

ELSC Windmill Spring 11

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Smiffy takes a break whilst Mike and Pete take advantage!



Summertime, and the water is high and mighty

It is a great time to start being the new Commodore. The sun is out and the official start of the sailing season is upon us. The figures for last years sailing are a credit to the friendliness of the club and the competitive racing. I am looking forward to a great turn out for the Grand Splash on Sunday. **Some** time ago the club set some money aside to repair the jetty, work was due to start as soon as the levels dropped, however we have now finished our 4th year with full water levels. This has taken its toll on the structure of the jetty and despite the loving care Iain has put in, we are losing the fight. We will therefore need to look at this over the next few months. If anyone has any skills/ materials/ or thoughts please let me know. Watch this space as when we start we will need as much help as possible. **For** those who didn't know, it is the clubs 50th year. To celebrate we will be holding an event on the 16th July. We hope to combine the two things the club does well, sailing and a fun social event in the afternoon

going on till the evening. Clear your diaries and we will forward an official invitation closer to the time. Sue is also organising other events and I look forward to seeing you all there. **Our** training program is fundamental to the success of the club. Following demand from last year we will be running 2 training courses this year for beginners, they will be all day Saturday and new for 2011 all day Sunday. Therefore there will not be any club sailing on these days as we will have more trainees on the water. Robert is also organising Laser training events and we are also hoping to have a development day later in the year. If you are interested please contact Alex. I would like to thank Alex and the other instructors for all their help and support for the coming year. I look forward to sailing with you all and let's hope that the wind is favourable and the sun keeps shining.

Darren Layton



Events Diary:

~Grand Splash

Sun 13th March

~Laser Training

Sat 19th March

~Bingo Night

Sat 26th March

~Laser Open

Sun 27th March

~ Training Weekend

Sat/Sun 9th/10th April

No Club Sailing this w'kend

~Enterprise Open

Sun 22nd May

I want your photos of Sailing over the years at Earlswood....featuring people if poss for a Summer Ball Gallery!
James.



Original bailing from 1961

Prize Winners 2010

Hangover Handicap	Neil Marshall
Icicle ~	Mike Guest
Snowflake~	Robert Marshall
Grand Splash~	Steve Perring
Easter Egg~	Robert Marshall
Spring Saturday~	Mark Cuxson
Spring Saturday Pursuit~	Neil Marshall
Sunday Morning Points	Iain McDowall
Spring Class (Merlin)	Frank Fern
Spring Class (Laser)	Alan Wright
Spring Class (N 12)	** no qualifiers
Spring Class (Enterprise)	Graham Bentley
Spring Class (Solo)	** no qualifiers
Spring Class (M'gerie)	Mike Guest
Commodore's Shield	Steve Perring
Midweek	Mike Guest
Summer Bottle	Graham Bentley
Junior Series	Paisley Hall
Saturday Improvement	Mark Cuxson
Summer Saturday Pursuit	Bob Lewis
Summer Morning Points	Alan Wright
Sunday Burgee	Graham Bentley
Novice Series	Ian Evans
Terry Palmer Trophy	Graham Bentley
Twilight	Pete Nottingham
Novice Endeavour Cup	Ellie Boot
King George Fund	Mike Guest
Brass Monkey	Jon Wood
Winter Class (Merlin)	Jon Wood
Winter Class (Laser)	Steve Perring
Winter Class (N 12)	** no qualifiers
Winter Class (Ent)	Graham Bentley
Winter Class (Solo)	Iain McDowall
Winter Class (Mge)~	Steve Perring
Winter Saturday	Bob Lewis
Saturday Winter Persnl	Jamie Cuxson
RNLI	Peter Newbery
Frostbite	Steve Perring
Boxing Day Bottle	Frozen
Blue Sail (Enterprise)	Graham Bentley
Interclass Cup	Mike Guest
Interclass Vintage Cup	Mike Guest
Best crew	Heather Wood

Mass Gatherings! Heads must roll.....



Student uprising..... sit in protests....

In a surprising parallel to the current issues in the Middle East at the moment, a mass gathering of members of the club ran riot after rallying speeches from various officials and it all served to end the reign of the present Commodore and send him off with a bang!

A great turnout at the George, with a host of silverware and winners, gave Terry his final fling at dishing out the booty to the deserving winners.

In a poignant speech Terry said he had enjoyed his years at the helm and hoped that Earlswood would always been seen as a small friendly club where people know each other and muck in and help each other.

Music was once again provided by the very able Nudz disco and dancing continued until late into the night.

The club extends its thanks once more to Sue Stewart for putting in the effort as Social Sec and organising the event.

James



Treasures Looted...



Dear leader defends "friendly regime"



& Take That deny new split with Robbie....

