

# ELSC Windmill Sept 06



Dramatic skies and the risk of grounding – truly the sport of kings!

## Summer Season at Earlswood Lakes

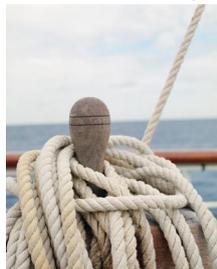
Well, the summer season at Earlswood has been a notable one for the number of competitions and series that have been running and the number of people who have been out sailing.

It's been great to see our newest members getting right into the spirit of things and competing right from the off and already there's work for the handicap committee to do! ;-)

On the water Steve Perring has been

the outstanding sailor in this period notching three trophies (see results page). Of course the water itself is notable at the moment...by it's absence! Still, the lawn that has sprung up at the water's edge is growing well, so if the level doesn't recover, we might be able to play cricket next year!

*James P.*



## Commodore's Report

Welcome to all the new club members. It is great to see new faces. I was Officer of the Day for the first Wednesday afternoon this year, and very busy it turned out to be, with lots of children and some of them were from the July course. It was a lovely hot day, not a lot of wind but every body seemed to enjoy themselves and the summer Wednesday afternoons have been very successful.

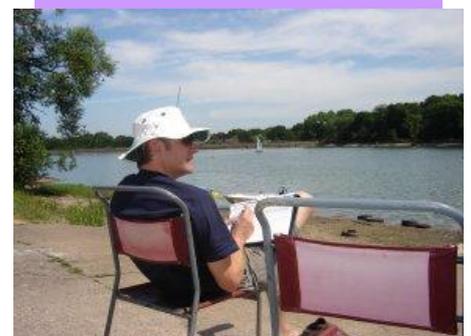
It has been brought to my attention, that members do not feel they can practice their sailing on Saturdays or Sundays when the racing is going on - PLEASE SAIL at

these times, it is the only time that the rescue boat is manned, all us racing sailors ask, is that you stay clear of the start line and from any of the buoys whilst the race is in progress. Sunday sailing is quite quiet these days so every body is welcome and of course the bar opens at lunchtime. It is always a good opportunity to do the post mortem.

*Diane M3241*

## Events Diary:

- **Novice Endeavour Cup**  
– 16th Sept  
- h/cap RS300 103 or less
- **King George Fund**  
- 1st October
- **Development Training**  
– 28th October
- **RNLI**  
– 29th October
- **Assistant Instructor training**  
– 4th November
- **Halloween Party**  
– 4th November
- **Quiz Night**  
– 9th December
- **Boxing Day Bottle**  
- 26th Dec
- **Hangover Handicap**  
- 1st Jan



The OD gets to work.. it's a hard life!



Who jumped the gun?



There may be trouble ahead.....



## Merlin Open – Calm reflections as the guests prevail

Home advantage, it seems, is a much over-rated advantage at Earlswood! It doesn't seem to matter by how many we outnumber the visitors, we always seem to be outdone by well set up boats and people who are well prepared for our local conditions. Perhaps it's because they have to get up earlier than us!

Nine boats started the first race towards Coot and the light variable Northerly winds meant that congestion around the marks was to be a feature of the day.

Between race 1 and 2 excellent lunch was served by Cherie leaving everybody refreshed and ready to fight the elements again.

Race two again got off to a controversial start with a recall for a home sailor. This race also resulted in a protest for a meeting of boats at Windmill,

but the alleged protest being dropped eventually due to a procedural issue.

In the end it was difficult for our home Merlin fleet to compete with only Frank Fern just about holding his own. In the end Midland SC's Paul Hollis and his son Ben prevailed with Matt Biggs and Steve Leney of Blithfield SC taking second and third.

