

Diary Dates:

- Sunday 4th April 10:00
Ramp-Laying Work-Party
- Saturday 10th April 10:00
Fitting-Out Work-Party
- Sunday 11th April
Start-of-Season Races
(R.O. Dick & Kate)

- Saturday 29th May
Spring Social Club BBQ

- **Sunday 13th June**
through to
Sunday 20th June
Mid-Summer Race-Week
Includes:
13th Lowestoft Race
17th Thursday Evening Regatta
19th/20th Beach-Regatta

Planned training sessions:

Monday 31st May will include non-points racing, with Video training feedback.

Un-Planned:

Will the multi-tasking Cats take some of us simpletons for an "experience", one day?



Wow, it's C-O-L-D!

Today (Sunday) I stayed indoors and let Vronny go sailing by herself; when she came back she reported that she'd been soooo cold that she couldn't even tie proper knots on rigging her Contender and therefore missed the first start. Snowdrops have this week finally shown their white petals, only to be covered yet again by another week-end layering of snow. A fortnight ago we measured the ice covering Oulton Broad as at least 4-inches.

All this makes the 'proper' salty sailing season seem still to be very, very far away however ?

Activities at GYGSC start in only two-months; I've posted timings on the left for proposed work-up so do let Vronny know if you're intending to be there so that she and Tom Carr can work out an efficient allocation of jobs.



Ok, so that was me doodling with 'shapes'

High Summer → High Activity at GYGSC

Mid-Summer this year we are planning an extended week of HOT activities.

The 8-day week will start with the first of two Lowestoft Races (the 2nd later in the season). *Timings for this whole week are governed by the favourable tidal currents necessary for passage-racing.*

Thursday evening, instead of just Club racing, we wish to hold a "Druids" regatta, starting early at 18:00, and finishing with 'sundowners' in front of the Club.

The week concludes with our principal event, the Gorleston Beach Regatta, as a 2-day open event over Saturday and Sunday.

Neap tides and therefore slacker currents will we hope encourage an especially good turnout from visitors.

Visitors who wish to attend both the passage race and Beach Regatta, or even the Thor's evening as well, will be offered boat-parking for the week.

I hope that we can achieve an especially good turnout for that evening regatta; this in turn may boost general Thursday evening racing for the rest of the season.

61 Years of GYGSC

“61” is a Prime Number, so let’s make it a Prime Year on the water; last season was spectacular for all sorts of reasons including the 60th celebration, but especially for the good weather and racing after a pretty dire 2008. Lets get out there and shake-it-up even more on the water. One of the strengths (*and pains*) of GYGSC is the club atmosphere and pulling-together for launch and recovery of *The Shed*. This year while we remain without a liquor license, we would like to encourage social exchange with a *take-n-replace* bar that we’re planning to operate:-

The Club will set up a stock of beverage to be retained behind the old bar. After racing members can take from this freely, but are requested to replace what they’ve consumed for the next week. If you don’t like what is on offer, please feel free to replace with something more to your taste. No ‘big brother’ watching, and we’ll see how this operates?

Club News and Activity

Doubtless there will have been some movement of boats through these winter months before we turn up to race each other in apparently unfamiliar garb. I dare say that Richard Fryer and Tom Carr will remain consistent yardsticks !

Dick and Kate have swapped their B14 for a 59^{er}, apparently at some considerable gain to their disposable finances (*hey, I drink lager ?*). A couple of seasons ago, some may recall, we invited Dave Hall of *Ovingtons* to come and show off one of these craft. Vronny and I had a trial sail; when there was a problem with the spinnaker, we stopped and I went for’d to sort it, but for some reason, even with Vronny hanging out over the stern, we sank by-the-bows and flew the rudder as a burgee now I reckon that with Kate up for’d they

And Finally ... →

After the ‘09 AGM at the sailing forum, there was discussion about size of courses (*larger for Cats, smaller for Lasers ?*), nature of courses (*up/down for asymmetrics, triangles for monosails*), and start-lines. This has been a big headache, and I keep returning to the peculiar nature of our racing where all classes of all types and speeds are mixed. Nevertheless in an attempt to *please everybody all of the time* I am proposing some

probably won’t have the same mishap.

Pete Matthews has sent 2-out-of-3 sons to Uni, and now being ~~clewless~~, *err* crewless has had his RS400 up for sale, with no takers as Vronny and Ben managed to get in early and sold their boat to Plymouth (*new owner went straight to the head of that fleet – see Yachts-&-Yachting 16th Jan*).

What will the Falats sail this year ? We still have the Fireball and would like to do the Champs. in Cornwall, but with a Contender each we might practise them for an event at LaRoche in August.

Ex Commodore Chris was also after a Contender but the supply dried up and it looks like he may be back with his ace young crew Jamie.

What other news ? *ynnorV llet*

accommodation within our programme; more on that later, but I am looking at split starts (*off the same line*), inner (*short*) and outer (*long*) courses, and 3 series (*spring, summer, autumn*) within the season, as well as the underlying Watling Plate and Sprint-series.

Very best regards and good sailing,

Ben

Your Commodore !



Scary, or what ?

REMINDER

At the AGM we voted our subscription at:

£110 individual

£150 family

£20 non-sailing

£16 cadet

£10 junior

Boat-Park £50

Shortly we will be sending out a call for payment, hoping that members will be able to budget and pay in timely manner.