



The Trent Valley Sailing Club Lion



Spring 2012

Welcome to the Spring Edition of the Trent Valley Sailing Club Lion.

We hope to get the Lion out quarterly throughout 2012, with another edition out before the end of June. To do this we need **YOUR** help! We need any articles, photos, advertisements, announcements or even letters to the editor that you wish to contribute. We especially need to hear from the Fleet Captains.

Please send all contributions to the editor@trentvalleysc.org

The closing date for contributions for the next edition of the Lion is the 2nd June.

We look forward to hearing from you.

In this month's Lion -

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5 Year Planning Meeting, an invitation to all members.

At the AGM in December the Committee presented a draft "5 Year Plan" to mark TVSC's 125th year.

You are invited to attend a meeting at the Club House on Saturday 28th April at 19:30 where this will be developed.

Now in our 126th year, the idea is to create a blueprint for the 5 year plan that will set out our priorities for the next 5 year period and plan activities, year by year, that all members can participate in.

The 5 year plan involves financial commitment. We need to speculate to accumulate and we would like the membership's agreement to the spending plans (in general terms).

Supper will be curry and rice (with a vegetarian option) and fresh fruit to follow. It will be served as a buffet. The cost is £7 for adults and £4 for children. Please book your supper with Ann Britton (annieburgee@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you there.

Welcome back to Friday Night Sailing 2012.

We were planning to start the season with an induction day on Saturday the 21st of April however due to the level of the river we will be starting on Friday the 27th at 6.00 p.m. Parents are required to stay for the duration of the evening.

Supper will be jacket potatoes with fillings, salad and cakes. The cost will be £4.00 per person. Please will you book supper with Angela. Her email address is jamesrwclark@btinternet.com.

Please will you also let her know by email if your child/children will be attending this year, the age group range for junior sailing is 8 to 16 years.

Trent Valley Sailing Club Friday Nights

By Ben Allen (a member of the junior fleet)

Trent Valley's Friday night children's Junior Fleet, is the best way to introduce your kids into the depths and breadths of sailing. The wonderful Angela Clark is in charge of all the organisation of things and keeping happy smiles on people's faces. The evenings begin at 6 pm and end at around 9 pm, running from April to September.

We have several instructors who are all very well trained, whom you get to know very well and they teach you how to rig and sail a boat yourself. There are many different types of boat that we sail in like Optimists, Toppers, Pico's, Otters and the beginners boat 'Big Bertha', and we sail on many parts of the river too.

I think that confident or shy children would love Trent Valley and thoroughly enjoy a sailing hobby as there's something to suit everyone and its great fun. Even if there is no wind there is no 'oh lets just go home' we get out the paddles and go for a splash and sometimes go to the other bank for a random explore. In the summer holidays we have a fantastic summer camp at the club.



After a good evenings sail, having learnt new sailing techniques that go towards achieving RYA levels, we have a delicious dinner and a chat with everyone. I feel the Trent Valley Junior Fleet is amazing, it makes me feel really welcomed and relaxed, when you're there everyone helps each other. I believe I'm not the only person who loves attending Trent Valley there are many others who feel exactly the same way about Friday nights, so come on down and try it out because we promise once you've been, you really won't be waving goodbye, as to me Trent Valley is my second home!!

Derbyshire Youth Sailing (DYS)

Derbyshire Youth Sailing (DYS) is about dinghy racing for school age sailors from Derbyshire.

DYS provides opportunities to move from first junior racing at a sailor's own club, onto a local circuit of dinghy racing sailing at other clubs in the county. DYS can also be a stepping stone, in time, to enjoying dinghy racing in regional, national and even international competition.

What DYS offers

Membership is free and sailors only pay for what they attend. As DYS is organised by volunteers and the clubs are generous hosts, costs are kept tightly under control and entry fees are affordable. (A sailor's first event at their home club is free). The events that DYS organises allow young sailors to enjoy meeting with other young sailors from the county and elsewhere and with them, to compete and learn how to improve their racing sailing.

DYS organises a few training events each year, for all levels of racing sailor, this doesn't include teaching basic sailing, but has helped many young sailors to make great improvements in their racing process and boat handling techniques. DYS also allows coaching of novice racing sailors during the DYS series event races – see below – so that they can stay in touch with the rest of the fleet and learn whilst they compete.

In addition to training and racing sailing events in the county, DYS also organises the Derbyshire teams to compete in National Schools Sailing Association (NSSA) events at national level. These NSSA events include a week long summer regatta, with hundreds of sailors taking part, as well as Team racing with Derbyshire competing against other counties and schools.

