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2018 sailing season started!

By the time you read this the sailing season at the club will have started – at least I hope it will, given that the planned first outing on 4th March had to be cancelled due to a combination of snow, cold, fog and most important of all, no wind. Our trip to Notts County the previous weekend for the ‘County Cooler’ part of the Cooler Blaster series was definitely very cool, but in the thermal sense of the word. Whilst a tad less breezy than the Staunton Blaster, there were still plenty of capsizes on the Saturday, to which I contributed a couple, plus one on the slipway while trying to drag the boat into a sheltered spot behind the clubhouse. I was rescued by a kind local Laser sailor, who obviously held no hard feelings towards me despite my wrapping the end of my boom round his mast in the previous race. As I raced into a gap between Roscoe and ‘k.l.l.s’ on the final downwind leg, I became uncomfortably aware that the gap was getting smaller and that Murphy’s law, that the only time a boat fails to slow down is when you need it to, was about to take over. The Laser, three boat lengths behind me at the time, finished 12th out of 34 boats, so but for a rush of blood to the head, I could have finished in

the ‘gold fleet’. Dream on MH...! Roscoe had four top ten finishes and was 7th overall for the weekend and 5th overall for the two combined weekends. Martin was 11th in the series despite not sailing on Saturday, but coming 2nd in Sunday’s pursuit race. Sarah had finishes of 23rd, 28th and 27th on the Saturday. She is convinced that the Laser sailor who took a small bite out of Roscoe’s Aero was the same one who had been somewhat condescending in his attitude to her boat control while acting as SO1 at Staunton the fortnight before.

Dinghy Show

I really enjoyed my all too brief look around the RYA Dinghy Show on 3rd March and thoroughly recommend it to members for 2019. There were loads of dinghies to drool over and some excellent talks from Mike McNamara and Steve Cockerill. I spent some time watching youngsters trying out the sailing simulator, but time was too short to elbow my way to the front and become the first person to complete a lap in his wellies! I think we should buy one. I also attended a brief workshop on gelcoat repairs, so I would be happy to help out if Roscoe would like my input.

Friday evenings/Sat mornings

Last month I explained that we are hoping to provide safety cover on Friday evenings, so that members can come and free sail, have some informal coaching, try out different boats including learning to trapeze (assuming my 470 still floats!) and socialise afterwards. We are still looking for expressions of interest in taking part and volunteers to help run this. Martin Honnor has also offered to do some coaching on some Saturday mornings, so there is quite a lot on offer. However, it does need some feedback from members to help it get kick-started, so please get in touch with Martin, me or our new social sailing representative – Anthony ‘Chipp’ Chipp – (email: chip-pandl@aol.com).

RYA Charter

I have been made aware of instances in the past (hopefully the long distant past), when members have been put off by offensive behaviour or language. This has led some not to renew their membership and others to refrain from racing alongside the adults. Our website describes us as ‘The friendly club’ and I am sure that is something to which we all aspire. For that reason, the Management Committee has agreed to publicise the RYA

charter that we have signed up to. Please have a look at the following link:

<http://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Racing/RacingInformation/RacingCharter/RYA%20Racing%20Charter%202017.pdf>

Summer Social Saturday 23rd June 2018

We need your help in deciding on the musical format of the Summer Social in June. Please could you let us know which of the following you would prefer as a musical accompaniment to the evening? You can vote via the Ogston Facebook page or reply to the Ogston News email. We already have two votes for the Ceilidh/Barn Dance option.

- DJ and disco
- Ceilidh/Barn Dance
- Band

The plan is to provide barbecues and food for members to barbecue to their own taste and timing. So if you are an early or a late bird, it won't matter, you will be able to eat at a time to suit you and your family.

