

Sailing Secretary

Jenny Parvey



Jill Vicary

The season has been a little slow to get underway so far and we've yet to see the full Micro fleet turn out for a race and only a few other cruisers and the occasional dinghy have raced. However, the 21-mile race and Passage Race to Harwich Town Sailing Club were well supported and it seems that for many these events are preferable to 'round the cans' racing. Keep an eye on the club's website for results of these and other races.

Four days of very successful sail training took place for five of our Junior Improvers in Toppers. They spent many hours on the water, learnt a great deal and got very wet. On one of the days, they sailed to Stutton with a picnic lunch and the leisurely sail there in a pleasant force two from behind changed into a force four sail to windward on the way back. However, they coped admirably and all slept well that night. The RYA instructor, Jimmy Reddington, who ran the course with his son Tom, also an instructor, proved very popular. We hope to run an Optimist Improvers course as well during the Summer.

On the Sunday following the sail training, the Juniors raced, one of three Junior/Dinghy races so far this season, using Mirrors, Scows and a Topper.

It is good to see them out there without adults in the boats and it would be great to see more Junior members participating in the races.

Details of Regatta racing appear in this edition of *Bowsprit* and let's try to get as many boats out as possible.

If anyone knows they are unable to do their scheduled Officer of the Day, please let me know. Extra assistance may be required to run Regatta races so please let me know if you are available to help.

Forthcoming attractions (in addition to normal Sunday racing):

3rd and 4th July

Micro Championships – start times tbc

4th July

Junior/Dinghy race – start 13.00 hrs

31st July and 1st August

Regatta

15th August

Junior/Dinghy race – start 11.30 hrs

30th August

Bank Holiday pennant

4th September

Stutton family picnic – start 15.00 hrs

18th and 19th September

Sudbury to the Sea (canoes etc)

Minutes

Andrea Glanville

The minutes of the monthly Management Committee meetings are available in the Clubhouse some four - five weeks after the meetings. Those of the AGM however, are not. In view of the considerable time interval that usually elapses between these meetings, and the publication of the relevant minutes, your Committee considers that the result of the various resolutions and motions ought to be made known to members.

In consequence, the results from the AGM 2004 were in the same order as the agenda:

1. Adoption of reports from Commodore, Secretary, Sailing Secretary and Mooring Master;
All approved.
2. Subscription and fees;
All approved.
3. Registration of the Club as a Community Amateur Sports Club;
Approved and deferred for Committee decision.

From members:

1. A motion from Dick Patterson that the Club formally adopt the use of Optimist dinghies provided by the Stour Youth Sailing Trust was deferred and it was agreed that the Committee would consider the proposition, and advise members upon receipt of full details of the operations envisaged;
As it stood, the outline of the proposal was insufficient.
2. A proposal from Richard Smith for a trial volunteer operation of a Jolly Boat during the season at weekends and race days, with the cost being reimbursed by the users;
Adopted.