### Final Results

1 <sup>st</sup> Paul Hollis	Midland SC
2 <sup>nd</sup> Matt Biggs	Blithfield SC
3 <sup>rd</sup> Steve Leney	Blithfield SC
4 <sup>th</sup> Dave Fowler	RYA
5 <sup>th</sup> Frank Fern	Earlswood SC

*Frank Fern*



The Southampton Boat Show  
15th -21st September 2006

## Summer Ball

### -bounce the night away!

Boing! Boing! Posh Frocks and a band that rocks were the order of the day at the 62<sup>nd</sup> (probably) annual Summer Ball. Hosted by her Ladyship Baroness Tabitha of Twitchet and ably supported by the wonderful efforts of Lord Peter of Gazebo, Sir Mike of Guest, Lady Jenny of Jibsheet and the young ladies of the court, Lady Laura of Crew, and Lady Hayley of Uni. "Swim with Sharks" provided the musical entertainment and Dave Smith made a special appearance on the bouncy boxing as the Court Jester. In the Jousting competition Rory was declared champion as the sun fizzled slowly into the lake – and evaporated all of the water!

*James P.*



The Protest was resolved in a different way.....

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

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## ELSCbay

*I am in need of a boat!  
Wanted... Laser Classic with XD  
kit in good condition. Anything  
considered.*

**0121 705 8970 Bob Jones.**

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



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

*Novice Endeavour Cup on  
16<sup>th</sup> Sept-a great way for a  
high handicapper to win a  
race prize!*

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### **Novice Focus:**

**Volunteer to be an  
AOD to an  
experienced OD...it'll  
help your confidence!**



### **Email List for Everyone!**

It's easier to communicate with you all  
via email in most cases, so don't miss  
out and join the Earlswood Lakes  
Sailing Club email D-List. Very useful  
for OD Duty swaps, finding a crew,  
finding a helm... the possibilities are  
endless.!

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## Terry Palmer Trophy– Low Handicapper wins shock!

I blew it! I knew I would. With a handicap of 117 and a reduced field on the day due to summer hols, I should have walked away with this trophy.

The Terry Palmer has been reduced to a 3 race series this year and it has always been there for the taking by a higher handicapper who Alan hasn't quite nobbled completely yet, so I had high hopes of winning this despite being short of a crew and sailing an Enterprise against a field that included the Lasers of Alan Wright and Steve Perring, and the Enterprise of Graham Bentley.

Eight boats started the first race on a beat to eXtra and a Westerly light to moderate in patches wind. The course of X, C and G all to Port would prove tricky as the wind jumped around the lake making position on the water hard to read. I took a 3<sup>rd</sup> in the first race and knew I had made a few mistakes which had cost me some time.

Second race and I set about correcting my errors and avoided tacking completely on the beat from Grebe to Xtra on every lap. First place by 2 mins (after handicap) in this race. Sweet!

So, it was all down to race three. A 2<sup>nd</sup> or a 1<sup>st</sup> and I'm stealing the silverware. DOH! A gust picks me up on my practice start and I ship a bunch of water two minutes before the start. Bailing frantically I manage to get back to a starting position but I drag my feet and make some naive decisions around Coot trying to push too hard. I take 3<sup>rd</sup> again by 22 secs from Steve in 2<sup>nd</sup> who scoops the trophy. Oh well, always next year! Well done Steve!

Results:

- 1<sup>st</sup> 3pts Steve Perring – Laser
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 4pts James Patterson – Ent
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 4pts Alan Wright – Laser

*James Patterson*



It should have been me! – Bah!

## Summer Bottle

I love the one day events at Earlswood. So often the results are turned on small changes in the wind, a minor loss of concentration or a bad decision to tack, or not. It means that most races are close and that every second counts.

This usually results in a single point separating first and second in an event. It is also rare for a single helm to sweep 3 firsts in any event, so no-one is untouchable.

Having said that, Frank Fern came close in this one.

In the Summer Bottle the fleet of 10 was led home by Frank, Skip and Bob Marshall in the first race, with Graham Bentley in fourth.

This must have galvanized Graham somewhat as he emerged a close winner of round two with Frank second and Skip third.

So as I have described above, all to play for and every breath of wind important for the third race. In situations like this a good start is vital to the chances of securing a result. Sailing over the line in position A, in clean wind and getting the inside line on the windward mark greatly increase the odds in your favour.