Things I wish I had learnt years ago

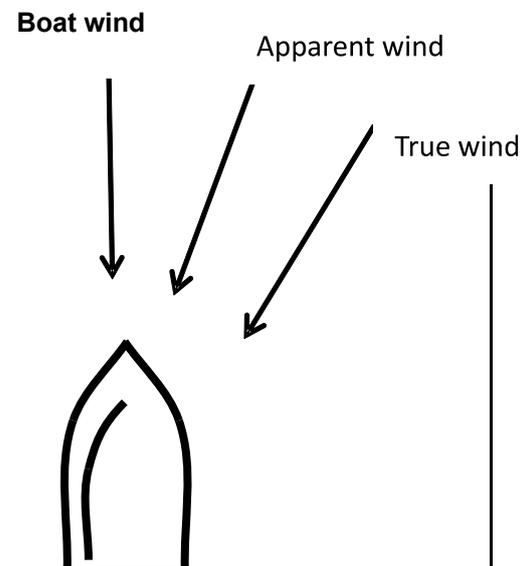
Part 3 in this series continues with management of the velocity header while sailing upwind. You will recall that the wind that we feel when sailing is known as 'Apparent wind' and it is a combination of the 'True wind' and the wind caused by the movement of the boat. If the true wind drops, the apparent wind will come from further ahead because the boat wind will be having relatively more influence on it– it will feel as if you are being headed. If the true wind

increases in strength, the apparent wind will come more from the side, because now the true wind has more influence on the apparent wind – it will feel as if you are being lifted.

Now imagine that you are sailing along in 12 knots of wind at 45 degrees to the true wind with a boat speed of 6.1 knots. Your tell-tales are perfect, your burgee is telling you the apparent wind is at 30 degrees and all is well. Then the true wind drops to 4 knots, but maintains the same direction. What will happen to your tell-tales, sail(s) and burgee? Answer: Your sail(s) will be flapping, tell-tales going round in circles and your burgee will be indicating that the apparent wind is approx 18 degrees. The natural response would be to bear away or tack, but both of these options would be wrong. The best course of action is to continue steering in your current direction and probably pull your sail(s) in to reduce drag while you are at it. As the boat speed drops, the apparent wind will move back towards 30 degrees and you should find that your sail(s) start to set again once your boat speed has fallen to 1.9 knots. At this point you may need to bear off very slightly as you cannot sail quite as close to the wind in a 4 knot wind as you can in a 12 knot wind. Although it may have felt wrong, you will have made a lot more ground towards the windward mark than boats that decided to bear away or tack.

All of the above assumes a constant wind direction. But how often do you get a gust or a lull

without a simultaneous change in true wind direction? At Ogston, I suspect, not often, but it is worth thinking through the principles outlined above. If it is just a velocity header, you may be able to feel the drop in apparent wind strength. If your boat has slowed down with sails flapping, but they continue to flap despite your reduced speed, then maybe it was a simple header after all! Different boats slow down at different rates – the advice for laser sailors is to tack if you are still being headed after 2 seconds in light wind – <http://www.laserinternational.org/blog/2017/03/19/sail-faster-with-less-hiking-part-3-gust-and-lull-management/> -. Heavy yachts will take a lot longer to slow and this article – http://l-36.com/velocity_header2.php - gives a particularly extreme example of the advantage of carrying on in the same direction in a velocity header. They also have all the fancy gismos that tell them about true wind speed and direction, boatspeed etc. Ogston dinghy sailors don't have that luxury.



Vice Commodore

After the weather put paid to the 4th March opening sailing day of the year, the racing got underway on Sunday, 11th March on a cool cloudy day, a little sunshine and a gentle force 1~2 easterly. There was just the one handicap fleet start which went smoothly with all 13 boats making a clean getaway, and in true Oggy tradition when the wind is from the East, the race started once again at each mark rounding as boats all bunched up as the wind always seem to fill in from behind. The 3rd reaching leg saw the fleet reach, beat and run all in 100 yards, fun and laughs was had by All...!! The sailors returned to the Club for refreshments and lunch, together with the First Aid course trainees, it was great to see the club so full. Races 2 and 3 saw similarly fickle winds, swinging from easterly to southerly during the entire race and ranging from 1 to 10 knots. With all that said however, a great first days sailing was had by all...

Now the season is underway there are many more events to look forward to;

Start of Saturday General Handicap Series – Saturday, 24th March – 2 races,

First Hoggard race—Wednesday 4th April (Pursuit)

Start of the Wednesday Series – Wednesday, 11th April – Early Pursuit,

FLEETEST OF FLEETS on Sunday, 8th April – 5 boats per team / 3 races,

OSC Enterprise Open – over the weekend of 21st & 22nd April – 6 races,

and the first of our Premier Regattas, the Regatta Bowl on Saturday, 28th April.

