



Southport Sailing Club Junior 12 Hour Race



Winning Team West Lancs YC

Congratulations to
Oliver Lea, Poppy Bedwell,
Annabelle Parkes, Henry
Burton, Daniel Smith,
Jamie Grace and Tom Bluck
Thanks also to the team
coaches, Ben and Gabe Hill!

Prizes

- *1st overall,
- *1st Under 18,
- *1st Enterprise,
- *Fastest last 2 laps
- *Trophy for the best results over the last 3 years

Sunrise to Sunset Race at Leigh & Lowton SC

WLYC endurance team won
Second Place, in the 18 hour,
Sunrise to Sunset race at Leigh
and Lowton Sailing Club.

Congratulations to the team,
Stuart Mackenzie, Greg Thomas,
Charlotte Cooper Andrew
Ashworth, Martin Cooper and
Mark Newton. Tim Coleman,
(Centre) Commodore of Leigh
and Lowton Sailing Club,
presented the prizes.



Commodore's Comments



We've recently updated our Club Code of Conduct, and it's posted on the Club Notice Board - please take time to read this important document, which describes the Club's welcoming ethos.

In recent months members of the Committee have visited other NW Sailing Clubs, to learn about new approaches to online Sailing Club Management, Galley catering and the development of Junior Sailors. Some Club members have also attended RYA events, to learn best practice, and gain advice on approaches to membership recruitment, along with delivering benefits to our Club members.

We're proud of the achievements of both our Adult and Junior sailors. The excitement of winning the Junior 12 Hour Race, run by Southport SC, and all the drama at Pennington Flash, where WLYC came close to winning the Sunrise to Sunset endurance race, hosted by Leigh & Lowton SC. Well done to both teams.

September is a busy month for the Club. On Saturday 7th, we hold our Lloyd Hayes Trophy.

This is part of the North West Junior and Youth Travellers Series, and Junior sailors from other clubs will be joining us to participate in this Regional Squad event.

Our Club's 24 Hour Race is on Saturday and Sunday 21st/22nd, bringing a national event back to Southport at a time when the town dearly needs a positive lift.

We are also looking for helpers please, to do the many jobs to set up the site, and also roles during the race itself. The people to contact are identified on page 5. Thank you.

Richard Westlake – Commodore

The Seabird

The Seabird half rater, the oldest one design class racing in the country, was designed for the then young West Lancashire Yacht Club, in the late 1890s. The first 14 boats were built by R Latham & Co, of Crossens, for less than £35 each, and racing began on the tide at Southport in 1899. The class was soon adopted by Donaghadee SC and Gourock YC before spreading to many other clubs. Sadly, Seabird sailing at Southport was discontinued in 1936 due to heavy silting of the tidal moorings, and a brief re-establishment of the class in the 1960s did not survive long. Today, there are fleets at Abersoch, Mersey (Wallasey YC) and Trearddur Bay.

The class holds an annual inter station race between the fleets and, this year, in a celebration of the 125th anniversary of the class, West Lancs were invited to compete alongside Abersoch, Trearddur Bay and Wallasey, on the Mersey at Wallasey, in boats kindly lent by members of Wallasey YC.

The race was held on Sunday 30th June, an unseasonably windy, grey day. Each station sailed 2 boats which, due to the conditions, were reefed, and no spinnakers were used. West Lancs were represented by David Porter/ Tim Harper and Charles Adams/ Chris Rutter. It took them a little while to get used to these idiosyncratic boats and, at the end of the first lap, West Lancs were in fourth place. However, with increasing familiarity the performance rapidly improved and, by the end of the race, West Lancs were in joint first place. Congratulations and thanks to our crews.

Tony Halliwell

Training Update

Junior Training

This year we are again embracing the RYA's OnBoard scheme offering free taster sessions to entice young people aged 8 – 17 onto the water. If you have friends and family interested in trying sailing, please bring them down on Saturdays from 12.00 noon until 2.00pm.

