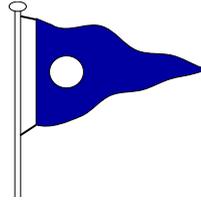


# DYC



## SPRING NEWSLETTER

### 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday edition.

#### **Commodores Comment.**

**1838-2013.** 175 YEARS! A long history which makes Deben Yacht Club the 5<sup>th</sup> oldest sailing club in Great Britain I believe and 9<sup>th</sup> in the world. To celebrate this achievement several special events will be happening during the year which are mentioned in this edition.

With the sailing season almost upon us it is amazing just how fast the winter has disappeared. While some have covered themselves and their boats for the winter, the working party and the committee have been busy preparing for the new season.

**The slipway.** It is a testimony to the hard work of Simon Shaw as project manager, John Davis as designer, together with the working party that the slipway was finished before the new year; and what a difference! Grippy, flat, and wide it will undoubtedly make a huge difference to launching this year. After the success of the balcony, Tam Grundy and Cyril Varley were chosen as the contractors for the construction work and seeing them knee deep in mud, and looking at the size of the timbers I can only admire their dedication and skill. Our thanks must go to them for doing a first rate job on budget and on time.

The official opening of the slipway is on **13<sup>th</sup> April at 12.00pm** to which all members are invited. The annual **new members welcome meeting** will precede this at **11.00am** when they are invited to meet and chat with class captains and members of the committee.

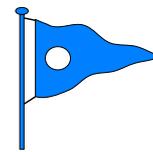
**Club boats.** The Club now has dinghies of its own which can be hired by members this year. They can be used whenever there is club sailing activity (i.e. when a support boat is on the water). Cost will be £5 per session for a single hander or £10 a session for a Wayfarer. Booking sheets will be on the website soon or you can turn up at the lazy sailing sessions to use any that have not been pre booked. Why not

hire a boat for a whole race series and enjoy a discount if you complete all of the races. Watch the website for details.

**Club promotion.** As you read this you may notice some improvements in the signage of the club which is designed to make the Club more welcoming to visitors and potential new members. Our Club is very welcoming but its appearance from the path does not give a clear idea of the welcome or sailing opportunities that wait within. While membership is healthy it is important that the club attracts new members of all ages and abilities and it is our intention to actively promote sailing at the Club especially in this landmark year.

## Deben Yacht Club

Sailing on the Deben since 1838



### **175 celebrations.**

**Summer ball.** Booking details are included for the summer ball in July. This will be an opportunity to get out your black ties and best frocks to enjoy an excellent meal and dance in the comfort of the golf club. This will undoubtedly be a sell out so let Ruth know early if you would like tickets.

**Anniversary regatta and hog roast .** On **Sept 8<sup>th</sup>** (the actual date of the setting up of the Club) the club is having a hog roast at the end of a regatta at the clubhouse. Everybody including the galley team can enjoy this event and tickets will be available later, but put the date into your diary now.

**Changing rooms.** While the paint is still drying on the slipway the committee has started to address the design and building of the new changing rooms. Seen as a matter of importance back in year 2000 this development has been delayed due to the urgency of the veranda and slipway projects which are now complete. The outline planning for the proposed changes are on display in the Clubhouse but these can be changed. Feedback on ideas would be appreciated. Comments to John Adams or Simon Shaw.

### **Volunteers needed.**

DYC continues to be a club run totally by volunteers and it is the intention that it will remain that way. Every activity in the club is covered at present but only because some members are doing more than their fair share of jobs. As well as vacancies for next year for flag officers and a club secretary there are a number of roles that need

filling, most of which are not onerous and are mostly needed a few times a year. At present there is a need for:

**Publicity officer.** To advertise Club events to the wider public, press and media.

**Website manager.** To keep the website up to date and to keep it vibrant. (presumably anybody over the age of 12 need not apply- only joking!)

**Fuel manager.** To ensure that the petrol supply is maintained on the pontoons for the support boats. (a fuel card is supplied so no personal payments are necessary)

**Newsletter editor.** To collate and present the club newsletter 2-3 times per year.

Please contact the club secretary if you can help with any of these activities or would like to be a flag officer or secretary.

The new covered way across the front of the club is the most obvious evidence of the working party's activities but they have also refurbished the Wayfarer dinghies to a very high spec as well as completing the usual myriad of cleaning, painting and maintenance tasks. Without their heroic efforts the club could not survive in its present form and our thanks must go to all of those involved.

See you on the water soon. Mel.

### **Club Captain's Bit**

Welcome, all, to our 175<sup>th</sup> year of sailing...and there's not many clubs in the world that can claim that accolade. We have an amazing sailing heritage on the Deben – and you are part of that for future generations. So let's see big fleets out this year!

