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From the Ed

Thank you to everyone who took the time to give feedback on the first March issue. Some reported problems with accessing the html format so I hope this pdf version presents fewer problems.

Particular thanks to those who have submitted photos and articles for publication – **please keep them coming!** Action at Trent Lock or TVSC on tour – we want to hear about it.

Apologies that this issue is again late in the month – Easter and a ‘holiday’ on the end of a sanding machine got in the way...

Hope you are all making the most of the sunny weather and breezes!

Wishing you plain sailing
Richard



April Caption Competition

Andy Hunter at Kids Camp 2008. Suggestions for captions to:
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TVSC DYS Open Meeting Report

Peter Terry

A wonderful sunny breezy spring morning greeted young sailors as they arrived at TVSC for the first of the 2009, 10 event Derbyshire Youth Sailing General Handicap Series. TVSC has traditionally been the first venue on the calendar for this annual series. 21 sailors ranging in age from 9 to 18 turned up with a menagerie of Lasers Toppers, Optimists and a Graduate and an Albacore!

Once the mast had been raised by a press gang of navvies racing could begin. Rob was OOD and set a short course first to blow away the winter cobwebs. With a gusty force 3-4 westerly the start on line 1 was a reach followed by a beat to windward mark at the scout hut, a gybe at the downwind mark in the canal mouth and a reach down to the bottom and back. A race best suited to lasers, proved after several laps, taking first (Ben Crossdale – Ogston SC) and second (our own Tommi Cluley) and a Topper in third (Alice Woodings – Ogston SC).

For Race 2 Rob addressed the balance with a full length course— a challenge for all especially the optimists, but a chance for Joshua Haynes to prove his mettle and coming first place in his Optimist. Second place Alice Woodings, third place Ben Crossdale.



Given the gusts the sailors did well. The safety crew, Roger, Dave, Ben, Pete, Mike, Ken and James had a relatively relaxed time but ever mindful of the narrow boats making the traffic busy. Lewis got a bit headstrong when a narrow boat blocked his way to the windward mark. He decided to overtake the narrow boat in the canal which he managed to do but only after it had taken him halfway up to the lock!



After lunch back to a short course for the third race with Alice Woodings coming first, Tommi second and Joshua Haynes third. Overall result was Alice Woodings (Topper) first, Joshua Haynes (Optimist) second and Ben Crossdale (Laser) third. Other TVSC sailors placings were Tommi 4th, Lewis 9th, Oscar 12th, Jos 13th, Ruth 14th and Joel (I'd rather play football) 19th. Congratulations to Alice proving that DYS can be won in a Topper!

It was a seriously great day with good weather, good turn out and great sailing!

TVSC DYS Open Meeting 2009 Race Results Overall

Sailed:3, Discards:1, To count:2, Ratings:Custom, Entries:19, Scoring system:Handicap

