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Commodore's Comments

It seems to have been a long time since the last newsletter and there's certainly been plenty going on. The Pig Roast was held on mid summers night evening and it was a great night with fantastic food and dancing to the Ceilidh band Little Big Foot. Everyone who was there enjoyed themselves and the atmosphere in the clubhouse was superb. Many thanks to all who helped out and in particular to Andrea Hughes for organising the evening. The next club social event will be the Halloween night on 31st October – a very popular night with fireworks and lots of fun for all the family. Please note it in your diaries.

The Junior Fleet course has now finished, culminating in the Junior Fleet Gala held over the weekend of 11th / 12th July. This was, as always, a great weekend fun for all the children. Congratulations to our junior members who have passed their RYA level 1, 2 & 3 certificates. I would also like to take this opportunity to mention Andrew Thompson and all the other instructors and helpers without whom we could not run Junior Fleet – thank you to you all.

Just because the junior fleet course has finished, it doesn't mean sailing has to finish for the juniors. You can continue sailing and we would love to see you taking part in the racing on Wednesday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays – there is a separate junior start in all the races. If you don't feel confident in sailing a course yet, then please come down and free sail. It is only by carrying on sailing that you will improve and just remember – we were all learners once.

The summer is now well upon us and it is the time when many classes hold their national and world championship events. I would like to wish best sailing to everyone competing away from the club and representing Ogston. Please let us know how you get on.

Looking to the end of the summer, we have the Commodores Firkin on Sunday 20th September which will once again be linking to Bart's Bash, a global sailing race and fundraising event. Last year we had 30 boats on the water for the Bart's Bash race and 36 boats on the day overall which made for a great days sailing. This year we would like to see even more so please remember the date and register on the website www.bartsbash.com and let's put Ogston on the global map.

I would like to briefly mention the thorny issue of duties. Unlike some other clubs, we are a club run 100% by volunteers and we rely on members volunteering for sailing duties to enable the racing to take place. We also rely on volunteers to run all the courses, Junior Fleet, Adult Learn to Sail, Safety Familiarisation and Power Boat courses. Then there is the Tuesday club who meet every week to undertake the general maintenance jobs, the Sailing committee and the Management Committee, the newsletter, membership, socials, bar, treasurer and website and many other roles, all filled by volunteers. Please remember this is your club and we need you to volunteer so if you haven't done so already, please take a moment, log onto Dutyman and sign up for your duties.

I look forward to seeing you soon, either on the water or in the bar.

Happy sailing,

**Andy Gomm
Commodore**

VC Comments

Moving into the summer period the water level remains a cause for concern. As of 13th July Severn Trent's figures show Ogston at 48% capacity compared to the regional figure of 85.6%.

Whichever way you look at it, 'reservoir half empty', or a 'reservoir half full', that is not a great deal of water to sail on. Severn Trent does have an agreement with Natural England to manage the water level at Ogston in accordance with SSSI guidelines for breeding birds. Even so the water level should be around 70% for this time of year. The good news is the water level has risen slightly in the last few days.

The President's Trophy took place over the weekend of the 20th and 21st. This was combined with the club's annual pig roast, which was a very enjoyable evening. The trophy was won this year by Simon and Joy, Andy and Sarah Gomm were 2nd with Jon and Julia Ward completing the top three. The Jackie Degg Memorial Trophy was won by Joy (1st crew) and Nick Patrick was awarded the Daley Trophy. Lee Howard won the Junior Trophy.

The club hosted the combined Junior and DYS Open on July 4th. Fifteen juniors comprising of 7 visitors and 8 club members, 5 of which are current Junior Fleet sailors, competed in the three race series. In first place was Toby Woodings from Carsington sailing a Laser. Second place was Thomas Woodings, also from Carsington sailing a Laser Radial.

In third place and highest placed Ogston sailor was Roscoe Martin sailing his RS Tera Pro. Congratulations to all and well done to our Junior Fleet sailors for taking part, some of whom had little prior racing experience.

End of July marks the start of the summer race calendar. The Saturday Summer Pursuit series starts on 25th July and the Sunday Summer Scorcher series starts on 26th July. The next main event is the Fleetest of Fleets on Sunday 6th September. This would normally be the 2nd part of a two part series, but as the first part scheduled for April was cancelled due to high winds, this year's event is now a 1 day series. It is all to play for so mark the date in your diary and try to get down and support your fleet. The final club premier event, the Commodore's Firkin, will be held on Sunday 20th September with 3 races scheduled and 2 to count. As with last year this will be run in conjunction with Bart's Bash, details of which can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Away from the club Roscoe Martin won the RS Tera Inland National Championships, counting three 1st places and two 2nd places in a fleet of 40 competitors. Also competing at the event in the Pro Fleet was Alistair Joyce, finishing 16th overall out of 29 competitors. Well done to both. Congratulations also to Russel and Jess for their 2nd place at the Filey Regatta in the Enterprise Fleet.

Duties

We are struggling to fill the remaining duties and I have therefore published a list to highlight the vacancies that still need to be filled.

We are all volunteers and we need each and every member to do their bit. It is a requirement of club membership that all sailing members over the age of 16 years are obliged to carry out 3 duties per year. In the case of a family membership where only the children sail the parents are required to fulfil the duties.

If anyone has a particular problem with undertaking duties, questions regarding duties, or problems accessing the Dutyman system, you can contact me via email – vice.commodore@ogstonsc.co.uk or by phone – 07860 874904.

