

ELSC WINDMILL SUMMER 08



Events Diary:

~Working Party

TBA!

~Merlin Rocket Open

Sun 22nd Jun 11am

~Training Courses

5th and 6th July

~ Commodore's Shield!

Sun 13th July 10am

~Summer Bottle

Sun 27th July 10am



More Hilarious Hull
Balancing action inside!

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anyone know a friendly
qualified electrician
who can do inspections
and issue certificates
etc. If so contact:**

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New AOD
brought in for
Laser Open!

Windy and Splashy and Snowy and Wednesdays

Open Season once again at Earlswood Lakes, and a bizarre turn of weather sees me putting a picture of a snowman on the Summer edition of the Windmill. British weather!

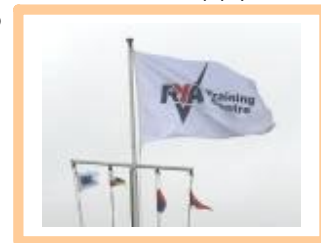
Two Opens (Laser and Ents) have come and gone and the Grand Splash, Easter Egg, Team Racing, a training course and the Junior Champions Cup so it's been a busy early season. We've returned to

Wednesday nights, and if nothing else a relaxing float can be livened up with some bird watching! We definitely saw a Nightjar recently on the lake.

If you're new to the club don't be afraid to ask to crew for someone else to gain experience. Several of us often sail single handed and would be happy to have crew.

Commodore's Report

Well summer's here - or was that it a few weeks ago? The dry/wet suits came out again for the Bank Holiday weekend with the wet and windy conditions and the rescue boats were kept busy on Saturday and Sunday. Well done to all who took part and congratulations to Peter Newbery in the Junior Championship Cup and the Dirty Ducks in the Team Racing. Wednesday evenings are now well under way and it won't be long before we start the afternoons in the school holidays so there is



James

plenty of opportunity to get out on the water. Hopefully the water levels will remain decent and we can have some enjoyable sailing through the summer season. Hope to see many of our new training day sailors out on the water too. Welcome to ELSC!

Jenny P

Grand Splash 2008 – Six of the Best!

Wow! If you thought last seasons' Grand Splash was splashy – this season's grand splash was actually even splashier. Two boats suffered damage and only three out of the six hardy souls who started finished the first race!

Indeed the weather was so severe, with a very strong Northerly coming over the dam that only six were prepared to give it a go. Entertainingly enough all six were in different classes of boat so that must be one for the ELSC record books perhaps? Dave Coleman (Laser), Alex Bajjon (Topper), Graham Bentley (Ent), Dermot O'Brien (RS Vario), Darren Layton (Xenon) and last years winner Ian Ingram (Solo) took to the water in the teeth of a gale and from the very start survival was the order of the day!

Watched by a small warm crowd of chicken hearted (but warm), nearly sailors from the clubhouse, it was Graham Bentley who was first to retire although he did complete 2 laps unreefed which in the circumstances was pretty good. Darren Layton went next with Steve Perring as his crew, a masterful capsize right in front of the clubhouse (despite a reef!). Darren had to be admired for his graceful plunge!

Ian Ingram then quit when a jetty rope broke and his Solo suffered some minor hull damage, and worse was to follow for Alex Bajjon.

His Topper capsized during the break and managed to snap the top part of his mast having got itself stuck under the jetty.

The second race consisted of Dave Coleman and Dermot O'Brien, but after around his 10th Capsize of the day (with the crowd in awe of his resilience) Dermot gave up and parked his boat behind the Safety boat garage! As the only finisher of both races, it pretty much guaranteed Dave Coleman the silverware.



