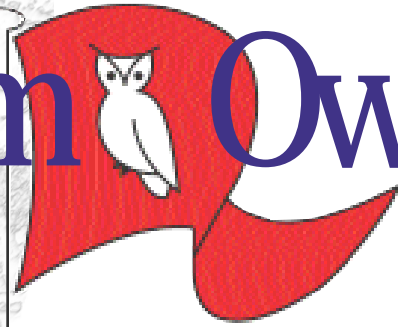


The Aldenham Owl



October 2010

Newsletter of Aldenham Sailing Club, Aldenham Reservoir, Aldenham Road, Elstree, Hertfordshire WD6 3BD - www.aldenhamsc.co.uk **RYA**



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

We started the season with volcanic ash and hoped that as the weather warmed up we would not be plagued by the weed problem of last season. Happily the winter snow and ice nailed it for the most part. Marcus' pontoon refurbishment squad did the business with re-planking and the new fendering has ended the damage to boats. Hooray and bravo!

The new improved anti goose, duck, grebe and ferret flutter line has



demonstrated that all wildlife is keen to avoid getting a clip round the ear with Marcus' industrial strength rattling plastic. Another victory!

Our summer season had many major highlights.

1. OPEN MEETINGS

All 3 fleets had their best meetings for years. Good visitor support. Excellent wind and weather.

Top race management crews. Splendid tucker provided and great racing for all. Home talent surfaced, giving visitors

something to think about. In the Lasers Andy Omasta finished 3rd. In the rs300s Jamie Carnague finished 3rd and in the Ents Antony Cole finished 2nd.

Steve Sharpe can take great satisfaction from his final year as rs300 Class Capt. seeing over his time with us the fleet growing to become the biggest 300 fleet in the country. Also seeing something of a coup in having the National Champion in the class come to our Open. Credit to Steve for putting our club on the circuit and credit to Steve Bolland for supporting a small club venue and winning! (We know you now live in Glos., Steve, but we do still hope to see you racing with us when you are up this way. On behalf of the fleet 'our sincere thanks for all you have done at the club and for the club...we'll miss you!')

2. Summer BBQ was a classic. It had the feel of winter, but put no-one off coming. The sun did shine and the food was splendid. Boats were afloat and Simon Paish provided entertainment sailing solo in an rs200 with asymmetric, in a frisky breeze. Just off the clubhouse a gust caught him and he succumbed, much to the delight of the kids watching who sounded the hooter to applaud. Rebecca, Mark, Julia and crew - thanks for your hard work...it was all appreciated.

3. Earlier on the same day Wilf attempted to film a very poor cast of players, who were supposed to

Important events for your calendar:

AUTUMN WORKING PARTY

Sunday, 7th November 2010
Start is at 9.00 am and most jobs will be finished by 12.30 pm (followed by informal racing)
As always there will be drinks and snacks for the workers, and everybody will be most welcome.

PADLOCK CODE CHANGE -

the new code will be active from the end of the Working Party day (7th November 2010). Please see the separate e-mail which you should have received for the new code.

INDUCTION DAY

Sunday, 14th November 2010
from 1.00 p.m.-3.00 p.m.
Everybody is welcome - new members can learn all about the workings of the club. The day will be organised by Barry Steel.

LAYING-UP SUPPER and PRIZE GIVING

Saturday, 20th November 2010.
This time our main event will be a lively Barn Dance and we not only have a new format, but also a new venue plus buffet supper - see page 8 for details.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, 28th November 2010 at the club house, from 10:30.
With this, the originally published date has been brought forward by one week. As always the AGM is followed by RYA Sailability Pursuit. (In turn, the Autumn 2-4 racing has been put back to Sunday, 5th December.)

demonstrate capsizes and recovery using Ralph's throw lines, and canny rescue boatmanship.

