

ELSC Windmill Winter 07



Darren attempts to run a cruise service to raise club funds!

Coming Up...

Boxing Day Bottle
- 26th Dec

Hangover Handicap
- 1st Jan

Dinner Dance
1st March

Commodore's Christmas Message

Where has this year gone? Time is supposed to fly when you are having fun so I think we must have been enjoying ourselves. We have certainly had some exciting sailing providing entertainment for those both on and off the water. Some new diving techniques have been developed and practised - Frank's backward somersault needs a bit of work still!

Look out for some additions and changes in the sailing calendar for next year and social events are already planned. Don't forget the Boxing Day Bottle - Peter Middleton and I are on duty so look out for "one of those courses" and everyone is welcome to join us for mince pies and mulled wine



afterwards (that includes Granny and Grandad too!).

I wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Jenny P.

Dinner Dance

The Dinner Dance and Prize Giving is booked for the 1st March at the Ramada (George) Hotel in Solihull. Can those who want to come let me know as soon as possible so I can have a rough idea of numbers and can work out the cost of the tickets (they will be around £28 for adults but possibly less if enough people are coming - there will be a reduced price for juniors)

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Rules Workshop with
Nadina Lincoln

King George Fund

Well done to Frank once more for winning the KGF by the second race of the day. This led to an exciting third race for the second podium slot that was clinched in the end by Ted Kington in his dashing red Merlin that bears no resemblance to Santa's Sleigh. Dave Coleman was third.

Pos	Name	Pts	R1	R2	R3
1	Frank Fern	2	1	1	
2	Ted Kington	4	3	3	1
3	David Coleman	4	2	6	2
4	Terry Bridgewater	8	6	2	
5	Graham Bentley	9	5	4	
6	Laurence Carter	9	4	5	
7	Simon Price	11	8	3	
8	Alex Silk	15	13	11	4



Match Racing Winners

Enterprise Match Racing

A new event for Earlswood took place on the last Saturday of the Autumn season, with Enterprise Match Racing making its debut at the club. Two evenly matched boats were selected and the 12 crews drew lots to see who sailed against who and which boat they got. Light winds early on made for some difficult sailing, so even 12 minute races were hard to sail.



Nip and Tuck in the Match Racing

After the qualification rounds the semi finals lined up with Mike Guest against Steve Perring and James Patterson against Paul Dufrane. Mike managed to get the better of Steve and Skip nosed ahead of James in the closest finish of the day to set up Mike against Skip in the final. Mike eventually prevailed with his crew of Alex Bajjon to take the inaugural Enterprise match racing championship. Well done to Darren and Karen Layton for organizing a splendid event.

Scribbler

Rules is Rules!

When to luff, when not to luff? That was the point of a rules workshop organised by Alan Wright and run by Nadina Lincoln of the RYA.

Attendees were treated to a host of different race scenarios with questions as to which boat was in the right or wrong.

Also the procedures for **Advisory** hearings without penalties, **Arbitration** hearings with reduced penalties, and **Full Protest** hearings were discussed. Many of the things we see on the water at ELSC probably fall into the first category for Advisory hearings where "Protest" does not even have to be shouted, but some clarity on who was right and wrong needs to be established for the good of the sailing education.

It's fair to say there was significant variance of opinions on many of the scenarios

which shows just how difficult it is to judge when out on the water, but it will be better for the club in the long term if more protests are heard on the water and discussed amiably in the clubhouse.

Alan now intends to create some "**rules advisors**" at the club to support the proper use of the racing rules, so don't be surprised if there are a few more shouts of "**protest**" on the water - even if it's from a boat not involved directly in the incident.

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Back to school to learn the rules!

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

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



Sailors gets the blues in light winds

All of the OD kit required is now in the OD hut in the new tool case in the cupboard.



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Please clean up after your dogs on site!
Dog Poo round the boats is annoying!

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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Reminders for the OD and AOD

Apart from running the racing, the OD and AOD should prepare refreshments to revive the weary sailors. In addition to making hot drinks it is also important to display chocolate and soft drink cans: income we get from these sales helps us keep membership fees as low as possible. Every little helps.

It is also part of the OD's duty to total the galley takings, complete one of the Cash Return forms and put the money and form in a plastic cash bag: the forms and the cash bags are at the back of the till drawer in the galley. Note that there is provision for Club Boat Hire money to be recorded on the same form. It may be rather boring but if we don't keep tabs on where the money is coming from we can't operate efficiently.

