

# Foghorn

Sandwich Bay Sailing & Water Ski Club

September 2016



## Editorial...



It may be a bit of a push to say that the summer has been Mediterranean but here are some of our Members that could have been found at the Club most weekends this year. Well done for taking advantage of our wonderful venue.

This year, wind and weather has allowed most activities, fun and games on the water, it's been great for the weekends even if a bit disappointing during the week.



Images by Kim Jeffrey



The weekends have proved to have been good for all sorts of boating whether power or sail, towing toys or skiing, so if you're wondering what to get up to, come down to the Bay, you're bound to find somebody to help you launch your boat or join in the fun with all the other Members you'll find there and it's a great place for a Sunday lunchtime drink. Come along and enjoy your Club. Keep an eye on the Club's 'facebook' page and you will see who's likely to be at the Club! Remember the busiest Club weekend happens Bank Holiday Weekend 27<sup>th</sup> August.

## A Helping Hand...

It's was mentioned at the last Committee Meeting, 18<sup>th</sup> August, that Brian Smith, has been of great help in and around the Club.



Out on the water, Brian has taken newcomers out sailing, out to show them the basics of sailing. These budding 'Barnacle Bills', young and old, all say that they come off the water with a far better understanding of seamanship and how a yacht reacts to wind and tide.

Even when Brian has his feet firmly planted on dry land, he's been helping in the boat park, moving boats to make room for the extra boats that new members bring with them. It usually involves cutting down the nettles and grass. Richard 'Bungle' Jeffrey says, "Brian has been a great help", and he wouldn't have got the job done as quickly without his freely given help and assistance. Perhaps he



would like to take up the position of Rear Commodore Sailing!

## Sailing Night 10<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> August...

A good number of sailors turned up on the 10<sup>th</sup> and a good session was had by all, Bob Griffin, was so proud of achieving 2 whole laps of the course. Those of you who have sailed will agree that after only a couple of hours under sail, Bob is doing really well.



The other sailors were Jonathan Drake, Phyn Millin, Jade Jeffrey, Rob Pierson and Brian Smith.



**WOW!** What on earth is that? Midway through the race series this happened, flying low and following the shoreline, perhaps looking for illegals or just heading for the Eastbourne Air Show, but it would have been a day early for that. What do you think?

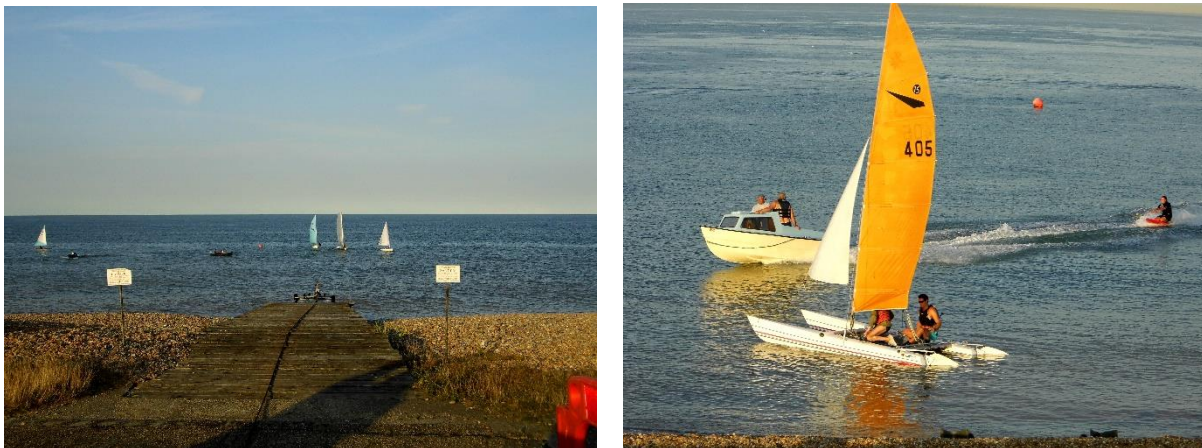


As you are probably all aware, 'Rubber Duck' is out of action at the moment and so while we are without her, Bungle and Jamie Kember put their boats in to act as safety boats. This they have done for several evenings and weekends, enabling sailing and other boating activities to continue, well done, lads.

Sailing on the 17<sup>th</sup> went very well although only a few turned up which was not surprising as there wasn't much wind during the day but it did become a good breeze by the evening and the sailors decided to get out there and have a couple of hours of sailing.



The 24<sup>th</sup> was a different day, and although very warm the wind just disappeared and so the power boats came out apart from Brian Smith and Rob Pierson taking to the water in a very slow 'cat' which they paddled home at the end of the evening.



Images by Mick Gambrill/Derek Piggott

There's only one week of the Sailing Series left this year, so if you came along to see what it was like, on the 31<sup>st</sup> August, you might like to join our hardy, persistent sailors, next year. We'll be pleased to see you. Until then, keep an eye on 'Foghorn' and I'm sure you'll be advised about the 'where, what and how' for next season.

Next season looks like it might be a very good time for the sailors amongst us as there is talk of reviving the River Stour race and having a series of Sunday races as some of our new sailors are from away and work gets in the way of Wednesday evening meetings.

While we're on the subject, if you can afford an hour or two each month to take the position of Rear Commodore Sailing, put your name forward for consideration by the Committee. At the moment Brian Smith would seem to be a good choice for the position but I'm not sure he can spare the time.



## Let's go Skiing...

At a suggestion by Jason 'Commodore Retired', the Committee agreed that it should purchase an Easy Ski Trainer. This piece of equipment is designed with the very youngest in mind and from the pictures that mum and dad have of Holly on the water, kneel boarding and skiing, it works very well and is available for Members children to use. Get them out there, the younger, the better!



