



JIB SHEET

Keeping you in touch with your club's news — Spring 2007

The Commodore's Log

A warm welcome to all members, old and new, a new year is upon us, the London Boat Show is a distant memory, and we are looking forward to a new season and the summer to come, it seems we escaped unscathed from the storm in January.

Please let this be a reminder to owners, that they need to check their boats regularly throughout the year, especially during the long winter months we should all inspect our craft regularly. We would all be very upset, if our pride and joy were damaged by an unsecured boat.

Please be sure to renew your membership as soon as possible, and let the office know if you intend to leave the club. Remember to bring your duty vouchers with you when you pay your fees, they can only be redeemed against your membership subs, and this years Duty Levy, not against berth or mooring fees.

Boat space is very short now, we are fast approaching **Full**, we will soon be faced with the dilemma of not having space for new member's boats. Your Management Committee intend to take a very firm line with unpaid berths this year, we can't afford to have unpaid boats occupying space

needed for new members. There are a number of trailers occupying additional berths around the club, these must be removed to provide additional berth space for new members.

There are also a few very tatty and unseaworthy boats in the boatpark, if they are to be restored, this must be done at home. Again if not paid for they must be removed off site. We have spent a lot of effort tidying the site recently, please don't clutter the site with unwanted kit.

You will see the new Committee Boat on the water, please ask Mick for a short refresher before taking her out. She is to be moored using the bouys arranged at various stations around the water, they can easily be moved around by the new boat to obtain the desired position. I am still hoping someone will suggest a name for the new boat, please feel free to put forward your bid.

So lets look forward to a successfull season with fair winds and weather, see you out on the water.

Lawrence Key

Dear Friends and Fellow Members,

I wanted to record my thanks to all those who over the last five years have become good friends to me at Carsington Sailing Club. I am really grateful to all who wished me well when they knew I was moving away from Derbyshire to the wilds of the Outer Hebrides. I enjoyed being part of a happy and worthwhile organisation, and although I will not be able to come to do Duty Officer too often - I remain a member - I might as well use the vouchers I earned last year - so I will be able to keep in touch with what is going on.

Special thanks must go to Mick and Lyn for their friendship, to the Sailability Gang for the fun and companionship each week, and all those too numerous to mention who continue to give their time carrying out varies duties to support the activities of the club.

Thanks to David for his kind comments in the last Jib Sheet, and to Mike for a picture I shall always treasure.

Happy Sailing.

Peter Soutar

Stop Press: The Weed Boat has just arrived more details next edition.

Starting May - Youth Race Coaching

We have one of the most successful Youth Fleets in Derbyshire so come along and join us and improve your sailing/racing skills. **We start again on Sat 12th May from 1330 - 1630hrs.**

If you are interested or want more information please contact us. Also keep an eye out for information on the Youth Fleet notice board.

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Lost Property - Easter Disposal Sale

If you have lost anything please ensure you check lost property and remove it by 31st March. Any items left in lost property after this date will be sold, at Easter, with all monies raised being donated to the Commodores Charity Fund.

All queries relating to lost property should be made to Lyn Athey - 01629 540609.

www.carsingtonsc.co.uk

email: manager@carsingtonsc.co.uk

Jim's Corner

Sunday February 11th. 2007 16 55 hrs The Sun has just gone in after a perfect sailing day and I wasn't!

Yes I'm back, despite the fact that I wasn't going to, no one else has offered to step in and various people have flattered me into thinking that I was doing a reasonable job under the circumstances so.... I guess that you're stuck with me for a while longer.

Here we are then in 2007, the new committee boat is on the water, the new rib Yankee is standing by with it's fellow safety boats Romeo and Bravo, (there is a prize on offer for anyone who can guess the colour of Yankee!) Mr Commodore has just ordered some new buoy covers so we're ready to go. All we need now is for you lot to come on down and get stuck in!

For the Frostbite series we (that's the royal we a.k.a. the sailing committee) have messed around with the starts a bit

so that we can get three races in. the first start is at 11 o'clock as normal but we have moved the second race to 13.00hrs with the third back to back. We have done this because we can of course delay the start of the second race if needs be, but we couldn't bring it forward (rules is rules you know) so in theory there will be less standing around between races and if the weather suites we can have another play after the second one!! We will of course evaluate this as it progresses so if you have any comments to make please see your fleet captain or of course me.

