



# RUTLAND SAILABILITY



## Members' News Letter

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## **2010 Combined Access Worlds**

The next Combined Access Class World Championships will be hosted by the Rutland Sailing Club, from June 6-11, 2010.

Rutland Sailing Club has welcomed the opportunity to host the Combined Access Class World Championships.

"We are thrilled to have been asked to host the 2010 Combined Access World Championships", said the Rutland Sailing Club Commodore, Nick Clarke.

"We look forward to meeting sailors from all over the world in 2010 and know they will enjoy their time at Rutland Sailing Club", he said.

In a press release John Morley, who is Chairman of the Access Class Association in the UK, said he is delighted the Association has been asked to arrange the 2010 Combined Access World Championships.

"I know that all the members of our Association will do their very best to provide the visiting sailors with the best sailing at the biggest and best inland sailing club in the UK. We are all looking forward to hosting the best Access sailors in the world", he said

"However, I do need to tell you that you will have to sail very well to beat our lot! Please come and prove me wrong".

This is the 2nd combined World Championships for the Access classes and there will be single and two-person divisions for the Access 2.3 and 303, along with the single person Liberty and two-person SKUD18. In the previous Championship, held in Canada, our own Clare Andrew took 2nd place.

The structure of the 2.3 and 303 fleets will enable relative newcomers to the sport to also compete in this significant event.

There are over 1500 Access Class boats sailing around the world. Access 2.3 and 303 fleets throughout the UK and Europe continue to grow, with the majority of boats used in Sailability programmes. The UK Access Class Association has run a Traveller Series for several years, attracting a growing number of keen racers.

"The Association is very excited about this announcement", said International Class Association President Terry Peek.

"We look forward to seeing many nations being represented at the 2010 Worlds. The Association is delighted that the Rutland Sailing Club will host the event and we are sure it will be a great success", said Mr Peek.

Information about the event is available at the IACA Website: [www.accessclass.org](http://www.accessclass.org)

## **Meet Bob Glennie**

Bob Glennie, that's me, born at a very early age in the Edinburgh Simpson Memorial Hospital, soon after moved to Montrose. Did not excel at school so left at age 15 to join the RAF as a Boy Entrant at St Athan. My 22 year service career saw me working on Vulcan's at Conningsby, Cottesmore, met and married Jasmine (Jas) there, and a short trip to Singapore. I then moved onto Flight Simulators, a lot safer, firstly the Lightning at Binbrook where our first daughter, Anita, was born and Germany where our second daughter, Julia, was born, then the Hawk at Valley and finally the Tornado at Cottesmore where I completed my 22 years. Who said, join the services to see the World?

It was while I was in Germany that I got involved in sailing in the spring of 1976. I was enjoying a Saturday night in the Sgt's mess when one of my

colleagues asked if I would like to crew for him racing a Bosun at the Mohne See sailing club. We met up the next day had a race or two, enjoyed it, and went on to crew for him, with some success, for a couple of years. During my stay in Germany I took part in dinghy and Keel Boat training run by the Army. The dinghy courses were in Germany and Holland and the keel boat training took place in the Baltic.

Back in the UK and posted to Anglesey where I had been informed the RAF club sailed a Squib based at Holyhead. Got involved sailing the RAF Squib in the Sunday club racing series. Took part in offshore racing and sailed as a crew member on Adventure Training trips from Portsmouth visiting ports along the South Coast and Channel Islands.

Posted back to Cottesmore, this meant sailing was now on Rutland Water, racing Laser 2's and Enterprises. The racing was primarily team racing, a bit more cut and thrust than racing round the buoys, you need to know the rules and it is not just sailing fastest that wins the race. I did not get involved in RSC Club racing during this time, which came later once I had left the RAF and joined RS Components at Corby. It was during a lunchtime meeting with a guy (John Dawson) wearing a RNLI tie that the conversation turned to what sailing we had and hadn't done. John, being a member of the RSC Squib Fleet, invited me to come along and see what was what. The next weekend I am sailing as a crew. After crewing for a couple of people I was introduced to Bill and Jill Parker who raced Bugs Bunny, I think Jill was looking for a get out clause and very soon I was racing with Bill on a full time basis. Sadly Bill died while at the club taking his Level 2 Powerboat certificate and it was left to me take over helming Bugs, which I have been doing for about 5 years now. We race every Saturday in the Squib Fleet and Thursday night in the Keel boat handicap series.