Images taken from Facebook

Holly is just 3 and a half but Members children of all ages are having a go and enjoying every minute.



As you can see the kids are thoroughly enjoying themselves, are staying out of mischief, well until your back's turned and this is happening every weekend while the weather is fine, come and join in!





Even Daisy Jeffrey gave up hunting for shells, wild flowers, strange insects and animals to have a go on a kneel board and didn't she do well.

There is a great crowd of Members at the club during the summer weekends. You will usually find Bungles family, the Jeffrey's, Arthur and Jane Woodman and family and others, who arrive without prior warning, this isn't a problem and all are welcome. Come and join in the fun!



## Bart's Bash 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> August...



As per the last 2 years SBS & WSC are again hosting Bart's Bash this year. Some will know but to recap this event was set up in 2014 by the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation in memorial of Andrew Simpson, a British Olympic gold medal sailor who

was killed in a capsized of his 72ft catamaran in San Francisco Bay whilst training for the America's Cup.

The memorial event was established as a mass participation sailing race with over 50,000 people from 70 sailing clubs all over the world taking part in the race since it began.

Last year we had 7 sailors complete the race and would like to think we could improve on that, now that we have an added interest in sailing from some of our skiing Members, this year!

### RACE INFORMATION

The race weekend is 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September but we are planning to race on the Sunday (18<sup>th</sup>) There is a planned race start time of 11.00 in the morning with a least one race - dependent on the weather we may try and fit more races in back to back or with a short break for lunch. However this will be decided by the race organisers on the day, so if you are planning on taking part please keep the day free!

The results will then be entered on the Bart's Bash website and each sailor will get ranked globally – see how high you can get!

Additionally, the results will be calculated on the day at the club (after discussion we will be using our established handicaps for this event) by hand so we can announce the winner(s).

The race entry fee is £6 and will be payable on the day in cash – donations are also welcome by sailors and non-sailors as this is a charity event (last year we raised over £200). The proceeds from this event go towards getting more young people involved in sailing.

## ENTRY

If you wish to enter this worthwhile event, please go to: <http://www.bartsbash.com/sign-up> and register to sail – without doing this you won't get any results and it only takes 2 minutes to do! At the moment Amanda Drake, Jamie Kember and myself, (Jonathan Drake), have entered which is a good start but I look forward to seeing that number increase and eclipse last year!

## FOOD

There will be Fish and Chips available on Sunday evening after the sailing has finished and the boats are stowed away. The price for this will be £6 for non-sailors and is included in the race entry fee for the sailors.

Please can you let me know (via email at [jonodrake\\_1@hotmail.com](mailto:jonodrake_1@hotmail.com)) if you wish to have fish and chips by no later than Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Anyone who orders after this date will go hungry.

If you have any questions or have any problems entering then contact me and I will help! (Email [jonodrake\\_1@hotmail.com](mailto:jonodrake_1@hotmail.com)).



## Sandwich Bay Sailing and Water Ski Club

# Bart's Bash !

20 September 2015

Entries / Boat	Helm & Crew	PY	Laps	Distance sailed Km	Elapsed time seconds	Corrected time seconds	Position
Topaz Uno	Jonathan	1243	4	2.8	2774	562.14	1
Topaz 16CK	Rob & Fran	899	5	4.2	3031	674.30	2
Enterprise	Richard	1115	4	2.8	3035	684.97	3
Sprint 15	Brian	933	4	2.8	2722	729.36	4
Topaz Uno	Amanda	1243	3	2.1	2785	746.84	5
Topper	Jade	1340	3	2.1	3234	804.47	6
Topper	Jamie	1340	2	1.4	3170	1182.83	7

Course distance 0.7 Km. Wind speed 8 mph average, gusting to 10 mph.  
£164.50 raised for Bart's Bash, Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation.

Images taken from Jonathan Drake's SBS&WS Club posting on Facebook

## Enterprises are Growing in Number...

Jade Jeffrey has one, Bungle has one but it needs repairing, Pete Watson has one and now Vice Comm. John has one but it's having a face-lift at the moment.





Jade's however, talked dad, Richard out of his Enterprise which left him no alternative but to buy another. Unfortunately, his replacement was an all wooden boat and it suffered a bit of damage when it got blown over in the mouth of the Stour.

Pete has a very nice fibre-glass one that he recently bought, after a few little jobs to bring it up to scratch, he had it on the water and with a little help and advice from Jade and Richard, was sailing off over the horizon. Well almost!



# What's on for the Rest of the Year...

Bart's Bash 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September see page 10.



## October 22<sup>nd</sup> AGM and Laying-up Supper

End of season and time to reflect on the Club's activities and finances and pack away everything for over-wintering. Fish and Chip supper.

## Quiz Night 26<sup>th</sup> November

£7 per person up to 6 per table

Book your Table and Team

1 bottle of wine per table

Beef Chilli to feed the brain cells

Prizes, raffle good fun. Just £7.

Please email Jim Jeffery with your booking details, there are 14 tables available so be quick to book yours! [Robert.j.jeffery@btinternet.com](mailto:Robert.j.jeffery@btinternet.com)



December 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party 12 noon. A party for all the family to enjoy. American supper style buffet and a visit from Santa to present your Christmas gifts to you kids. A great way to get in the Xmas mood.



# Bank Holiday weekend Camping...

After fun on the water the lucky campers retired to the Clubhouse for what was said to be the best ever BBQ and fun and games. I'm told that a good deal was drunk at the well-stocked Bar and all enjoyed themselves, and a very successful weekend was had by all!



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