

The

Trent Valley Sailing Club



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Up Front

The Commodore Has No Balls

Or – “How to Dress Correctly”

John Richardson

As everyone knows it is very important to dress properly. If things are not all in the right place it can be uncomfortable for members.

Even if they are in the correct place but left hanging loose this can be equally uncomfortable. It has to be said that it seems to be the more mature gentlemen members who feel the most discomfort.



Incorrect dressing at the club has been observed on more than one occasion this year, which has prompted the production of this guide. In fact one gentlemen's dressing was so uncomfortable to members it has provoked a Charlie' Cup nomination, more of that at the AGM.

So how should one dress to avoid discomfort to members? The clue to good dressing is illustrated on the front cover.

First of all start with the Red Ensign. This is a large red flag with the union flag in the top corner. This is always flown on the gaff (that's the big bit that sticks out of the mast).

Next there is the optional RYA flag. This is flown from the yard arm (about half way up). It is best positioned so the wind blows it away from the flag pole.

Finally the TVSC flag. This is always flown from the very top of the mast. However it is not that simple, as there are three variants of the flag to choose from. Which to choose depends upon the most senior flag officer present at the club at the time of flying. If this is the Rear Commodore the club flag with two white balls is flown. For the Vice Commodore the appropriate flag is the one with one ball. This leaves the Commodore's which has no balls.

(Ed: The TVSC flags each have discrete labels on them to help identification. But how many balls does one display in the absence of Flag Officers..?)

Member Comment

“An excellent Lion this month, good to see we are joining the 21st century with visibility on social networking sites. Some of us have (on Facebook) had already identified as “knowing” each other as ‘friends’ through TVSC, not set up as a formal group but certainly recognising the connection.

I am also very pleased to see we are considering an upgrade of the TVSC website as I have been most intrigued by other clubs' sites – please look at Yeadon Sailing Club – a very small pond just shy of the Leeds-Bradford Airport runway but a very active and interactive website. Far be it from me as an old ex-committee member to suggest we do something to jazz TVSC website up but... .”

(name supplied)

Editor's reply: Changes to the web site are in the pipeline and we have a test site that we are experimenting with ideas on. As a small club we rely on volunteers' time and goodwill, so simple can have its advantages.



Do you have a comment or suggestion that you would like to air in the Lion?

Contributions to this feature, letters, articles and pictures the editor please
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...and Coming Up

Events and Organisers

Mon 05 Oct	General Committee Meeting	R. Sloane
Sat 24 Oct	Autumn Working Party <i>email to follow</i>	J. Clark
Sun 25 Oct	Class Trophy Racing	R. Britton
Sat 31 Oct	Laying Up Supper & Prize giving - 1930 for 2000 <i>email to follow</i>	J. Clark

Racing and Race Officer Duties

Viewing visitors to racing events are welcome with High Tea served at 4pm during Summer Series racing.

Sun 27 Sep		P. Terry
Sun 04 Oct		P. Turner
Sun 11 Oct		J. Tilley
Sun 18 Oct	Last of Summer Series	K. Brelsford
Sun 25 Oct	Class Trophy Racing – 14:00 GMT Start (<i>don't forget to change your clocks</i>)	A. Richardson
Sun 01 Nov	START OF WINTER SERIES –	Pa. Dalby

Works to Trent Lane:

Latest from the Environment Agency indicates that the one day closure of the road advised in the August Lion has been postponed due to “bad weather and the unavailability of clay” (!) Whether this means that the work will definitely not be happening in September, but may still happen towards November is not clear at this point. Stay tuned...

The final Thursday Series race of 2009 comes to a close, 3rd September 2009



Who are they? What do they do? Hon. Secretary Rob Sloane opens the doors of

The Flag Officers



“The Committee”

Commodore (John Richardson) The most senior committee role and the most important person in the Club (apart, perhaps, from the trustees). Chairs the committee meetings and is pretty much where the buck stops.

Vice Commodore (James Clark) Normally in charge of the 'house committee', although the Vice and Rear Commodores can agree between them who chairs the sailing committee and who chairs the house committee. In recent times this has meant pretty much sole responsibility for all the domestic arrangements (and hence smooth running) of the Club, such as dealing with the Steward, organising events etc. This has made it one of the more onerous roles but we would like it to become more of a co-ordination role with specific responsibilities delegated to other members of the house committee.