Last thing PRIZEGIVING is on March 17th. 19.30 hrs. This year we have really pushed the boat out (lets hope it comes back in time!) We have laid on a FREE yes that's right FREE posh buffet and a disco. We have completely rethought the prizes that we are awarding so NO GLASS! Dig out your old white suit and come and see if the prizes go down well or if I get lynched by an angry mob of crews. Don't worry all will become clear!

See you then? if not happy sailing!

Jim Hart

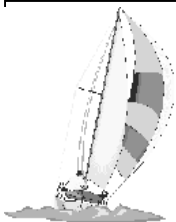
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News from your Fleet Captains



CRUISING NEWS

Hi Folks,

Various things have happened in the Cruiser Park. We have had a long overdue re-shuffle and have regained some spaces for new members who have been waiting to bring in new boats, a welcome sight, some of the current boats have been very sadly neglected and it upsets me to see these boats being abandoned by their owners who still seem to pay their membership - **Why?** It will not be too long before we will have to review the state of some of the wrecks in the Cruiser Park, especially if our waiting list grows. I am particularly concerned about the amount of nautical and not so nautical rubbish that is starting to manifest itself. Come on guys lets make an effort to keep it tidy and operational.

Onto a more enjoyable note. We held our Laying supper on Dec 1st 2006. As usual it was well attended with 35 members enjoying a great meal provided by the galley staff.

We finished with our 2005/06 Prize Giving and my re-election as Fleet Captain. (I must be doing something right).

Several of us visited the London Boat Show in January; unfortunately we could not get enough members to warrant a mini bus so we had our commodore driving us there and back, a greatly appreciated move!

Our first Cruiser Race of the season saw two hardy crews and boats on the water. Sadly little wind made the day disappointing for us all. I am looking out at snow and a sky full of the stuff. Perhaps some of us will have to wait a little while longer before we enjoy our pastime.

For All those interested I have just arranged our Fitting-out Supper. It will be Friday 20th April and all are very welcome, I am sure we will all enjoy a well prepared meal once again by the Galley Staff.

Here's to milder days.

Andrew Jones.



You may be wondering where the Laser 2000's had got to after an absence from two consecutive Jib Sheets – well I'm back.

The new season is just around the corner and here are some dates for your diaries.

First up is the Laser 2000/3000 Open Meeting on 19/20 May. This is part of the Laser 2000 Association's Millennium Series and is a great opportunity to sail with boats from all over the country. In the past we have attracted boats from Scotland and Wales as well as the "Waters" down the road and look forward to entertaining everyone for another weekend at Carsington. I would really like us to break the barrier of 10 local boats this season. If you have not tried one of the Laser 2000 Open Meetings before, please have a go because the Association prides itself on the friendly competitive spirit of its events and the emphasis is on the enjoyment of sailing. Also the Laser 3000 Association is getting behind this event as well. I know that there aren't many 3000's at Carsington but here's your chance guys!

I'm also planning to run some Fleet days this season – provisional dates are Saturdays on 21st April and 9th June. If your appetite is whetted by the Open Meeting and would like to hone some sailing skills in advance, or you would just like to meet other Laser 2000 or 3000 sailors in the club and share knowledge, know-how, anecdotes whatever, then come along on the 21st April. The sessions are informal, starting at 10 am in the clubhouse and usually closing at about 4 pm. The agenda is tailored on the day according to people's requests / needs / whims and the weather but usually involves on-shore rigging tips and some exercises on the water. Please let me know if you would like to join one or both of these sessions – knowing the numbers in advance is a great help.

Happy Sailing

Peter Bolton

Laser 2000 Hire Scheme

The club owns 2 boats available for extended hire (2-3 month periods) available now it's ideal if you are an RYA Level 2 sailor.

For more details contact:

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Billy No Mates Trophy
28th/29th April
Single Handed General Handicap

Party Sat 28th April
see enclosed leaflet for details.

THERE'S NO SHAME IN BEING SLOW

"Oh look, how sweet! Jeremy's sailing club's given him a prize for being so slow!" declared a dinner guest recently, on reading the inscription on the half-pint glass in which I'd, somewhat unwisely as it turned out, served her some beer. "Carsington Sailing Club – Spring Series 2005 – Slow" read the offending inscription, so it was perhaps an easy mistake for the uninitiated to make. My attempts to explain that "Slow" referred to "Slow Handicap" and that I had in fact come third out of at least fifteen other boats went unheeded, as the assembled company chortled and guffawed at such incontrovertible evidence of my sporting ineptitude. Harrumph!