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

ELSC DAY

Summer Party Coming
Soon.....sat July 16th



Bingo Night
Earlswood Lakes SC
Saturday 26th March
£6 per person 7.00 to 10.30pm
Fish and Chip Supper and 5 free game cards included
Super Prizes & Fun for all!
book your place: james@jamespatterson.org
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www.earlswoodsc.co.uk

ODs

Remember to lock up any club Toppers or Oppies after OD duty. You should also "Cash up" the Galley at the end of your duty, making sure you put any boat hires in.

ELSC Committee 2011

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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.!

Post message:

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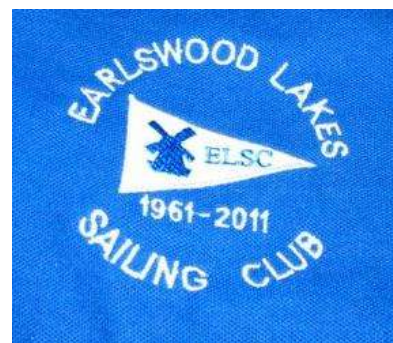
James Patterson.

Note to ODs:

Please write the results on the boards in the clubhouse!



Centreboard Centrefolds!!



Top Rules Advice – Overtaking Boat

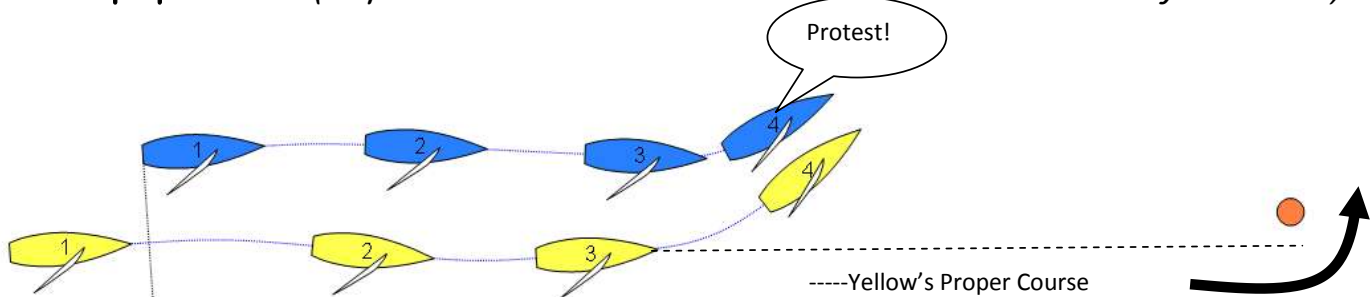
In the last Windmill I started to discuss the rules that affected you when you wanted to overtake another boat and that whether you had right-of-way or not depended on which side you over-took on.

However there is one extra restriction that applies if you over take a boat to leeward...

Rule 17

“If a boat clear astern becomes overlapped within two of her hull lengths to leeward of a boat on the same tack, she shall not sail above her proper course while they remain on the same tack and overlapped within that distance...”

So a boat that overtakes another boat to leeward (in the advantageous position in terms of rules) cannot sail above her proper course. (Proper Course: The course a boat would sail in the absence of any other boats)



In this situation Yellow overtakes Blue to leeward therefore she has Right-of-Way according to Rule 11, therefore Blue bore away and collided with Yellow, Blue would be in the wrong. However, according to Rule 17, Yellow cannot sail above her proper course to push Blue out of the way. **If Yellow is sailing below her proper course when she overtakes Blue, she can force Blue up until she reaches her proper course, but no further!**



Malcolm attempts the beam reach

This is not a common rule that comes that often but it is probably a good one to bear in mind. If you have any questions about it or require further clarification please don't hesitate to ask. Also, if you come across situations while on the water and are unsure on who is in the right/wrong, email me the details and I will try and let you know the answer. I will also publish some them in the next edition of the Windmill (as they are usually a bit more interesting than the situations that I make up!)

Alex Bajjon alex_bajjon@hotmail.com

The Laser Open takes place on Sunday 27th March, with the first race at 11am. Pete Newbery won last year's event so here's hoping he repeats that success this year. We had 19 entries in 2010 and it would be good to beat that if we could - all entrants welcome as it is a great experience sailing in a Laser only fleet just for once.

I'm arranging a training session for the morning of Saturday 19th March from 10 till 1. Items to cover are: Rigging the boat - Setting controls - Starting.

We may do some theory on roll tacking (and even some practice for the more adventurous!). Everyone welcome but it probably helps to have a Laser of some description!



Light winds cause havoc at Xtra!

Regards *Robert Marshall* robert195318@gmail.com

ELSC Summer Fixtures 2011

Earlswood Lakes Sailing Club Race Programme 2011

Please note the day when you are on duty and arrive early to prepare the races.
If the date is unsuitable then please arrange a swap. If you are OD and swapping, let Alan Wright he can send the duty reminder to the right person; otherwise let the relevant ODs know of the swap the master copy of this program in the Clubhouse with the swap.