Rear Commodore (Peter Terry) Normally in charge of the 'sailing committee', though see above. In practice most sailing matters are handled by the Hon. Sailing Secretary, although the sailing committee does meet at least once per year. We would like more of the 'domestic' duties to be shared between the Vice and Rear Commodores.

The most senior flag officer present at the club is entitled to fly their club flag from the mast head (see *John's article – Ed*).

At TVSC, unlike many other clubs, the Commodore has historically remained in post for many years. The Vice and Rear Commodore normally change each year with a person carrying out Rear Commodore, then Vice Commodore, then becoming 'ex-officio' (still on the committee). Recently they have stayed in post for a second year due to a lack of volunteers to take up the role of Rear Commodore. All are subject to election at each year's AGM.

The Officers

Hon. Secretary (Rob Sloane) Minutes all meetings and all formal correspondence with outside bodies etc. Formally is also responsible for membership, although nowadays this is delegated to the membership secretary.

Hon. Treasurer (Rob Sloane - in reality Lorna Orton) Budgeting, keeping the books, collating income from membership, bar, training etc.

Hon Sailing Secretary (Roger Britton) Ensures that all sailing activities are properly organised. Liaises with the class representatives (these are not committee positions).

Hon Bar Secretary (Peter Browne) Purchases bar stock, decides pricing, empties the till of cash and keeps track of the bar book.

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Other Committee Roles

Membership Secretary (Doreen King) The initial contact person for potential and new members and responsible for processing their application through committee. From 2010 will also resume the maintenance of membership records, collection of subscriptions etc. from the Hon. Treasurer.

Committee Member (Ann Britton, Guy Browne, Andy Hunter, Jenny Marshall, Richard Partridge). Although having no designated role, the ordinary committee members take on various actions to assist with the running of the club and have an essential role in contributing to the decision making process of the committee.

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Non-Committee Roles

Child Protection Co-ordinator (Belinda Bramhall) Child protection policy maintenance, record keeping and contact for any child protection issues.

'Lion' Editor (Richard Partridge) Edits the TVSC newsletter.

Training School Principal (Lorna Orton) The figurehead for our training activities and, ultimately, where the buck stops in that area.

Training Co-ordinator (Ann Britton) Organises all the people who come to RYA training sessions, certificates, books, etc.

Junior Sailing Co-ordinator (Angela Clark) Organises Friday evening junior sailing.

DYS Representative (Ben and Lizzie Richardson) Represent TVSC on the Derbyshire Youth Sailing committee. Normally a parent of a child active on the DYS circuit.

Other Information

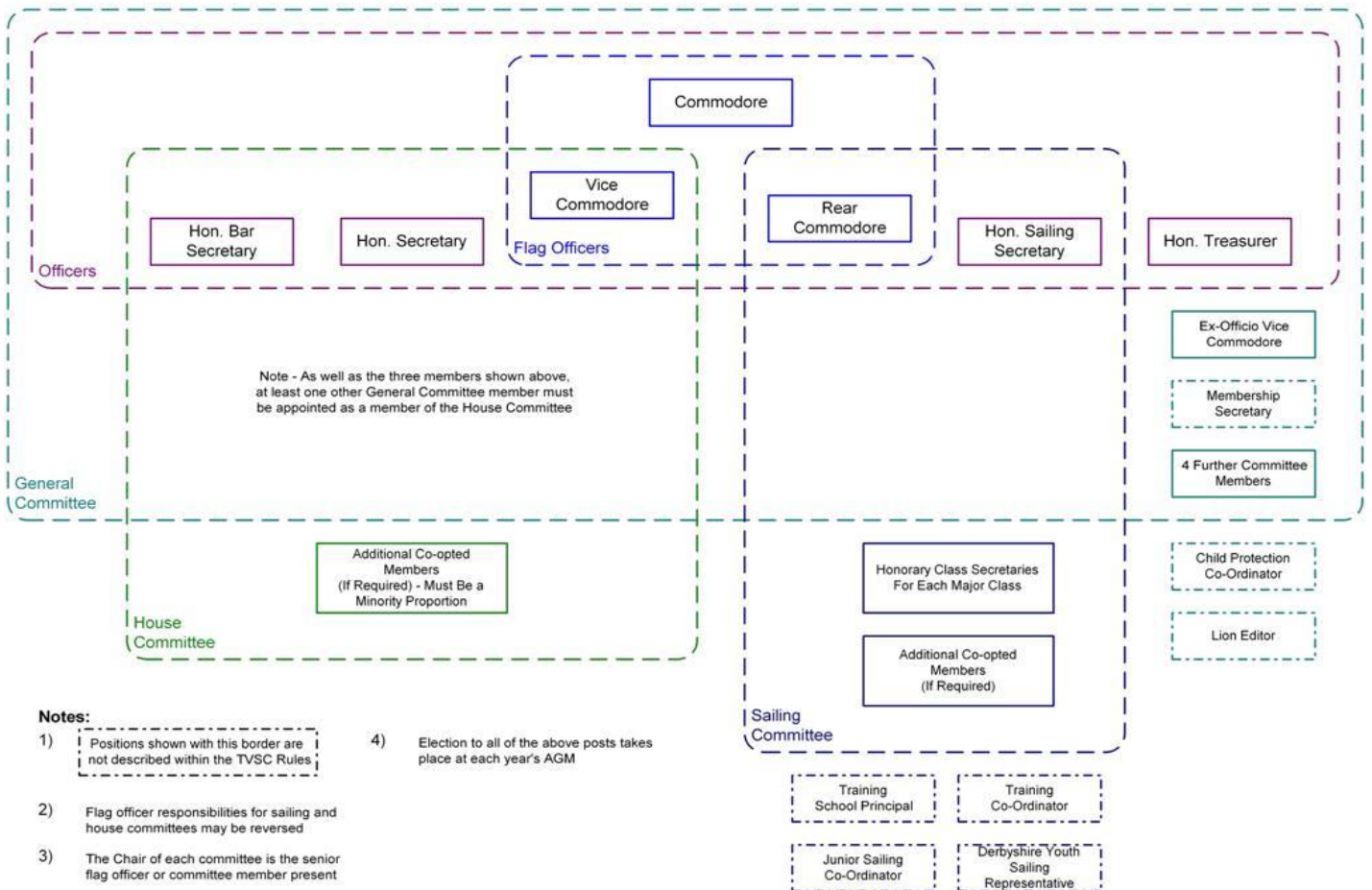
General Committee Meetings are generally held on the first Monday of each month, except for December (because of the AGM) and January (because not much is happening).