On looking through the results for the sailing season just gone, I find myself harrumphing again. For despite my best efforts, the purchase of a newer boat, bruised shins, knackered knees, and a fair amount of sweating and swearing on the water, I discover that my performance fails to show any noticeable improvement. In all of the series I entered, there I am, stuck in third place with, just a few points ahead of me, my nemesis, my arch rival, my *bête noire*, Roger Cox. Now, Roger swears even more than I do on the water and sometimes he falls in. When he falls in and swears at the same time, I know I'm in with a chance and, sure enough, the results do record the occasional race in which I managed to get one over on him. But mostly, I just do okay, not exceptionally well, not embarrassingly badly, just somewhere in the middle, stuck in third place. Grrrrr!

Happily, all of the other regular Solo competitors did show marked improvement or the odd flash of brilliance in the course of last season. John Poulson showed his usual form and bagged the Spring Series before retiring hurt for the rest of the season. He should be back this year with a new boat to show us all a clean pair of heels. In John's absence, Roger managed to win the Summer Series, whilst coming second in the Spring and the Autumn. Derek Joyner's season was interrupted by long periods away on walking holidays but he returned late on to win the Winter Series by a fair margin. Alastair Raynard showed perhaps the most marked improvement, though. In this, only his second season in a Solo, he progressed from tail-end Charlie to snapping at all of our heels and went on to record a well-deserved third in the Winter Series. Family commitments prevented the newest member of the fleet, Richard Brown, from chalking up a consistent set of results, but every time he was able to sail, he showed us all how it was done with some impressive wins. He should be able to show John a thing or two in the new season.

Overall, the results for last year all feature a clump of Solo sailors somewhere near the top, demonstrating that yet again Solo sailors have been some of the most regular participants in club racing. At present, then, we're a small but enthusiastic bunch and it would be nice to see our numbers rise and with that, hopefully, our sailing performance too. From the membership lists, I know there are more Solo owners out there, so come and join us on the water for some racing. There's no shame in being slow – at Carsington you get prizes for it!

Jeremy Lane

Slough ...or ...What to do with a Hut

Come friendly bombs; fall on our hut.
Please stop us getting in a rut.
There isn't grass to graze a cow
Upon its little island now.

Come bombs and blow to smithereens
That central-heated square canteen;
Tinned gas, tin roof, tin seats and mast,
It's such a symbol of the past.

Mess up the mess they call "The Box",
For twenty years a creeping pox,
A shed where some go counting down,
Or pulling flags for half-a-crown.

And get that man with double chin
Who'll always cheat and always win
Who washes his repulsive skin
In Tempests' tears.

And smash his desk of sandy ply
And smash his coffee cups close by
And stop him setting boring courses.
Make him yell.

But spare the clerks who use the boat
To start the racing from afloat;
No more the rudders wrecked on rocks
Or weeded keels too near that Box.

Way out upon a sparkling mere
True officers deserve a cheer:
A windward leg, a start "All Clear"...
They've done it right.

When once that first long beat is done
They seek to maximise the fun:
Nice angles on the reach or run.
Best set from on the water.

Would some Semtex suit our need ?
Plus TNT for extra speed ?
Or should the Water Board take heed
And blast the bloody island too ?

Come friendly bombs; fall on our shed,
Soon we can use two boats instead
For when its bilge gets filled with lead
...
Committee Boat We're ready !

Jack Hayhurst

Bad Boy's Turned Good

Once upon a time there was a small gang who were known as the "Wednesday Boys". Their leader was called Big Mick and his second in command was little Ken. The other partners in crime were "Jack of all trades Trevor" and "Master of None Graham". This happy bunch meet, no matter what the weather, every Wednesday at Carsington Sailing Club to perform all sorts of behind the scenes wonders. During 2006 they have performed all sorts of magic including a new committee boat, a new work/safety boat (Delta), Training Room, modifications to race hut jetty, club room and changing rooms and general repairs to club equipment.

Of course I am referring to our club staff i.e. Mick Athey and Ken Harwood and the regular volunteers Trevor Duckworth and Graham Ilsley. They are aided and abetted by a number of other people who now and then give up some of their free time to lend a helping hand with the various projects which are undertaken through out the year, the latest being a yard trailer for the new Committee Boat.

