

Southport Sailing Club

September Mainsheet

Treasure Hunt

As advertised in last month's Mainsheet, August saw the Treasure Hunt take place. After everyone had gathered at the club, Alison took us through the rules and everyone split into their teams. With seven cars competing the start was staggered, this lessened the chance of teams catching each other up and working together on clues. The first third of the map took us through Southport and out into Banks and this part seemed to go smoothly. However the next third took us through Banks and into



Tarleton and this is where the confusion started. With clues to be solved along the way cars were soon passing each other in opposite directions and many miles were covered driving up and down the same road trying to figure out which turn had been wrongly taken. Eventually most teams sorted themselves out and the map finally led us to the finish at the Hesketh Arms in Churchtown. Here the Teams sat down to a well earned drink and something to eat while Alison and Paul sorted through the completed answer sheets to see who would be taking home prizes. I'd like to say it was a close run thing but it wasn't, it was a convincing victory for our Commodore's team. Having said that another team figured out the finish was at the Hesketh very early on and decided to cut straight there. Thus spending a relaxing afternoon at the pub instead of haring up and down the same road in Banks trying to figure out where it all went wrong. So perhaps they were the winners after all!

Junior training

Over the summer holiday period, eighteen of our younger members attended the junior sail training days. Two dates had to be curtailed due to very strong winds, but, fortunately on the other occasions, training went as planned. Our juniors took to the



water in a variety of boats including our seven boat Topper fleet, a loaned Laser 2000 and Topper Omega. Our newer junior members, took their first steps in the singlehanders, while the more experienced tried their hand with the

Laser 2000 and Topper Omega. A great time was had by all. Many thanks to the "SSC Support Crew." Without who, these days could not be the success they are. Please watch for further dates at half term to be confirmed in the mainsheet. See you on the water.

Paul Harris. Commodore

Words from the Committee

Some members are forgetting to pay the race fees, the committee are now asking sailors to make sure they pay when signing on. Not after the race.

We are looking for volunteers to man the safety boat for the 24hr race please contact Paul ASAP to let him know you can help.

If you can take your boat home for the 24hr race period please do so, remember we need as much space as possible for that weekend, the more space the more revenue for your club.

Congratulations to Georgia Knowles, Phil Sutton, James Bridge and Mat Harris for successfully completing a 5 day residential RYA dinghy instructors course at the Water park centre at Coniston, they are now qualified Instructors.

Rose Bowl Trophy

Sunday 15th August dawned with a nice breeze of about force 3 and lovely sunshine. Everyone was eager and ready to go and we were not disappointed. Craig Marshall and Paul Harris set a very



different and long course using all the lake sailing area for each of the three races, (best two races to count). After the first two races it was James and Sally in the Grad and Ted Bennett in the Mirror with equal scores. This meant it all depended on the final race to be sailed after a well deserved lunch break. In the end it was the Graduate that lifted

the Rose Bowl Trophy as Ted managed to CAPSIZE and came in very wet, a sight not seen very often, and not actually witnessed this time. Fortunately for Ted it happened behind the island with the jet boat full of people stopping to assist.

All the competitors enjoyed the day and the final results are

- 1st Graduate with James and Sally.
- 2nd Enterprise with Dave Marsden and Ben Swainson
- 3rd Mirror with Ted Bennett

Well done to all the sailors and crews.

Tony Leeson

Bassenthwaite Camp

Once again the camping and sailing at Bassenthwaite Lake lived up to all expectations. With wind gusts up to 44mph forecast and



a less than steady breeze, the weather provided both challenge and entertainment for sailors and campers alike over the weekend. Six boats went along and all took advantage of the great sailing. As well as sailing for fun, two boats

Bob's Streaker and Nobby's GP 14 were raced with enthusiasm and during this time both spent some time swimming. Bob lost a batten and Nobby just fell off the stern when all three sails were full and drawing. This gave his young crew some concern and spectators some interest. Our hosts were their usual affable selves with the entertainment in the club house nicely rounding off each day. Oh well summer's nearly gone now so here's 'til next year.....

Ted James.

Upcoming Events

15th Oct. **Pub at the Club.** An informal night of pool, darts, table football etc. Watch out for the poster.

26th Nov. **Ten pin bowling.** Meet at the bowling alley and show your style!

31st Dec. **Grand New Year's Eve party.** More details will follow nearer the time, but for now please consider seeing in the New Year with friends down at the club. A lot of work will go into organising this event but it will only succeed if people support it.