Meetings during the sailing season are held at the clubhouse.

Meetings in February and March are held at a willing volunteer's house, generally in the Long Eaton area.

Meetings start at 20:00 prompt and normally last until some time between 21:30 and 22:00

TRENT VALLEY SAILING CLUB - COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS



TVSC on Tour: A tale of sailing away from Trent Valley Sailing Club with National 12s; although on one occasion some Lasers came too!

http://www.national12.org/events/2009/tvsc_open_meeting.shtml

This was originally intended as a series of reports submitted over the 2009 season, but due to writer's block and everyday life getting in the way, it has turned out to be one long saga – pictures have been excluded to stop it turning into War and Peace proportions.

Four boats went to Attenborough

I know it has been a while since this expedition took place, but it seems no one has written of our outing yet. On 19th April 2009 Paul Turner took Perfect kiss (N3157), to Attenborough Sailing Club, with Christine Marshall to help him sail her. Peter Ferguson took 'Why don't You' (N3222) with Lottie Duchart to help. John and Ben Richardson took their Lasers but they didn't need anyone to help sail them. The event was the first of a tri-partite sailing event with Attenborough Sailing Club (ASC), Trent Valley Sailing Club (TVSC) and Nottingham Sailing Club (NSC); it is hoped to be the first of many such occasions.

The day started with sun and good wind, and a very favourable turn-out from the host club. We were treated with glorious welcome from former TVSC member Andrea Murphy and some very fair sailing weather. The hosts set some good courses but did avoid the challenge of squeezing between the islands for this event. Lunch was provided and a remarkable spread it was too, many thanks to our hosts. Paul remembers the day well as he was able to finish in front of arch rivals Sue Jones and Mary Brookman (N3263) from NSC, but he did make his crew (i.e. me) work hard to make certain he beat her – if only by one pace. Sue, however, got her revenge at TVSC Open meeting so I-all.

The home club were most excellent hosts, with aforementioned good lunch, positive welcome and even more positive feedback at the end of the day. We really need to keep this up and all participants agreed it should become a regular on our joint calendars.

I was asked to add the TVSC Open meeting at this point when we had 19 boats enter – but Ken has submitted a report for this already.