2008 Spring Results

Grand Splash:	Pts	1	2
Dave Coleman:	3	2	1
Dermot O'Brien:	7	4	3
Ian Ingram:	1		
Alex Bajjon:	3		
Darren Layton:	7		
Graham Bentley:	7		

Easter Egg	Pts	1	2	3
Peter Newbery:	2	1	1	1
Malcolm Clark:	4	2	3	2
Alex Silk:	5	7	2	3
Jon Wood:	7	3	8	4
Terry Bridgewater:	9	4	5	
David Coleman:	10	5	5	
Frank Fern:	11	4	7	7
Dermot O'Brien:	12	6	6	
Paul Stedman:				9

Spring Saturday	Name	Points
	Vicky Styles	15
	Robert Marshall	22
	Neil Marshall	33
	Adrian Nudds	
	Terry Bridgewater	
	Dave Pendleton	
	Jack Hawkins	

Spring Saturday Pursuit	Name	Points
	Robert Marshall	17
	Vicky Styles	23
	Neil Marshall	34
	Bob Lewis	
	Mike Guest	
	Terry Bridgewater	
	Paul Dufrane	



Early promise turns into....



Drysuit Highway, as seen from.....



Cowardy Custard Corner!

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

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We need your **OLD TYRES!** If anyone has recently swapped out any decent car tyres, can you please bring them down to the club so we can replace some of the jetty ones that are beyond repair.



Truly a beam reach!

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.

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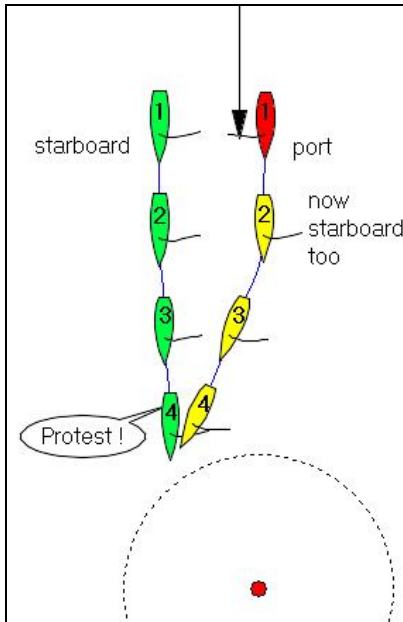
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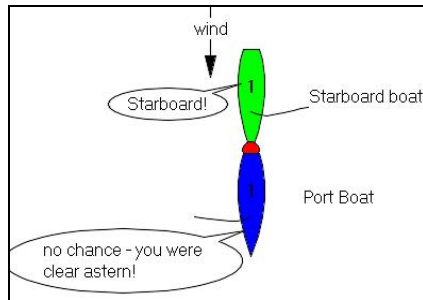


Rules Quiz – The off wind leg

The off wind leg has the potential for all kinds of hilarious sailing! But knowing a few simple rights and wrongs can steer you clear of trouble. Below we have some typical off wind frolics, see if you can



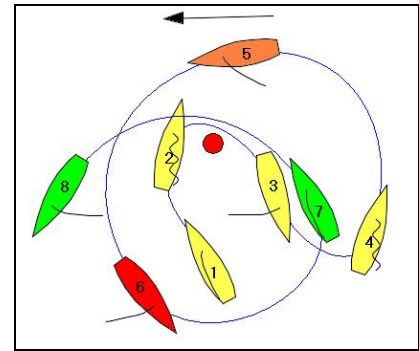
1. Downwind leg and the red boat gybes before the 2 boat area and proceeds to “luff up” to the green boat. There is contact, who should do turns? **Green or Yellow?**



2. While sailing downwind a starboard boat sails up behind a port boat and calls “Starboard”. The Port boat does not respond and the starboard boat makes contact. Who is in the wrong here?

- A. Green was overtaking boat and should keep clear.
- B. Blue did not keep clear in breach of rule 10 (port/starboard).
- C. Green can sail on (only if there is no damage)(rule 14) but blue must do turns.

Answers at foot of page!



Rounding the wrong way.

