

## ***BROXBOURNE SAILING CLUB***

### ***JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER***

#### **Newsletter Format.**

This is the format which is the present intention and I would like your opinions on it. It is proposed to issue this more frequently preferably by email and as a page on the website ([www.broxbournesailingclub.co.uk](http://www.broxbournesailingclub.co.uk)) as a means of keeping the membership more up to date. It could also include Duty Officers requests for substitutes and racing programme changes; and as an example the recent algae problem.

#### **The New Clubhouse.**

Despite the recent bad weather progress is now being made to the interior as it was made weather proof just in time! It is hoped that work will be complete by Easter but there will be some exterior work to be done such as landscaping and demolition of the old Clubhouse. There are photographs of the building on the website but it needs to be seen in the flesh to appreciate the amount of work both that has been done and still needs to be done. Simon Hayes would like to see more members coming down to see the results of his very hard work which he has done despite having severe problems with his hip joint.

#### **Algae.**

Discussions have taken place with our landlords, the Lee Valley Park Authority, to ways of avoiding the algae problem this year and we are awaiting the outcome of these. Present methods are expensive and not always successful and, we are told, take a long time to take effect.

#### **The Remainder of the Winter Sailing Programme.**

*By Ashley Smith*

Due to the algae problem the Lipton Cup could not be run as scheduled and will now take place on the last weekend of sailing January 24<sup>th</sup>. and will be as programmed:  
10.30 Pursuit race; Topper start 10.30 – 2 hour race finishing at 12.30  
13.15 Handicap race; one start, about 1 hour duration.

The Backbone Tankards, Winter II and Broxbourne Chase may incorporate these results and will be decided by the sailing Committee in due course.

#### **YOU ARE WANTED!!!!!!!!!!.**

*By Geoff Town.*

As you can see yours truly is not very good at producing Newsletters and he is quite busy with his other duties as Treasurer, Assistant Membership Secretary, Vice Commodore and Acting Press Officer!

We have a vacancy on the Committee for a Press Officer whose main job would be to produce newsletters such as this and so a volunteer is needed PLEASE.

## **Work Parties.**

*By Jerry Rodgers.*

These are scheduled to take place on 31<sup>st</sup>. Jan.; 7<sup>th</sup>. & 14<sup>th</sup>. Feb. and there is much to be done as shown below. We consider that it would help to achieve as much as possible if some members would act as team leaders for each of these tasks; please let Jerry Rodgers know if your are prepared to undertake this and he will tell you more details.

- 1/. *Secure the Club perimeter: Fence repair, fit new main gate.*
- 2/. *Committee boat clean-up, repair/fix signal ropes and arrangement.*
- 3/. *Repair hard where possible. Make safe; fill dangerous holes, replace tires and fenders.*
- 4/. *Tidy compound, dispose of junk trailers, trolleys and spars, re-arrange dinghy park.*
- 5/. *Pontoons. Finish off East "L" pontoon. Lay mesh on remainder if trial proves OK*
- 6/. *Club boats fix/dump? Flying 15s, GP14: mast foot, Wayfarer, check rig and trolleys.*
- 7/. *Pot holes in parking area/access.*
- 8/. *Start box. Paint as necessary and general tidy up. Equip with race forms, notices, flags etc.*

## **Social Secretary's update.**

*By Gill Wayland*

*The rules update and Social evening on 2<sup>nd</sup> December was well attended and gave members a chance to catch up after the Lake being closed for so long! It also gave people a chance to have a look at recent developments with the new clubhouse, an ideal venue for future social events. There are a few things to note in your diary for early 2010,*

- ❖ *Rules update and Social - 20<sup>th</sup> January*
- ❖ *Adult Prize-giving - 27<sup>th</sup> February*
- ❖ *Quiz night - 20<sup>th</sup> March*
- ❖ *Junior Prize-giving - 27<sup>th</sup> March*

*Further details nearer the time.*

## **Duty Officer Rota.**

*By Geoff Town.*

A problem in the past has been the Duty Officer rota in the annual issue of the Handbook where it has been issued before the membership is known and thus includes non members. This year we are issuing the first two months or so where the names used will be of those it is fairly certain will renew their membership; this list to be sent out with the 2010 renewal acknowledgements and fixture list. It is also intended that they will be on the website in future. When the actual membership is known the rota for the remainder of the year will be included in or with a later Newsletter.

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