

# March 2015

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## Commodore's Comments

After the recent snowy weather, we are now well into February and the new sailing season at Ogston is due to start on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>. It has hardly seemed like any time since we stopped sailing but during our short break lots of work has been underway to prepare the club for another year. The racing marks have all been taken out of the water, cleaned, painted and replaced; new starting marks have been bought; Retreat and

Moby have both been out of the water, cleaned and overhauled; the radios have all been serviced; and the bar is undergoing a refurbishment. A big thank you to everybody who has helped with all of this work.

We have a general work party planned for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February to get the club ready for the start of racing and hope to see as many members there as possible. Please come and help if you can - many hands make light work!

May I remind members that membership renewals are now due. Please help by completing your membership forms and returning them to Julia Ward as soon as possible. Be aware that we have changed to a new Direct Debit scheme this year and thanks to Julia and Sara Martin for all their hard work in setting this up.

I would also remind members to help Rob Spencer by signing up for your duties. The duty roster is available via the Dutyman

system and if you want to choose dates that are best for you, you need to sign up early.

We were honoured to learn that the club has been left a generous donation by Harry Fisher in his will. We have still to decide how we wish to spend this money but we hope to undertake some work that will be a fitting legacy to Harry. If anyone has any thoughts on this, please let me or one of the committee members know.

Finally I would like to wish you all happy sailing for the new season. I look forward to seeing you at the club in the near future.

**Andy Gomm,**  
**Commodore**

## VC Comments

Finally the wait is over – the new season is upon us! Time to breakout the old sailing gear and christen the new. The Tuesday Club can breathe a sigh of relief and we can all look forward to renewing old rivalries on the water and some exciting sailing in the year ahead. I must give a big thank you to Harry and his team for their tireless efforts over the winter. The closed season is short and the list of jobs long!

The season opener is the Early General Handicap on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Let's hope there's no need for any ceremonial ice breaking prior to the first race; unlike seasons past. Saturday sailing starts not long after on the 28<sup>th</sup> March. Both series are general handicap formats and start at the usual times of Sundays: 12:00, 14:00 and

15:30, and Saturdays: 14:00 and 15:30.

The first of the club's premier events is the Fleetest of Fleets which takes place on the 12<sup>th</sup> April. For anyone not familiar with the format, this is a team event and is an opportunity to sail within your fleet for bragging rights in the bar. The hard part is remembering it's a team event. It is great fun and there is always plenty of light hearted banter on and off the water, so come down and support your fleet captains. In addition to the sailing there are lots of training courses taking place over the year. If you are looking to improve your powerboat handling skills, considering training as an instructor, or just looking to brush up on your safety boat skills, then keep an eye out on the website or here in the newsletter for dates and details.

The courses offer great value and are a fraction of the cost charged by other clubs and sailing schools.

The duty roster is continuing to fill up, with almost half of the duties allocated. We still need to fill the remaining duties, in particular the early parts of the season. Can I ask the half of you that have yet to volunteer to please do so at the earliest opportunity.

Rob Spencer  
Vice Commodore

## Dear Crewmates

In preparation for JF 2015, I am proposing 2 x Sunday dates to meet at the club and get boats MOT'd, Road Ready, I mean sea worthy, I mean, well floating! We will be very grateful for your involvement and help to :

1. Confirm all rigging for boats is present and list missing items.
2. Clean all boats ready for 9th May
3. Agree roles and responsibilities for Junior Fleet Saturdays.
4. Teas and coffees and cakes!!!!

Suggested dates are Sunday  
March 22nd and April 12th

Please put these dates in the diary and would be great to see you all.

Please also note if you are

available to help me or in any capacity at the club on the Ogston Open Day May Bank Holiday Monday 4th May, please make a note in your diary and let me know.

Regards and many thanks

Andrew

Andrew Thompson  
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Mob 07594366564

## Social Update March 2015

As we get closer to the start of the Sailing Calendar for 2015, I just wanted to remind you of the dates of the Social events coming up for the rest of this year. We will have some fantastic events including the ever popular family favourite Pig Roast and new to the club, a Race Night followed by a Disco & Karaoke. Exact dates and events will be confirmed as soon as possible so please make sure you see the next newsletter for more details, also look out for posters in the club and notices on Dutyman. Please make a note in your diaries of these dates so you can come along and join in.

Some of the events are currently being discussed and finalised so now is your chance to get involved and have an input, if you have any requests or suggestions please let me know:

**April 18<sup>th</sup> – TBC:**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> – Open Day**

**June 12<sup>th</sup> – New Members Evening**

**June 20<sup>th</sup> – Ogston's Annual**

**Pig Roast:** More details to follow. Camping is available and usually many do. Keep your diary free!!

**July 11<sup>th</sup> – Junior Fleet Gala**

**September 19<sup>th</sup> – TBC:**

**October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween:**

Ever popular with lots of fun, fireworks and games for all the family to enjoy. Food will be available for purchase on the night and there will be lots of prizes including one each for best adult and best child fancy dress.

**November 20<sup>th</sup> – Annual**

**Dinner Dance and Prize**

**Giving.** Further details will be available nearer the time.

**December 26<sup>th</sup> –**

**Commodore's Boxing Day**

**Bash.** Enjoy an exhilarating race

followed by mulled wine, a buffet and plenty of socialising.

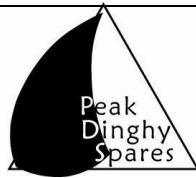
**January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 – New Years Day 'Faith' Lunch**

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](mailto:ahughes9@btinternet.com)

I look forward to seeing you all at the above throughout 2015 and wish you all a very happy and successful sailing year.