Ladies Sail and Social; for the past 2 years we have been running a Ladies Sail and Social evening, once a month on a Tuesday evening with safety cover and a selection of boats for all to try/ have a go in, very relaxed and social. It would start around 6pm and the ladies would bring food to share afterwards. Is there interest again this year? Please let either myself or Paula know if you are interested or contact our Social Sailing Rep, Anthony Chipp, contact details in the sailing programme handbook.

Let's all PULL together....;

As you will all have noted, the water level in Oggy, over the past months, has been significantly lower than usual and despite the rain and snow it never seems to fill up, resulting in the water's edge being some 50m from the dinghy park. I was asked during the Sailing Committee meeting this week, if we could review methods for pulling boats up after sailing, particularly for the less strong and for those using the far slip way which only extends half way down. Currently we use the tractor on the main slipway for the FF15, I don't see us changing this, but for everything else it's manual I'm afraid Health & safety, training and maintenance pre-

vent an electric winch type arrangement. As we all finish at different times, those finishing later sometimes find they are left with no help at the end of the day, so while the water is down, can I kindly ask that we **all PULL together** to help our fellow sailors get their boats up to the dinghy park at the end of the sailing day. If everyone helps with at least one more boat as well as their own, the task will be a quick and easy one.... Thanks to all in advance...

Chesterfield Sea Cadets – 80th Anniversary Summer Regatta;

Chesterfield Sea Cadets are celebrating their 80th Anniversary this year and will be having a summer regatta over the weekend of the 11th/12th August. They plan to set-up on Friday, putting up tents, catering tents/facilities, etc. (provided by the Army Catering Corps), as they are having a 'Camp Out' on the Saturday night. The regatta activities will be held on both the Saturday and Sunday and will be away from the club sailing area so as not to cause any disruption to the club races. They will provide their own rescue crews, their own boats and all food and refreshments over the 2 days. They have asked to utilize the changing rooms and the club during the day and just the toilet facilities during the evening. OSC are in full support of this regatta and welcome the Cadets to sail at any time.

PYs have changed this year; at the 2018 Dinghy Show this year the RYA release the Portsmouth Yardstick numbers for 2018 and there have been some interesting changes...! Except for the Aero7 & 9, the boats sailed at Ogston

have seen the PYs go up, i.e. they are (allegedly) slower, the big movers being the Topper (+11), Aero5 (+9) and Laser 4.7 (+7), and the one I see as particularly amusing is the K1 (+2). Does this mean our Fast Handicap Feet Captain, Don Spencer, is moving to the Slow Fleet...?!! The new PYs will be made effective for the first Saturday series (Saturday General Handicap) starting 24th March, the first Wednesday series (Hoggard) and the next Sunday Series (Spring Series) starting on 15th April. Sailing Manuals & Pursuit race sheets will be updated accordingly.

OSC Open Day (May Day) – 7th

May 2018: On 7th May OSC will be having an open day, the primary objective of which is to attract new members to our club. It is the May Bank Holiday and can be a good day out for folk, please feel free to shout it from the roof tops at your local schools, social clubs, church, gatherings and in general, we want to attract as many as possible, social, sailing and racing folk alike....

In anticipation of this popular day I need help to run it. There will be a sheet going round/on the bar/on the notice board detailing the functions/activities that need volunteers, if you want to be part of this great day please sign up, all your help is welcome.

Duties: March is fully sorted, April is mostly covered and May is 70+% covered, keep up the great work, can anybody help on Easter Sunday please, 1st April – SO2 required.

Other April duties include;

Wednesday, 11th April – SO2

Sunday, 15th April – SO2

Wednesday, 25th April – SO2

Sunday, 29th April – SO2

If you have completed your Safety Familiarization course then you can volunteer for any vacant Safety Duties, remember please, NO SAFETY = NO SAILING....