Clapperboard 'take 23' registered it was time to quit. Ever optimistic Wilf told us 'we have something in the can.' In the can was how not to do it rather than how to do it. We aim to revisit this venture which when sorted will become a movie for the benefit of all rescue crews and can be watched again and again. There will be Oscars yet! Antony Cole is a likely nomination. Ralph is to be the PRODUCER.

4. Youth training 2011

We have ambitions for the youth of our club for next season. A programme of training will be announced in Jan. and it will give parents and willing helpers and trainers time to commit to getting youngsters afloat in 2011.

Without parents we have no kids and it is vital that existing parents at the club seek to encourage other families to join. We aim to build an OPPIE FLEET and a PICO FLEET.

The training we plan will aim at excellence in boat handling, but in the process lots of built-in fun for the kids. Incentives always include prizes/trophies and we were delighted that THE TRIDGELL TROPHY (TT) was donated to the club by Peter Tridgell's daughters to inspire youth commitment to the sport. On the sunny day



of our all classes' CUP RACES, Kathryn and Rhona visited the club to present us with the splendid trophy. There was an opportunity for the club to thank the Tridgell family and to offer them cake, coffee, a photo moment and the chance to watch some very exciting racing in all fleets.

It was a time to remember Peter's ambition to see youngsters flourish again at Aldenham. Let's all get behind this push in 2011.

The T.T. will be awarded annually to the youth who makes the greatest commitment to regular sailing and racing. Currently we have the following in our sights: James Cresswell, Chris Halle, Alex and Adam Craig-Thompson, Harry McVicar, Tom Collyer.

The award is not for the best sailor necessarily but for commitment. There is all to play for and others should be in the frame next year, including Ralph Spring!

5. A sad day for us! The Le Couilliard family will be leaving Aldenham at the end of this season. We hope it will not be for ever but Tim, who has been our worthy top youth talent, is being stretched for top performance at Fishers Green S.C. in his Topper. We wish you every success Tim. Just make sure that your Dad keeps up to speed in his Solo, that Charles follows close behind you and your Mum builds on the training we gave her at ASC. We know it's helped her tennis. We will miss you all very much and we thank you, James, for your huge input to ASC. It was great having you in the RS300 fleet and seeing the Le Couilliard formula 1 double stacker arriving regularly for some serious racing!

We hope to see you all at the Laying-up supper/Prizegiving. Your racing team have won things!

6. Final loose ends! Herts Youth Squad returned to their 2nd training session this season at ASC. Always great to encourage them and to see them. As well as training in Lasers, they joined the RS300 fleet with 2 Trapezing Contenders!

I have had the pleasure of training Habs' boys twice this season and Richard Jenkins has just completed a GCSE SAILING course with pupils from Mill Hill School. All very encouraging!

Aldenham School have added 2 new Fireflies to their fleet as part of their team racing programme and it was a pleasure for me to be present at the official launching ceremony and supper held at ASC recently.

An important part of racing must be the observance of the RULES. We had an excellent talk by Trevor Lewis

(Top R.Y.A. Rules Guru) to whom we are most grateful. Nearly 40 members turned out for this mid-week event in Sept. and were rewarded further with Rebecca's fish and chips supper! This must continue as an annual event. We need to keep up with the Rules. We need to keep up with each other socially and we need the fish and chips! Thanks Rebecca and team. A great evening!

Richard Jenkins, Mark Donnelly and David Reed have all now qualified as Senior Instructors. Their effort and time in gaining this qualification helps our training programme enormously. We are most grateful to them and it will ease the burden that has been upon our R.Y.A. Principal Mark Cresswell for too long.

Cameras have been clicking to some effect this season. Some of us have seen and been delighted by shots taken by Wilf Kunze, Francis Newman, Mark Cresswell and James Le Couilliard. Thanks to all of you for capturing special moments and events. Appreciated!

Clubtime has been so much better supported during the latter part of this season. Thanks to all of you who have got afloat together just for the fun of it. This needs to happen more and more if we are to build and encourage family and social sailing and help beginners gain confidence before venturing into racing. It does take time and we are very grateful to John Toseland for his unending stamina for the task and his wonderful weekly bulletins. Get them published, John!

