

ELSC Windmill

Winter09



Events Diary:

~ Boxing Day Bottle
- 26th Dec

Hangover Handicap
- 1st Jan

Annual Prizegiving &
Dinner
30th Jan



Your 2010 renewal forms
have been sent out to
add to everyone's
credit crunch woes over
Christmas!! Don't forget
your locker fees when
re-subscribing!

James Patterson



Our thoughts are with the family of Ken Davenport who passed away in October. They requested donations to the RNLI rather than flowers and I was pleased to see a contribution of £300. Ken served ELSC with energy for a very long time and he will be greatly missed.

Commodore's Christmas Message

Seeing the old OD Hut being demolished with such glee puts me in good heart. Our renewal would not be happening without the soundness of our balance sheet and the quality of our committee and members. The ELSC can be proud and confident.

A good number of us made the journey to Llangorse for the weekend where we were welcomed by the locals but initially thwarted by the lack of wind. Undeterred, Dave Pendleton kindly took time out to teach a few of us how to climb up a cliff face and get back down again. The wind duly arrived and we gave the local fleet a

good run for their money before retiring on mass to the pub for good food and beer. A big thanks to Dave & Mandy for giving us a special weekend.

Without doubt the most important thing that has been happening lately will have been invisible to most members. The piece of land occupied by the clubhouse and the Merlin park is not owned by us and the lease expired at the end of September. Re-negotiation has been long and complex but losing the ground would be unthinkable. At the time of writing we are nearly (but not quite) there with all parties in agreement. David Coleman has handled all of the technical work for us and it is hard to say 'thanks' enough.



Season's Greetings

Merry Xmas
Terry

Big Shoes to fill – New Membership Sec

It seems we don't change some of our committee positions very often and this is also the case with the membership secretary. Ken had been in position for a long time and his endearing quality was the way he gently cajoled the membership subs out of everyone and welcomed new members.

Interestingly, some of the modernisation issues that we are looking at now have appeared in the past. In 2001 there is correspondence between Ken and Dave Vanes with Dave insisting that Email addresses really were essential for the future administration of the club and Ken having to receive the emails on the subject via his neighbour's house!

It also seemed that Ken was often the mediator in disputes, and "refereed" the odd committee hissy fit and received the various resignation letters

Going forwards I'm looking to steer a steady ship with regards the membership list but I feel we need to move forward in terms of using email more and sending out the membership renewals by email and returning them by email where possible. I'm discussing with the committee the introduction of paying by debit or credit card or direct payment to the club account, which may be more convenient than cheques for some people.

In the next few days you'll receive your renewal reminder via email or if you haven't got an email address, you'll get it via the Christmas postie!

Regs *James*

R.N.L.I.

Number of races: in series -> 3 to count -> 2

Pos	Name	Points	R1	R2	R3
1	Neil Marshall	(2)	1	1	
2	Robert Marshall	(4)	10	3	1
3	Austin Jones	(4)	2	2	2
4	Jon Wood	(7)	4	4	3
5	Dave Coombs	(11)	6	5	7
6	Alan Wright	(12)	9	8	4

RNLI Results

A really good turnout of 19 boats made for a keenly raced RNLI.

Congratulations to the Marshalls who took the first two places, "Marshall the Younger" showing a clean pair of heels to "Marshall the Older" and didn't even need the third race to win. Hard luck to Austin Jones who, with great consistency, recorded three second places but still came third! Unfortunately a first and a third beats two seconds.

Special mention must also be made of the superb job that the OD (Alex Layton) and AOD (Robert Mackie) did under the most trying of circumstances. Some vandals (!) the previous day had demolished the OD hut leaving OD and AOD to best work out how to run and record the races.

That there were no mistakes in the results - I've checked them this afternoon - just shows how well they did their job. Thanks chaps for making my job easier.

Alan



Kids fun on a Wednesday...?



Many types of boat sailed.....



The odd upset.....

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

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Check out the notice board for this month's adverts – or email adverts to me for inclusion here.

Useful stuff for the new OD hut needed:

Decent notice board.
Some comfy office type chairs.



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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Steve's Quick Quiz – Boats & Boat Bits

1. A large sherry glass.
2. An artist
3. The projecting arm of a crane.
4. A large rectangular piece of cotton/linen etc. used on a bed.
5. A type of tie for formal occasions.
6. Someone who cultivates land.
7. A piece of cloth used to wrap a dead body.
8. A pack of cards.
9. A bribe.
10. Archaic name for a physician.

ELSC Committee 2009

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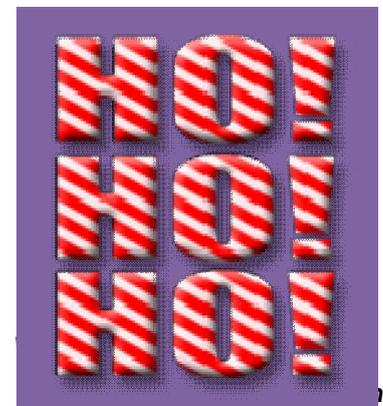
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Have we got your changed email address? Don't miss out – let James P know it asap.

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New OD Hut – many hands make light work – and ain't it fancy lookin'?



The destruction begins!



Job done!! The groundwork is laid.



The instructions are studied, and guesses are made!