Martin Honnor

Social Update March 2018

A big thank you to all those who attended the recent Fitting Out Supper on 10th March 2018, we all had a great evening, and congratulations to Team Usherwood and Coombs who won the quiz. Thank you also to Don Spencer for designing and running the quiz on the evening. Coming up for the rest of this year we will have some fantastic events and opportunities for you to socialise with your friends off the water. There is also the opportunity to become involved in organising Socials around your personal availability and the sailing calendar. I am more than happy to help organise other events than the ones listed below so please feel free to contact me with your ideas, suggestions and any queries. Also, anyone wishing to help out at any of the Socials would be more than welcome so please don't hesitate to contact me to become involved.

You will note from the Commodore's article at the beginning of this newsletter that we are asking for feedback with regard to the Summer Social and New Members evening on 23rd June, please let us know your preferences as this will help us to be able to organise the type of event the majority of you would like to attend.

We really appreciate your support at the Socials so please make a note in your diaries of the dates below and come along to join in the fun, also keep an eye out for information regarding any other events through the website, on Twitter and Facebook, alongside future newsletters and posters in the club and notices via e-mail on Ogston News.

There is always an opportunity to get involved and have an input, therefore, if you have any requests or suggestions please let me know:

May 7th – Open Day

June 23rd – Summer Social & New Members Event

July 7th – Junior fleet Gala – a 1.5 day event, lots of fun and games and overnight camping.

3rd November – Autumn Social

17th November – Annual Ball

1st December – Laying Up Supper

8th December – Junior Fleet Christmas Party

26th December – Commodore's Boxing Day Bash. Enjoy an exhilarating race followed by mulled wine, a buffet and plenty of socialising.

Please make a note of these dates and as always if you have any ideas or would like to make any suggestions for a Social event please let me know. You can contact me on 01773 590523 or by e-mail at ahughes9@btinternet.com

I look forward to seeing you all at the above throughout 2018 and wish you all a very happy and successful sailing year.

Please ensure you read your newsletter carefully for any updates regarding Social events and keep your eyes open for any e-mail updates via Ogston News or Posters around the Club. Andrea

Club Work Party Saturday 24th March from 9.30 am

As most of you know, Ogston is a Club run by the members for the benefit of the members and one of the cornerstones of this ethos is that we rely on members volunteering with the running of the Club. That goes beyond the three duties and this is one of the other main occasions when we ask members to pitch in. These work parties; help to keep the Club looking good, keep the running cost/memberships fees down and give members a chance to meet and get to know each other (by working together on a shared task).

The aim of this work party is to get the Club ready for the new sailing season and the more people that come along the easier and quicker the work gets done.

If you have a skill that you feel may be particularly useful, please let me know. The work party starts at 9.30 and we try to finish early afternoon, but people can drop in and out as they wish.

If you have any questions, please ask.

Thanks you

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Clearing the 'Graveyard' Part One

Armed with wellies, tough clothing and garden tools we made a start!

Delving into the undergrowth at the rear of the Temp Boat park it soon became clear that to achieve a safe and usable area would require an extensive amount of effort so we decided to concentrate on removing as many hazards as possible, namely the last two decades worth of scrap trailers and associated rammel. The Tuesday crew had kindly identified the club's trailers and we knew pretty well which other ones still have (or in recent memory had) owners.... What we were then left with was almost exactly the same as the pile of scrap we decided to 'keep just in case' last time I volunteered for this task 12 or more years ago, and they were still exactly where Colin Dengate, Chris Bridge and myself left them at the time!

David and myself were very pleased with our morning's efforts having dragged a large number of scrap trailers out of the undergrowth as well as clearing a large amount of rotting timber and general rubbish such that the Sea Cadets can continue with their task in a much safer environment.

Philip Wilson

Enterprise Fleet Captain

In view of all this effort, could we please ask that, in the short term, if you have left anything in this boat park 'Graveyard' area, could you please label it clearly with your contact details? A longer term plan to clear items from the rest of the 'Graveyard' will be discussed at the next management meeting.

Management Committee OSC.

Saturday Racing Starts on Saturday 24th March - 2.00pm

**Wednesday Racing Starts on Wednesday 4th April with the
Hoggard (7.00pm start)**



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Treasurer urgently required

Ogston SC depends on the contribution of its members for the safe running of the club. We cannot continue without a treasurer, so if you have a heart for the club, can spare 3 hours a week and don't mind playing with numbers, please take a step of faith and put your name forward.