Rule 28.1: Applies when a boat has rounded the Mark in the wrong direction

This boat has rounded a Port Mark to Starboard and needs to correct herself. However to correct the error the boat has to unwind the original rounding first. At point 5 and 6 she must remember that she has not yet rounded and that she still must proceed to go to steps 7 and 8 to correct the original error. In practice this can be tricky in the presence of other boats - so watch out. No penalty turns apply as long as she did not touch the mark.

Alex Bajjon

Team Racing – Nice Weather for Ducks!



Call a Vet!

Typical Bank Holiday Sunday then! Blowing a gale and persistently raining. As it turned out – it was nice weather for the **Dirty Ducks!**

Dave Smith in a Laser paired with **Darren Layton** in the Xenon and sailed as the Dirty Ducks, with **Frank Fern** as chivalrous crew for Darren (both Jenny and Karen thanked him for this!). **Graham Bentley** and **Janet** paired with **Alex Bajjon** in his Topper and were the **Kick Ass Mules**, and **Robert Marshall** in his Laser with **Dermot** in his RS, were the **Bearly Ables**.

All sorts of incidents ensued, with Darren and Frank capsizing near Coot before the start of the first race, and a few reefs and capsizes later soon wore down the competitors, so after a swift break and a decision to abandon the 3rd race scheduled - the 2nd race left it all to play for. As it turned out team tactics gave way to staying upright and Dave and Darren triumphed with two 1sts and two 3rds, with Graham and Alex following in with 3rds and 4/5ths.



Dermot ended the day with an added souvenir as the boom took a swipe at his head in a nasty gust. We salute your bravery folks!

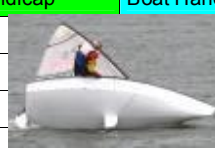
Scribbler

1. The green boat (windward) should have responded to red's luff and given room.(Rule 11 – windward/leeward) 2. B and C are right, this is a Starboard/Port situation.(Rule 10 applies)

Race Programme 2008 – Upcoming fixtures! –not updated for swaps

SUNDAY	10:00	11:30				Personal handicap	Boat Handicap
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	
1 Jun	SUN	AM 7	CC 7		K Marsay	P Newbery	
4 Jun	WED			W 6	D Vanes		
7 Jun	SAT		JN 2	IP 2	SS 2	S Price	M Cuxson
8 Jun	SUN	AM 8	CC 8		I Ingram	A Silk	
11 Jun	WED			W 7	I McDowell		
14 Jun	SAT		JN 3	IP 3	SS 3	D Pendleton	M Humphrey
15 Jun	SUN	NV 1	SP 1	BG 1		G Bentley	J Butroid
18 Jun	WED			W 8	J Patterson		
21 Jun	SAT		JN 4	IP 4	SS 4	P Nottingham	J Clark
22 Jun	SUN	MERLIN ROCKET OPEN 1 2 3				S Perring	D Coleman A Pearson
25 Jun	WED			W 9	P Clark		
28 Jun	SAT		JN 5	IP 5	SS 5	B Farmer	C Styles
29 Jun	SUN	NV 2	SP 2	BG 2		L Carter	E Carter
2 Jul	WED			W 10	C Baugh		
5 Jul	SAT		JN 6	IP 6	SS 6	R Marshall	P Steel
6 Jul	SUN	NV 3	SP 3	BG 3		J Patterson	B Smith
9 Jul	WED			TW 1	J Wood		
12 Jul	SAT		JN 7	IP 7	SS 7	P Stedman	D Gabb
13 Jul	SUN	COMMODORES SHIELD 1 2 3				P Dufrane	D Haywood
16 Jul	WED			TW 2	D Coombs		
19 Jul	SAT		IP 8	SS 8		P Nottingham	A Jones
20 Jul	SUN	NV 4	SP 4	BG 4		P Clark	H Wood
23 Jul	WED			TW 3	M Sharples		
26 Jul	SAT		IP 9	SS 9		C Styles	V Styles
27 Jul	SUN	SUMMER BOTTLE 1 2 3				F Fern	J Parsons



Training Principal's Report - *Alex*

Our April Training course has come and gone. **12 Adults and 7 Young Sailors** took part and we wish them all well with their future sailing. Who knows we may have a future Olympic sailor? A very big thank you to all for making it such a good weekend, under difficult wind conditions. Well done to our Instructors, we also had our R.Y.A. Inspection which we passed with flying colours.

