadet's race. (7,4)



All correct entries received by the Editor will be placed in a hat!



Sailors are rather confused by the return of water to the jetty! This poor man has mistaken his boat for a dog!

Earlswood info Page – all the useful info in one place!

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See the club notice board for other
adverts – email them to James for
inclusion in "ELSCbay" next time!



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finding a helm... the possibilities are
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Dave Vanes runs the reflector.

The personal handicaps
have just been updated. The
new list is in the Clubhouse.

Note to ODs:

Please write the results on
the boards in the clubhouse!

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Novice Focus:
Volunteer to be an
AOD to an
experienced OD...it'll
help your confidence!



Cadet's Halloween Disco – I want my Mummy!!!!

Once again the Cadets came up trumps with an excellent Halloween Disco that was well organized, well decorated and well attended.

With an excellent disco set up and the gazebo on the Balcony, housing the BBQ, the night was set to go with a bump in the night!

The cadets had put a lot of work into organizing the clubhouse for the event and creating games for the other kids.

Starting with the more traditional Apple Bobbing they soon moved onto the not so traditional "see how many Marshmallows you can stuff into your mouth and still be able to speak" competition! After

this the kids were treated to a Limbo competition, and finally a classic Halloween event of "Wrapping the Mummy" where teams have to wrap up a child like an Egyptian mummy with Toilet paper.

To round off the fun Di judged the fancy dress competition and the disco took everyone to the end of the evening.

Well done to the Cadets and all of the adult helpers for another excellent event. We look forward to next year's with anticipation.

James P



BBQ Kings!



Wrapped and Ready to go!



Limbo, Mummies & Marshmallows made for a fun night!



King George Fund

– Storm Force fun!

Earlswood Sailors like a challenge and the Weather at the King George Fund proved more than a match for the helms. A gusty and tempestuous day with thunder broaching in race 2 made for a disappointing day on the water for most.

A course of W, (DV) C and G was merely a distraction as the main business of the day seemed to be keeping upright in body and in mind. Eight boats started the 1st race but only 5 finished it. Paul Clark was helming our Enterprise but we only lasted 3 laps before we inevitably failed to ship some wind and went for a dip!

Of those who managed to hold it together in the now squally rain, Darren Layton had sailed clear of the field with Keith Marsey, Lawrence Carter, Alex Layton and Jack Hawkins managing to finish. With the rain settling into a steady downpour only two boats set out in the second race to complete the formalities. Darren was one and rather gamely Jack Hawkins was the other.

The 3rd race was abandoned as thunder rolled in and Darren was declared the hardy winner.

James P.

ELSC Results – RNLI, Winter Saturdays, Brass Monkey, King George, Novice Endeavour Cup.....

King George Fund					
Pos	Name	Points	R1	R2	R3
1	Darren Layton	2.0	1.0	1.0	X
2	Jack Hawkins	8.0	5.0	3.0	X
3	Keith Marsay		2.0	X	X
4	Laurence Carter		3.0	X	X
5	Alex Layton		4.0	X	X

Novice Endeavour cup					
Pos	Name	Points	R1	R2	R3
1	Jon Wood	2.0	1.0	6.0	1.0
2	Dave Coombs	3.0	2.0	1.0	3.0
3	Jack Hawkins	4.0	3.0	2.0	2.0
4	Jenny Rees	8.0	4.0	4.0	X

RNLI					
Pos	Name	Pts	R1	R2	R3
1	Jack Hawkins	3.0	10.0	2.0	1.0
2	Neil Cappell	4.0	1.0	3.0	X
3	Alex Layton	6.0	2.0	4.0	4.0
4	Pete Middleton	8.0	5.0	6.0	3.0
5	Frank Fern	11.0	9.0	12.0	2.0
6	Graham Bentley	11.0	4.0	7.0	14.0

Winter Saturday - Number of races: in series - 10 to count - 5													
Pos	Name	Points	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11
1	Bob Lewis	5.0	1.0	7.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0		2.0
2	Jack Hawkins	18.0				4.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	4.0			1.0
3	Peter Newbury	26.0		7.0			2.0	10	4.0	3.0			

Saturday Winter Personal Number of races in series -> 10 to count -> 5													
Pos	Name	Points	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11
1	Adrian Nudds	8.5	1.0	1.0		3.0	5.0	2.5	1.0	6.0	5.0		
2	Alex Bajon	25.0		2.0		4.0	4.0	12	3.0				
3	Terry Bridgewater	27.0				4.0	8.0		2.0	7.0	6.0		

Brass Monkey races in series - 8 to count - 4										
Pos	Name	Points	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8
1	Jack Hawkins	9				1	1	6	1	
2	Graham Bentley	14	3	4	1		6	8		9
3	Brian Farmer	15	2			3	2	10	8	
4	James Patterson	16				2	3	9	2	
5	Alex Layton	17		3	6		4	5	5	
6	Steve Perring	23			4	5		4	10	

Twilight Series Number of races: in series - 9 to count - 5											
Pos	Name	Points	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9
1	Jack Hawkins	21.0	1.0	9.0	2.0	4.0			5.0		
	J Patterson			1.0	1.0			4.0	2.0		
	Jon Wood				6.0		1.0	1.0			8.0

Training Notes and thanks!

