

DIARY DATES

May

All Tuesdays
Sunday 6th
Saturday 12th
Thursday 24th

Social Sailing
Tidal racing Starts (Ainsdale)
Club Open Day— bring your friends
Ladies race

June

All Tuesdays
Sunday 3rd
Monday 4th
Saturday 9th

Sunday 10th
Sunday 17th

Social Sailing
Diamond Jubilee Fun Day Pageant 12:00
Diamond Jubilee Concert Party 19:00
Lloyd Hayes Trophy & Optimist Trophy
Open Meeting (Junior & Youth)
Bog Hole Trophy (Ainsdale)
Triathlon at Waterside Lodge
Marine Drive closed—please show your handbook
for access from Fairway.
Enterprise & Laser Open meeting (Ainsdale)
Southport SC Junior 12 Hour Race (Start 08:00)

July

All Tuesdays
Saturday 21st
Friday 27th
Sunday 29th

Social Sailing
Mirror & Streaker Open Meeting
Olympic Games Start
Olympic Yachting Regatta Starts

August

All Tuesdays
Saturday 11th-17th
Saturday 1th-17th

Social Sailing
GP14 National Championship Looe
Enterprise National Championship Tenby

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WLYC

DIAMOND JUBILEE

WEEKEND EXTRAVAGANZA



Sunday June 3rd 12:00

Monday June 4th 19:00



Editorial

Well, the season is well and truly under way, although I have to confess that for me it has only been marked by my absence at WLYC. I have been sailing since January, but on the foreign waters of the Mersey on boats with a lid on them. Good close racing being had by all.

An interruption by a trip to India was a fascinating interlude. Not for us were the glorious beaches of Goa. We spent two weeks from the slum areas of Mumbai to poor villages on the salt marshes of Gujarat, then on to staying on a large farm for almost a week. It was endlessly fascinating, highly enjoyable, and a real life changing experience.

In the meantime I'm pleased to see that the first races of the season have been successful, especially 11 boats out on the sea at Ainsdale. Are we looking at a revival of our sea sailing?

The matter of communication has reared its head, via the survey, once again. Even though we have a website with loads of information, email reminders, a club handbook, and finally, this communication, we still get the 'I'm sorry I didn't come because I didn't know about it' reasons for non attendance. This is a conundrum that has perplexed many an executive committee, and we are by no means isolated with this problem. It happens at my work, and I've no doubt you will be able to give lots of examples as well.

For what it's worth —I think we seriously need to look at other means of social networking such as Facebook and Twitter. **Comments please!!!!**

Editor

Commodore's Comments

It has been busy at the club since the sailing season began. The Fitting Out race was a really close finish, just ahead on timings were Clive and Jordan Porter in their Enterprise. The supper afterwards was absolutely delicious. Thank you to Jayne and the Catering Committee. The evening finished with

West Lancashire Yacht Club 12 Hour Single Hander Race

The day started cloudy and dull but dry as the dinghies set off for the start of the first West Lancashire Yacht Club 12 Hour Single Hander Race. The event had been run for Laser dinghies only in previous years, but Solos and Streakers were added for 2012. This event is similar to the 24 Hour Race, as it is the team which has the fastest average lap time over the 12 hours that wins. There can be any number of sailors in a team as changes of helm are allowed.

There was some tough opposition on the water, but the Solo team Flowrider, consisting of Greg Marshall from West Lancs, and Andy Tunicliff, showed their style from the start, by winning the prize for the Fastest First Two Laps. It was pretty breezy throughout the day, with a chilly force 4 north easterly wind blowing down the lake and the odd squally gust going through to keep the sailors on their toes. Team Flowrider kept up their track record by also winning the 'Half Way' race. The Streaker team of Definitely Maybe led by Tony Halliwell, and the Laser team from Hertford County YC led by Dave Summerville, were pressing Flowrider's position hard all day. The Laser SSC team from Southport SC led by Ben Jacobs, and the Blondes On Board team of all ladies led by Wendy Jones, were also in contention.



Scenes from the new style Single handed 12Hr race

Paul Elvström

"You haven't won the race, if in winning the race you have lost the respect of your competitors."

His 4 Olympic gold medals, 19 medals at world championships-among these 15 gold medals in 8 different boat types-8 European Championship titles and numerous victories at international events all over the world



Another useful tip from Paul

"To finish first, first you have to finish"

Dinghy Crews the world over will also be interested to know that he invented the 'hiking position' for dinghy racing. The cause of all that pain, and was directly responsible for the helms cry of "get you're a**e over the edge". A phrase that could never be thrown back, because of the endless sulks it would cost.

a quiz put on by the House team, to wake us up to some sailing terminology. Those little grey cells were sorely tested. Thank you to Christine and the House Committee, and especially Helen and Neal for running the quiz.