We have a packed programme of training, racing, and informal sailing for dinghies and yachts. New this year will be some midweek lunchtime "Lazy Sailing" sessions for those with a little time spare during the week. We've also extended the programme of evening Lazy Sailing to cater for those not so keen on the racing. We have a brilliant new launch ramp which is around 50% wider than the old ramp, is nice even, gentle angle, and has a non slip fibregrid surface which should all go towards making launching and recovery a far more relaxed, lower stress affair than up to now. Please just bear in mind that the non-slip surface is, by definition, not smooth, and hence you need take care to avoid sandpapering the bottom of your boat!

For the more competitive amongst you, we have a number of open meetings, including our own 'Club Open' to give you a taster of open meeting style sailing, in a more relaxed environment. This was a great success last year; an even bigger turnout this year will be fantastic.

Look out, too, for details of the **Woodbridge Regatta** day on **July 14th**, and our own 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary day in September. The season kicks off with the tune up series

and **pre-race brunch on 30 March**. On 13 April, there will be a special event for the official opening of the new launch ramp.

Please look out elsewhere in this newsletter for 'introductions' from the various class captains (including yotties). Check out the website for details of the programme, contacts, and social events including our special 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary Summer Ball.

Happy sailing

Pierre Naudé

### **Class captains.**

#### **Fast Handicap**

Hi all, just a few lines to introduce myself as fast handicap class captain. I have sailed at the DYC for the last 14 years in various dinghies, laser 1, Lark, Blaze, Int' 14 and the last 10 years a Laser Vortex which I sold the end of 2012. I am now the proud owner of a Supernova MK2 which I am trying to get the hang off. I am one of the club race coaches and can be found at the club on most race days and am always keen to help and answer any questions about racing. If you're new to racing or rusty and need some coaching why not sign up for the race coaching sessions at the beginning of the season. See you on the water soon, Alan Grant. Supernova 1019 01394 387406

#### **Slow handicap.**

Hi Everyone,

Hope you have all had a great [Christmas](#) and New Year.

I'm Ed Adams the slow handicap captain, I sail a Byte CII (the laser like thing with a bright orange sail).

Hope to see you all out racing this year and I'm happy to help with any problems you might have. If I'm not about there are plenty of friendly faces at the the club who will all be happy to help. We are hoping to see lots of new faces taking part in the "not beyond 7" series and you might like to join in some of the other races before and after to get some experience of the fantastic and fun racing we have at the club.

See you all on the [30 March](#) for the first race.

Ed Adams

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**Topper.** I am delighted to be topper captain this year and I look forward to seeing plenty of topper sailors out on the water! I have been sailing at the DYC for most of my life, and raced my topper ([Tails](#)) for 3 years. I aim to be at the DYC most weekends, so just look for me in the dingy park or around the club if you have any Topper related questions! Happy sailing!`

Thanks,

Elspeth Orme 01394 648077

## **Feva.**

My name is Jane Stone and along with my partner David Hopkins we have been asked to be class Captain Feva class.

We have been members at the DYC for the past couple of years and race enthusiastically with our own Feva. We particularly enjoyed racing with 6 other Fevas at last years DYC regatta week (Feva's were one of the biggest fleets racing) This was the main reasoning behind a class captain being appointed.

Looking to the future we will again be regular racers at the club this year and hope to encourage some more member and visitor Feva sailors with the prospect of a Feva class at the DYC regatta - enough entries permitting. A training and open race event later on in the year has already been scheduled on the club calendar

As you may know the RYA has recently adopted the Feva as a youth training boat; there are training courses on offer at other local clubs and events throughout the year. So for younger sailors or, as in our case, the lighter adults who want a 2 man boat but would struggle with a larger rig the Feva, more than ever, presents some interesting possibilities.

For more information on the Feva class at DYC or the DYC in general please get in touch.

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## **Yacht Racing**

Hi All, my name is Darren, and I sail a great little Pandora 700, Bluebelle with my mate and sometimes my family.

Last year was my first time having a go in a few races. They were relaxed and fun, even though we usually came last, except for the one race which was called off due to strong wind but we did the course anyway. Thanks to the safety boat team who came out to sound the horn as we crossed the start and finish line, coming in first in a fleet of one!

Before a race we get together at the club to confirm the course, and then off we go. This is my first year as Yacht Racing Captain and I hope that all of you with a yacht will be able to get out on the water and join in with some of the racing. There is a full program of racing this season with various points' series, cup races, the Deben regatta and the celebration of 175 years of the DYC

Feel free to give me a call (01394 548 662) or email ([darren\\_mg@hotmail.com](mailto:darren_mg@hotmail.com)) if you would like any further information. Happy sailing. Darren Gee.

175 summer ball.