FUTURE TRAINING

July 5th and 6th is the next stage 1 course we still have places available, If you have a friend or colleague who would like to do the training please get in contact with me. We will have a Development day in October for all

sailors to develop the skills you feel are weak. ie race starts, mark rounding, running, and beating, *date to be arranged.*

Our new members are:

Heather Bristow, Sian Rees, Anna Warrington, Mark Bradbury, Jill Bradbury, Andrew Beresford, Richard Davies, Angela Fraser, Charlie Veale, Emma Price, Steven Cross, Michael Blake, Monique King, Eleanor King, Grace Cross, Ben Price, Christopher Price, Helena Newbout and Laura Newbout.

Enterprise Open.....

I remember sailing my first Enterprise Open a few years back and being shocked at how high the waves were when we started at the bottom end of the lake in decent winds with high chop! I think then we've been a little unlucky for the past couple of seasons, as the wind really didn't want to come out and play.

The lack of wind meant that the start line was more of an opportunity for polite conversation than for jostling for position and the start gun of the first race saw seven visitor and four Earlswood crews inch their way towards the 'windward' mark. Since that first Enterprise Open, the visiting crews' ability to sail so consistently fast has always impressed me and this year was no exception with perfect roll tacks and smooth, fluent boat control setting the bench mark for the rest of us. Unfortunately most of the rest of us could not keep up, despite desperately trying to use the tips we had picked up the day before at the Enterprise coaching day.

Nigel Also and Kate Brazier (Tamworth SC) had won the day here last year in very similar conditions and proved again that they are very capable light wind Ent sailors with a first place in race one and two and a third place in race three giving them the overall win for the day. Martin and Laurence Davies took second on the day with Mike Cossey and Christine Barron taking third.

Our own Graham Bentley led home the Earlswood boats with a strong performance to take overall seventh position and the right once again to carve his name on the Blue Sail trophy. I too am now able to say that I have won something at the Ent. Open at long last and after much training and unerring commitment – the raffle. Thanks to all those who helped out on the day both in the galley and with the race admin. etc and surely to goodness we are due some wind next year. -

Paul Clark



'Snow Joke at the Laser open.....



Pretty little sledges aren't they?

An eventful start in Race 3 saw Lewis coming to grief after gambling on port. He capsized while doing his turns and set off in pursuit, reeling in most of the field and finally passing Jim Rosser of Barnt Green to take third place behind Bennett and Brock.

Result:

1 st	Rich Bennett	Retained title
2 nd	Mark Brock	
3 rd	Russell Lewis	First Master
4 th	Steve Perring	
5 th	Jim Rosser	First Youth

First Radial – Richard Kelsall, Banbury
First Lady – Vicky Styles, Earlswood

Sailors arrived in bright sunshine but with three inches of rapidly thawing snow underfoot. A blustery N to NW wind prevailed throughout the day and provided fairly challenging conditions for the 11 competitors.

In Race 1 Rich Bennett of Staunton Harold had a poor start and took a lap or so to emerge in the lead, a position he then held for the rest of the day!! Russell Lewis of Barnt Green held off Mark Brock of Tamworth to take second place.

In Race 2 it was again Brock, Lewis and Steve Perring of Earlswood vying for second place and this time Bennett was followed home by Brock, Perring and then Lewis.

6	Alan Wright
7	David Coleman
10	David Coombs
11	Peter Nottingham



Steve Perring