I am very pleased to say that 2006 was a very rewarding year for the sailing club with us training 20 Adults and 12 juniors sailors, They all did very well which has had the knock on effect of more sailors on the water, on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesday.

The development days have been of great value to all who took part in them, one was in April the other in October. These courses develop the skills you personally need to make your sail faster and more safely. Without the dedication of all our Instructors the above would not have happened

SO THANK TO YOU ALL.

This year we asked for volunteers to become Assistant Instructors, we had 5 members and 2 juniors on the Assistant Instructors course, They all passed after a long weekend on the water so congratulations to:

Keith Marsay, Adrian Nudd, Terry Bridgewater, Laura Guest and David Pendleton.
Juniors Bethany James-Fagg and Jack Hawkins,

Also we have had a new member join. Camilla Loftis is an expert Instructor - so a warm welcome to her. With the help of our new Instructors next year will be even better.

We have set the date for the Level 1 courses
April 28th 29th 2007
June 16th 17th 2007

Could make a lovely gift for a loved one or even the wife?
Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year To You All



Alex

The Life of Scribes...the Windmills of yesteryear!

I was amused to find a set of the early Windmill Newsletters in a box in the club, they provide an interesting perspective on today's sailing, the type of club we had then and the attitude of the members. The earliest one I can find is from the Spring of 1962 although there must be earlier versions as it doesn't read as a brand new thing. I suspect there were earlier versions in 1961, as by this time it seems to be an established quarterly, but I think there was a row over the title which was previously "Main Sheet", as this edition carries an apology to the Midland SC for previously using 'their' title! This new version of the newsletter was named after it's writer Cyrill Youll and was known as the "Youll Log". Oh the vanity!

But still this impressive tome stretched to 30 pages and in the Duty roster for that year **Bob Lewis was OD** on the 1st April with none other than **Ted Kington in the Rescue Boat**. It describes a waiting list for membership of 150!! The usual gripes about stuff left in the clubhouse and an impassioned plea from the author for more contributions to the mag...so no change there then!



The Youll Log continued until 1964 when John (WH) Blunt took the reigns from Cyrill who by then was a burnt out shell of a man! (it's hard work I promise you!) and he started to change the mag starting with the cover which had been consistently poor graphically for years! ;-). His first task was to sound out the members to establish the name that remains today!

(Note the absence of a title from the cover)

So it was here that the the "Windmill" was born. Regular features of poetry from "Dolphin" and "Porpoise", sailing rules, OD rota's, new starting signals etc made for a fascinating read. The covers improved massively too, there was obviously a talented artist at the club!



The cover art also provides a valuable record of what the club was like back then. This Summer of 65 cover clearly shows the clubhouse without the brick extension with a small shed at the back, a water filled ditch to cross to get to the water and the OD's hut approximately where it is today. There was also no path round the lake at this point and this

can also be seen in the picture. Even by this date the club was having an auction sale of abandoned items at the club – anything not sold would be burnt!!

By the time the 60's were drawing to a close Mrs P Blunt was Editor in Chief. Membership was still thriving and the club was moving forward year by year. If anybody has a set of 1970's Windmills I'll be happy to read them next!

Scribbler



Poetry Corner ...homage to Porpoise and Dolphin!

The Season's Greeting's sailors all, from Porpoise,
Earlwood's poet,
Should you have a protest, Well now's the time to stow
it,
Forget the time I hit you, On Starboard rounding Grebe,
And the time I luffed you, Right into a Willow tree!
Forget the oaths I've uttered, My conduct somewhat
rough,
The curses that I muttered, Were just to put you off!
Forget the time I pinched your crew, (SHE didn't seem to
mind!)

Too bad that there was no-one else, And you got left
behind!
That day I took your rudder, And forgot to put it back,
I saw the OD shudder, So sorry it had cracked!
I'm sorry you were angry, When I barged in at the bouy,
The only race I ever won, it really was a joy,
Merry Christmas, Mighty Helmsmen,
Your crews and families too,
And all the friends I meet at Earlwood,
A prosperous New Year to you!

"Porpoise" Xmas 1964