Berthing. The lengthy re-jig on berthing layout is complete. My thanks go to Michael O'Brien, Julia Jenkins, Chris Halle, Simon Paish, and Les Smith for their great assistance with this project. The full layout will be on display by the end of October. All boats must remain in their current positions. Adjustments next season may be appropriate, but this will be only take place following approval by the Berthing Officer and Membership Secretary.

The car park, parking, locks and muppets. This is a serious reminder to ALL MEMBERS.

The car park is for parking cars. The



boat park is for parking boats. We tolerate parking down at the club only for Illusion sailors on Wednesday mornings. Serious mid-week vandalism to several cars some time ago prompted this exception to normal parking.

Cars with boat trailers can of course deliver or collect but not remain in the berthing area for longer than necessary. Major jobs on boats or club upkeep or deliveries do require members to bring kit on site and this is acceptable but never simply for parking convenience.

Would Schools be sure that pupils with cars use only the car park.

Muppets continue to leave the locks open, revealing the code to passers by. This happens at the main gate and all the club gates. We must value our club, our cars, and our boats sufficiently to be sure to close the locks and tumble the numbers. We have had trouble with the locks themselves this year but this is not an excuse. Please use the little grey cells!

As a final HOORAY AND BRAVO to put a skip in our step I must announce that at the recent RS300 Inland Championship our young Harry McVicar finished 2nd overall after 4 races and beat Steve Bolland (National Champion) in the final race. A tremendous performance Harry and encouraging for our home fleet to keep at it and train harder. In addition, Peter Ellis following a sharp rising curve on the performance scale this season finished 6th overall. Brilliant. Yours truly won the booby prize for a classic own goal at the finish line in one race. The home squad is making its mark. BRAVO LADS!

Come to the WORKING PARTY, THE NEW FORMAT LAYING-UP SUPPER /PRIZEGIVING AND THE A.G.M. and set yourselves up for a fantastic Winter Series. It's wet-suit/dry-suit time again!

My thanks to all of you who have worked hard and sailed hard to make 2010 another cracker.

BAZZA

Ralph Spring at 80 - congratulations from everyone at the club!



Training - great progress and new plans for 2011

Three new Senior Instructors and a new Dinghy Instructor

Firstly, David Reed, Mark Donnelly and Richard Jenkins have passed their Senior Instructor courses this year, so congratulations to them; they join David Lambert and together that really improves our ability to run training courses. Also James Cresswell passed his Dinghy Instructors earlier in the year. Thank you all for making the effort to go away on these courses!

RYA inspection passed

In early September we passed our annual inspection by the RYA with flying colours. This confirms our status as an RYA Approved Training Centre and is an important aspect in terms of credibility versus potential new members.

Trained students now looking for crewing places

This year has been quite quiet while we got through our new qualifications. We have had a great September course with four very keen students who are looking to continue their sailing either by crewing for Enterprise helms or by racing Picos. Please let me know via the website if you'd like to be put in touch.

Sailing for GCSE

If you've been around on Sunday afternoons, I'm sure you've seen the Picos out with a group of students from Mill Hill, who are taking sailing as an element of their PE GCSE. I'm sure they are all heading for

great grades! We look forward to continuing this relationship with the school next year and perhaps getting them into some racing!

Training plans for 2011 with family involvement for children's courses

Next year we hope to run courses in much more of a 'team mode' with course leadership run across all the Senior Instructors.

However, one particular area - children's courses - isn't clear just yet. Unlike the adults' courses, children's courses are run primarily for the benefit of club families. If your family would like to be involved next year, please let Mark know, as we would like to plan something this winter for next year. In particular we would like to know if anyone would be prepared to act as an organiser for children's sessions, pulling in instructors as needed. (You don't need to be an instructor to fill this role).

Would you like to be an RYA Assistant Instructor?

