

DIARY DATES

August

All Tuesdays Social Sailing
Saturday 12th-17th GP14 National Championship Looe
Saturday 11th-17th Enterprise National Championship Tenby

September

Thursday 6th or Friday 7th (TBC) Whitehead Bowl
Sunday 9th Airshow Barbecue

Saturday 15th

24 Hour Race

Sunday 16th

Tuesday 25th Reunion Lunch
Friday 28th Fireworks, Bangers & Quiz Night

October

Friday 12th Bollywood Curry Night
Saturday 13th John Dennis Trophy
Sunday 14th GP14 Open meeting. Southport SC
Saturday 20th Brasileiro Junior Race day
Saturday 27th Monkhouse Cup
Saturday 27th Monkhouse Supper Night
Tuesday 30th Offshore Supper

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Ben & Gabe Hill showing how to set the spinnaker on their way to winning the Mirror Open

Editorial

Well, here we are, The Jubilee celebrations are a distant memory, the Summer Olympics are nearly over - what a fantastic event— we had telly's on at work and I got to see most of the medal races live. Have you ever tried to explain the sailing scoring system to your boss?? And what does it matter if you're on port tack or starboard tack, and anyway, what is a tack? But it was great to see (almost) local Stuart Bithell coming back with a well deserved Silver amongst all the other medals. Many of you will remember his Mum & Dad who have visited WLYC many times and are strong stalwarts of Hollingworth Lake SC. Their contribution to his success cannot be measured and should be remembered by all parents, no matter what their sons and daughters try to succeed at.

Don't forget that the Para Olympics start soon, and we have another WLYC visitor competing. Niki Birrell from LLSC is a strong contender for a Gold Medal with Alex Rickham.

Back to West Lancs, and after a brief respite for Summer Holidays, events organisation is back in full swing with some excellent social and sailing events coming up. The 24 Hour race is almost upon us, and Kit is sending out his messages requesting support. Lets make it a race to remember in this Olympic year and remember just what volunteer support can really do to make an event successful.

The reunion lunch looks to be a fascinating occasion. Dr. Bryan Bar-rass is a world leading expert on ship design, and his talk on the grounding of the Costa Concordia will be well worth attending.

A little later in October, we will be having a 'Bollywood Night' laid on by the House Committee. Charu is already looking for a Bollywood movie and music for the occasion, along with a fabulous Indian menu.

Editor

Check up on your aircraft knowledge - there's a Quiz.

Another famous Southport event, the Firework Competition is always a fabulous event. Starting at 7.30 come wrapped up warm to watch the fireworks from the lake edge then back in the club house for Bangers and Mash with Onion gravy and a Great Quiz in between the amazing displays - **Friday September 28th**. Again WLYC is prime viewing location - and free parking - how luck are we!

Curry Night **Friday 12th October**, with a difference. WLYC will be transformed into a sensational, colourful Bollywood extravaganza. Join us for a traditional Indian party of great dining and fabulous dancing. Don't miss the Monkhouse Supper after the sailing on **Saturday 27th October**. Be prepared for some serious entertainment and fun from our very own Steve Blackburn who has promised an extraordinary evening of games and challenges. An evening to remember !

Guess where The Commodore was in August.



Photo courtesy of Kit Robinson

House goings on



Jubilee Weekend started well with a free ad from Chris Evans as WLYC was introduced to 8 million Radio2 Breakfast Show listeners. Despite a very wet and windy day a great weekend was had by all. Announced by our President John Hayward, our very own Queen arrived resplendent cream satin and a mink stole chauffeured by Barry Ibbotson in his marvellous Rolls Royce to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee and a Double Diamond Jubilee of the Marine Lake (coincidentally 120 years young this year). In excellent spirits Linda Callaghan bravely fought her way through the throngs of well wishers (looking through the window from the warmth of the Club House), and was greeted by our Commodore, guided along a rather windswept red carpet to the waiting Union Jack be-decked Odd Buoy. Heading the procession of valiant decorated boats around the lake an amusing commentary was given by Dr Stubbs - again from the cosy security of the club house. In good spirits her majesty returned to a warming cup of tea and seriously amazing arrays of Royal cakes baked and donated by club members. The children enthusiastically assisted Linda in the judging, - there was still some cakes left for afternoon tea. The afternoon was ended by a superlative display by the Monday Night Salsa Team who filled the club with music, laughter and colour. A really great family day everywhere was buzzing and a great thank you to all for the huge effort by all who made it a special day to remember.

