



June 2016

The sailing season is in full swing and this month's edition of Buzz is packed full of sailing news.

There is also a new section for Cadets as they now have their own Committee and Flag Officers who are already coming up with ideas for both their sailing and the social side of life!

May was a busy month for the club with BSC hosting a Laser & OK Open Meeting whilst other sailors have been competing in their own classes on the circuit.

The ever popular Thursday night sailing has started with many taking advantage of the lighter evenings to get out on the water.

The bank holiday weekend saw 2 days of racing for The May Mugs whilst The Ivy Stone Handicap, which had to be abandoned earlier in the year because of bad weather, was abandoned yet again on the Monday due to extreme winds!

Pyefleet Week

Online Entry For Pyefleet Week Now Open

There are just 8 weeks to go until Pyefleet Week- the East Coasts biggest dinghy regatta - kicks off on Sunday 31st July and runs through until Saturday 6th August. All the information you need about the week including the programme and online entry can be found at www.pyefleetweek.com

Pyefleet Week Fleet Splits Confirmed

The fleet splits have been announced for Pyefleet Week (Sunday 31st July -Saturday 6th August):

Group A

Fast Handicap

Fireball

Laser

Wivenhoe One Design

Cadet Handicap (club line)

Group B

Asymmetric Handicap

BOD

Slow Handicap

Parent and Child

Start times will be published shortly, but it is anticipated that the fleets will sail as follows:

Group A - Sun AM, Mon PM, Tue AM, Big Wednesday all PM, Thur PM, Fri AM, Sat PM.

Group B - Sun PM, Mon AM, Tue PM, Big Wednesday all PM, Thur AM, Fri PM, Sat AM.

Final Call For Pyefleet Week Sponsors

We'll have some exciting news about Pyefleet Week 2016 sponsors in our next edition of BSC Buzz, but if your company would like to get involved with the East Coast's premier dinghy regatta there is still just time to become a sponsor. We have opportunities from a Day Sponsor (£750) or Supporting Sponsor (£250) to Official Suppliers and advertising opportunities (£30-100). For further information please contact Pyefleet Week Sponsorship Coordinator Fiona Brown on Fiona.brown@fionabrownn.com or 07711 718470.

Club News

Have you paid your membership?

It appears that there are STILL some people who have not paid their membership fees. Non-payment of fees means that you are not entitled to use the club, its facilities including the bar or keep your boat in the boat park. Places in the boat park are at a premium with very few if any left so if you haven't paid NOW is the time.

Can you help?

Without volunteers the club would not function.

Any time you can spare even if it's an hour here and there to help out please have a chat with the person in charge of whatever takes your fancy. In particular we could really use some more galley volunteers to help on Sundays so if you make a half decent sandwich and cuppa and load the dishwasher please contact Vice Commodore House Marianne White on mariannewhite6@icloud.com.

Here's a reminder of who's who if you can help out in other areas:

Flag Officers

Vice Commodore House & Entertainments	Marianne White
Vice Commodore Sailing	Martin Worth
Vice Commodore Training & Development	Craig Bond
Vice Commodore Cruising, New Members, Development & Website Support	Andy Taylor
Hon Treasurer	
David Gibbons	Hon General Secretary
Rose Winship	

General Committee Members

Hon Subscriptions Secretary	Kathy Ashworth
Race Officer Admin	James Ashworth
Safety Boats & Trophies	John Bines
Communication & Succession Planning	Fiona Brown
Rules, Technical Grants, RYA Liaison	
Dave Chivers	Bar
Nicky Henderson	Strategy & Premises
Rob McTiernan	Systems, IT, Strategy, Website & School
Paul Mines	Strategy & Community Liaison
Mark White	Premises & Maintenance
Barrie Winship	

Sailing News

Club Sailing

May has seen a flurry of sailing activity at the Club as the weather warms up and June is going to be full of great events too. Full results of all races can be found at www.sailbrightlingsea.com and the [Sailing Calendar](#) is available [here](#).

Thursday Nights Underway

Thursday night racing is now underway and of the four races run to date we have three different winners - congratulations to Pete and Tom Kyne who have won two races in their Fireball (including the Barry Cup for the opening races of the series) and to Mike Bees and Martin Worth in their B14 and Alan Hicks, Craig and Jayne Bond in the BOD who have won a race apiece. Overall Pete and Tom lead the fleet with Andy and Sarah Bines in a Merlin Rocket second, Mark White, Georgina White and Dick Stephens third in their BOD and Alan, Jayne and Craig fourth. The series continues until the end of July.

