

# ELSC WINDMILL

# SPRING 08



This game of hide and seek went very, very wrong!

## New Year, New Look for the Windmill!

Wow! It hardly seems like the months have had time to pass and we're back at the Grand Splash! So let's be having you all out in force for the opening events.

I could be wrong but I think we have never had the Grand Splash and the Easter Egg on consecutive weekends! It just shows the effect Global Warming is having, or something like that. Anyway, the

Dinner Dance and Prize Giving was a hoot as usual. Thanks to Jenny.

A refreshed look too for the Windmill this year. It'll be easier on your ink cartridges too. However I can't say that the new "red top" style won't rub off onto some of the articles. So check out breast on this bird! Phwoar!

## Commodore's Report

Hi Everyone,

It's the start of the season, summer will soon be with us and Wednesday evening sailing is not far off. What a winter, there has either been too much wind or not enough. Some great sailing and plenty of numbers out on the water for the Winter Series despite the odd Glacier!

Good to see so many out on the water over winter, and it's been nice to see the increase in the number of blue sails getting in Frank's way!



*James*

If you're inexperienced, don't be afraid to ask someone about the rules rounding marks etc – if you're experienced, try and pass it on to others where you see it going wrong.

Best of luck to you all in the coming season.

*Jenny P*

### Events Diary:

~Working Party

Sat 15th Mar 10am

~Saturday Sailing Starts

Sat 22nd Mar 2pm

~ GRAND SPLASH!

Sun 16th Mar 10am

~ Easter Egg

23rd March

~ Laser Open

1st April

~Enterprise Open

4th May



Annual Dinner Dance  
- report

**If you find something wrong with a club boat please report it so it can be repaired. If you borrow from one to sail another, please return it afterwards and leave it fit for use!**

## 2007 Results in Full

Saturday Winter Srs Adrian Nudds  
 Saturday Winter Personal Handicap  
 Dave Coombs

### SUNDAY SERIES

Icicle Steve Perring  
 Snowflake Frank Fern  
 Sunday Morning Points Frank Fern

### SPRING CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP:

Merlin Frank Fern  
 Laser Steve Perring  
 National Twelve No Qualifiers  
 Enterprise Graham Bentley  
 Menagerie Darren Layton  
 Novice series Heather Wood  
 Novice Endeavour Dave Pendleton  
 Summer Morning Points Frank Fern  
 Sunday Morning Burg Steve Perring  
 Brass Monkey Peter Nottingham

### WINTER CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP:

Merlin Frank Fern  
 Laser Steve Perring  
 Nations! Twelve No Qualifiers  
 Enterprise Alex Layton  
 Solo Ian McDowall  
 Menagerie Ian McDowall  
 Frostbite Series Frank Fern

### ONE DAY EVENTS

Grand Splash Ian Ingram  
 Easter Egg Terry Bridgewater  
 Summer Bottle David Colman  
 Commodore's Shield Frank Fern  
 Terry Palmer Trophy Terry Bridgewater  
 King George Fund Frank Fern  
 R.N.LI. Dave Smith  
 Boxing Day Bottle James Patterson  
 Hangover Handicap Ian Ingram  
 Blue Sail Dave Vanes  
 Interclass Cup Steve Perring  
 Interclass Vintage Steve Perring

### WEDNESDAY SERIES

Midweek Trophy Dougie Weir  
 Twilight Trophy Jon Wood

### CADET TROPHIES

Junior Series Alex Bajjon  
 Cadet Teapot Peter Newbery  
 Kington Coot Peter Newbery

### OTHER TROPHIES

Best Crew Karen Layton  
 Best Improver Jon Wood

## Earlswood Prize giving and Dinner Dance

The Annual Earlswood Prize giving and Dinner Dance took place last weekend at the George Hotel in Solihull. Our yearly shindig was well attended again this year and a good time was had by all present.

Fine dining and excellent service from the hotel staff once again made it a great night for the food lovers amongst us.

The raffle raised over £100 with a great set of prizes and a slide show of several hundred photos kept people entertained in the bar area away from the helter skelter of the Howard King disco!

James Patterson was Master of Ceremonies again and introduced the first speaker of the night, Alex Silk who toasted the Ladies of the club and made a new members' speech. Jenny responded by describing how she had first been lured to the lakes!

On the Trophy hunt it was Steve Perring and Frank Fern, who scooped the most silverware but watch out for Terry who is sneaking up on the rails. Our collective thanks to Jenny for another splendid event.