The concert party again was well attended, plenty of food and music with some great games -Frank Pointon's Donkey Derby caused some fun and the music chairs got rather competitive. A great end to the evening as everyone stood in unison to sing the National Anthem , a right Royal Jubilee weekend.



With autumn is just around the corner the House Committee has been busy planning some fun events and hope you can join us. Thousands flock to Southport each year to see the Airshow, and what better spot than the WLYC, prime spot right next to the pier with free parking and sailing to boot. We have a splendid BBQ planned so do come down and join us with family and friends on from noon **Sunday September 9th**.

Commodore's Comments

When you are reading this the Olympics will be all over bar the shouting. But haven't they been fantastic! These games have really brought people together in a friendly way, with all those smiling, happy faces it is wonderful to see. Kit and I were fortunate enough to spend a day at Weymouth. It was great fun and we had a great view from the Nothe where we were sitting amongst all the crowds of spectators. The sailors did a sail past to be introduced to the spectators before their race. Then they shared their jubilation with the crowds after the finish, with people paying tribute to the excellent sailing by whatever nation. We have even had one of the Olympic 470 class silver medallists sailing in our 24 Hour Race.

Which brings me on to our 24 Hour Race this year, which is on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September. This is the time when we, as a club, pull together to put on the best show we can. Please volunteer your assistance. (Please see Kit Robinson's article elsewhere in the Golden Lion for 'who to contact' details.) Please offer your help even if it can only be for a couple of hours. It can make all the difference if we each do our bit.

Before the 24 Hour Race there is the Airshow BBQ on Sunday 9th September. Enjoy a prime view of the Red Arrows' display as you munch on your burger. Please make sure you have your club diary with you - or a WLYC car screen sticker - to show the stewards at the barrier so they allow you access. At the end of September it's the 'Fireworks supper' - another show put on by Southport where we at West Lancs have our own prime view.

Many of our sailors are currently competing in their Class Championships. GP14s at Looe and Enterprises at Tenby. Back home Tuesday evening social sailing has not been as popular as anticipated. However, the skills training sessions in July were very much appreciated by those who attended.

The sailing season continues with racing into the autumn. We have our own Club Championship on 13th October. This was a very exciting Match Racing event last year. It is open to all, so do 'have a go'. The juniors have their own end of season Brasileiro Race Day, when all the juniors race against each other in their own group, to show just how far they have progressed throughout the year.

Some excellent news is that Ian Donaldson has kindly accepted an appointment as Rear Commodore of the Club.

West Lancs is your Club. Help make it *the* place where people want to be. I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

Kathy Robinson
Commodore

Offshore Dinner

3 COARSE MEAL
SPEAKER
GOOD COMPANY
ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS WELCOME
FRIDAY 2nd NOVEMBER
7 for 7 30

Details and prices to follow
Please inform the club, to book a table no later
than Tuesday 30th October 2012

Whitehead Bowl

The Whitehead Bowl Golf Trophy is to be played on the 6th or 7th of September the date or club has not been finalised yet, if any members are interested would they please contact Gordon Callaghan

Parking

The area on the club car park, behind the docking area will be needed for hauling out and boat maintenance. Parking in the club car park will be restricted to blue badge holders and those working on site for 30 hours or more. Please do not try and sneek on; it's only a few extra yards to walk if you park on the marine drive.

So, here we go again; please join in where you can to help make this a week-end WLYC can be proud of.

Kit Robinson

CEO 24 Hour Race

Rules Quiz Answers

1. False. There does not have to be "serious" damage before a right-of-way boat can be penalized under rule 14. If she could have avoided contact that causes any injury or damage, the right-of-way boat must take a penalty.
2. False. Rule 16 (Changing Course) has one exception, found in rule 18.5(b). When the right-of-way boat is changing course to round a mark, she does not have to give the other boat room to keep clear.
3. True (2009 change). The old rule 17.2 said a boat could not sail below her proper course in certain situations. That rule was deleted from the 2009 rules, so there is no longer a limitation on sailing below your proper course. Of course, you must still keep clear as a windward boat.