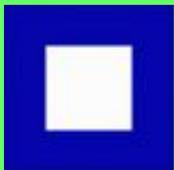
In this case our class reps were left to battle it out for bragging rights in the bar and although both steered clear of the rest of the fleet it was Frank in his Merlin that prevailed with Graham's Enterprise following home by the smallest of margins. Another trophy secured for Frank's mantelpiece.

*James P.*

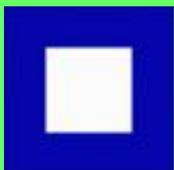
### Starting Flags at ELSC



At **5 Mins**, Raise Class Flag  
And sound the horn  
(This one is Menagerie Start)



At **4 Mins**, Raise Prep Flag  
And sound the horn



At **1 Min**, Lower Prep Flag  
And sound the horn



At **0 Min**, Lower Class Flag  
And sound the horn

## ELSC Results – Summer Bottle, Saturday Improvement, Sunday Burgee.....

### Commodores Shield

Pos	Name	Points	R1	R2	R3
1	Steve Perring	2.0	1.0	4.0	1.0
2	Frank Fern	4.0	6.0	1.0	3.0
3	Graham Bentley	4.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
4	Alan Wright	6.0	3.0	3.0	X
5	Dougie Weir	7.0	5.0	5.0	2.0

### Summer Bottle

Pos	Name	Points	R1	R2	R3
1	Frank Fern	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0
2	Graham Bentley	3.0	4.0	1.0	2.0
3	Paul Dufrane	5.0	2.0	3.0	4.0
4	Robert Marshall	6.0	3.0	4.0	3.0

### Terry Palmer Trophy

Pos	Name	Points	R1	R2	R3
1	Steve Perring	3.0	1.0	7.0	2.0
2	James Patterson	4.0	3.0	1.0	3.0
3	Alan Wright	4.0	6.0	3.0	1.0
4	Ted Kington	7.0	2.0	5.0	X

### Gadet Teapot

Pos	Name	Pts	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
1	P Newbery	2.0	1	1	2	2	3
2	Vicky Styles	2.0				1	1
3	Alex Bajjon	3.0	4	3	1		2

### Gadet Kington Coot

Pos	Name	Pts	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
1	P Newbery	2.0	1	1	2	1	1
2	Vicky Styles	3.0	5	2	1		2
3	Alex Bajjon	8.0	4	4			

### Saturday Improvement Number of races: in series - 11 to count - 6

Pos	Name	Points	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11
1	Adrian Nudds	9.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	7.0	1.0		2.0		11.0	2.0	2.0
2	Alex Bajjon	11.0	3.0	3.0		6.0	2.0	9.0		3.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
3	Paul Dufrane	25.0	5.0	4.0		1.0	7.0	6.0		4.0	5.0		

### Summer Saturday Pursuit Number of races in series -> 11 to count -> 6

Pos	Name	Points	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11
1	Bob Lewis	7.0	1.0	2.0			1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	
2	Paul Dufrane	19.0	2.0	4.0		3.0	2.0			6.0	2.0		
3	Alex Bajjon	19.0	3.0	5.0	10.0	7.0	2.0		6.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	

### Summer Morning races in series - 7 to count - 4

Pos	Name	Points	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7
1	Alan Wright	8.0	3.0		2.0		3.0	2.0	1.0
2	Frank Fern	11.0	4.0	2.0		4.0	1.0		5.0
3	Steve Perring	12.0	4.0		1.0		5.0		2.0

### Sunday Burgee Number of races: in series - 7 to count -> 4

Pos	Name	Points	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7
1	Graham Bentley	5.0	1.0	2.0		1.0	1.0		
2	Frank Fern	8.0	1.0	2.0		1.0	4.0		4.0
3	Alan Wright	9.0	2.0		2.0		3.0	2.0	3.0

### Midweek Number of races: in series - 10 to count - 5

Pos	Name	Points	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
1	Steve Perring	5.0		1.0	1.0		1.0	1.0		1.0	1.0	
2	Di Thornton	10.0	1.0	4.0	2.0	3.0	5.0		17.0	2.0	2.0	
3	Paul Dufrane	17.0	2.0	10.0	12.0	8.0	4.0	4.0		3.0	4.0	

### 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

## Commodores' Shield

Unfortunately there was no sign of the Commodore being in the running for the Commodore's Shield! An enormous field of 19 boats in all classes started the first race making the first windward mark interesting and giving the OD a headache with the all of the scribbling required.