Rob Spencer

Vice Commodore

New Gate Code

**From 1st July,
the new code to
access the club will
be:**

2846

Required Duty List

DAY	DATE	EVENT	DUTY						
SUN	26/07/2015	SUMMER SCORCHER				SO2			
SUN	09/08/2015	SUMMER SCORCHER				SO2			
SAT	15/08/2015	SUMMER PURSUIT	OOD		SO1				
SUN	16/08/2015	SUMMER SCORCHER			SO1	SO2			
SUN	23/08/2015	SUMMER SCORCHER			SO1	SO2			
SUN	30/08/2015	BLUE RIBAND GEN H/CAP			SO1	SO2			
SUN	06/09/2015	FLEETEST OF THE FLEETS				SO2	DO2	SO3	SO4
SUN	20/09/2015	COMMODORE'S FIRKIN				SO2	DO2	SO3	SO4
SAT	03/10/2015	HANDICAP OPEN			SO1			SO3	SO4
SUN	04/10/2015	HANDICAP OPEN			SO1	SO2		SO3	SO4
SAT	17/10/2015	AUTUMN PURSUIT				SO2			
SUN	18/10/2015	BLUE RIBAND GEN H/CAP	OOD			SO2			
SAT	24/10/2015	AUTUMN PURSUIT			SO1				
SUN	01/11/2015	FROSTBITE GEN H/CAP			SO1	SO2			
SUN	08/11/2015	FROSTBITE GEN H/CAP			SO1	SO2			
SUN	22/11/2015	FROSTBITE GEN H/CAP		DO1	SO1	SO2			
SUN	29/11/2015	FROSTBITE GEN H/CAP			SO1	SO2			
SUN	06/12/2015	FROSTBITE GEN H/CAP			SO1	SO2			
SUN	13/12/2015	FROSTBITE GEN H/CAP			SO1	SO2			
SUN	20/12/2015	FROSTBITE GEN H/CAP			SO1	SO2			
SAT	26/12/2015	BOXING DAY BASH		DO1	SO1	SO2			

Note – DO1, SO2 & SO4 duties require little or no experience as you are guided by a more experienced member.

OOD Training

Sunday 26th July

Jon Ward will be running an OOD training session this Sunday.

The training will be based on Retreat during club racing and afterwards there will be a short session in or around the bar area where all aspects of the day's race management can be discussed.

If you are interested can you let me know so we have an idea of numbers.

Rob Spencer

Vice Commodore

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Safety Matters 2015

Are you doing Safety for your duties this year?? If so the club has purchased 6 RYA Safety boat Hand books(level 3) for members to borrow it's a really good book and there is a DVD to watch it only takes 30 minutes to watch it would be great if all people who are doing safety this year to watch it. You can borrow the book and DVD for 2 weeks at a time but I need a deposit of £15.00 in case you lose it. Please email me and I will arrange for you to borrow one.

RYA POWERBOAT LEVEL 2

31st October & 1st November

**This is a 2 day event you need to do both days for you certificate
COST £65.00**

**You must have done the Safety Familiarisation to do this course
Please contact me for any other information and to book a place
Limited places book early daved.ff3449@gmail.com**

Note for free sailing Moby is to be used not Ribs.

Dave Drifill
Rear Commodore Safety
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The Largest Sailing Event in the World

Sunday 20th September 2015

Once again, Ogston Sailing Club will be a venue in the Bart's Bash sailing race. The race will be held in conjunction with the Commodores Firkin at OSC and will be co-ordinated with thousands of other similar races around the world.

Last year, the event was held in over 60 countries, with 30,734 sailors and was officially certified by Guinness World Records as the largest sailing race in the world. At Ogston we had 30 boats entered and we would like to aim for even more this year!

Bart's Bash is a charity event raising money for the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation – www.andrewsimpsonsailing.org

Please support the event by signing up at www.bartsbash.com and by coming down to Ogston and joining in the race.





Harry Fisher was a founder Club member and over the years took pleasure in welcoming and introducing new members to Racing.

He had a particular interest in supporting and promoting racing for junior and youth members of the Club and his Trust was set up to provide encouragement and some financial support to these members when progressing into competitive racing at venues away from the Club. Support has been provided over the years to young sailors trying for and achieving RYA squad places and becoming National, European and World champions

I am pleased to attach below some correspondence between a Junior Club member and the Trustees which hopefully illustrates the aims of the Harry Fisher Trust:-

To The Harry Fisher Trustees,

My racing season for 2015 has just started with great success. At the RS Tera start of seasons I accomplished my goal, counting five firsts and one second out of a fleet of sixty three Teras to win. My next event is the Inland championships at Oxford, closely followed by the RS Tera World Championships in Bruinisse, Netherlands.

Currently I am growing at an exponential rate and will soon need to transition from the sport fleet to the pro fleet. In order to do this I will need to upgrade my mast to the new thicker design and my sail to the fully battened pro sail. This will cost a total of £551. I have some savings myself but any contribution from the Harry Fisher Trust would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Roscoe Martin

After an award was made to Roscoe by the Trust the following 'Thank You So Much' card was received;

Dear Trustees,

I am most thankful for the new mast and prosail for my RS Tera which has arrived today.

I am looking forward to transitioning into the Pro Fleet after the RS Tera worlds in Bruinisse in July.

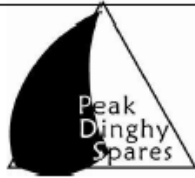
Thank you again,

From Roscoe Martin.

If you are able to help the Trust with fund raising or know someone you think may benefit from support from the Trust please contact me.

David Wood,

Secretary, Harry Fisher Trust (dwoodksn@aol.com or 01246 260625)



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Railing Painting - Volunteers Needed

We have tried on several occasions to get the railings around the Club House painted during a work party. Unfortunately, it has always been too wet and so the “white” railings are looking very sorry for themselves.

We don't have any work parties through the summer, but if anyone or group of people want to volunteer to paint the railings at a time of their choosing that would be great. I can supply all the materials, I just can't pick the weather.

Please get in touch if you feel you can help.

Glyn

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