With out the dedication of our staff and the very valuable volunteer help provided by club members, our club would not be able to take on let alone complete as many projects each year as we do. This is in addition to all the day to day maintenance tasks needed to keep things running smoothly.

Also we must not forget Lyne Athey who keeps the office running like clockwork and Rick Manning who keeps our club as bright as a new pin.

I think we owe them a big **Well Done** from all of us for their efforts in 2006.

Our club always needs more members to take on tasks outside mandatory duties. If you have a particular skill or would just like to come along and lend a hand, please let Mick or any of the Flag Officers know and a job will soon be found for you. In return you will have the satisfaction

that you will have put something back into your club and enjoy the camaraderie which exists behind the scenes.

Come and join us in 2007.

**Mike Stoker
Vice Commodore**



Bird Flu

All members of the Club, if they are not already, should be aware that waterfowl are one of the means by which Bird Flu can be carried and spread.

Please report any dead birds on the water or shore to the Manager or any club official. Do not touch or pick them up.

Once boats go back onto moorings please take particular care when removing bird muck from the deck etc.

In the main office Lyn has set up a bird flu folder which has a collection of helpful information.

Alternatively we would recommend that you look on the DEFRA website which has numerous links that are very informative.

(<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/diseases/notifiable/disease/ai/index.htm>)

THE 'EARS' HAVE IT

After last year's hugely successful Children's Party there was an air of anticipation as the children began to gather for this year's event. By mid afternoon the club had begun to fill up with member's families and it did not take long before the usual Saturday afternoon sailing dissection about terrible courses, failed gear and the what might have been, if only..... was replaced by the chatter of excited children. It was quite remarkable the speed with which many of the Cruiser fleet, not all in the flush of youth, managed to evacuate the club. Those members and their families coming in would have been forgiven for thinking there was a full blown fire drill in progress. (Now there's a subject for the future.....) Anyway back to the party.

This year the club entertained 80+ children (another record) from babes in arms up to 10 years old. 'The Galley' put on a brilliant spread, only marred by the fact that it was so good that the kids didn't leave any pickings for us parents. However that was offset by some tasty morsels that Debra and Sandra had prepared especially for the adults.

This year the children had a new entertainer to torment. A magician of dubious Celtic ancestry, appropriately named, "Dizzy The Wizard", had both the kids and parents on the edge of their seats. The children in particular entered fully into the spirit of the event. At one point some were so convinced that they had sussed out a trick that Dizzy was almost overwhelmed by their enthusiasm.

And finally the long awaited traditional finale with Santa arriving by boat sleigh through a fanfare of fireworks. (slight literary licence here). As per last year he was accompanied by unpopular demand by his water- pistol-



slinging elf who liberally soaked those within range and this year succeeded in reducing his God Daughter to tears (shame I hear you cry).

It was great to see lots of new faces as well as the regulars and on behalf of the organisers we hope everyone had a great time.

Which brings us to the point where we must thank all those for organising the event and those who made it such an enjoyable afternoon. Lyn and Mick Athey, Tony Allton, Mike Stoker, Debra and Sandra (The Galley), all those others who contributed and in particular to you all for coming.

Oh, and in case you are wondering, the Elf had remembered to put his ears on the right way up this year!

See you again in December.

Training 2007 - Young Sailors & Adults

The Training programme for this season is now complete and offers more opportunities than previous seasons.

Young Sailor

We shall be running our usual Saturday morning 'Learn to Sail' courses for juniors starting at the beginning of May. 'Saturday Club' will again be taking place on Saturday afternoons from June to August for a fun time whilst building confidence and skills on the water.

During Spring and Autumn there will be 'Improvers' courses on Saturdays for those who have mastered the basics of sailing and wish to continue to develop the skills learned on the basic courses.

Our popular three day holiday courses will be taking place as usual during the summer, both as an introduction to sailing and to encourage young sailors to enjoy sailing by giving confidence and developing new skills. Early and late season, together with Thursday evenings from May to July, advanced courses will be available in 'Start Racing', 'Seamanship', and 'Sailing with Spinnakers'.

'Race Coaching' will be available on Saturday afternoons from May to July and September to October to allow young

sailors to develop their racing skills and act as a link to Derbyshire Youth Sailing (see DYS page 6).

The Saturday Club 'Bash and Barbeque' for all youngsters who have been involved in training throughout the season will be held on Sept. 8th.