On my retirement in April 2007 after 22 years at RS Components I found I had a few days that needed to be filled, thanks to Sailability, Jed my dog and Isabella, our first granddaughter born 2008 my days are enjoyably full. As well as helping on the jetty I have volunteered my services to run the racing on Thursday afternoons. My plan is to have two races, the first starting at 14.00, these races are an opportunity to get to know how to race, and for those who are familiar, practice their starting tactics which is an important part of racing. I am also a member of

the RSC Council with Sailability as my focus and as part of my role as Squib Fleet captain I have joined the Sailing Committee. These activities are all done to allow me to put something back into a sport and a club that has given me a lot of enjoyment for many years. As I have been impressed with both helpers and sailors at Sailability I hope that I will be "helping" for many years to come.

Just remember, **Sailing** is the fine art of getting wet and becoming ill, while going nowhere slowly at great expense (equivalent to standing in a cold shower, fully clothed, throwing up, and tearing up £notes, while a bunch of other people watch you).

### First Aid Day

This is to be held in November (date to be arranged). Anyone interested in obtaining or updating a First Aid Certificate please contact Chris Mynard at reception or email [c.j-mynard@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:c.j-mynard@tiscali.co.uk).

### Rutland Sailor Wins Duke of Devonshire Cup - Carsington, 4<sup>th</sup> June

The day dawned fine and bright, with a blustery south westerly which promised some challenging racing. And so it turned out, with Rutland sailors picking the wind shifts even better than the locals.

The Access 2.3 series was keenly contested, with the result not decided until the last few seconds of the last race. The Liberty Class was more straightforward, with only one winner in the frame after the first two races. In the 303 Class Rutland Sailors were outside the prizes, but gained a creditable 4<sup>th</sup> place

Overall results for Rutland sailors were as follows:

- Access 2.3 Class:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>, and winner of the Duke of Devonshire Cup – Mike Shewen
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – Clare Andrew
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – Chris Emmet
- Access Liberty Class:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> - Simon Harle
- Access 303 Class
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – Bill Mitchell

*Brian McCandless*

## **Children from Chernobyl have fun at RS**

The last day of June was a fine sunny day with a good breeze when we welcomed twenty 8 and 9 year -old children, two interpreters, three helpers and two drivers from the Helpston branch of Friends of the Children of Chernobyl.

The children come to stay with families in the area for four weeks with the intention of building up their health with fresh air and good food. This was the second visit for some of them. Local and national companies provide new shoes and clothing as some of the children arrive with very little. The girls are very keen to wear pink! The Longboat was out and Joe's ferry was on the water waiting for them. Everyone, including interpreters and helpers had an outing on both boats. It took some of the children a little time to relax but I have heard reports of water fights and much fun on the lake. Squash and chocolate biscuits were served during breaks off the water when the girls enjoyed the little playground and the boys just loved the table football. The morning ended with everyone picnicking on the balcony appreciating the view in the fresh air and sunshine.

Many thanks to all who came to help the morning be such a success and to Ben at the sailing school for the loan of children's lifejackets.

*Tricia McNair*

## **Expense Claims**

In order to make sure all expense claims can be managed and recorded effectively, a new Expense Claim Form has been introduced. It is referenced 7.3.1 and copies can be obtained from RS Reception. As before, all claims must be accompanied by written evidence of the expenditure but the new form asks you to summarise the claim before submitting it to the Treasurer for payment.

As a reminder, all expenditures up to £100 must have the prior approval of a Trustee.

Expenditures over £100 must be agreed at a meeting of the Trustees.

*Barry Parsisson*

## **Adventures in the Longboat**

I should have known it was going to be one of those days. After about three hours sleep I got up to find the water was off. Why? God only knows because those in charge seemed to have no idea. I finally got a quick shower and got to Sailability. Of course I didn't realise I was going to have a

bath later! As I put my sailing shoes on I remembered I needed some socks so I took a nice natty new pair out of my emergency bag. As I put them on I thought, I hope I don't get these wet, as I might need them after racing tonight.

We were quite happily sailing along in the Longboat on our trip with some visitors from Peterborough when the boat began to sink as we tacked around. Yes things really go into slow motion when these events happen. I quite clearly thought, this is going to be cold. Fortunately it wasn't too bad. I seemed to be more worried about our passengers panicking than myself. Not having capsized before I was worried the whole thing would go belly up and trap some of them or me. It is a heavy boat to duck under. I think even I would panic and then I would be screaming louder than our passengers.