We plan to offer a course next year. No charge and it will be run at ASC. It's a great way of getting into a fascinating aspect of the sport and it can really improve your own skills. We'll advertise the course next year on the website, but if you are interested, please also let Mark know via the website.

*Mark Cresswell
Hon. Training Officer*

Fast club news via the website... and meet your friends on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Aldenham-Sailing-Club/264812770979?ref=nf>

That is the address where you can find everything that's new and beautiful about Aldenham SC.

From the ASC website direct to Facebook and to your computer

Content when added as a new item to our main website (for instance, updates about training, special events etc.) will automatically feed through to the Facebook site, so bringing fresh news to the page without delay. The Facebook entry will give 'fans' a chance to comment, have discussions, load their own photos and make new friends.

However, never forget that networking sites like Facebook are public places, so hold back with publishing personal details of yourself and others to the world! This refers in particular to private telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and photographs.

Aldenham Sailing Club - the future

Many members will be aware that we now have less than five years before the expiry of our existing lease with Herts. County Council, which gives us our rights to sail on the reservoir and occupy our buildings and access points. At the past two AGMs, the Management Committee's thoughts on how to move forward have been explained, with six potential options available. Of these only two were seen as desirable: a renewal of the lease on favourable terms or a move to another site, most likely if available the nearby Hilfield Reservoir.

We have now been made aware that HCC does not intend to extend its current lease with the owner of Aldenham reservoir, and indeed the future of the Country Park itself is up for discussion at County. We have recently made contact with the owner's agent for the reservoir and I am pleased to report that they are keen to talk to us about our future with or without HCC involvement. We have also involved the RYA and our Hon. Legal Advisor. It is early

days as yet, but I hope we will have something more concrete to report at the forthcoming AGM.

I am leading on this aspect of the 'future' debate, and will soon be talking to the Watford Observer, who have shown interest in the wider Country Park issue, so don't be surprised if you see ASC quoted in the press. Should any Club members be approached at any time for comment, I would be grateful if they could contact me, so that we can present a united front: our current stance is simply that we are concerned to secure our future as a longstanding and successful sailing club in the area.

Please feel free to contact me in person at the Club, through the website contacts page, or by telephone (*please see your club programme for my number*) if you have any suggestions or are able to offer any help. Otherwise do attend the AGM on Sunday 28th November at the Clubhouse.

Jim Strother
Rear Commodore
October 2010

Contact the Aldenham Owl by e-mail: owl@aldenhamsc.co.uk

If you have something to say to all members, your fleet or any other group within the club, send it in. No charge, even for private adverts. Race results, holiday experiences, family news, articles lost, wanted or for sale, helpful suggestions, friendly comments. Obviously, all info is given in good faith, but without any guarantee for correctness etc.

Contact: Wilf Kunze, 40 Poplars Farm Road, Kettering NN15 5AG,
e-mail: owl@aldenhamsc.co.uk

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Flying the flag at Alexandra Palace

For two years running we have been exhibiting at the London Dinghy Show, and this has really put us on the map of North London/South Herts. sailing!

Not only is this a great opportunity to find new members, it is also a perfect occasion for networking with the RYA, the class associations and the dinghy sailing world in general.



For 2011 we have once again reserved a stand at the exhibition and everyone is invited to participate, be it as a regular member of the stand crew or just as a casual helper, explaining to interested visitors why they should be joining Aldenham SC.

For the event we will have a limited number of free exhibitor tickets for the stand crew, and discounted tickets are available to all members, provided they're ordered in good time.

Please contact Wilf via e-mail if you're interested in being part of the happy crowd at Ally Pally:
owl@aldenhamsc.co.uk



5th / 6th
March 2011
Alexandra
Palace,
London



RS 300 - the only way to sail!



After 2 years as Class Captain, it's time to sign off and hand over to a new pair of hands. Pete has volunteered for the task and the 300s should hopefully go on to great things at Aldenham.