The timbers are joined, the ladders are raised!



The paintbrushes fly and the windows are glazed!

ICICLE / SNOWFLAKE SERIES

January - March 2010

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 Alan Wright know (email: alan_sailaway@ntlworld.com tel: 01926 773786) – 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	DAY	10.00	11.30	OD & AODs
3 January	SUN	IS1	SF1	A Wright D Smith / M Clark
10 January	SUN	IS2	SF2	G Bentley J Butroid / A Jones
17 January	SUN	IS3	SF3	J Patterson R Marshall / N Marshall
24 January	SUN	IS4	SF4	M Guest I McDowall / A Pearson
31 January	SUN	IS5	SF5	D Layton K Layton / A Bajon
7 February	SUN	IS6	SF6	P Middleton B Farmer / D Coleman
14 February	SUN	IS7	SF7	S Perring T Bridgewater / E Bridgewater
21 February	SUN	IS8	SF8	F Fern J Parsons / J Wood
28 February	SUN	IS9	SF9	A Layton M Rollason / P Nottingham
7 March	SUN	IS10	SF10	P Dufrane D O'Brien / D Pendleton

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 £30 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.

Grand Splash is on Sunday 14th March.

Match Racing – This time there was a winner!!

At last there is a winner of the match racing event! Following the postponement of the final last year we really had to have a winner this year and it turned out to be none other than our Training Principal Alex Layton.

Ideal conditions for the 12 minute races meant that the changeovers would be quick enough to get all of the races in on time and have time for the decent lunch provided.

Personally I started well against Neil Marshall but rounded the wrong mark and then hit the right one on the way back – so my card for the day was marked! The boats behaved well enough but after the league stages, Alan, Neil, Alex and Iain made up the semi final places.

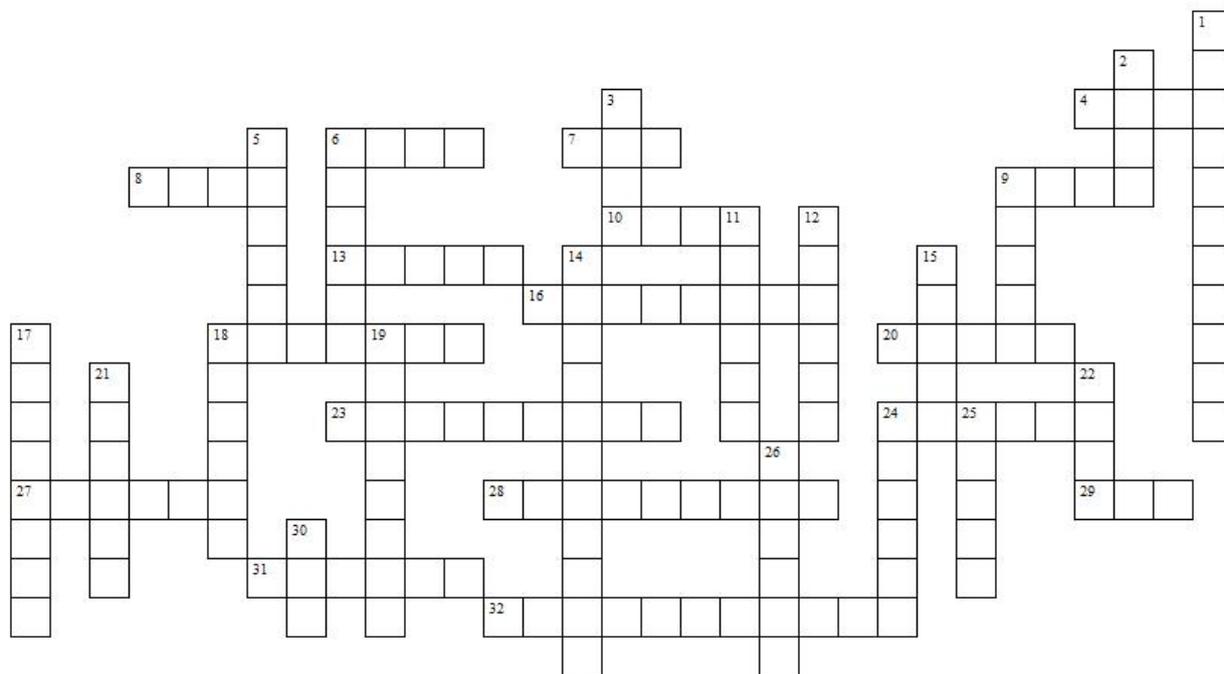
A strong performance saw Alex make it past Alan in the first semi and Iain's experience came to bear in the second semi to overcome Marshall the younger.

An exciting final saw Alex crowned match racing champ for 2009, and in a way you could say he did have home advantage being an Enterprise sailor!



James

ELSC Christmas Crossword!



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 Leftish
 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

Steve's Quick Quiz 2 - More boatie bits!

- The kitchen at ELSC.
- The first woman to fly single-handed from Australia to Britain (1935).
- A person who journeys from place to place.
- A version of the card game whist where each player plays on his/her own.

- Initiative in business.
- The player who attempts conversions at rugby.
- Oppose successfully or prevent.
- The fruit of forest trees such as beech, used as food for pigs.
- A horizontal member across a window.
- A member of the tuna family.