The concept is to encourage young people to discover the joys of sailing, and recruit our next generation of Members.

Please come down to the Club on Saturdays, to support our Training Team and welcome prospective new members.

Ian Hughes - Training Principal



**Seabird Half Rater
125 year old - Cormorant
Owned by the Read Family**

Welcome to the following who have joined the Club this year:

- *Jacqui Barker, daughters Amber and Meg and Ryan Donaghy
- *Ginny Benneworth
- *Tom Bluck (re-joining)
- *Jon and Helen Crompton with their children Charles, Edward and Lara
- *Lyn and Mark Cunningham with their children Grace and Gerard
- *Kim Greenwood with her children Jessica and Isaac Greenwood-Reynolds
- *Kirsty Greenwood with daughter Lilly-Ann Rostock
- *Mike Greenwood with son Reece
- *John Husdell
- *John-Paul Inglis
- *Sue and Brian King
- *Kathryn and Adam Lennon
- *Cedric Loughran with granddaughter Evie Davies
- *Thomas and Ting Mathieson

Junior Sailing – Regional Squad Events



Well done to Poppy and Annabelle, recently competing at Ullswater. A total of 7 races were completed over the two days (5 of them on the Saturday). Poppy had three top ten finishes on the first day, coming away with her best series result so far, and Annabelle had some strong results in the last three, lighter wind races.

Results:

Poppy - 14th overall (3rd Laser 4.7). Best result of the weekend: 7th

Annabelle - 32nd overall. Best result of the weekend: 24th

Regional Overall results: Poppy - 18th (5th U16 girl)



Topper Worlds Huge well done to Henry for his performance at the Topper Worlds, at Mar Menor, in Spain. After a tough start on the first day, Henry bounced back with a best result of 29th (out of a fleet of 70) in the second day of regatta racing. After the first two days of racing, he had qualified for the bronze fleet where he finished 29th overall, with a best result of 11th. In his first International Regatta he achieved some good individual results as well as learning lots about sailing in large fleets, rules and arbitration. Most importantly he put his best effort in and thoroughly enjoyed himself.



Lucy Pettifer – Junior Training Coordinator

Dinghy Park/Car Park Maintenance

The removal of overgrown vegetation and windblown sand has now been completed. With the approval of Sefton MBC, approximately 60 tonnes of sand was placed at the back of the sand dunes on the opposite side of the access road. The before and after photos shows the extent of the work done on the Club site.

Work has also started on improving the exterior of the Training Boathouse.

Work is ongoing in the bar storeroom.

In the next few weeks we are hoping to place some additional material in the car park to remove the depressions which regularly fill with rain water.



Before

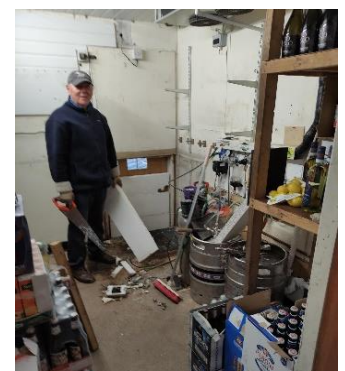


After



Training Boathouse

Bar Storeroom



Ian Donaldson - Rear Commodore

RC Sailing



Another 8 races on Tuesday, running on A rigs, our largest sail.

Great to see 84 and 184 racing, a challenge to keep your eye on the correct boat 🚤.

184 has not been on the water for at least 4 years - welcome back to WLYC waters — at West Lancashire Yacht Club.

RC Sailing is on Tuesday afternoons, and on Sundays, if there is a demand. Do come down to watch and join in.

You can contact me by phone, the number is in the Club Handbook.