The money should be given to Maggie Rollason or Steve Perring or posted in the wall-box in the boiler room.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Maggie Rollason & Steve Perring

RNLI Result

Wow, this lot had to be separated by their dental records it was so close! In a much reduced field 3 boats finished with 3 points each with - each going into the last race knowing that a win would be enough. Eventually Dave Smith prevailed in a tight finish and was so overcome with his last gasp victory he cried like a child when receiving the prize. ;-)

Pos	Name	Pts	R1	R2	R3
1	Dave Smith	3	2	3	1
2	Jon Wood	3	4	1	2
3	Darren Layton	3	1	2	3
4	Alex Silk	8	6	4	4
5	Dermot O'Brien	9	3	6	



Di contemplates adding a new buoyancy tank under the transom!



Merlin's not rocketing!



Bernie brushes up her technique



Airy Fairy

Limerick Corner

My hopes of a trophy receded,
When the crew and my will both conceded,
The pursuit - it was lost,
With my fingers like frost,
A warm cup of tea was most needed!

A trick I've learnt on the water,
Is to sail the course that I oughta,
Not to get in hole,
With the damn jib pole!
And to sail with a lightweight daughter!

JP

ICICLE / SNOWFLAKE SERIES

January - March 2008

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, preferably 'like for like'. If you are OD and swapping, let Ken Davenport know – so that he sends a reminder to the right person - and let the relevant AODs also know of the swap. Mark up the master copy of this program in the Clubhouse with the swap.

DATE	10.00	11.30	OD	AODs
6 January SUN		IS1	SF1	D Layton K Layton / P Nottingham
13 January SUN	IS2	SF2		G Bentley J Butroid / D Smith
20 January SUN	IS3	SF3		P Clark J Patterson / A Silk
27 January SUN	IS4	SF4		M Guest L Carter / E Carter
3 February SUN	IS5	SF5		A Layton M Rollason / S Stewart
10 February SUN	IS6	SF6		P Middleton B Farmer / D Coleman
17 February SUN	IS7	SF7		S Perring T Bridgewater / E Bridgewater
24 February SUN	IS8	SF8		F Fern J Parsons / I McDowell
2 March SUN	IS9	SF9		D O'Brien A Wright / M Clark
9 March SUN	IS10	SF10		P Dufrane D Haywood / D Pendleton



Grand Splash is on 16 March.

Notes for Icicle and Snowflake series

1. Times shown are **race** start times. Please allow for 5 minute start gun.
2. Any dinghy meeting E.L.S.C. Rule 12 criteria may sail.
3. Non-members pay a fee of £25 for the series.
4. Wet suits or dry suits are strongly recommended.
5. ICICLE series is BOAT handicap - SNOWFLAKE is PERSONAL handicap.
6. Results in at least half the races sailed are needed to qualify for a final position.

Committee Activities and Actions lists

Actions (short term)

The following is a list of short term actions arising from this and previous meetings. All actions are to be resolved by the next meeting unless a different "Due date" is given; the person responsible for the action is also shown.

1. Rationalise the Topper fleet park
2. Dinner Dance preparations
3. Implement the Rules Adviser scheme
4. Club membership (2008) renewals
5. Remove locker 66
6. Decide whether class racing at Earlswood is viable
7. Prepare for 2008 winter series - Icicle / Snowflake
8. Check whether 'racers' have valid buoyancy certificates

TRAINING

I am very pleased to say that 2007 was a very rewarding year for the sailing club with us training 24 Adults and 12 juniors sailors, They all did very well which has had the knock on effect more sailors on the water, on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesday.

A big thank you to all the instructors and helpers for all their hard work, also thanks to all club members for welcoming the new members