## *DYC 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Summer Ball*

*Celebrating 175 years of sailing on the Deben  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at Waldringfield Golf Club  
Dinner and dancing to 'Sink the Beat'*

*£30 per person*

*Black Tie preferable, dancing shoes essential!*

*Apply to Ruth Naudé for tickets. Non-members are welcome, but priority will be given to DYC members*

*Apply by 30<sup>th</sup> April, indicating number of member and non-member tickets. No payment required yet*

*Seating will be arranged in advance. Please indicate any preferences (8 to 12 per table)*

*Email: [ruth@apexagronomy.co.uk](mailto:ruth@apexagronomy.co.uk) or Post: Larksfield, Woodbridge Road, Debach, IP13 6BY*

### **RACE TRAINING**

Interested in racing at the DYC, but it all looks a bit scary. Or you've done a bit of racing and want to hone your skills? Then our Introduction to Racing course could be just what you are looking for.

#### **Introduction to Racing at the DYC**

This course covers the basics of racing and how racing is organised at the club. It will show you how to start racing and enjoy competing at the DYC with confidence. This is our own in house DYC course tailored from the RYA Start Racing syllabus. The 2013 course runs over four weekends from Sunday 12th May, finishing with an Evening Points race on Sunday 2nd June.

Requirements: at least 11 years old (applies to helm and crew), Stage 3 Sailing certificate or the equivalent which means being able to sail around a triangular course in moderate wind.

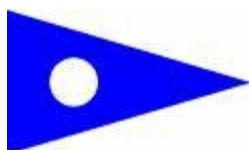
All courses are lead by DYC Club Race Coaches and involve in clubhouse teaching and on the water sessions with video analysis. As well as learning a lot, you'll have great fun!

If you would like more details please contact Kim Ford.

Tel: 01394 383186

Email: kim@rdtwoodlands.co.uk

## Sail Training.



### *DYC Sail Training 2013*



We are offering 2 separate courses this year:

***IMPROVERS (based on RYA JUNIOR STAGES 2-3 / ADULT LEVEL 2)***

***BEGINNERS (based on RYA JUNIOR STAGES 1-2 / ADULT LEVEL 1)***

- The training fleet will be supervised by an RYA Senior Instructor and support boats.
- **10** places are available on each course. Children should be at least **10** years old.
- We will mostly be using Toppers and Wayfarers. You may use your own boat for the training if it is suitable & seaworthy.
- The introductory evening will give beginners practical advice before they start the course (see dates below). Improvers are also welcome to attend.
- In the event of a no-sail we will work ashore on theory and practice. If sessions have to be shortened youngsters' families will be contacted.

**Course programme** \* **WRITE THE DATES STRAIGHT INTO YOUR HOME DIARY!!** \*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Session</b> ( <i>italics = optional</i> )	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>High Water</b>
Thur 28 Mar	<i>Second-hand Sailing Clothing Sale</i> (80:20)	<b>19:00</b> <b>19:30</b>	19:30 20:30	

	<b>T 1</b> Introductory Evening			
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Sun 14 Apr	<b>T 2 IMPROVERS 1</b>	<b>11:30</b>	16:30	15:39
Sat 20 Apr	<b>T 3 IMPROVERS 2</b>	<b>16:30</b>	20:00	20:52
Sun 28 Apr	<b>T 4 IMPROVERS 3</b>	<b>11:00</b>	16:00	14:59
Sat 4 May	<b>T 5 IMPROVERS 4&amp;5 down river day</b>	<b>09:00</b>	17:30	20:52

Sun 12 May	<b>T 6 BEGINNERS 1</b>	<b>10:30</b>	15:30	14:41
Sat 18 May	<b>T 7 BEGINNERS 2</b>	<b>14:30</b>	19:30	18:44
Sun 26 May	<b>T 8 BEGINNERS 3</b>	<b>10:00</b>	15:00	13:56
Sat 1 Jun	<b>T 9 BEGINNERS 4</b>	<b>15:00</b>	20:00	19:13

**Equipment checklist** (*you might find something useful at the Clothing Sale, 28th March*)

- Warm clothes that are OK to get wet; hat & gloves/mittens
- Several thin layers or wet suit & layers
- Water- & wind-proof jacket and trousers (or spraysuit)
- Buoyancy aid (you can borrow one from us if you need to)
- Wetsuit boots or other suitable footwear like old trainers (**not** garden wellies)
- Towel and change of clothes
- Your **logbook** if you have done a previous course.

Application forms are on the website so sign up now so as not to be disappointed.

**To end.** Do you have an opinion about the club? About facilities, food, sailing programme or whatever. Can you: Offer help? Write a newsletter item? Give some time to the club? Then contact any member of the committee. Remember it is **your Club** and you make it work and can make a difference. Bye for now.