Adults

Adult 'Learn to Sail' courses will start at the end of April and continue through to October. Early and late season, together with Thursday evenings from May to July, advanced courses will be available in 'Start Racing', 'Seamanship', and 'Sailing with Spinnakers'.

Powerboat courses will be run throughout the year as will 'First Aid' courses.

The 'Day Skipper' shore based courses will be starting in September and continue until Spring 2008.

If you are interested in any of these courses, or, require further information you should contact the Club Office.

Tony Nicholson

Youth Sailing

Hi everyone, I hope that you all had a good Christmas/New Year and have settled in back at school/work/whatever you do to pass the time between one weekend's sailing and the next.

Did you know that as a member of the Carsington Youth Fleet you are automatically eligible to become a member of Derbyshire Youth Sailing and that membership is absolutely free? DYS exists to promote youth sailing in our county and for many young sailors is the second step in junior/youth racing (the first of course being taking part in the Carsington mini-series; dates for 2007 will be announced soon) as well as the opportunity to go sailing at all ten of Derbyshire's sailing clubs.

Have you checked out the DYS website yet? (www.dysailing.com) Currently its homepage is featuring a couple of well-known Carsington faces as well as advertising Laser training being put on at Burton SC. I expect that Mike Shaw the DYS Webmaster will have changed it by the time you are reading this but it is still

worth a look at; after all it is one of the best sailing websites in the country.

When I visited the 'Events' page I noticed that the first DYS event this year will take place at Trent Valley SC on 7th April; now there's a place to sail – dodging narrow boats on the River Trent at Long Eaton! Carsington's DYS event looks like it will take place on 16th June; lets hope for decent winds this year.

DYS have also taken a leaf out of Carsington SC's book and started a boat-lease scheme, After a very generous donation from the Round Table the first of two racing dinghies has been purchased and is in need of a good home for a few months. So anyone who would like to lovingly look after a newish high spec Optimist and take it for the odd race or two should let David Levick (Carsington's DYS rep) know. The second loan boat will be a Topper which hopefully will soon be purchased and made ready for leasing.

Ian Bell



Youth Update...

What a year 2006 was for CSC Youth Laser sailors! To end the season with 3 sailors on RYA Laser squads from the same club (when two years ago there were none) is fantastic. To gain such recognition requires commitment and enthusiasm and our sailors have had a very busy time. With 5 consecutive National events through autumn we have certainly put a few miles on the clock.

We kicked off with the Eastbourne Qualifier. Saturday brought strong wind against tide and created exciting, tough racing. A mediocre day was had on the results board. **Tom Levick** and **Mike Sims** were both black-flagged in the first race; **Luke Bayliss** retired, struggling in the full rig in the tough conditions. **Elliot Banks** had a great first race finishing 19th but consistency was an issue. Sunday brought slightly less wind that steadily built through the day, but the wind was with the tide resulting in LONG beats! **Mike** put in a consistent series to finish 20th, **Tom Levick** ended up 26th, **Elliot** finished 43rd (Radial gold fleet) and **Luke** experienced more disaster with a black flag and gear failure!

A Derbyshire contingent of 6 (**Mike Sims**, **Andy Wilde**, **Tom Levick**, **Luke Bayliss** **Harry Briddon** and **Matt Rawson**) competed in the "Sail For Gold Regatta". The first day brought variable winds and small chop with sailing outside of the harbour. We received more wind (about 17 knots) and bigger, steeper waves the next day. For the medal/finals race strong winds gusting 30 knots kept racing inside the harbour giving us some nice "inland" conditions! **Tom Levick** put in a consistent set of races on Day 1 beating Goody in race one (he did go on to win the event though), messed it up on Day 2 but scraped back some dignity with a 3rd in the finals to finish 22nd. **Luke**, **Matt** and

Harry had a rewarding experience of close fleet racing.

Whitstable Qualifier brought lots of breeze over short steep chop. **Luke Bayliss** and **Harry Levick** struggled in the strong winds in the Standards on Saturday but **Luke** wisely returned to his Radial on Sunday gaining a 5th and 6th place in the beta fleet. **Elliot** achieved 48th in the alpha fleet. **Tom** put in a consistent series to finish 16th (a P.B. for him) one ahead of **Mike** (17th).