Andrea ☺



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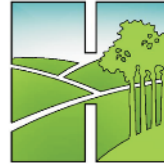
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### SLOW HANDICAP FLEET

2014 was the year that Ogston members realised that there was life after 2 handed sailing – and you didn't have to get the mainsheet caught on the corner of the transom every time you gybed. Thus 6 members who had previously sailed 2 handed boats purchased Solos and 4 members bought new Winder Solos. We now have 18 members with Solos – and apparently one or two other people are thinking of joining us.

Let's make 2015 the year when we get more people sailing regularly. There is a wide range of experience in the club so whatever your skill level is, you should be able to find someone who will compete with you on the water and someone will help you with advice on how to make your boat go fast.

If you haven't joined the National Solo Association the £24 annual subscription is about the best value of any association. You get 4 magazines per annum which have some excellent information and tuning guides and there is CD available which shows how to set up and sail the boat. You can access the association's website ([www.solosailing.org.uk](http://www.solosailing.org.uk)) without joining but it will help the club get our Open meeting on to the Northern circuit if we have

a good number of members in the association.

One date you should put in your diary is Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May when we hold our joint Open meeting with Lasers. Last year Martin Bradley kindly held a tuning session the day before the Open meeting and we plan to do something on the same lines this year.

If anyone would like any help or advice please shout.

Colin Coombs

Solo 5565



**IMPORTANT NOTICE PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY**

**Ogston Sailing Club Membership Renewal**

Your membership of Ogston Sailing Club is now due for renewal.

My apologies for the lateness of the renewal form, this is due in part to the setting up of the Direct Debit Facility for Ogston Sailing Club.

We have decided to utilise a service called Go Cardless which is used by many other sailing clubs and societies for the collection of monthly subscriptions.

If you wish to pay your membership monthly then we require you to visit the link/webpage which is detailed on the membership renewal form and complete a direct debit authority. We will then be able to collect your subscriptions on receipt of a completed membership form. If you wish to pay a single amount – then please send your cheque with completed renewal form as detailed.

**We will not be able to roll over previous standing order payments and all standing orders MUST BE CANCELLED by the account holder. The club cannot cancel your standing order.**

Please complete and return your forms as soon as possible – I am happy to receive these via email or post. Email is free after all.

If you have any problems with any of this please email [membership@ogstonsc.co.uk](mailto:membership@ogstonsc.co.uk) or tel 01246 591125

Julia Ward  
Membership secretary



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### Crew available

Are you looking for a crew for racing in 2015?

I did the learn to sail last year and had some experience of racing in a Flying 15 towards the end of the season.

I am now looking to race more regularly this season.

Contact Louise Green - 0796 2257865

# Safety Matters 2015

## DO'S, DONT'S & MUSTS

### DO

- Please look after the boats and keep them tidy
- Put radios back in charger properly - do not force it in - it should just slot in.
- Watch sailors and boats - if someone appears to be in difficulty go over and have a look.
- Where possible always leave the jetty in reverse.
- Please fill safety logs in and if there is a problem put PTO in the box on the form with the problem and write in clear writing on the back about what the problem is.

### DON'T

- Avoid going on the shore side of 10 when going down the reservoir if you have to help some one on the shore side of 10 then go in slowly and watch depth.
- Do not come into the jetty at speed or put the motor in reverse to stop. THE ONLY TIME you should ever come in at speed is if you have an emergency.
- Do not leave jetty at speed.
- Do not leave safety boats in a mess at the end of the day - other people have to use them.
- Don't force the radios in they should just slot in.

### MUSTS

- You must have your killcord attached to you at all times when the engine is running
- You must at all times, whilst you are in motion or in close proximity to other boats, have a hand on the throttle/gear and a hand on the steering wheel. Be prepared to manoeuvre.
- You must make sure radios are dry and turned off before putting them in the charger. We have just had to replace a charger last year because of people not making sure the radios are dry.

Dave Driffill

Rear Commodore Safety

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## **JOIN THE 2015 ADULT LEARN TO SAIL COURSE.**

**Please note that Training can only be offered to Club Members**

The course will run from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May through to Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June inclusive at the following times:

**Friday evenings** - 6.30 pm through until about 9.00pm (bar open afterwards)  
May 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>rd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

**Saturday mornings-** 9.30 am through until about 1.00pm  
May 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

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 teaching sessions covering the following aspects:

rigging and ropework, how to safely launch and recover a dinghy, sailing techniques and manoeuvres, sailing theory and background, basic racing, meteorology and capsized recovery. In the initial stages of the course you will be accompanied at all times by an Instructor in the dinghy. You will be surprised at how quickly you will progress to sailing in a dinghy without an Instructor. The Instructors will however still be around in Safety Boats offering support and advice.

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.

**COST £180.00 : DEPOSIT of £50.00** to be paid no later than Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015 with the balance payable no later than Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

As a follow up to the course, on three consecutive evenings from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June you will be able to join in sessions offering basic race training and the opportunity to improve your sailing skills with experienced sailors on Friday evenings. These will help you understand the basic rules of racing and enable you to join in Club racing. These sessions are FREE. If there is sufficient demand this training will continue on Saturday mornings until the end of July.

For further information please contact me on 01246 260625

## **FIRST AID COURSE**

The RYA now requires a new outside based first aid course to be offered by sailing clubs with an RYA approved training centre. If you are an instructor and need to renew your first aid certificate this is the course to take.

We will be offering this course on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 0900 until 1630.

Please bring a packed lunch and warm waterproof outdoor clothing as some 30 to 40% of the course will be outside the Clubhouse.

**COST - £50.00**

I am expecting this course to fill up quickly so if you are interested please contact me on 01246 260625.

David Wood  
Training Officer  
Ogston Sailing Club