The Southport Town Cup at the end of March was a pursuit race this year. There was quite a variety of boats out on the water. But no, they didn't all finish at the same time, whatever the theory says should happen. The winners were Mark Lunn and Steve Blackburn, both of WLYC, in an Enterprise. Thank you to Tony Halliwell and all the team involved in organising the event.

The regular sailing series are well under way now as well as Junior training. The 12 Hour Single Hander race proved very challenging. It was dry, but with a strong breeze blowing all day. However the winning duo of our own Greg Marshall along with Andy Tunnycliff in a Solo showed their intentions right from the start, by doing the 'fastest first two laps' and then winning the 'half way' race. The 'Definitely Maybe' team of Tony Halliwell, Charles Adams and Roy Kissick, all from West Lancs, came a very creditable second in a Streaker. A big thank you to all who helped with this event, catering, ODS, scoring, safety boats and other helpers. The event ran very smoothly thanks to all your assistance. The first tidal racing took place in glorious sunshine with 11 boats on the water. The sailors waited on shore for quite a while before the breeze picked up enough to go out. There needs to be at least a bit of wind to counteract the tide. Tuesday evening's social sailing is slowly getting going.

Do come down. This is your chance to practice your skills without any pressure, and people around willing to offer help and guidance, with your boat and with your sailing.

It was the Club's Open Day on Saturday 12 May. I do hope you came down. We organised a lovely sunny day. Thank you to all who helped in any way. The flags were fluttering, the balloons were buffeting, the sails were slapping, it was quite a windy day. It was busy all round at the Club.

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Training Update

The season has got off to a busy start for the training team, commencing with a First Aid course back in February, qualifying or re-qualifying Instructors, Safety Boat drivers and others interested, to the RYA First Aid certificate level. The qualification is valid for three years and then must be revalidated. We will be looking to run a further course later in the year, so if you are interested please let me know.

The practical aspect of the season started 25th March with a day of learning and fun for Instructors, Safety Boat Drivers and training volunteers arranged by Ian Donaldson and supported by Warren Price from the RYA. The day provided an opportunity for everyone to try all our training fleet, brush up on teaching techniques, experience some new ideas and refresh themselves with the power boats. An excellent day enjoyed by the participants!

The first sailing course was a beginners course level 1&2 during April, six students enjoyed four days of sail training, getting to grips with the basics and are now looking to move on and enjoy other aspects of the club's activities on the water.

Power boat courses started in mid March with a Safety Boat course, four people participated and passed the course, congratulations to them! The club now has a further 4 qualified Safety Boat drivers to call upon; the 24 Hour race is coming!

After an approach to the Commodore by our local hospital a day was arranged to give 12 interested members of their staff a first experience of sailing during April. Unfortunately the weather was somewhat against us with high winds and rain. However, all enjoyed the day and were able to experience sailing, power boating and radio control Lasers provided by our members. We look forward to seeing some of the participants at the club in the future.

Junior training have also been busy with hosting North Mirror Zone Squad and an open training circuit in the north west for Optimist sailors, WLYC members and visitors from other clubs were involved in the coaching sessions. Regular Saturday afternoon sessions for all levels of junior sailors started 14th April with the usual enthusiasm. Looking forward junior training will be continuing throughout the year on Saturdays and arranging other sailing opportunities for our up and coming sailors. If you know any juniors who would be interested please contact Heather Malliband or Sarah Hill.

I don't know about "correct use for an Enterprise". We GP sailors think this is the proper way! But the Ladies still enjoyed it.



Commodore's Comments (Cont.)

The House Committee organised the BBQ. Great bangers and burgers and fantastic salads. The Sailing Committee arranged boats for taster sessions. Lots of people 'tasting' all day. The juniors having lots of fun getting wet, (I thought he was practising a 'dry' capsizing) as well as taking newcomers out for a sail. The RC lasers zipped in and out along the shore. The Membership team seemed to be talking non stop to visitors. Did you have a go in a WOW ball?

Our next big occasion is the Diamond Jubilee weekend in early June. On the Sunday afternoon the Club is holding its very own Pageant on the Lake. Be a part of our flotilla and let's get as many boats as we can on the water. There's a prize for the best decorated boat! On the Monday evening the Club will join with the crowd at Buckingham Palace for the Concert for our own commemorative evening. Dance to Tom Jones and Shirley Bassey on the big screen. 50's fashions are recommended. Let's wave the flag and celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

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

West Lancs Ladies have Launched

Ten West Lancs Ladies have already joined in this new activity.

Everyone taking part has at least some previous sailing experience, however small, as we are not providing a sailing course.

The idea is to encourage confidence on the water in a sociable and friendly way. No one is forced out if they don't fancy the rain or wind and continuous attendance is not expected, we all have commitments. It is a relaxed group chattering happily over an informal communal lunch either bought or made by those present and then deciding the course of action for the afternoon.