DYS is recognised by Derbyshire School Sports Association (DSSA) as their sailing section and is authorised to award County Colours to sailors who have represented Derbyshire at National events. A points system is used and sailors become eligible for County Colours when they have competed in a number of events.

The DYS Series

Between April and September every year, the sailing clubs in Derbyshire each invite DYS to hold a one day racing event at their club and these events are then scored in a series. There is an overall championship and also three championships for different age groups. Using a sailor's school year at the start of each series, the three age bands are: up to year 6 are Juniors; years 7 to 9 are Intermediates; and years 10 and above are Seniors.

Each of the individual series events has prizes and not necessarily just for the winners. Some of the clubs award trophies or medals and others provide chandlery items or sweets and chocolates – quite often there are enough sweets for everyone who's there, to share.

There are valuable series prizes available as well as prestigious trophies to compete for each year. The overall champion receives the Derbyshire Shield, while Juniors compete for the Ellen MacArthur Trophy and Intermediates for the Ben Ainslie Trophy. The Senior trophy is simply known as the Senior Trophy. Every sailor who completes a qualifying series of events is recognised in the annual prize giving and the successes at NSSA events are also celebrated.

All of the DYS series events are held on Saturdays and each event consists of three races, each usually of around 40 minutes duration, with one race before lunch and two in the afternoon. The scoring uses the two best results and discards a sailor's worst result. The briefing is normally at 10:30 and first race starts around 11:00 which allows time in the morning for sailors to travel to the club, usually by 9:30, rig their boat and all without having to be up before dawn.

An open invitation

DYS is a friendly grouping of youth sailors and volunteer adults from Derbyshire sailing clubs and you are invited to come along to any of the series events and introduce yourselves and ask questions. The dates and locations are all on the website www.dysailing.com.

By joining in with DYS, young sailors can grasp the opportunity to sail on different waters, make new friends who share the hobby of sailing, (often with a passion) and benefit from the chance to learn together and possibly take their sailing activities further, even to the highest levels, or just enjoying sailing at the clubs in Derbyshire.

How do I find out more?

DYS has a representative at each of the sailing clubs and at TVSC this is Mike Haynes, who is also currently the Chair of the DYS Volunteer Team. His contact details are on the TVSC programme of events, so don't hesitate to ask for information. There is also plenty to read and see on the website at www.dysailing.com and this is the main means of communications for DYS, as well as the Facebook group, which is a members only forum.

DYS is about dinghy racing sailing for school age sailors from Derbyshire – so if that's of any interest to you, please do get in touch or come along to any DYS event.

Mike Haynes

Twilight Suppers are Back

The twilight suppers after Thursday night racing have started again, book now to avoid disappointment. The menus are as follows:

26th Apr 2012

Chicken Breast Salad and new potatoes
Cheese Cake
Or Fresh Fruit

3rd May 2012

Bangers and Mash with fresh vegetables
Bread & Butter Pudding and custard
Or Fresh Fruit

10th May 2012

Beef Hotpot with seasonal vegetables
Chocolate Cake and cream
Or Fresh Fruit

17th May 2012

Gammon with new potatoes and seasonal vegetables
Vienetta Ice Cream
Or Fresh Fruit

26th May 2012

Chicken Curry with rice and naan bread
Cheesecake Dessert
Or Fresh Fruit

31st May 2012

Lasagna, Chips and salad
Sticky toffee pudding and custard
Or Fresh Fruit

Bookings for the twilight suppers can be made by several means but the best option is to call Jeanette on 07901 557988 or Les on 07923 887588

Please ensure you receive a reply to guarantee a meal. Should you have left a message and heard nothing back, be sure to call or text Jeanette to double check.

You can also contact Jeanette via email. Her email address is j_jayerobinson@hotmail.co.uk



There is also a sheet at the club that you can put your name on, the number of meals required (including type of dessert) and any dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian or gluten free).

Suppers require a minimum of 4 to go ahead and need to be booked in advance. The cut off time for booking is 12 p.m. on the Wednesday before although possible late additions may be available. Please be sure to ask, even on the day.

The cost for all suppers is £7.00 per person for adults and £4.50 per child under 12.