When I started at Aldenham, it was initially just Barry and myself and it was a very steep personal learning curve trying to keep up with Barry – you may remember my last article 'sail swear, swim, sail' – I spent more time swimming than sailing until I got to grips with the 300. Mind you, it was very worthwhile and my sailing has come on by leaps and bounds as a result – It has been the most personally rewarding experience in my sailing career so far.

Since then the fleet has grown exponentially and Aldenham, with 11 RS300s, is now the largest RS300 club in the UK, recently passing Draycote in boat nos; more importantly, all the 300 sailors at ASC are regular participants with the 300 fleet, regularly putting out 6-8 boats in the Wed and Sunday series. Last year we had a 300 Open which unfortu-

nately did not happen, due to the vagaries of the wind (there was none); however, to make up for it we hosted a 300 National Circuit event on 25th September 2010. This was very well attended, with 14 boats on the water and great racing in excellent conditions and our own Jamie Carnague taking a very well-earned third place. The current plan is to have an early season circuit event in March/April 2011.

On the national circuit we have had at least one Aldenham boat at every UK circuit event, with young Harry McVicar starring in the recent Inland championships with one race win and second place overall – Well done.

Finally, it would not be right if I did not mention Barry Steel, our current Commodore and the Papa Smurf of 300 sailing at Aldenham (if not within the National Fleet). Barry has brought boundless enthusiasm and commitment to the 300 Class and has done more to bring the fleet forward than anyone. He turned a youthful 70 this year and still delights in showing a clean pair of

heels to the rest of the fleet on a regular basis – especially in difficult conditions.

Barry has provided myself with sage advice and the fleet with an abiding example of how to enjoy everything that is sailing. Barry, thank you. To the rest of the 300 fleet - it has been a pleasure to be your captain and I hope that you provide Pete with the same help and enthusiasm that I have been privileged to receive.

To those of you who have yet to sail in a 300 – have a go – you will not look back, as it represents the most complete and rewarding sailing experience that is available and the local conditions at Aldenham suit the nature of the boat more than any other craft.

As I said before, if you are suffering from any sailing ills or a perceived lack of enthusiasm, then try the ultimate medicine: an RS300, best taken with a drop of Aldenham Water.

Stephen Sharpe

Enterprise Open RS300 Open at Aldenham

(by Les Smith - as published in Y&Y)

Fifteen Enterprises sailed in the Open Meeting at Aldenham on 3rd October with visitors arriving from 5 different clubs. The wind started SSE, 3 / 4, and shifted to SSW later in the day. Gusts over 20 knots were forecast and the second race provided plenty of excitement. The race officer, Steve Sharpe, was able to set a beat the full length of the lake and some great opportunities for planing on the downwind legs.

Two Aldenham boats were first round the windward mark, Antony Cole/Andrew Holmes and Les Smith/Peter Scott, followed closely by Phil and Laura Bevan (Grafham). Antony and Phil edged out a lead on the rest of the fleet, swapping places as they fought for position, Phil eventually winning the battle for first place. Graham Kirkup and Jo Coleman followed them in third. The wind increased for the second race and the gusts were getting stronger. Phil Bevan went into an early lead in the second race, only to go over in the gusts, twice, along with a good many other boats.

Kevin Bilham and Jamie Camman (Ely) went into the lead and held on for a couple of laps until they arrived at the gybe mark, still planing, and performed a spectacular capsize. Keith and Katie Tyler (Hunts) took on the lead and held it to the finish, followed by Antony Cole and Paul Young/ Megan Ward (Midland). The third race started with five boats in a position to win outright. Phil Bevan made sure he was first to the windward mark and then held on to the lead for the rest of the race to take first place overall. 'The best day's sailing ever at Aldenham' was a comment overheard.