Three boats went to Burton Week

The re-formatted Burton Week, four days of sailing instead of the traditional six, saw Paul Turner arrive with Dolly Daydream – to take her for a good outing - to be parked in the Vintage section of old duffers. Eight vintage National 12s entered, a stunning turn-out, most notable was Angus Beyts who drove 12 hours from somewhere north of Hadrians wall, collecting Starfish from the Turner boatyard en route. The camaraderie among N12 vintage boats prevailed with many references to Swallows and Amazons being chorused – e.g. 'Better duffers than drowned'; we weren't about to be worried by Dead Cat Bounce (much respect to Jo Richards) or the proliferation of double-bottomed plastic bateaus arriving to fill the very well organised boat park at Thorpe Bay. David Peacock (yes he is a member of TVSC) arrived with his new boat "Paradigm Shift" complete with foiled rudder but an alternative crew – Rosie White because Tricia's knees were damaged after skiing last winter. Peter Ferguson brought Lottie along to crew N3222, although he had to depart at the end of Monday thereby missing the last day. It was a very eventful long weekend, including Paul dropping his launching trolley on his foot the first day ending with a visit to local A&E and missing the 2nd day's sailing. This left his crew looking for a helm – and Paul kindly let Tricia Wood out to helm Dolly instead. We achieved our 3 objectives – don't come last, don't damage us and don't damage the boat, although we got in a lot of capsize practice in the 2nd race. You can all access the comments re the new format N12 Champs via the website so not much more reason for me to go on at length here, except to say it was a fab 'week'. In fact the best bit of the week was on the last day, on the 2nd reach leg of the 1st race, when Paul and Christine remarked it was the fastest they have ever sailed and leading the vintage boats round the course, only to be thwarted by Paul doing a spectacular back-flip out of the boat leaving Christine to right it on her own and wondering all the while about why Paul was swimming to catch up – witnesses are available if you don't believe me. On the

way home we booked Dolly into the Gerry Ledger Infirmary for Vintage N12s for surgery and TLC, she has since made a full recovery with no complications.

<http://www.burtonweek.org/home>

http://www.national12.org/news_ltr/2009/The_Latest_Chapter_july2009.pdf

(look at the article from the archives)

Two boats went to Hykeham

We are so pleased Ian Norman joined us on Sunday 14th June, it fits in with a literary theme. Thanks, Ian, I have been struggling to complete the tale. Hykeham was warm and windless but still no less of a challenge around the hourglass-shaped water. Again 3 races were held, with 2 to count. It was good to see former TVSC members Graham Camm and Zoe Ballantyne showing they can still leave us trailing in their wake. It wasn't our greatest day but we had spent the previous day in the admirable hands of Graham and Zoe, with some coaching time for N12s at the same location. Our many thanks to Graham and Zoe for their time and input – may be one day Paul and I will get it all together and show it had some positive effect.

http://www.national12.org/events/2009/hykeham_open_meeting.shtml

One boat went to Ripon, Yorkshire Ouse, and Welland

Yes, an N12 went to all these events. One is part of the Midland area circuit, revamped as the Ponds and Rivers circuit and two are part of the Northern N12 circuit but as they are such wonderful chaps up North we went to join them. Besides, Ripon on 16th May, the author's favourite sailing venue on her birthday, what more could I do but try to persuade the helm to go and then do another northern event to try qualify for the series. All events have been wonderful. In fact why do I need to write more about all these trips when you can read about it on the N12 website, with links to excellent photos too. All I can say is Yorkshire Ouse was hard work – there are more trees than at TVSC – and far greater sailors than I looked completely jiggered by teatime Sunday; Welland was like home but with less trees and excellent greeting with bacon rolls, and Ripon – well I am biased, it is a great venue and it was a birthday treat. Additional comments from the back of the boat were:

Ripon – we wuz robbed of a win in the second race.

Yorkshire Ouse – we actually took N2020 “Starfish” (the original) to Naburn and went quite well beating a few much faster/improved boats in the process. Ignore the bit about Dolly being there – she was actually at Gerry Ledger's boatyard in Essex being repaired after the Burton!)

Welland – do follow the links to the photos! This was a FAB day's sailing! And what a brilliant report too! (I think he wrote some of it!)

Ripon:

http://www.national12.org/events/2009/ripon_vintage.shtml

Yorkshire Ouse:

<http://www.national12.org/events/2009/naburn%20paddle.shtml>

Welland:

http://www.national12.org/events/2009/welland_open_meeting.htm

Next installments:

When I wasn't looking (making my last ever attendance at Speech Day at school), Paul snook off to Frampton-on-Severn's vintage handicap meeting in Dolly Daydream – and won with a 5 stone 10 yr old crew! I won't be trying to emulate that stature.