2012 West Lancs YC 24 Hour Race

Date - 15th / 16th September

September is fast approaching and that means the 24 Hour Race. This year the Race is on the third week-end - the 15th / 16th. Please keep it free and ensure that you have a role in maintaining the high reputation that this carnival for sailors has earned over the years. If you do not have a job, my number is in the diary or email me at kit.robinson@btinternet.com and I'll put you in touch with the leader of the team where your expertise fits best. The other implication of the date is that: **the dinghy park needs to be clear of boats by Sunday evening 9th September please.**

Pre-race & Post race

One area in particular for which I would like to have some names is the site preparation work. This takes place in the week preceding the race, Monday to Friday morning under Bob Abram's guidance as Clerk of Works. In the past we have relied on people turning up on the day, and on some days we've had a surfeit, on others a scarcity. This year I'd prefer to have names on a rota which should also help to spread the work load more effectively. Please contact either me or Bob and let us know which two or three days you're available and we'll slot you on the rota. Many hands make light work, particularly if it is organised. There will also be a need for names for the site restoration, which usually just takes one day on the Monday following the race.

What's on at the Club?



Air show Best View & BBQ
Sunday September 9th

Fireworks, Bangers & Quiz Night
Friday 28th September



Bollywood Curry Night
Friday 12th October

Monkhouse Supper
Fun & Entertainment Night
Saturday 27th October



Grand Prize Giving Supper
Saturday November 24th

Fabulous Christmas Party
Saturday 8th December



New Years Eve Extravaganza
Monday 31st December

West Lancashire Yacht Club Streaker Open 21st July 2012

Thirteen Streakers enjoyed a competitive Open meeting in glorious conditions at West Lancashire Yacht Club on Saturday 21st July. Glynn Sheffield from the home club won the event winning the first and third race, but the two travellers Barnes Proud (South Windermere SC) and Dave Turtle (Shotwick Lake SC) put up a good fight.

Ran k	Sail No.	Helm	Club	R 1	R 2	R3	Nett
1	1810	Glyn Sheffield	WLYC	1	2	1	2
2	1750	Barnes Proud	South Windermere	3	1	3	4
3	1761	Dave Turtle	Shotwick Lake				5
4	1630	Roy Kissick	WLYC				7
5	1684	Paul Swainson	SSC				8
6	1492	Mike Healy	SSC				12
7	754	Alex Choraffa	WLYC				13
8	1494	Terry Compton	WLYC				15
9	1651	Gordon Callaghan	WLYC				18
10	1742	Don Marsden	WLYC				18
11	1264	John Huntley	WLYC	12	11	11	22
12	1547	Neil Mackenzie	WLYC	11	12	12	23
13	11727	David Newton	WLYC	13	13	DN F	26

Rules Quiz

1. If a right-of-way boat fails to avoid contact when possible, she will not be penalized under rule 14 (Avoiding Contact) unless there is serious damage.
2. Whenever a right-of-way boat changes course during a race, she must give the other boat room to keep clear.
3. On a reach, a boat can sail below her proper course when there are boats overlapped to leeward of her.

The August beginner's course will complete this year's planned sail training for adults but junior training will continue on Saturdays and we hope to provide a level 1/2 powerboat course later.

Why did the Costa Concordia end up on the rocks?



Dr Bryan Barras, a leading expert in Naval Architecture will give a fascinating talk at the next reunion lunch at the club.

Tuesday 25th September. 12:30 for 13:00

Don't miss it

Welcome to our new members

Chris, Alison, Matthew, Joseph and Edward Barben
 Richard and Pauline Birchall
 Richard and Edward Chambers
 Matt Fleming (re-joining), Hannah Barton and Joshua Fleming
 Ann and Lucy Pettifer
 Stuart Sinclair (re-joining)
 Jonny Sinclair (re-joining)
 Nicola Sinclair-White (re-joining)

Catering Report



Thank you to all those members who have supported the Galley over the last few months. Special thanks to Jane Anderson, Charu Bower and their teams for running the Galleys in May and July also to Ann Harper and Sarah Hill for their delicious cakes. To the Catering Committee for all their help, support and commitment in catering for the Open meetings and Galleys in recent months.