Alan Tickle - RC Sailing Coordinator

WLYC 24 Hour Race



**Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd
September**

With the 53rd 24 Hour Race just around the corner, the Club will become increasingly busy, as we prepare for our premier event of the year. The event begins with a party on Friday 20th to which all members and visitors are warmly invited. The site set up starts the weekend before. Throughout the week, starting Monday 16th till Friday 20th September, working parties will be busy preparing the premises for the event. They will appreciate any help you can offer, so if you are able, please don't hesitate to pop down any time you can during the working day. (Monday – Friday). The layout of the Dinghy Park has been changed from previous years to allow more members to keep their boats at the Club. Those wishing to do so should contact **Ian Donaldson**. Otherwise, members are requested to remove their boats from the dinghy park by Sunday 15th September, at the latest.

There are also many jobs that need completing during the event to make this a successful and safe weekend. Listed below are the departments looking for volunteers – Club members, family and friends are all welcome! You can contact the team leader directly or email: wlyc24hourrace@gmail.com to find out more or register to help.

Bars We need bar staff for Friday evening and throughout Saturday, plus some of Sunday.
Contact: Rob Pickering

Catering This year Catering will be provided by Clayton Park Catering Services from their Catering vans. Dry diners will be accommodated in the Club lounge and wet diners in the Marquee, this year situated on the patio.

First Aid With so many Club members who are either medical professionals, or have First Aid qualifications, we provide our own First Aid cover for the event. We are looking for those who have medical or First Aid Training to please volunteer to join the team.
Contact: Dr Ian Hughes

Information The Information Team are the first point of contact with the competitors and visitors; the office is open from Friday midday till late, then from early Saturday till about 10pm, then early Sunday until mid-afternoon.
Contact: Sue Porter

Safety Boats - Qualified helms & crews. An essential feature of any dinghy racing event is Safety on the water.
Contact: Greg Walker

Scoring & Observing The 24 Hour Race scoring is automated and the lap information is entered manually by observers through a simple keyboard entry, with a written record alongside. The "Observers" are organised in 6 shifts to cover the whole of the 24 Hours of the race. (midday Saturday to midday Sunday).

Contact: David Bricknell

Scrutineering Throughout the race, teams are allowed to use a docking area to change crews and repair damaged dinghies. The management of this restricted area is overseen by the "Scrutineers" – again from midday Saturday till midday Sunday.

Contact: Anne Rushton

Site Preparation From Monday 16th September onwards we need volunteers to help build the site. While any DIY skills are welcome, we also need movers, shifters, cleaners, painters etc. not necessarily all week, but whenever you are able, to join the team when you can (generally during the day). The aim is to have the site preparation complete by the Thursday evening (with Friday morning left for specialist tasks and final race set up). Competitors start arriving in earnest from Friday afternoon.

Contact: Ian Donaldson

Site Maintenance Once the event is underway, we need a small team of people to provide routine site maintenance, and the first response in the event of a system failure.

Contact: Ian Donaldson

Please join in and get involved, also take time to relax and enjoy the spectacle on the water and the entertainment ashore. It's a fabulous event that puts West Lancs YC on the map. Let's all ensure it stays that way and participating clubs/competitors continue to return year on year.

Contact the team leader directly, or email: wlyc24hourrace@gmail.com

to offer your help, or search online for: [West Lancashire Yacht Club /24 Hour Race to find out more.](#)

Galley Catering Team

To help with the Saturday Galley service for Junior Training this year, it was decided to run the Galley on a rota basis, with Club members choosing what day/time they would like to help. This seems to be working well, as some prefer to be there first thing in the morning and set up, then go after lunch, while others prefer to stay for the afternoon. **Baked items**, these are being supplied by members of the Club's Baking Rota, that is Members who supply cakes on dates they are available, along with the usual Galley bakers Lin and Stella.

We have had new Club members joining the Galley team, alongside the more established Members, and feel it is a really good way of getting to know other members of the Club.

There are 3 ways people can help in the Galley, these are:

- 1) doing the shopping, this must be dropped off early Saturday morning; shopping list provided.
- 2) help serve toasties, cake and coffees;
- 3) and/or join our cake baking rota.