Paul has already submitted the TVSC excursion to NWNW! This should have come first but I got writer's block and he had help with input.

Derwent Vintage N12 handicap 5th Sept– actually we may not be able to emulate our last showing at this event as Paul is claiming yet another injury.

Ripon (again) and Yeadon in October 10th/11th Oct – let's hope the injuries have resolved.

If not, I may just have to submit reports of alternative sailing exploits on far bigger boats in the Solent (22nd/23rd Aug) and the Ionian Sea (12th-20th Sept). As I have exhausted one literary theme and sequence with the above, I am hoping Jerome K Jerome wont mind me calling it “four women in a boat”, parts 1 and 2.

Christine Marshall

(with grateful thanks to the helm for his incisive additions, credited where I could work out which were his, after all my re-editing)

Raising the Roof on the August Working Party

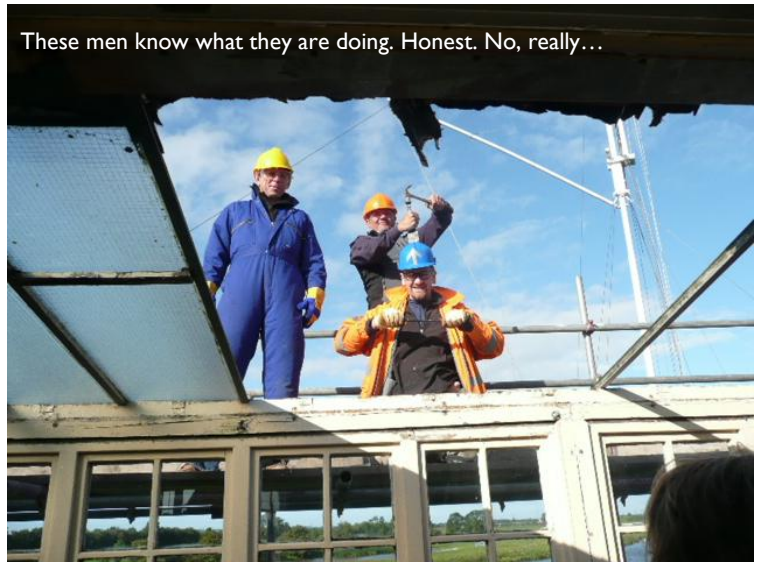
With endorsement from the December 2008 AGM, the days of the leaky Saloon roof were numbered, and the August Bank Holiday weekend saw a unique coming together of volunteers for three days of focussed hard work to make this happen. Fleshing out the vision of Roger "I've got a cunning plan" Britton, the efforts of TVSC Doozers (and followers of the Reverend Eaton, praise be) made a magnificent effort.

It was one of those occasions that really brought home what a special club Trent Valley and its members are. Here's how it happened...

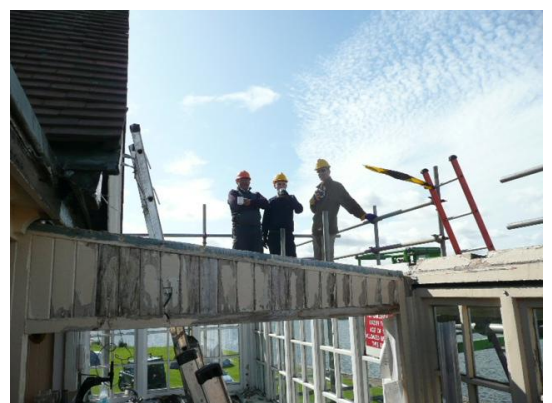


The old roof, Saturday morning breakfast time, before the main works begin

<< Full Personal Protection Equipment in use, including shades. The first of the roof panels comes up and it's not even 9am - all the glass was safely removed by 9.30



These men know what they are doing. Honest. No, really...



Inside? Outside? By Elevenses it was all academic. Thankfully the weather gods smiled on us



New tanilised timber is secured to the tops of the window frames to provide rigidity and a base for the new aluminium roofing bar system.



By lunchtime the new timber is in place and the horizontal glazing support sections have been half fitted. Roger works on lining up the first glazing panel while the bar roof Conga gets going





Clearly a pro, Frank had a selection of power tools at his disposal



The Sisters of the Immaculate Paint Job, who along with Sister Bea and Father Kenneth did good works in the name of wood preservation (I may have to repent for publishing this photo...)



Watertight by Saturday evening. Finishing off and making good (inside and out) took a lot more work on Sunday and Monday! Finished item below.