Final Results:

1st Phil/Laura Bevan (Grafham) & 1st Master
 2nd Antony Cole/Andrew Holmes (Aldenham)
 3rd Paul Young and Megan Ward (Midland)
 4th Kevin Bilham and Jamie Camman (Ely) & 1st Grand Master
 5th Graham Kirkup and Jo Coleman (Hunts) & 1st Veteran

(by Steve Bolland - as published in Y&Y)

Just how much fun can you have for a tenner these days? Well, Aldenham SC provided the RS300 fleet with 3 races, lunch, tea and coffee on tap and after racing cakes all for the princely sum of £10. Aldenham SC is a club rich with history (Ian Proctor was a founding member) and the 300 fleet was pleased to associated, if only in a small way, with that tradition.

The locals said that with the wind from the north the wind would be at it steadiest. They may have been right but to all the travellers it was still shiftier than a second-hand car salesman. All 3 races were run in the force 1-4 breeze with wind from all points of the compass but predominantly from a northerly general direction.

Richard LeMare in 426 cowboied the start and led at the first mark from Neil Skellam (374), newly joined from the Laser fleet, and Dave Barker (365). After the first lap LeMare was half the length of the lake ahead and looked to have already built an unassailable lead. However, Steve Bolland (411), 7th at the first mark after a shoddy first beat had moved into 2nd by the end of lap 2 and then into the lead on lap 4 which he then held to the finish. James Carnague (509) also moved through the fleet well to challenge LeMare at one point. After 50 minutes of racing the order was Bolland, LeMare, Carnague, Skellam and Marks.

Race 2 was run back-to-back and LeMare again judged the shifts best on the first beat to lead the fleet away followed by Carnague and Bolland. At the end of the first run LeMare, realising that he had peaked too early in race 1, decided to throw himself in to give everyone else a chance. He was back upright before the next boat was on him though. On the second lap proceeding were livened up again when an impeccably timed gust arrived just as the 6 leading boats were approaching the end of the run in line abreast. Bolland had the inside berth, gybed cleanly and was away as the following boats rafted up before gybing in unison. After things settled down again Bolland took the win from LeMare, Carnague, Marks and Peter Ellis.

The final race was run after coming in for lunch and a rather fine lasagne. This time LeMare made no mistake. He lead the fleet away and was only briefly headed halfway through the race before regaining the lead to win. Bolland won a close race with Skellam and Marks to take second.

Final stops for the RS300 fleet this year are at Sheffield Viking on 2 October and the Inlands at Draycote Water on 16/17 October.

Overall Results:

Pos	Helm	Sail No.	Club	R1	R2	R3	Pts
1	Steve Bolland	411	Bristol Corinthian YC	1	1	2	2
2	Richard LeMare	426	Draycote Water SC	2	2	1	3
3	James Carnague	509	Aldenham SC	3	3	5	6
4	Neil Skellam	374	Leigh & Lowton SC	4	7	3	7
5	Jeff Marks	519	Milton Keynes SC	5	4	4	8
6	Peter Ellis	500	Aldenham SC	6	5	8	11
7	Barry Steel	525	Aldenham SC	7	8	6	13
8	Dave Barker	365	Draycote Water SC	8	6	9	14
9	Peter Hannah	471	Southend	9	-	7	16
10	Gary Morris	318	South Cerney SC	11	9	11	20
11	Steve Sharpe	516	Aldenham SC	10	10	10	20
12	John Moore	386	Aldenham SC	-	-	12	25
13	David Reed	530	Aldenham SC	-	-	-	28



RS300 Inland Championships - Draycote Water 16th/17th October 2010

Congratulations to Harry McVicar for bagging a highly commendable 2nd at the RS 300 Inlands held at Draycote last weekend. Capping a fine string of results with a bullet in the 4th race, putting multi National Champion and ASC Open winner Steve Bollard firmly in his place – Well done Harry me lad!!

Further representation from ASC was also provided by Pete Ellis coming 6th and El Commodoro achieving notoriety by being awarded the championship booby prize for his most balletic finishing manoeuvres.

The full RS300 Inland Champs report: <http://www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/?article=154401>

Results page: <http://www.draycotewater.co.uk/RS300Inlands2010.htm>

Pictures: <http://www.yachtsandyachting.com/photos/?s=64&PID=56607>
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Peter Ellis



Aldenhams Sailing Club



Annual Laying Up Supper

NEW for 2010 – BARN DANCE!