For the last of the qualifiers we returned to Weymouth for another breezy event (unfortunately no racing on Sunday – no wind! In Laser sailing it's all or nothing). **Tom Levick** matched the previous weekend with another 16th, (best result 10th) closely followed by **Mike Sims** and **Andy Wilde** in the Standard. **Elliot** improved again to finish 40th in the alpha Radial fleet while **Luke** wisely chose to stick in the Radial finishing 4th in the beta fleet allowing him to sail in the alpha fleet at subsequent qualifiers.

The Inlands produced very light, patchy and shifty winds, yet all races were completed. Best result came from **Mike Sims** in 6th, **Tom** 11th and **Luke** 27th (Radials).

CSC Youth Laser Fleet is a force to be reckoned with! Further achievements include **Elliot's** second DYS series win and selection for the Radial Youth Squad. Following **Luke's** move back to Radials he has been selected to join the Transitional Squad and recently achieved a great fitness test result. **Tom** is continuing to train with the Laser Standard Youth Squad.

Hopefully we will see some new faces to strengthen the CSC Youth Laser team this year!

Tom Levick

Topper Action

Topper Sailors **Suzanna Edwards** and **Christopher Williams** have had a busy winter of training with the RYA Topper North Zone Squad. The programme has allowed them to enjoy sailing at Northern sailing clubs including: Derwent, Pennine and Sunderland.

Stormy weather was encountered at Derwent. With the wind gusting up to 50mph the squad took time off the water to discuss technical and theoretical aspects of racing and improve their fitness in a gruelling fitness session!

The pair hope to gain places in the invitation only "RYA Eric Twiname Championship" and look forward to a successful summer competing in the Topper National and Nationwide Championships.

Carsington are lucky to be holding one of the six Topper Nationwide events on 20th October 2007. With a likely entry of around 150 boats it's a great event to get involved with and is certain to be an exciting spectacle to watch.

Our other Topper sailors **Rocky Banks** and **Anna Blagden** have been involved in the Midlands ITCA Open training.

Full details of Topper training and competition can be found on the Topper Class Association website www.gbtopper.co.uk.

Duncan Williams



Optimist Roundup

The Optimists celebrate their 60th Anniversary in 2007 so Happy Birthday to them! Yet far from being ready to draw a pension, the Optimist is as youthful as ever. It's widely recognised as the most popular dinghy for under 15's, sailed by more than 150,000 children in 100 countries, the largest and still the fastest growing dinghy class in the world. An amazing 74% of all medal winning skippers at the 2004 Olympics were former Optimist sailors.

Ben Ainslie OBE, commented recently "I really enjoyed racing my Optimist dinghy and without the volunteers running the Class Association I wouldn't have had the

The Orange Speed Machine.....

"Avast!" I hear you cry! "What is this great orange speed machine gracing our presence?!" Well my avid Jib Sheet reading friends, it's not the new weed boat but the latest youth machine to sail our waters...and there are three of them!

The **29er** sailors at Carsington have been training hard over the winter to get themselves ready for the summer proceedings, with **Eric Else** and **Josh Woods** using the services of the 29er class association open trainings, and **Ed Robbs** sailing with **Phill Bell** and **James Hadden** sailing with **Katy Jones** choosing to train in private so their opponents can't see their secret techniques! The winter wasn't just for training though, and November saw the 29er inlands taking place on a chilly weekend at Grafham Sailing Club. 61 29ers in total arrived, and all three of Carsington's boats were there. The event saw **Ed** and **Phill** coming 29th, **Eric** and **Josh** sailing in at 46th and **Katy** and **James** somewhat unluckily ending up 59th due to some technical problems. The inlands were also the last event in the series, and it saw **Phill** ranked 16th best crew, and **James** ranked 21st best helm, putting Carsington youth on the map!

So I will leave you with the thought that the next time one of these thoroughbred boats passes you on the race course leaving you sat in their dirty wind...maybe one day you will have the honour of sailing one of these yourself...Happy sailing

Phill Bell

opportunities to take my racing sailing to the limits I have. My abiding memory is of having loads of fun."

Carsington's Optimists are represented in two RYA Zone Squads, in the West by **Ella Stoggall** (10) and in the North by brothers **Benjamin** (11) and **Joshua** (8) **Haynes**. A maximum of 12 sailors are in each of the zones. Top quality coaching is provided over six weekends with the sailors expected to practice in between. During their training they also compete for selection to the Eric Twiname Championships held at Rutland Water in May. This is where the best Zone sailors meet to battle for top honours.