## Scribbler



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

### ELSC Officers 2008

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*Wanted: New Bar Committee Members, anyone interested please see Pete Middleton asap! 01564 826000*

Many thanks to **Mike Sharples** for donating a Laser to the club as he is leaving to live in the Lake District. The club wishes you all the best Mike.



### 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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### ODs

**Check the Racing Programme and swap any unavailable duties early!**

**Note to ODs:  
Please write the results on the boards in the clubhouse!**

### ELSC Committee 2008

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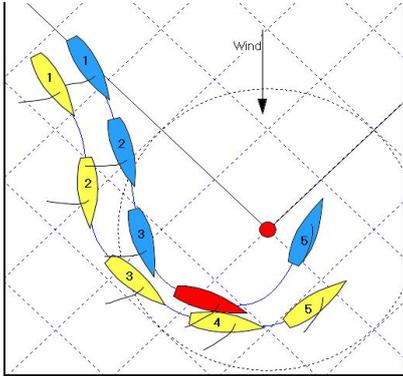
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**Have we got your changed email address? Don't miss out – let James P know it asap.**



## Rules Quiz – You decide who’s in the right!

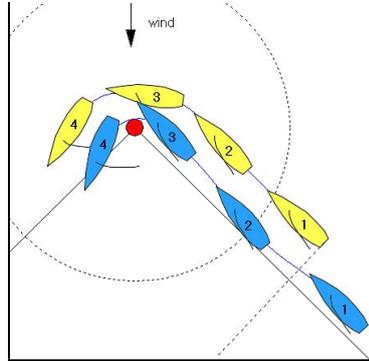
Rule 18 is commonly called the “buoy room” rule, but its real title is “Rounding and Passing Marks and Obstructions.” It applies almost every time you round a mark, and also when you pass obstructions. See if you can decide who is right and wrong in the examples below.



**At a Leeward, Port Mark. Blue has inside Port overlap**

**Blue enters wide and exits close hauled. They touch at “4”.**

- A.** Blue broke rule 18 by taking too much room.
- B.** Blue broke rule 11 by not keeping clear.
- C.** Blue was entitled to take enough room to round the mark as if yellow was not there.



**At the Windward mark, rounding to Port, The blue boat catches a gust into the mark. Yellow leaves no room and there is contact.**

- A.** Yellow did not keep clear in breach of Rule 18.
- B.** Blue did not keep clear in breach of rule 18.
- C.** Blue was not overlapped at 2 boat lengths and so broke rule 18.

**ON**

Rule 18 turns on when boats become “about to round or pass” the mark or obstruction. This is a judgment call based on a number of factors including boatspeed and sea conditions.

Rule 18 turns off when both boats have passed the mark, or left it astern. This is usually when the stern of the trailing boat is “clear ahead” of the mark (as shown here).

**OFF**

**Rule 18:** Applies when boats are about to round or pass a mark (usually 2 boat lengths) until they have passed it.

It generally gives an inside boat that was overlapped at the 2 boat lengths point the right to room at the mark.

It does not apply however, to the starting marks in the approach to the start (“anti-barging” rule) or to boats on opposite tacks approaching a windward mark.

## OD HUT Changes

Folks, we have put a **new plastic toolbox in the OD hut** cupboard with all of the OD hut stuff in it. (boat keys, watch, rules book, pens etc). It’s in the OD Hut in the brown Cupboard. The locker in the Ladies Changing room is now not needed and the only key required to do OD Duty is the Club Key.

We’ve also reinstated a **new bell push** horn on the OD desk, that **drives the air horn directly** from the battery and I’ve put decent croc clips on the horn battery connectors and the charger so that connections are no longer an issue. The mains feed to the car horn can be used with the blue 25m extension cable as a back up.



This does mean that the **old OD button box is now completely redundant, and should not be used.** The new 25m mains extension cable can run from the clubhouse to the OD hut to get heat into the OD hut until mains is fully restored.

If you are OD please **put the OD Hut battery on charge first thing**, and use it because it’s much louder on the water, especially on windy days!