Rank	Class	SailNo	Helm	Fleet	Club	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total	Nett
1st	TOPPER	282	Alice Woodings	Senior	Ogston	(3.0)	2.0	1.0	6.0	3.0
2nd	Optimist	4718	Joshua Haynes	Junior	Trent Valley & Carsington	(4.0)	1.0	3.0	8.0	4.0
3rd	LASER	156178	Ben Crossdale	Senior	Ogston	1.0	3.0	(4.0)	8.0	4.0
4th	LASER RADIAL	181059	Tommi Cluley	Senior	Trent Valley	2.0	(4.0)	2.0	8.0	4.0
5th	LASER 4.7	172764	Sam Ford	Senior	Burton	5.0	5.0	(7.0)	17.0	10.0
6th	ALBACORE	6956	Matthew Metcalf-Smith	Senior	Ogston	(20.0 DNF)	6.0	5.0	31.0	11.0
7th	OPTIMIST	5500	Hannah Bristow	Junior	BSC	6.0	(8.0)	6.0	20.0	12.0
8th	OPTIMIST	5722	Cora Kenmuir-Hogg	Junior	Staunton Harold	8.0	(9.0)	8.0	25.0	16.0
9th	LASER RADIAL	161592	Lewis Ibbotson	Senior	Trent Valley	10.0	7.0	(20.0 DNC)	37.0	17.0
10th	TOPPER	46180	Toby Woodings	Junior	Carsington	(12.0)	10.0	9.0	31.0	19.0
11th	TOPPER	21427	Claire Narborough	Senior	Carsington	(11.0)	11.0	10.0	32.0	21.0
12th	Optimist	3520	Ruth Terry	Senior	Trent Valley	9.0	14.0	(20.0 DNF)	43.0	23.0
13th	OPTIMIST	1050	Jos Richardson	Senior	Trent Valley	13.0	(20.0 DNC)	13.0	46.0	26.0
14th	Optimist	3515	Oscar Terry	Senior	Trent Valley	7.0	(20.0 DNF)	20.0 DNC	47.0	27.0
15th	TOPPER	41983	Guy Bracey	Senior	Carsington	(20.0 DNF)	15.0	12.0	47.0	27.0
16th	TOPPER	36447	Oliver Law	Senior	Ogston	(20.0 DNF)	20.0 DNC	11.0	51.0	31.0
17th	GRADUATE	2742	Calum Mackenzie	Senior	Ogston	(20.0 DNF)	12.0	20.0 DNF	52.0	32.0
18th	TOPPER	No Number	Natalie Smith	Senior	Ogston	(20.0 DNF)	13.0	20.0 DNF	53.0	33.0
19th	Optimist	2764	Joel Terry	Senior	Trent Valley	14.0	(20.0 DNC)	20.0 DNC	54.0	34.0

These results have been corrected from those declared at the event prize giving.
The results were queried post prize giving by a competitor.
Rechecking revealed that PYs had not been applied to the third race elapse times.

Scoring codes used

Code	Description	Points
DNC	Did not come to the starting area	20
DNF	Started but did not finish	20

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TVSC brothers go Dutch to race for Team GB

TVSC brothers Benjamin and Joshua Haynes have both been selected to sail for Team GB in the Magic Marine Easter Optimist Regatta to be held in Holland at Braassermermeer, located midway between Amsterdam and Rotterdam.

The event is an International Open with teams invited from around Europe and as far as the USA, to bring together 275 sailors for four days of competition over the Easter weekend. The ten race regatta will be the first taste of overseas competition for the Haynes' Brothers and is a great start for their 2009 campaign. Their selection for the team is based on their National ranking positions achieved during 2008.

Benjamin (13) and Joshua (10) compete in their chosen sport of dinghy racing sailing most weekends and if not racing are training hard too. They have a rigorous coaching and racing programme throughout the year. They are in two different squads and attend weekend training sessions at venues all around the country, including Pwllheli in North Wales and at the 2012 Olympic sailing venue of Weymouth. They also sail in the Midlands Optimist Team events year round. They have only recently been notified of their inclusion in the thirty five strong British Optimist team going to Holland.



Joshua said "I can't believe it. It's wicked. I'll go and do my best to help the team do well." Benjamin was equally pleased "When we heard we had both been selected it was a great feeling. I have to travel straight to the event from my school languages trip to Spain, so that I can be there for the first race!"

The two sailing Brothers have tasted success in quite a number of County, Regional and National events sailing in their single handed Optimist dinghies. Both boys are members of Carsington as well as Trent Valley Sailing Clubs. Joshua has been the under 10 National Champion in 2007 and Ben achieved success in being selected for the National Development Squad in 2008. They are both current County Champions in their respective age groups for the Derbyshire Youth Sailing series. Last year Joshua won the Ellen MacArthur Trophy for the second time and Ben also won the recently named Ben Ainslie Trophy.

Their success has attracted support from Speed Sails, the Midlands sailmaker and chandlers, as well as clothing and equipment discounts from Rooster and Zhik. However, they are both aware of the costs of attending the Dutch Regatta and are keen to hear from local businesses which might be able to help out. The Royal Yachting Association and the Optimist Class Association subsidise the GB Team, although the sailor's families have to pay to transport the sailors and their boats to the event, as well as pay for their accommodation and expenses.