If you would like to help in any way, or just want an introductory chat, I am usually found in the Galley most Saturdays, or my number is in the Club diary. Many thanks.

Stella Pettifer - Galley Team Coordinator



WLYC Trustees – Stepping Down

Our WLYC Trustees are stepping down this year, after long service to the benefit of the Club and its Members. Thank you.



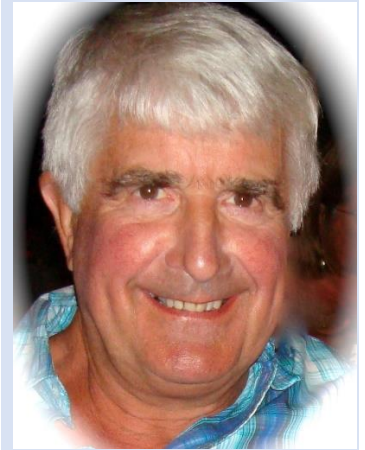
Ian Agnew



Tony Halliwell



Kit Robinson



Bob Willetts

As a Member's Club, WLYC has four Trustee members who are signatories to the lease of the Sefton land on which the clubhouse, boathouses and car park are located. We have a right of access to the dinghy park which we share with Southport SC, and it's not part of the lease. For many years, unsung heroes Tony, Ian, Kit and Bob have been the WLYC Trustees. It is now time to thank them and appoint their successors.

We have reason to be grateful. During the time of the current Trustees, their role, the process of their appointment and their relationship with the Club was undefined. Many members were unaware that the Club had any Trustees. Their contribution went unrecognised. Furthermore, the responsibility of the WLYC Trustees was significant since they were potentially liable for ensuring the lease was paid throughout the long outstanding period of the lease.

At the recent Special General Meeting (SGM) of the Club, new rules were introduced to define, for the first time, the role of the WLYC Trustees, and the process for appointing them. Most importantly the new rules effectively reduce the potential liability of the lessees to one year's lease payment shared equally between the four WLYC Trustees. WLYC Trustees would normally serve a five-year term, during which time their membership subscription may be discounted, and have the right to resign with 12 months' notice. The Club committee believes that the introduction of the new rules will facilitate the recruitment of new WLYC Trustees, and the continuation of our current status as a Members' Club.

In unanimously approving the rule changes at the SGM, we acknowledge that our Club is best served by continuing with the current legal status for the time being. Approximately 70% of sailing clubs are unincorporated, and the alternative of incorporating would be time consuming, expensive and the future running costs of the Club, as a company limited by guarantee, would be higher than at present. The current priority for the Club is to grow the membership, and the time spent preparing for incorporation would detract from this work. If, in future, the Club expands, and once again becomes an employer, then the legal status could be reviewed.

Members are invited to register their interest in serving as future WLYC Trustees with the Commodore, or other member of the Club Committee.

Rob Pickering - Rear Commodore

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Club Cruising on Derwentwater

The Club's Cruising trip to Derwent Water on 3rd to 5th June was hampered by strong gusting winds. The boats arrived at Derwent Water Marina, situated at the northern end of Derwentwater, on the Sunday, and were quickly set up. Discussion on the state of the wind for the next few days continued for some while, and plans were formulated. A visit to Nichol End Marina was made on Monday morning, where a day's boat hire had previously been set up for the Tuesday. They proved very flexible and were content for us to hire the Wayfarer for Monday afternoon, given Tuesday's wind forecasts. So, three boats Nauticus Beta, the Boat with no Name, and Goldberry, took to the water in the morning. After a challenging sail half way down the lake in fickle wind conditions, Anne, Pat and Eleanor and Susanne returned to the Marina, to meet up with the remaining participants arriving at lunchtime. Personnel were switched around, so as to provide a crew for the Wayfarer. Meanwhile, Kit & Kathy stayed on the water and carried on down the lake, where wind conditions continued to be very fickle. Sudden strong gusts, turned to mere zephyrs, with the wind direction constantly changing.