Very fast our heroes arrived and managed to get us into the ribs. After a nice hot shower and hot drink everything was back to normal. Well just about. If anyone finds a black sock decorated with yellow, pink and blue hearts could you return it to the owner. Me.

*Kate Mills*

## **Gone Sailing needs Photographs**

This is a twice-yearly news sheet which we send to all our external supporters to keep them informed on what the club is up to. For the next edition, due out in December, we are planning to focus on a '2008 in Pictures' theme. For this we need suitable photographs which tell a picture story of what members have been doing and achieving, during the year.

Could you remember this please and take whatever photographs you think might be suitable. Digital only please and at the largest file size you can accommodate on your camera.

Please send them to me as an email attachment by the end of September together with a few words which I can put alongside to tell the story. I can't guarantee to use them all, we only have four pages to work with, but I do guarantee to use as many as possible and I will acknowledge the name of the photographer in the text. Please send to [barry.parsisson@btinternet.com](mailto:barry.parsisson@btinternet.com)

*Barry Parsisson*

## **Rutland Sailors on Top at Access Northern Championships**

Swarkestone always offers interesting challenges to Access sailors, and 14<sup>th</sup> June was no exception. A tricky northerly wind, with unpredictable wind shifts near the windward mark, made for some interesting racing.

Clare Andrew and Diana Faulks fought a ding-dong battle in the 2.3 Class, with Clare eventually coming out on top after a keenly contested series. Who was it who said that women were not competitive? In the Liberty Class, Simon Harle again triumphed, beating 2 able-bodied sailors in the process.

Overall results for Rutland sailors were as follows:

- Access 2.3 Class:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and Access 2.3 Northern Champion - Clare Andrew
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Diana Faulks
  - 4<sup>th</sup> - Chris Emmet
- Access Liberty Class
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and Access Liberty Northern Champion - Simon Harle

*Brian McCandless*

## **2008 French Access Nationals**

Bonjour mes "sailing" amies,

Thanks to the generous help of donations, cake sale, raffle, and quiz, we managed to raise approximately £700 which we used to fund five cars, three trailers and 15 bodies to travel between Dover and Calais for the French Access Nationals.

When we arrived at the venue (Berck, about 50 miles south of Calais), we were horrified to find a pokey little clubhouse, only one hoist, and a ferocious wind!! Our fears were soon allayed by the friendly French organisers who managed to arrange 26 races for 40 boats in five separate classes, without even abating the wind.

Our training at Rutland paid dividends on the water when competing against the French, Spanish and Australian sailors. Clare Andrew gained a second in her 2.3 Tigger, and other sailors had very creditable placings.

There were two other memorable happenings - Bill Mitchell received a trophy for being the most "agedly challenged", while Chris Emmet's claim to fame was that he had one of the races cancelled when all three rescue boats had to be used to

pluck him out of the water and chase after his "Marie Celeste" boat!

The French laid on some excellent entertainment, and the RS sailors and helpers brought the house down with a hastily rehearsed British rendition of La Marseillaise accompanied by Mac Stowe on his cornet.

We are now all keen and eager - look out 2009 French Nationals - the Brits are coming!

Vive le Rutland Sailability!  
*Chris Emmet*

Thanks for your article Chris it brings back some good memories. As team captain, on behalf of the team and myself I would like to thank all the helpers without whom we would not have been able to take part. So our thanks to Malcolm, Les, Gordon & Ann, Gwyndra, Kate, Richard and Neal.  
*Geoff Gibbins, Team Captain.*

## **Latest News**

Returning from France Clare Andrew went on to win the Access Traveller Event at Woolverston. At the National Championships Simon Harle became National Champion in the Liberty Class and Clare gained 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 2.3s. Chris Emmet went swimming again!

Some of the Challenger sailors are at present competing in Portugal. News of their exploits in the next News Letter.

## **Multi - Class Regatta**

Don't forget this major event which is being held at Rutland August 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>. Offers of help on these days will be gladly received by Ray Johnston, email [ray-ros@kirkstile.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:ray-ros@kirkstile.freeserve.co.uk) Tel. 01780 460311

## **BBQ**

Thank you to all the members who generously responded to the appeal for raffle prizes and to those who bought tickets. The raffle raised £170.  
*Gwyndra Emmet*

Many thanks also for the hard work of those who cooked, shopped and prepared the lovely food.

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