WLYC Ladies doing it for themselves

For the first trip out, the Club Wayfarer was used so that 4 ladies could all go out together on a stable platform, excellent for gaining helming and crewing confidence. Last week there was very little wind when lunch was finished so Anne Rushton offered her Enterprise as a rowing boat! Laughter floated over the water. When the wind returned, the sails were raised and a more correct use was made of the Enterprise.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact:

Louise Halliwell: 01704 878572

Or

Ann Hivey: ann.hivey@wlyc.org.uk

RYA
Basic Skills
Dinghy Sailing

9am-5pm
June 2nd, 10th, 16th, and 23rd.

- practical teaching techniques
- rigging and launching a boat
- sailing a triangular course
- coming alongside / man overboard
- returning safely to shore

On completion of this course, the successful sailor will be safety conscious, have a basic knowledge of sailing, and be capable of sailing a dinghy without an instructor on board in light winds.

Adult members £100 Juniors £50
Non-members £250

Enrolment forms in the clubhouse and on the web

Contact : Kath Hall 01772 615638
training@wlyc.org.uk

There will be a level 3 Better Sailing course on 12th and 19th May. This course provides consolidation of basic skills and a first taste of the RYA advanced courses including, Seamanship, Sailing with Spinnakers and Start Racing. Another beginner's programme is arranged for later in the year. We are also arranging a beginners Power Boat level 1&2 (no dates yet); if you are interested in any of the opportunities please contact me or any member of the training team.

Neil Croston



House Committee

To celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee this summer a whole host of events are planned in London over the extended Bank Holiday weekend. Can you remember the amazing concert ten years ago in Buckingham Palace gardens and the spectacular fire work display that followed? It really brought back the Great British feeling and a sense of national pride. This year's celebrations seem to be even more amazing and as the BBC is making the most to support these events it would be great if we could all join in. The major events are on the 3rd and 4th of June.

On Sunday 3 June 2012, over one thousand boats will muster on the River Thames in preparation for Her Majesty to take part in the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant. It will be one of the largest flotillas ever assembled on the river. Rowed boats and working boats and pleasure vessels of all shapes and sizes will be beautifully dressed with streamers and Union Flags, their crews and passengers turned out in their finest rigs. The armed forces, fire, police, rescue and other services will be afloat and there will be an exuberance of historic boats, wooden launches, steam vessels and other boats of note. The flotilla will be bolstered with passenger boats carrying up to 30,000 flag-waving members of the public in this floating celebration. The spectacle will be further enhanced with music barges and boats spouting geysers and a floating belfry.

On Monday 4th a line up of musical stars from the worlds of rock and pop, along with the best of classical music and musical theatre, will perform at The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Concert.

Staged in the stunning surroundings in front of Buckingham Palace, the BBC and Gary Barlow have brought together leading talent from the world of music. The concert will include classic hits and one-off collaborations from artists including Shirley Bassey, Alfie Boe, Jools Holland, Jessie J, JLS, Elton John, Tom Jones, Lang Lang, Annie Lennox, Madness, Paul McCartney, Cliff Richard, Ed Sheeran and many more. The unique concert stage has been designed by world-renowned architect Mark Fisher, and it will make full use of the historic backdrop with spectacular lighting and projections - All broadcast live on BBC One AND on big screens at the WLYC.

So let's see what we can do! Join in our great family Jubilee lunch BBQ on the Sunday 3rd followed by the Marine Lake Pageant led by our very own

Queen for the day. Let's get everyone out on the water dressed in red, white and blue and stage our own flag waving spectacle. There'll be music, WOW hamster balls for children of ALL ages and a Jubilee Cake Bake off competition to be judged at 3.30. Bring friends and family down to the club and have some fun.

Dress up on the evening of Monday 4th in 1950's floral frocks and chaps let's see some teddy boys in fancy dress. A top notch buffet dinner with a few surprises and dance the night away with the music from the stars.

Do hope you can make it!

Christine

Catering Report

The Catering Committee have been hard at work making dishes to tantalise your taste buds. Our latest event was the 12 hour Race which was a great success with competitors and visitors commenting how yummy the food was with such a variety.

We urgently need more helpers/volunteers. All that is required are willing hands, catering expertise is not a necessity. For fun and a good gossip contact Carol on 01704 563166 or Jayne on 01695 575688.

Volunteers are also needed to run Sunday Galleys on:

3rd and 17th June,

1st and 15th July

12th, 19th and 26th August

6th and 30th September

21st October

Come on give one of us a ring and offer to do a Galley duty, its fun really!

Special thanks too for their hard work and support on Sunday Galleys to Kari Huntley, Barbara Marsden, Tony and Louise Halliwell.