The Midland Optimist Team (MOT) also provides opportunities for winter training for sailors. This year started at S. Staffs SC where 24 sailors turned out in light conditions and enjoyed a morning of training followed by three afternoon races. However, this great start was followed by the postponement of the events at Shustoke, Staunton Harold and at Carsington due to the weather.

Nevertheless, with the MOT events each attracting large bookings from young sailors, all under 15, it can be seen that the Optimist remains popular. If any CSC families who are wondering which dinghy to start their children in, then wonder no more and start them in an Optimist in this its' Diamond Anniversary Year.

Happy Birthday Optimists.

Mike Haynes

Management Matters

Where did we get to in the last issue? Ah yes, "By the time you read this Xmas will be upon us"...!! Well, by the time I read mine Christmas had been and gone and Santa's footprints hoovered from the carpet.

Time and a lack of the new CSC headed paper intervened; so not only were we late in getting Jib Sheet out to you all, please accept our apologies to those of you who wished to give your other halves next year's subscription as a Christmas present, but who did not receive your renewals in time. When the editor rings you up on return from his extended Christmas holidays and through scarcely concealed clenched teeth asks, did his copy just happen to miss the post..... 'Could do better', comes to mind!

Since the last edition your new Committee has settled down and started to look at the club's future requirements.

Club Maintenance

The most imminent issue is the ongoing maintenance program. The 10+ year-old equipment continues to need help and assistance. In particular the standard of the central heating, lighting and showers have been of increasing concern and these are now in the process of being revamped. We are fortunate that previous Committees have been prudent in conserving club funds and we are able to meet these costs.

Avian Influenza

The club is seeking to minimise risks, particularly through fouling of the jetties. A policy of daily power-washing is to be introduced. PPE will be required together with Club operating procedures. To make this practical the club is considering the purchase of a new power washer which draws water directly from the reservoir. We also intend to re-introduce the electric fences deter birds roosting on the jetties.

Future Projects

Various projects have been identified and business cases are being drawn up before any final decisions are made. These include:

Car Parking - **L Key/J Hart**
Additional Boat Garage - **M Athey**
Clubhouse Refurbishment - **G Pearson**
Seating Area Upgrade - **G Pearson**
Electrical overhaul - **M Athey**
Overhaul/Replace 2 Jetties - **M Stoker**
Purchase 2 double handed Comets and training Catamaran
Public Address System - **T Wherly**

We cannot possibly tackle all these at once and are also planning for the future. We welcome any ideas you have.

Boat Risk Assessment Group

The Vice-Commodore's Risk Assessment Group have once again been busy finding a solution as to how to assess the International Moth. For those like me who are not really in the know, this is a hydrofoil dingy that, it is rumoured, if it had wings it could fly. With typical thoroughness they have successfully found a formula, which more accurately

assesses the safety impact of boat speed: the Management Committee has supported this and the slightly amended rules will be published shortly to accommodate the necessary changes. It is rumoured that a Moth will be coming to the 'Billy No Mates' event at the end of March.

Following the changes to the boat length rule we have received a request for permission to sail a boat exceeding 22 feet. A Hunter Liberty cruiser may soon be gracing our shores, subject to Mick finding a space.

Farewell

In the last issue of Jib Sheet we said a fond farewell to **Peter Soutar**. In this issue it is a slightly different but equally heartfelt farewell. Those of you who have worked closely with club affairs over the years will have appreciated the support that **Colin Bundy** has given us. Almost from day one Colin has managed all the elements that make up Carsington Water. He has been our link with Severn Trent, and at the risk of landing him in trouble, a great friend and supporter of the club.

Mick Athey and Colin have had a strong and sound working relationship and as a result many potentially difficult situations have been resolved over the odd bevy. Colin is now leaving Severn Trent for other challenges. We hope you will join with us in thanking him for his particular contribution in helping the club to grow and develop and to wish him every success. We will miss him and hope he has the opportunity to train his successor well. Just as importantly, perhaps we can entice him to return to enjoy his sailing once again.

We look forward to welcoming Colin's successor and to striking up an equally good working relationship.

Now we are back in Sailing mode our minds are looking forward to another successful season.

Various events are already organised and others are well progressing in the various stages of planning. So please keep your eyes peeled for the various notices and over the coming months come and share with us all that we offer.

David Ayre
Hon Secretary

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March 17th 2007

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Buffet & Disco

All Welcome

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