Benjamin attends Highfields School and Joshua is a pupil at All Saints Junior School and both have grown up in Matlock since the family moved here 13 years ago. They have each embarked on fund raising activities and are intending to complete sponsored events to help out with the costs of their trip to Holland.

Their Dad, TVSC member Mike Haynes, commented, "As you can imagine the whole family are very proud of their achievements. Their enthusiasm for dinghy racing sailing has given them both amazing opportunities already and we know that they will enjoy competing for their country in Holland at Easter."

We look forward to publishing news of their successes in future editions of the Lion.

Stop Press:

Joshua has also been invited to compete at the Irish Nationals in Dun Laoghaire in August as one of the GB IOCA team Junior sailors.



North West Norfolk Week 2008 – from the back of the fleet!

Paul Turner
TVSC N3157 “Perfect Kiss”

You will have all no doubt already read Med’s report of the GILL meeting on the 26 and 27th July at Hunstanton (being the first two days of the NWNW) and Graham’s notes on the sailing for the whole week on the NTOA website – but this is what happened at the other end of the fleet – and off the water!

Friday 25th July – we set out from darkest Breaston, “we” being myself, Christine Marshall and Tricia Wood, at 2.30 with a car and boat loaded to the gunwales with double rations of catering (both had brought enough to feed 5,000 with rather more than 10 loaves, 4 fishes and lots of fruit and veg) plus various suits of sails (including Graham’s new Alverbank’s and an aged fully battened mainsail for me to wave about at Hunstanton) in addition to the usual sailing gear and suitcases. Having been used to only breakfast at the cottage with every other meal out, it looked like being a different sort of week from the very start – and it was! We had arranged to meet up with the Up River crew at the Jolly Sailor in Brancaster but Dave Peacock, who was driving direct from Malvern, arrived very late – so Gerry arranged for our beers to be consumed in our absence!

Saturday 26th July – dawned sunny with a gentle breeze and we made our way to **Hunstanton** after a serious breakfast. Parking loads of boats and accompanying motors proved to be entertaining with the local council mini Hitlers (sorry, car park

attendants) proving to be serious “jobs worth’s”.

Race 1 – the local money was on a general recall for the N12s – and they were right with over enthusiasm and the tide taking many boats over on the start. We were re-cycled to start after all the other classes. We had an (innocent) incident on the start line and were last at the windward mark, recovering one place by the finish. The joy of being at the back of the fleet is that you actually get more sailing time and don’t have to wait around so long for the next start! You also get to meet the happy souls in the other classes who haven’t yet discovered the joys of N12 sailing.

Race 2 - saw us getting a much better start, and, now getting used to the sea, we were actually up with the fast boys at the first mark. But then the rot set in again with everyone planing away from us – we did have easily the oldest and heaviest boat (and a few from Up River had cheated this year by upgrading their yots from Design 8s!)

Meds and family plus Gavin and Sabrina joined us at the Cottage for overnight accommodation or camping and it was off to the Jolly Sailor (when DP finally got back from the shrine of the wibberly wobberly rudder where everyone seemed to be consulting about these new fangled finned foils – there’ll never get off the ground!) Lots of N12 yotters were there and I seemed to end up in Paradigm Corner hearing plans to produce new ready to sail DB yots with carbon rigs for £6,000 complete with sensible rudders – what a fantastic boost this could be for the class.

Sunday 27th July – not a cloud in the sky but it seemed that there was some confusion about who was sailing which boats with what sail numbers. It hadn’t helped by using the fully battened sails with N3363 on yesterday for

N3157, but it seems that the committee were using LAST year's entry forms! Decided to use the new "legal" sails to avoid more confusion (and to hopefully go faster)!

Race 1 – good breeze and a bit of a chop saw a few capsizes (but not us!) and we beat a few.

Race 2 - saw us getting a good start and were mid fleet at the windward mark; again, we were left behind in the downhill planing. We had arranged to meet up with Graham and Zoe at the Jockey in Burnham Mark-up, but hunger took over and it seems that we had eaten and gone before they arrived.