Monday afternoon saw four boats out on the water, crewed by West Lancs YC members, with no other sailing craft around, but a few intrepid canoeists. Kath, Susanne and Andy went out in the Wayfarer, whilst Carol fitted in with Anne, and Pat went with Eleanor. The north westerly wind, channelled by Cat Bells, created challenging conditions around St Herbert's Island, so no attempt was made to land. Further north, nearer the Marina, the wind strength then became more reasonable and Anne and Carol got out their spinnaker. Curiously, the wind strength that had been a strong northerly behind us when leaving the jetty, diminished to almost nothing, making the return to base very challenging. Tacking was heavily constrained by a narrow approach channel to the Marina. Paddles were eventually brought into action to make forward progress to the jetty.

Tuesday turned out to be very gusty, as well as wet. The group therefore split up, with some braver souls deciding to walk much of the Derwentwater perimeter, whilst others visited various attractions in and near Keswick – such as the Pencil Museum and the Old Quarry Mining Museum. For the lake walkers, at one stage during the wet and windy trek, a strong gust actually brought with it some hail. The other planning failure for the lake walkers, was to correctly identify which piers were in use by the lake launch. Both Nichol End and Ashness Gate piers are in a poor state, so the plan to use the Lake launch to reduce the walk length came to nothing. The plan went even further astray, as the bus service back to Keswick was reduced, due to a breakdown. However, with assistance from kind strangers, all the walkers returned to their lodgings with sufficient time to change, before meeting up in the evening for a most enjoyable celebratory group dinner.

Wednesday dawned with even stronger winds, which were impacting on Derwent Water Marina's activities, so an early end to the cruising trip was called, and the boats packed up for an afternoon return journey to Southport.

Bob Mehew



Tracking the trip.



Group dinner for the Cruisers

Lake District Walk



Back in April there was the Club's annual Lake District walk, which is kindly organised for the Club by former members Roy and Margaret Gambie. After gathering at The Lindeth Howe Hotel for coffee/tea, we took the ferry from Bowness over to the west side of Windermere. We then divided on to 2 walks. One was a flatter walk, suitable for the less mobile, going north, alongside the west shore of Windermere. The second was more uphill and went via Claife Heights, then down to Near Sawrey, and past Beatrix Potters' house. The spring rain meant Windermere was very full, and negotiating the many boggy patches was the order of the day. The weather was kind and, happily for us, stayed dry throughout the day.

After the ferry ride return to Bowness, we went back to the Gambie's home for very welcome tea and cakes. Dinner at the Lindeth Howe Hotel ended an enjoyable and very sociable day.

Thank you to Roy and Margaret, for organising these sociable gatherings for us all. It's lovely to catch up with Members we don't see down at the Club very often

What's On at the Club

August

Club racing series continues as per the Club Diary.

Let's Launch continues on Wednesdays,

RC Sailing continues on Tuesdays, changing from evening to the afternoon.

Junior Training in August

Tuesdays 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Junior Sailing 12.00 – 16.00

Tuesday 13th Junior Sailing - Pirate Day 12.00 to 16.00

September

Saturday 7th **Lloyd Hayes Trophy** - a North West Junior and Youth Travellers Series Regional Squad event. All day.

Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd 24 Hour Race Weekend

Saturday 28th Sea Cadets Weekend Event
& Sunday 29th

October

Saturday 5th **Brasiliero Junior Race Day** 13.00

Saturday 26th **Monkhouse Cup** 14.30 - followed by the **Monkhouse Supper**

November

Saturday 23rd **Prizegiving Supper** 19.00 for 19.30

December

Thursday 5th Decorate the Club for Christmas 19.30

Thursday 12th **Annual General Meeting** 20.00

Tuesday 31st **New Year's Eve Event**