Contact - Mike Heap (commodore@ogstonsc.co.uk)

Committee Bits

Sailing Committee meeting –Mon 5th March

The following items were discussed:

Junior Fleet—30 members have signed up so far.

Sports Action Grant—Potentially, £500 available for the Youth Fleet.

Chesterfield Sea Cadets are to hold their 80th anniversary at the Club on weekend of August 11th / 12th. This will not affect normal sailing.

New PYs from the RYA for 2018 were discussed and adopted for the racing series yet to start.

The problem of retrieving boats when the water was low was discussed. See separate article.

Management Committee meeting—Thurs 8th March.

Work party re-scheduled for the 24th March.

Training boat refurbishment (Comet Trios). It was agreed to spend nearly £14,000 on refurbishing our Comet Trio training boats (rather than replacing them). Work to start on this as soon as possible.

A new Tohatsu outboard engine is to be purchased at a cost of £2380 to replace the aging Mariner engine.

A request was made for ideas for the Summer Social. See separate article.

A 'Drone' video has been taken of the Club site and is available for viewing on the Club's Facebook page.

A complete Club Calendar is now available for viewing on the Club website.

A replacement jetty was discussed. Two proposals were considered. Investigation and consideration is

ongoing.

The next meetings are planned for:

Sailing Committee: Monday 9th April.

Management meeting: Thurs 12th April.

All members are invited to attend these meetings as an observer.

John Mellors

Summer Social

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A - DJ and disco

B - Ceilidh/Barn Dance

C – Band

Responses either on the Club's Facebook page

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Or by email to:

ogstonnews@gmail.com

FLEETEST OF THE FLEETS - FAST FLEET

Hi all, your Fleet needs you.

The FLEETEST OF THE FLEETS is on the 8th April - your attendance would be appreciated. At the last count there were 30 of us, surely we can turn out the 5 needed to qualify. The Enterprises just scraped a win last year and Fast Fleet won the year before. The second round is on the 2nd September.

Don Spencer

2018 ADULT LEARN TO SAIL COURSE

Please note that Training can only be offered to Club Members

The Course will run from Friday 11th May through to Saturday 16th June (6 weekends) inclusive at the following times:

Friday evenings - 6.30 pm through until about 9.00pm

May 11th, 18th, 25th, and June 1st, 8th and 15th

Saturday mornings- 9.00 am through until about 1.00pm

May 12th, 19th, 26th, and June 2nd, 9th and 16th.

The Adult Learn to Sail Course will allow you to qualify to RYA (Royal Yachting Association) Sailing Scheme, levels 1 and 2. These are internationally recognised qualifications and successful completion will allow you to hire a dinghy at sailing centres across the UK and abroad.

The course comprises both on-the-water and on-shore sessions covering the following:

- rigging and ropework
- how to safely launch and recover a dinghy
- sailing techniques and manoeuvres
- sailing theory and background
- basic racing
- meteorology
- capsize recovery

Wind and weather are unfortunately beyond our control, so whilst all the above items will be covered in depth, the course will be tailored to fit in with the weather on the days concerned.

Next Steps: As a follow up to the course on Friday evenings during June you will be able to join in sessions offering basic race training and the opportunity to improve your sailing skills with experienced sailors. These will help you understand the basic rules of racing and enable you to join in Club racing. These coaching sessions are **FREE**. You can also join in Club Novice racing from 16th June onwards.

Cost £180.00 : Deposit of £50.00 to be paid no later than Friday 11th May 2018 with the balance payable no later than Saturday 12th May 2018.

This is **HALF** the cost of these courses at a commercial centre.

Application forms are available on the club website under the training menu (<http://www.ogstonsc.co.uk/learn%20to%20sail.htm>).



OPEN DAY

Monday 7th May 2018 from Midday

Try sailing for free with one of our experienced sailors
Take a tour around the reservoir in a motor cruiser
Refreshments available in the bar and galley
Sign up for a Learn to Sail course
All ages welcome

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