Deputies Cup

The two race series for the Deputies Cup on 2 May brought a 22 strong fleet to the Committee Boat start line. The opening race went to Chris Bines and David Gibbons in the RS800 with Mike Bees and Martin Worth second in the B14 and Pete and Tom Kyne third in the Fireball. Pete and Tom then won the second race and were followed across the line by Mike and Martin with the Laser of Steve Williams third and Chris and Dave fourth. Overall victory went to Tom and Pete with Mike and Martin second and Chris and David third.

Weekday Evening On Water Activities

Monday nights in May have seen the club full of visitors from local businesses taking part in The Workplace Challenge in which company teams come together to learn to sail and race in an intercompany programme. It's great to see so many people discovering and enjoying sailing for the first time and we hope that some of the participants will love it so much they decide to join the club permanently.

As always Tuesday night Cadet sailing has been hugely popular and despite the vagaries of the British weather the cadets are enjoying a fabulous time having fun on the water and developing their sailing skills. We always need helpers both afloat and ashore on Cadet nights and there are still a few spaces if new Cadets wish to join in. For more information, please contact Craig Bond on bryer2004@hotmail.com.

Wednesday evening development sailing is also in full swing. These early evening sessions allow those who want to improve their skills or sail in company with the benefit of safety boat cover to get out on the water and take advantage of the expert coaching and great camaraderie on offer. Again please contact Craig Bond on bryer2004@hotmail.com.

Home & Away Open Meeting Updates

Brightlingsea SC Laser & OK Open Meeting 21st & 22nd May 2016.

The weekend of 21 and 22 May saw the Lasers and OK fleets assemble at Brightlingsea for their open meeting. Although they enjoyed some lovely racing on Saturday, sadly the wind failed to cooperate on the Sunday and so only one day of racing was possible.

7 Laser Radials took part 5 from BSC. Gary Pilgrim from BSC took 2nd place with Brandon Hastings, Ben Eeles, Tyler Stonebridge and Alex Lightly taking 4th, 5th 6th and 7th places respectively.

The Laser fleet had 6 entrants all from BSC. Pete Kyne took 1st place followed by Ben Clegg, Stephen Williams, Tony Morgan, Mark Schofield and Richard Pearson.

15 OK's took part. Oz was the only entrant from BSC and finished 13th.

Merlin Rockets - Rutland Sailing Club 2nd May 2016

A fleet of 18 battled with a force 5 wind and big gusts for a 1 day 3 race event but it appears the wind was too much for some as by race 3 there were only 9 left!! Dan Willett and Pete Nicholson were two of the few who took part in all 3 races finishing overall 7th with a 5th and 6th discarding a 10th.

Fireball - Open Meeting Blackwater 7th & 8th May 2016

17 boats (3 of which were visitors) took to the water for a 2 day 5 race Open Meeting at Blackwater Sailing Club on a rare sunny May weekend. Jon Cooper and Cheryl Jessop flew the flag for BSC finishing 11th overall with a best result of 6th.

RS 200 - Open Meeting Alton Water 14th & 15th May 2016

With 17 entries 3 from BSC the RS 200 Open at Alton Water took place with 7 races over 2 days. BSC members all finished in the top 10 with 1st place going to David Conlon and Sarah Bines, 4th place to Ed Gibbons and Rebecca Bines and 9th place to Mark Smith and his crew.

B14 & 505 - Gul TT Series 2016 Round 3 Whitstable Yacht Club 21st & 22nd May

With big winds being predicted yet again (the B14's seem to be plagued with them) the BSC B14's Blue Badge (Mike Bees & Ferret) and Mrs C (Graham Bridle and Alex Capon) were 2 of the 17 boats taking part in the final event before the Europeans and Worlds at Tobole, Lake Garda on 21st - 29th June. With 4 races (3 on the first day) extremely windy conditions resulted in a few casualties. Mrs C broke their mast on the 3rd race as did Henry 'Tags' Wells and his crew from West Mersea YC on the 1st race..Fortunately the wind abated for day two and Blue Badge finished 2nd overall with Mrs C 10th.

RS700 Open Regatta Hayling Island 28th & 29th May 2016

Pete Purkiss and Simon Redfearn were 2 of the 11 boats taking part at Hayling Island over the bank holiday weekend. Pete finished 2nd missing 1st by 1 point and Simon was 9th.

BSC Teras and Fevas preparing for Worlds

Josh Davies, Matt Taylor and Blake Tudor are off to the RS Feva & Tera World Championships in Spain at the end of July. Josh and Matt are sailing in Tera Pros, Blake in a Tera Sport. Josh and Blake are also sailing together in the Feva Worlds whilst Matt is also taking part in the Feva Worlds.