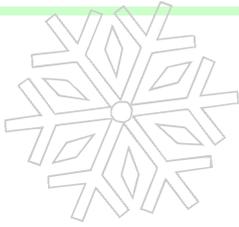
The dates for 2008 course are below

April 28th 29th 2008

June 14th 15th 2008

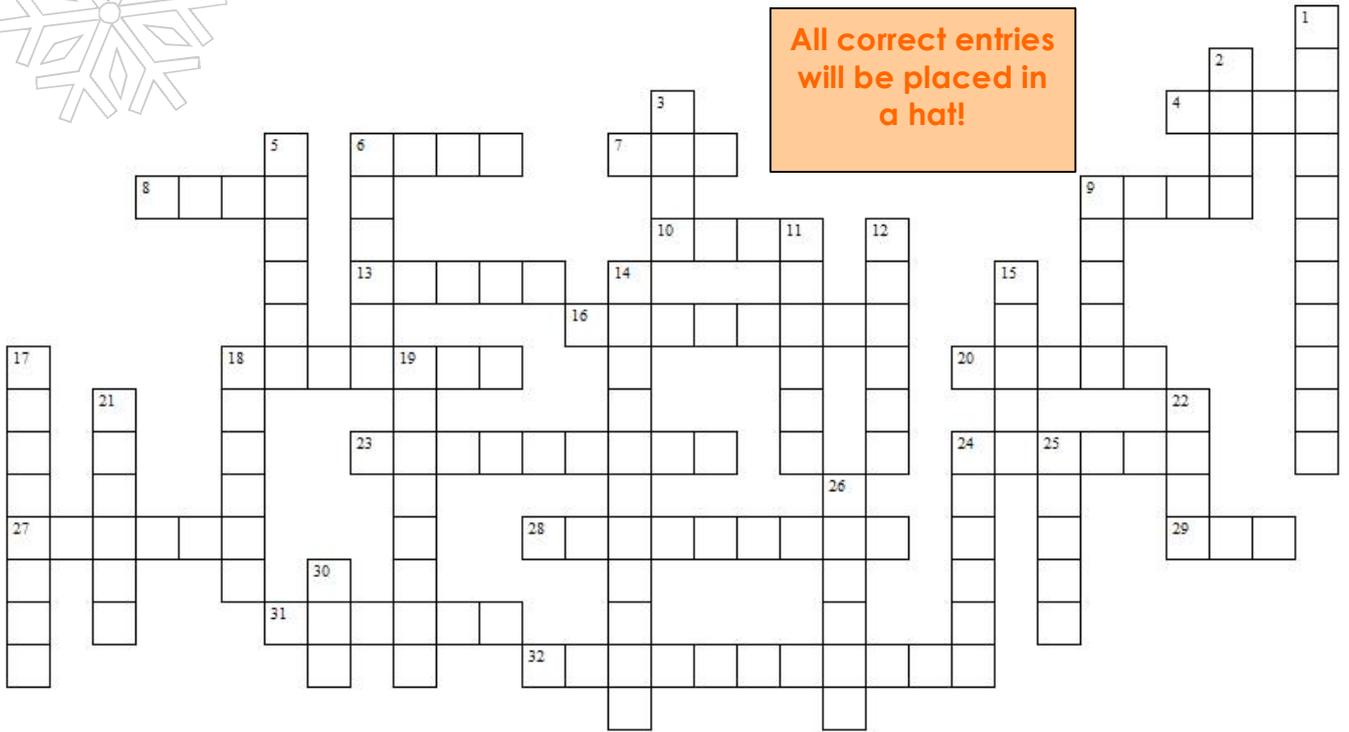
Could make a lovely gift for a loved one or even the wife?
Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year To You All

Alex



ELSC Xmas Crossword

All correct entries
will be placed in
a hat!



ACROSS

- 4 Start after 4 of these
- 6 It sits on a step.
- 7 see 10 across
- 8 They organize the safety boats for coastal waters!
- 9 Round this near the Dam
- 10 On the water by now (4,6,3)
- 13 Grown ups plastic sandwich
- 16 Device to make the water level?
- 18 Forward thinkers like to raise this
- 20 "Ugly Betty" - cockney rhyming slang
- 23 A rope by any other name!
- 24 Welcome on a cold day
- 27 See 10 across
- 28 New name for a new store (6,3)
- 29 OD's Best Mate
- 31 We've seen this hull in recent editions!
- 32 Gyrate mate!



DOWN

- 1 Up on a run? (6-5)
- 2 Leffish
- 3 The right to annoy a windward boat
- 5 Helps bend 6 across!
- 6 Harry Potter's boat? (6,6)
- 9 Younger member
- 11 see 6 down.
- 12 Kids plastic sandwich
- 14 Always in the kitchen at parties (6,5)
- 15 Hairy Tern?
- 17 drive the sails – grind the wheat
- 18 Steering thing
- 19 Deliberate spelling mistake but still right!
- 21 Before you sail (4,2)
- 22 Read all about it!
- 24 It's what we play for
- 25 Top of the tree
- 30 Front sail