Monday 28th July – we decided to have a rest day! We had all overslept, knees were aching and hands were not functioning so the **King's Lynn** mud did not seem too appealing (although I am reliably informed that one crew actually wanted to go and sail there!) A call to Gerry confirmed our decision – apparently the chef at the club had broken her arm and there seemed little possibly of the usual fabulous all day breakfasts – so we went to Holkham and walked (slowly) around the coast to Wells where we had lunch and caught the bus back to the car. I rang Barry Judge, former TVSC member from the dark ages, and had a very pleasant hour or two in the Ship PH at Brancaster reminiscing about the good old days at TVSC and the assorted characters. The purpose of the meeting was (honestly!) to inspect his Mark8 which has been in his garage for many years; NI733 Christi seemed sound from a very brief inspection and I may just have found a new and caring home for her at TVSC.

Monday night we ate in (a gastronomic experience!) and there was a serious thunderstorm overnight – the only rain that we saw until Saturday lunchtime at Snett.

Tuesday 29th July – saw us off to **Wells next the Sea**. David and I took the boats

down early to get a space in the boat park next to the club house well before the briefing at 2.30. DP spent many happy hours "bimbling" with string, and other assorted bits and bobs. The hands had recovered but the knees were complaining – and Tricia was holding forth about her bruised bottom! Although the wind seemed quite gentle in the lee of the town it was fairly hairy during the dead run out to the start line with Lasers falling in around us. We had several steady gybes as we navigated the twists of the channel but managed to totally lose the foredeck under water in one of the squalls – miraculously we didn't capsize! Rule 2* was invoked before Rule 1* kicked in and we beat a hasty retreat to the safety of the club house to be joined very soon afterwards by Messrs Copsey, Pelling and Elcombe. Graham confessed later that he had been "cacking it" in the start line – so it must have been a bit windy! And the day finished with an invitation to all from Gerry and the Up River crew to join them for a BBQ – great evening – many thanks guys!

Wednesday 30th July – DP departed back home very early in the morning – without waking anyone! The day dawned sunny and breezy. We had a lazy day, drove to **Blakeney** for the race start at 5.00pm, had a fab sail and didn't come last (only because Tim Harris retired!) A few fell in – but again, not us. The start was quite interesting with a reef right in the middle of the line, plus there was another shallow bit only feet from the windward mark – but that's NWNW for you! It was getting a bit late by the time we had got the boats off the water (North Norfolk closes at 9.00pm!) and we only just got to the Ship for a meal and then adjourned to the Jolly Sailor for the NI2 convention being held there.

Thursday 31st July – another lazy day, late lunch and a late sail at **Blakeney**. Tricia, after a day off for good behaviour, was now crewing for Gerry. Decent breeze to start but it died off – and we beat Patrick Elcombe! Had been reading Robin Stevenson’s book “The story of the National Twelves”, kindly lent to me by Mike Nokes – 91 clubs are listed as having NI2s fleets in 1965. It was worrying to note how many Midlands clubs have stopped sailing NI2s, or have disappeared totally, in the last 40 years.

Friday 1st August – overslept, lazy late breakfast and off to **Snettisham**. It was quite breezy when we got there, but no water (although we were assured by the locals that it had been ordered). The keen yotters rushed about preparing boats as Gerry and I wandered about, went down to the beach and looked north to the gathering black clouds over Lincolnshire. After some skull scratching we decided that discretion and all that, and so didn’t bother to rig the boats – the crews seemed quite relieved! And the wind got up, the squalls arrived, boats got broken and the race was abandoned. Gerry and Liz joined us at the Cottage for the last evening including walk across Burnham Market to the Jockey for a meal. The only time the telly was switched on was that evening to see what the weather forecast was going to tell us about Saturday morning; I had also rung the “Old Dragon” at home for her to surf the interweb for updates. The committee decided that, much as we would liked to get up at 4.00am

to be on the water for a 6.15am start, the weather looked too dodgy – and we decided on a lie in instead!