Qualification for this started at Northampton Sailing Club on 23rd and 24th April 2016. With 43 boats taking to the water, Blake finished 4th after winning 2 races in his Tera Sport whilst Matt & Josh and finished 2nd and 10th respectively in their Tera Pros.

Next came Harwich 7th & 8th May. This time there were 28 boats with more Pros than Sports which was a first. There was a battle for the top positions in both fleets. The Sports fleet had 7 different sailors finishing in the top 3. Blake was running joint 1st with 18 points but lost out on count back. In the Pros 9 different sailors finished a race in the top 3. Matt won and Josh was 2nd.

The last leg was at Alton Water on 14th & 15th May at a Feva Open. Josh and Blake won by 3 points.

Cadet News

Cadet Committee

On Saturday 7 May the BSC Cadet AGM elected a new Cadet Committee and Flag Officers to represent the cadets at BSC.

Cadet Commodore	Brook Hastings
Cadet Vice Commodore	Georgina White
Cadet Secretary	Tom Goodsell
Cadet Treasurer	Brandon Hastings
Cadet Committee Member	Harry McTiernan

Following the election Ed Eeles, William White and Megan and Molley Storey also volunteered to join the Cadet Committee. William, Megan and Molley were coopted as Cadet Committee Members and Ed was co-opted to represent the Junior (under 10) members of the club on the committee..

Any cadets who are interested in getting involved on the Cadet Committee should speak to Brook Hastings (parents please feel free to speak with Brook or with Vice Commodores Craig Bond, Andy Taylor, Martin Worth or Marianne White who will all be actively supporting the cadets in establishing their committee).

The Cadet AGM also included a brain storming session during which the Cadets were able to put forward ideas they would like their new Committee to consider and progress. Amongst these were the establishing of a specific Cadet area on the club, introduction of Cadets starts in club fleet racing, the organisation of a Cadet Regatta and the introduction of some Cadet social events.

For further information [click here](#)

Cadet Sailing

As well as Tuesday Night Cadets (see update above) Transition Squad sailing is now in full swing on alternate Saturday mornings. Led by Graham Eeles with support from the Cadet parents these sessions are designed to help the Cadets develop their racing skills and confidence.

Following up on one of the suggestion made at the AGM the Cadets have made arrangements with the Race Officers to periodically have their own starts in club fleet

races. This is initially being handled on an adhoc basis with the Cadets and their parents liaising with the race officer, but the proposal will be discussed by the Sailing Committee with a view to making a more formal arrangement for the future.

BSC Cadet Regatta 2016

The Cadet Coach Graham Eeles and the Cadet parents have very kindly agreed to organise a BSC Cadet Regatta at the end of July 2016. Provisional dates for this are Wednesday 27 to Friday 29 July (immediately before Pyefleet Week so that it helps the Cadets gain confidence to race in Pyefleet Week) so please pencil this into your diary and watch the club website for further news and details shortly. Also we will need lots of helpers and volunteers for this event so if you think you can help please contact Graham Eeles at the club to let him know you could be available.

Cadet Facilities

The Cadets' request for a dedicated space they can use in the club was discussed by the General Committee and it was agreed that budget would be made available to purchase suitable furniture and equipment for use in the existing Training Room, which will become a joint Training and Cadet Room. Training will still take priority in the room and it will also periodically be unavailable for Cadets during events such as Pyefleet Week and major opens, but otherwise the space will be available for the Cadets to use as their base. The General Committee also allocated a small budget for the purchase of beanbag seating, some storage box tables and some floor lamps to make it an attractive and comfortable space for the Cadets. Unsupervised use of this room by Cadets is restricted to full Cadet Members (aged 10 to 18). Junior club members (under 10s) may only use the room in the presence of a parent/guardian or full Cadet member.

Dates for your diary

We have club racing every Saturday, Sunday and Thursday throughout June and July. The full programme is available at www.sailbrightlingsea.com and here are a few highlights for your diaries:

4th & 5th June New BOD Regatta Event - www.brightlingseaonedesign.com

Tera Brightlingsea Train & Race Event - www.sailbrightlingsea.com

June 12th Fulmar Cup Handicap (committee boat 2 races)

June 19th Round The Islands Race

June 25th Jack Garcia Handicap (upriver)

June 26th Lipton Cup Handicap (committee boat 2 races)

July 2nd & 3rd Feva Grand Prix

July 1th Midgeley Salver

July 17th Three Creeks Crawl

As usual if you have anything that you would like included or any news on sailing events that you have taken part in please email me Jo Adams at bscbuzz@gmail.com