Please read carefully: The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or injury howsoever caused to the owner or competitor, his skipper or result of their taking part in any of these races. Moreover, every owner or competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for racing.



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SUNDAY	10:00	11:30				
SUNDAY 1 DAY	10:00	11:15	12:15			
SATURDAY			14:00	15:30		
WEDNESDAY					19:10	
DATE	DAY			OD	AOD	
13 Mar	SUN	GRAND SPLASH 1 2 3		J Patterson	L Busby	
19 Mar	SAT		SS 1 SSP 1	D Pitt	G Rogers	
20 Mar	SUN	AM 1	CC 1	D O'Brien	D Lawrie	
26 Mar	SAT		SS 2 SSP 2	R Marshall	D Gabb	
27 Mar	SUN	LASER OPEN 1 2 3		J Wood	G Bentley / J Butroid	
2 Apr	SAT		SS 3 SSP 3	D Vanes	I Evans	
3 Apr	SUN	AM2	CC2	A Layton	M Rollason	
9 Apr	SAT	Training weekend - No racing		**	**	
10 Apr	SUN	Training weekend - No racing		**	**	
13 Apr	WED		MW 1	S Perring	**	
16 Apr	SAT		SS 4 SSP 4	S Stewart	C Styles	
17 Apr	SUN	AM 3	CC 3	A Jones	R Castle	
20 Apr	WED		MW 2	M Guest	**	
23 Apr	SAT		SS 5 SSP 5	P Clark	B Richard	
24 Apr	SUN	EASTER EGG 1 2 3		A Wright	A Jacks	
27 Apr	WED		MW 3	M Cuxson	**	
30 Apr	SAT		SS 6 SSP 6	A Pearson	J Clark	
1 May	SUN	AM 4	CC 4	J Wood	H Wood	



Drying tree...
Seemples!
Thanks Dave Vanes

Have You Had Your Bottom Checked Recently? We Have!

A couple of weeks ago, British Waterways came and chugged round our lake in a little boat complete with satnav and sonar devices on board. This will result in a neatly contoured chart of the bottom of the lake and we have been promised a copy. Is there really still a bomb crater somewhere towards the Southern end of the Lake?

Where are the best places to capsize? All should be revealed soon.

Steve



Crew of the Year 2010

I have been asked to write the early history of Earlswood Lakes Sailing Club and unfortunately it appears that the early minute books and correspondence are now no longer in existence. This is probably my fault, but at that time, I could not have envisaged that I would be sitting down in front of a peculiar suitcase thing with a keyboard trying to recall all that happened.

This has to start as a personal story, because it began in 1957 after I had built a Bell Woodworking Enterprise in my garage and found that I had nowhere to sail it. My only contact with someone who owned a sailing dinghy was John Dyer who sailed a mark 6 Merlin Rocket at Wyre Mill Club on the river Avon and he arranged for me to apply for membership. Unfortunately there was an eighteen month waiting list for membership and I was desperate to try and see if I could sail my new creation. I had already had my first disastrous attempt at Littlehampton on the Arun River, which has the second fastest tide in the country, has a bridge under which the mast would not go and a big Butlin Building to cause unexpected deflections to the wind.

I knew of Earlswood Lakes and had even skated on them in the winter as a boy, so I went and had a chat with the water bailiff; he told me some of the history of the lakes and advised me that the owner of the fishing rights was a Mr Mckay of Jones Mckay and Croxford.

Mr Mackay told me that the only lake on which he would consider allowing sailing was Windmill Pool but he was prepared to negotiate a lease for that purpose.

Vic Lewis (no relation) offered to mention it in his sailing column in the Birmingham Telegraph and a meeting was called. There was obviously a lot of interest and so the club was formed with me as chairman, secretary and treasurer, all rolled into one.



Sailing was blurry back then.....

Several of the experienced sailors were of the opinion that the best sailing was class racing between identical boats, so it was agreed that we would be a three class club and the three classes were to be Merlin Rocket, Enterprise and National 12. We did bend this slightly to accommodate a very keen Firefly sailor by agreeing that he could sail on a par with the National 12s. There was a lot of discussion about what the club should be called and many names were suggested, but it was Harvey Churchward who pointed out that it was best to name the Club geographically.

So we became Earlswood Lakes Sailing Club.

The subs were agreed at:-

Boat owning Ten Guineas (£73 in modern money) and Crewing Three Guineas (£21)

There would be 30 boats in each class.

This allowed me to produce a budget forecast and make an estimate of the maximum we could afford to pay in rent.

So in 1957, I started negotiations with Mr Mackay.....more next time.

Bob Lewis