Saturday 2nd August – breakfast – and Gerry was keen to get to **Snettisham** to see how much business was waiting for him! Prize giving (results elsewhere in Graham’s report, but I think that he forgot to mention that this was his first NWNW and that Christine and I got cups for “meritorious conduct i.e. last!), collect the boats and off home promising to return next year!

Serious thanks must go to Adrian & Joan Tebbutt and all the assorted clubs and helpers for making this year another superb week’s yotting. Overall 40 boats entered for the week with 75 on the water at Hunstanton (30 were NI2s) so they had a lot of work to do – and they did it very well!

Postscript:

The arrangements for the 2009 NWNW (being the 60th anniversary) are already in place; for more information go to:

<http://www.norfolkweek.co.uk/11330.html>

I have already booked accommodation and sent off my entry; Team Trent Valley HQ in Burham Market will include Christine Marshall, Tricia Wood and Dave Peacock plus NI2 stalwarts Tim Gatti and Son.

**Turner’s Five Rules of Fun NI2 Yotting available on request if accompanied with suitable alcoholic bribery!*

*It is with much sadness that we have to report the death of **Hilary Turner** (Paul’s younger sister) on Friday 6th March 2009 after a long battle against cancer. Hilary was a member of TVSC from the early 1960’s initially crewing for Paul but also for others including Ken Goddard and Arthur Richardson. She briefly owned her own NI2 and a Laser but enjoyed crewing more and had a long and successful partnership with Tony Donaldson in Merlins. The large attendance at the funeral bore testament to the number of people who will remember her with affection. Paul and Pam wish to thank the many members who took the time to send emails, cards and letters of condolence.*



April/May Calendar of Events

Date	TVSC (General)	Race Officer	Assistant Race Officer	Merlin Rocket	National 12	Laser	Junior
Sun 26 Apr	Race Officer Training (am)	R. Sloane		Brightlingsea SC (STS)	Scottish Championship - Annandale SC	Swarkestone SC (Mid)	
Thu 30 Apr		K. Marshall					
Fri 01 May				Race Training Weekend - Rutland SC			
Sat 02 May				Topmast Team Racing & Race Training Weekend - Rutland Water SC Hunts SC (Vin)	Salcombe YC (Gill)		Errwood SC (DYS)
Sun 03 May		R. Pilgrim		Open Meeting (STO/MC) & Race Training Weekend - Rutland Water SC	Salcombe YC (Gill)		
Mon 04 May				Race Training Weekend	Salcombe YC (Gill)		
Tue 05 May	Committee Meeting						
Thu 07 May		Do. King					
Sat 09 May				Inland Championships - Northampton SC (+ Vin)	Aldburch YC	Blichfield SC (Mid) Midlands Regional Training - Grafham Water Centre	Coombs SC (DYS)
Sun 10 May	National 12 Open Meeting - 1100 Start (No Club Racing)	K. Goddard	A. Goldsworth H. Richardson	Inland Championships	Aldburch YC	Midlands Regional Training	
Thu 14 May		P. Terry					
Sat 16 May	RYA Training Day (1)			Cookham Reach SC (Vin)	Ripon SC (Vin)		Optimist Inland Championships - Grafham SC
Sun 17 May		C. Shaw		Cookham Reach SC (STR)	Desborough SC		Optimist Inland Championships
Thu 21 May		P. Turner					
Fri 22 May				Bourne End Week (Upper Thames SC) begins			
Sat 23 May				Bourne End Week (+ Vin)	National Championships (Gill) begin		NSSA Championships - Oxford SC
Sun 24 May	Junior Racing (2)	G. Browne		Bourne End Week	National Championships (Gill)		NSSA Championships
Thu 28 May		J. Tilley					
Sat 30 May	RYA Training Day (2)			Exe SC (STS)		Masters Series - Grafham Water SC	
Sun 31 May	Merlin Rocket Open Meeting - 1100 Start (No Club Racing)	M. Haynes	S. Lawman R. Cawley	Starcross SC (STO)		Ogston SC (Mid) Masters Series - Grafham Water SC	

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N12 Open Meeting, 12th May 2007