Members are needed to join the Committee, you don't have to be a Cordon Bleu Chef, just have willing hands. Our next meeting is on Thursday 27th September 2012, 7.30pm at the Club, please come and join us. For further details contact Jayne Tickle on 01695 575688.

Please support your Galley.

Jayne Tickle
Chair – Catering Committee

Training Update

With our first beginners sailing course completed in May we are off to a good start to the year, the participants enjoyed the course and gained a great deal from it, we will look forward to the trainees developing and joining in the club's other sailing activities.

Unfortunately the June course had to be cancelled due to a lack of numbers but as I write this the August beginner's course will start tomorrow, August 4th.

The training team also hosted an evening in July for the Emmanuel Youth Group; fifteen members of the group enjoyed a first experience of sailing and power boating.

During July Ian Donaldson arranged a sailing skills development programme on Tuesday evenings open to all members, this was very well received by those attending, extending their skills in various aspects of sailing. The numbers attending were lower than hoped for, but valued by the members who took part.

West Lancashire Yacht Club Mirror Open 21st July

6 Mirrors raced in the West Lancashire Yacht Club Mirror Open with 2 boats travelling long distances and 4 from the home club. Despite the original forecast a great day was had by most with long awaited sunny weather.

The first race started just after 11am with light winds, the good course set by the OD had lots of spinnaker legs. A controversial shortened course meant Tom Dean and Dominic Daniel won the race, Ben and Gabe Hill second and George and Sarah Richards third.

In the second race George and Sarah got a great start with a good lead through the whole race giving them a great win, Tom and Dominic second, Ben and Gabe third.

The third race started with almost no wind at the line, Ben and Gabe Hill found the first breaths of wind giving them an early lead. On the final leg George and Sarah caught Ben and Gabe up and over took them, but Ben and Gabe managed to claw it back and won that race with George and Sarah second, Tom and Dominic third.

Overall the top three boats were tied on three points with them all having a first, a second and a third, but overall on count back Ben and Gabe Hill won.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the event.

Rank	Sail No	Helm	Crew	Club	R 1	R 2	R 3	Net t
1	70670	Ben Hill	Gabe Hill	WLYC	2	3	1	3
2	70618	George Richards	Sarah Richards	Beaver / Pennine	3	1	2	3
3	40984	Tom Dean	Dominic Daniel	Otley	1	2	3	3
4	69417	Jaydon Lavelle	Dannon Lavelle	WLYC	5	4	4	8
5	65004	Molly Nixon	Olivia Hall	WLYC	4	5	6	9
6	68668	Rachel Malliband	Lucy Petti-fer	WLYC	6	6	5	11

Report by Ben and Gabe Hill

WLYC OnBoard at Crosby OB Festival

On Saturday 14th July 10 of our junior sailors ventured to Crosby Lakeside adventure centre for a full day of fun activities. All of our sailors competed in 3 races thought the day, with wind surfing and climbing to fill the extra time. Everybody sailed superbly which meant that West Lancs were awarded best club, with Gabe Hill first boy, Lucy Pettifer first girl and Rebecca Wilson third girl. A special thank you goes to our OnBoard Rep Sarah Hill who helped sign on 51 people from lots of different clubs.

Well Done Everyone!



Lloyd Hayes Open Meeting 9th June (North West Junior Traveller Series)

23 boats turned up for the Lloyd Hayes Open meetings in very blustery conditions. The Optimist open was full of West Lancs juniors competing in their first Open Meeting. Alastair Rimmer won the gold fleet and Lucy Pettifer won the Silver Fleet, just beating Rebecca Wilson.

Luke McCluskey from Nantwich and Border Counties won the Lloyd Hayes trophy in a Laser Radial winning the first two races. Sam Cooper (WLYC) came second with 2 seconds and came first under 14 boat. Rachel Malliband and Lucy Park(WLYC) came 6th and were the first double hander.

The Youth Fleet was won by Reece Tomlinson from Fiddlers Ferry SC in a Laser Radial with two firsts and a second. Jamie Purcell (Redesmere) came second and Sam Clarke (Winsford Flash) came third.

Thank you to all who helped to make the event go so well.

By Sarah Hill



Luke McCluskey is presented with the Lloyd Hayes Trophy by The Commodore