The event was dominated by our class reps with the first race going to Steve Perring with Graham Bentley second and Alan Wright third.

Despite a sixth place in the first race Frank Fern came back to win the second race knocking Steve down to fourth with Graham and Alan repeating their first race results.

A slightly reduced fleet in the third race saw some clearer water to be had and a little less congestion around the marks. This obviously played into the hands of the better sailors and it was Steve Perring that emerged triumphant with Frank Fern taking second overall, Graham having retired in heat three, but still retaining third overall.

## New Members Welcome On Board

Welcome to our newest members from Alex's Training Days.

S. Axtmann	Crew
S. Barbour	Crew
M. Beck	Crew
P. Breakwell	Crew
M. Charley	Crew
M. & Adam Clark	Crew & Junior C
K. Davey	Family
S. Hawkins	Crew
Mr. Newbery	Crew
Andrew & Joe Raine	Crews Junior
Niels Velthuisen	Crew

*Alex Layton*

## Pete Newbery – Perseverance wins through in Weymouth!

The journey to Weymouth by minibus for the Sea Cadet Area Sailing competition took ages. After 5 hours on the road we arrived at Weymouth Training Centre at 10.00 p.m. on the Friday night. The competition was scheduled to start at 9.30 am on Saturday morning.

After a talking most of the night, we were woken at 6.30 am for breakfast and a briefing session. We then walked down to Weymouth Harbour where our allocated Toppers awaited. The weather was cold, windy and wet and once out of the safety of the harbour, the full force of the wind, rain and waves hit.

Four one hour races were scheduled for the day. Two before lunch, (back to back) and the same after lunch. Twenty-one Toppers sailed towards to the start mark, but only a handful arrived; the weather was so bad. At the end of the day there were only 4 Toppers racing. There was plenty of safety cover however and they really did do a fantastic job keeping us safe.

In the first race, Cooper from South Wales took the lead, but a mistake during the race meant that he had to do another lap or be disqualified. This mistake gave me my first win on the sea. During the second race, I came a close second to Cooper's first. The results of the third and fourth races were the same. At the end of the first day Cooper was leading 3 points to my 5 points. What a difference another day makes.



Best of luck to Laura on a very big ship! A Report in the next Windmill.

Sunday dawned bright, sunny and windless. All of the toppers entered made it to the start line this time. Again I came second, the winner being a girl, whose name I can't remember. In the final race, I was determined to win and I did. This meant my total points were 8 (including one discard). Cooper who came third in both races now had 9 points. I had won the Area Sailing Competition by one point!

At the presentation that followed, I was presented with a cup, medal and certificate. Now, I have to travel to Portsmouth to compete in the National Sailing Competition, this time representing the South West Area. I'll let you know how I get on, or maybe not!

*Peter Newbery*

The club extends it's congratulations to Peter on his excellent achievement! Well done!

*Diane.*

### Limerick Corner ...all poetry welcome!

Graham Bentley said it was best,  
If I did a buoyancy test,  
I looked proud and handsome,  
As I sat on my transom,  
But it sank right up to my chest!

There once was a sailor called Ted  
who got out of the wrong side of bed  
he swore at his crew  
though they knew what to do  
still he shouts 'til his face goes all red !

Peter's boat is too light we all cry  
But he assures us it's legal when dry  
but some of us doubt  
that if the helm got out  
the boat wouldn't float it would fly !

Some people they sail in a stream  
some people they sail on a team  
but isn't it rotten,  
when your board hits the bottom  
At Earlswood deep water's a dream!

All Limericks anon for legal reasons!