*Scribbler*

## Earlswood Lakes Sailing Club Race Programme 2008 – The early fixtures!

SUNDAY	10:00	11:30					
SUNDAY 1 DAY	10:00	11:15	12:15				
SATURDAY			14:00	15:30			
WEDNESDAY			14:45	15:45	19:10		
							
DATE	DAY					OD	AOD
16 Mar	SUN	GRAND SPLASH 1      2      3				A Wright	M Clark
22 Mar	SAT		S 1	SSP 1	D Smith	J Hawkins	
23 Mar	SUN	EASTER EGG 1      2      3				A Layton	M Rollason
29 Mar	SAT		S 2	SSP 2	S Stewart	D Pitt	
30 Mar	SUN	AM 1	CC 1		P Dufrane	D Haywood	
5 Apr	SAT		S 3	SSP 3	B Farmer	C Styles	
6 Apr	SUN	LASER OPEN 1      2      3				G Bentley	J Butroid D Pendleton
12 Apr	SAT		S 4	SSP 4	R Marshall	D Coleman	
13 Apr	SUN	AM 2	CC 2		D Weir	D Gabb	
19 Apr	SAT		S 5	SSP 5	M Humphrey	P Stedman	
20 Apr	SUN	AM 3	CC 3		M Clark	A Jones	
26 Apr	SAT		S 6	SSP 6	T Bridgewater	E Bridgewater	
27 Apr	SUN	AM 4	CC 4		L Carter	E Carter	
30 Apr	WED			W 1	A Wright		
3 May	SAT		S 7	SSP 7	A Pearson	R Jones	
4 May	SUN	ENTERPRISE OPEN 1      2      3				P Middleton	K Marsay P Steel

### Training Principal's Report

We've already had a good response to our training courses for 2008. We've signed up plenty for the course in April. Fees for the courses have been raised slightly to £137 for adults and £110 for juniors.

Five more buoyancy aids are being bought to refresh the training stocks, as well as new tiller arm extensions for the club boats.

Safety boat handling and familiarization courses can be run for those who want it by arrangement, as well as Sailing Improvement courses. If anyone is interested in either of these then I'll be happy to organize them. Please email me at [Layton10@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:Layton10@blueyonder.co.uk).

*Alex Layton*

### Treasurer's Report

Steve Perring's our treasurer and he says that the accounts are quite healthy. Membership is slightly up on the same period last year and the accounts have been approved by the club scrutinizers and put before the AGM where they were accepted.

The AGM minutes are on the wall in the main hut.



## Time for a CLASS Racing rethink? Alan Wright reflects.....

The Committee recently discussed the viability of class racing at the Club. Currently, we hold a Spring and an Autumn series on Sunday. The idea is that boats in a class (for example: Merlin Rockets) have their own race start and compete against each other for a class trophy. No times need to be taken and first over the line wins the race. It's a very 'pure' form of racing and it's easy to see where you are at any time - unless you're upside down!

In the good old days, centuries ago, there were only a few classes of boat at Earlswood. Merlins, National 12s, Enterprises and Lasers were the main, if not the only fleets in the early 1980s. Each had their own start with the fastest fleet (Merlins) starting first. Also, each had their own trophies and competition for them was keen.

Now we have close on 20 types of boat and, to accommodate all these, a Menagerie fleet start was established. This in turn has meant the demise of the older classes, most notably the National 12, so that in recent years we have only had separate class starts for Merlins and Lasers, plus the Menagerie start for all others.



Dermot stops at the Dam to "tweak"

Within the Menagerie fleet was the added complication that the National 12s, Enterprises and Solos still had their own competition with their own trophies. So, an Enterprise sailor (usually Graham Bentley!) was able to win both the Enterprise trophy and the overall Menagerie trophy.

The Committee had about as many views as the numbers on the Committee! Eventually, we decided that Class racing should be continued for this year and reviewed before the 2009 season. The following changes have been made for 2008 and these are reflected in the OD manual, a new version of which is online on the website:

1. A separate class start for Enterprises is re-introduced - on the basis that there seem to be an increase in the number of Enterprise sailors.
2. The classes will start in the order: Merlins - on the zero of 5-4-1-0; Lasers - one minute later; Enterprises - one minute after the Laser start; Menagerie (all other boats) - one minute after the Enterprise start.
3. Enterprises, National 12s and Solos cannot compete for the Menagerie trophies, as they have their own.

The real hope is that there will be better support for class racing, particularly those fleets who still have their own starts. As one member of the Committee put it: "You can't have a class race if there is only one boat of your class sailing."

So... how about it? Send your views to Alan Wright [alan\\_sailaway@ntlworld.com](mailto:alan_sailaway@ntlworld.com)