- Date:** Saturday 20th November
Venue: The Chapel, Shenley Park, Shenley
Time: 6:30 for 7:00 pm start
Tickets: Adults: £15, Children: £5
tickets include hot 3-course buffet dinner,
glass of bubbly and all soft drinks
Wine will be available from Julia Jenkins: 01727 865309
- Contact:** Rebecca Lonsdale
01727 855067 or rebecca.lonsdale@britvic.co.uk
or book online via the ASC website www.aldenhamsc.co.uk

Come along for an evening of prizes and family fun with the **barn dance** – supported by a **LIVE band**.
There will be a quiet area for coffee and chat, for those who do not wish to dance all night

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Crime & Punishment

I'm afraid, Dear Reader, that you have not read my recent Bosun Bits on Casualty MOB (Man Overboard). I'm very miffed. Every Sunday I see potential victims committing safety crimes.

So I'm introducing CRIME & PUNISHMENT.

First the safety crimes

In addition to the 3 crimes listed below, and in Casualty MOB, I find that you have invented 2 more crimes. I've also re-arranged the original 3 crimes.

IN GEAR crime 4

In August I witness, at close hand, the crime of the century. The victim (you know who you are) left Swallow moored at the clubhouse (I was drinking coffee on the terrace), with the engine running and IN GEAR, but in neutral. Victim stepped back into Swallow and, in so doing, kicked the throttle into fast forward. Swallow responded with a leap that broke the rear painter, threw victim on to the bottom planks, and sent Swallow in a fast pirouette about the forward painter as

a spring rope. This fast jig back and forth around the bow rope would have continued if victim had not recovered and set gears back to neutral.

I dread to think what would have happened if a child had stepped into the boat. I don't think that mummy would have been too pleased.

I now have to replace all the rescue boat painters, as they are clearly past their sell buy date.

So crime 4 becomes>> **Don't leave the rescue boats IN GEAR with the engine running. Pull the gear disconnect button out.**

LONE RANGER crime 5

This crime has been around for some time, but I've ignored it. Victims will take out Swallow ON THEIR OWN without a second crew. Also they are usually not wearing a life jacket or, in cold weather, a dry suit, and they will stand up in the boat. So when they fall overboard they sink, because of weighted clothes, to the bottom, where they become a dead body bobbing along in the mud. There isn't a second crew to rescue them, and it takes at least 15 minutes to launch Amazon to try to effect a rescue, by which time they have drowned.

I know it's not always possible to rustle up a second crew, but at least wear a life jacket and sit down.

So the full CRIME LIST becomes >>>

- 1a - Don't fall overboard
- 1b - Wear a life jacket
- 1c - Remove heavy items from clothes.
- 1d - In cold weather wear a dry suit.
- 1e - Don't stand up, sit down.
2. - Don't dangle ropes overboard.
- 3 - In tight spaces relax and use minimum throttle.
4. - Do not leave rescue boat engine running IN GEAR.

Pull out gear disconnect button.

5. - Do not take out a rescue boat on your own. Take a second crew member.

Now for the PUNISHMENT:

I thought that victims performing the above crimes should be flogged. I was about to buy a cat-of-nine-tails on E bay, but the management committee would not wear it. So the punishment for breaking the above rules is that the victim will make me a cup of coffee and supply a Hob Nob.

That should keep me going for the rest of the year.

Regards
Ted Richards
Bosun

Annual Laying Up Supper

NEW for 2010 - BARN DANCE!

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Venue: The Chapel, Shenley Park, Shenley

Time: 6:30 for 7:00 pm start.

(Dinner will be served at 7:15)

Tickets: Adults: £15, Children: £5
(Tickets include glass of bubbly and all soft drinks)

Online links:

Wine will be available from Julia Jenkins

For questions about the Laying up Supper please contact: Rebecca Lonsdale

To book please complete the online booking form and reserve your place now!

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