Member's Advertisements

Dave Peacock needs crew for the N12 TVSC meeting on Sunday the 20th May. A keen young lad who can sail would be ideal. Contact Tricia pkwood@staff.wortech.ac.uk

For Sale: "Trent Valley Sailing Club, The First One Hundred Years"
The Club's History 1886-1986
Near perfect condition £5.00 Contact Ken Goddard telephone number 01332 521168

Advertisements on this page are free. Email your advertisement to the editor@trentvalleysc.org

Ladies that sail

It has been suggested that we hold a ladies that sail event. The idea is for ladies to take the helm. If any ladies are interested in participating please would they contact James Clark jamesrwclark@btinternet.com

Training

There will be a level 1 and 2 courses will take place on the 19th and 26th May and the 9th and 16th June.

There is also a level 3 course happening on the 28th April and 12th May,

If you, or anyone you know, wishes to attend please contact Ann Britton via email
ann.britton@trentvalleysc.org

The training courses are a good way to attract new members so spread the word. Posters are available to download from the website or directly from John Richardson to put up at work or anywhere else you can think of.

On Sunday the 22nd April we will be holding the first of the Junior and Adult Improvers Training events. These will be fairly informal, the usual training boats and safety boats will be available with instructors on hand. So, if you fancy a casual sail, or would like some assistance, please come along.

Race Officer Duties

If you are unable to fulfil your race officer duties, please ensure that you organise a replacement.

| Start Date | First Gun | Race Officer | Assistant Race Officer |
|------------|-----------|--------------|------------------------------|
| 22/04/2012 | 13:55 | A. Hunter | |
| 26/04/2012 | 18:55 | Al. Britton | |
| 29/04/2012 | 13:55 | A. Stokes | |
| 03/05/2012 | 18:55 | Do. King | |
| 06/05/2012 | 13:55 | I. Norman | |
| 10/05/2012 | 18:55 | P. Terry | |
| 13/05/2012 | 11:00 | K. Goddard | P. Saunders, A. LeGassick |
| 17/05/2012 | 18:55 | P. Turner | |
| 20/05/2012 | 11:00 | R. Britton | P. Tryner, D. Pullan |
| 24/05/2012 | 18:55 | R. Partridge | |
| 27/05/2012 | 13:55 | J. Marshall | |
| 31/05/2012 | 18:55 | L. Orton | |
| 03/06/2012 | 13:55 | B. Willmott | |
| 07/06/2012 | 18:55 | G. Dalby | |
| 10/06/2012 | 13:55 | B. Bramhall | |
| 14/06/2012 | 18:55 | P. Browne | |
| 17/06/2012 | 13:55 | G. Browne | |
| 21/06/2012 | 18:55 | C. Preston | |
| 24/06/2012 | 13:55 | M. Haynes | |
| 28/06/2012 | 18:55 | A. Hunter | |
| 01/07/2012 | 13:55 | J. Dalby | |

We've been working on the road gang

On a wet Thursday and Friday in March some of the members volunteered to extend the length of concreted road



"The Committee is extremely grateful to all the volunteers. Thank you for a job well done." A quote from the Commodore.

Summer Ball 2012



The summer ball is taking place on the 30th June. This is a fabulous social event and a good excuse for a new frock and shoes. (That may just be me, any excuse for a new pair of shoes!) There will be stiff competition for the Roger Britton dance award and dawn racing, wind permitting for those still awake. Space is limited so please book your places now by emailing peter.browne@trentvalleystc.org.

TVSC Facebook page



Trent Valley Sailing Club has a Facebook page. If you have a Facebook account, please add yourself as a friend. There are some fabulous photos, contributed by members and we welcome your interaction. <http://www.facebook.com/TVSCsailing>

N12 Corner

We had a very jolly N12 “Huddle” at the Navigation Inn at Breaston early March; this annual event being a great opportunity to catch up pre-season.

The **2012 Dinghy Show** saw two Trent Valley N12s on the class stand; namely **Dave Peacock’s Paradigm 2** (9th at the champs at Brightlingsea last year) and **Ian Norman’s immaculate 1980 built Tigress**.

The new season will hopefully see lots more vintage boats sailing at the club. **Fraser Goldsmith’s Squid N2042** has had lots of work done on it by his grandfather and should hopefully be ready for launching in the next few weeks. The boat was sourced by John Sears from Notts County where it had been languishing in the boat park for some years. John collected the boat on his own trailer and then spent several hours stuck in a traffic jam on the M1 before he could deliver it to Fraser.

We also welcome **Simon and Jo Foster** who have moved to Derby from the deep south; Simon bought **N2289, a 1965 Wyche & Coppock built Starfish**, on eBay (on a whim!) and it is now in the dinghy park at TVSC ready for her first trip around the bay.

Sam & Rachael have already been out on the water in their **Paper Dart** and no doubt **Ann Britton’s Crusader** will grace the Trent soon. We hope that **Ken Goddard’s** threat of retirement is just a threat. Efforts to track down **Peter Ferguson** to help with his Crusader have proved fruitless.

The “**Turner Collection**” of original classic N12s is still growing:

N1650 Smuggler – after major surgery by Brian Herring to planking, is currently with Tim Gatti for a complete make-over; this is Tim’s very first professional commission (smallboatcraft.co.uk) as he only qualified as a boat builder late last year – although he has previously done fabulous restoration works on various vintage and clinker N12s.



N2399 Mr Jones – is having a complete strip down and is unlikely to hit the water this year:

N2403 China Doll – after years of chasing, the original China Doll was acquired a few weeks ago and the full story is at: <http://www.national12.org/boats/index.php?action=view&value=2403>

Trent Valley is again hosting two **N12 Open Meetings** this year; on **Sunday 13th May** there is the usual Midland Area meeting but this year there will be a training day on the Saturday. The second meeting will be on **Sunday**

9th September – this is a joint Vintage and Midland Area event. If anyone would like to borrow an N12 for either meeting please contact Paul Turner.

To encourage visitors to come to our meetings, Dave Peacock and Paul Turner will be doing their usual round of opens, including the Championships at Hayling Island and the North West Norfolk Week, aided and abetted by Tricia Peacock and Christine Preston.

Haynes Family Sailing Update

In 2011, both Ben and Josh were very active in their racing sailing and notched up quite some considerable hours in the car and days, even weeks, in their boats throughout the year. One of the most memorable achievements was being members of the Derbyshire Youth Sailing team that went to the National School Sailing Association annual week long Youth Regatta 2011 held at Grafham Water and came away with the overall team trophy as well as a host of individual trophies. Beating all of the other County teams was an amazing achievement - and it is a first for Team Derbyshire.



Josh Haynes, now 13, has been successfully continuing his racing sailing activities and securing some well deserved individual results for all his hard work. A winter training squad place for the third consecutive year in the Optimist Intermediate Squad has also been followed with a fourth invitation to join the GB Team to go to the annual Easter International Regatta at Braassemmermeer in Holland. This year the competition was particularly tough and Josh and the family have just returned after his posting an excellent 5th place in the Silver fleet saw another addition to the trophy cabinet. As 20th Brit in a team of 40, Josh did well in the 260 boat international invitational fleet with sailors from 13 countries

including Portugal, Spain, Belgium, USA, Germany, France, Ireland, Netherlands that also included the current Optimist World #2 Bart Lambriex.

Also over the winter, Josh has been selected to be one of the Derbyshire Sport Podium Athletes, receiving a small contribution bursary to his training costs and he is also a member of the newly formed Derbyshire Institute of Sport. The DIS is an initiative bringing together the sports development organisations of Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council and the University of Derby to encourage greater sports participation and improve performance. Sailing has been successful in being selected as a Development Sport within DIS. More information is available on the internet.



Meanwhile, elder Brother Ben at 16 has been focussed on school studies as he has now started his A levels. Nevertheless he is planning to compete in the 2012 Splash Worlds for the second year and this time they are being held in Nieuwpoort in Belgium, so not so far to go as last year. Ben is hoping for a better placing than he achieved in 2011 and he knows he will need to get some practice in as soon as the exams are over. Ben has also been taking training courses to follow the coaching route and hopes to be helping again at the Optimist Nationals this summer as well as finding other opportunities to coach, including Friday nights at TVSC as soon as time and commitments allow.

Back in the Autumn of 2011 both Ben & Josh were successful as Derbyshire Youth Sailing team mates in the National School Sailing Association Single Handed Team Racing where they formed the backbone of a team of three that made it to the semi-final stage in this national competition, coming third overall. The Double

Handed Team Racing event in the spring wasn't quite such a success and showed that there's still plenty to learn about.

Now as for the third 'child' of the Haynes family, Dad Mike, has been putting in the hours at race management and also now mark laying and has been successful in making it into the Race Management team for the 2012 Paralympics sailing in Weymouth. Mike is also either a Race Management reserve or may have a supporting volunteer role for the 2012 Olympics sailing.

All of these sailing activities aren't possible without the full commitment of Mum, Ellie who has the hardest job of all in keeping these three going with the organisational and catering requirements of sometimes being in three places at once! With the Optimist Selections event looming on the horizon, the exam pressure building and a husband often heading to Weymouth, it is going to be an interesting Summer of Sport in 2012.

Caption Competition



Captions please? Put your suggestions on the Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/TVSCsailing> or via email to editor@trentvalleysc.org