



COUNCIL

Commodore's Log – October 2017

Exhausted, but still able to raise a smile!



Southport's Marine lake was the venue for West Lancs Sailing Club's world famous 24 Hour Race held in September. Elton entered two boat and two teams headed up by Geoff McClardy and Adam Savage and assisted by a finely tuned team of Elton members. Conditions were variable and ranged from complete calm to rain and gusts of more than 20 Knots. However, the sun did come out for prolonged periods and made the whole event one to remember. Final positions saw Adam's team finishing a creditable 39th and Geoff's not too far behind despite a few technical issues. For many this was their first experience of the legendary race and it was almost like the result was incidental amongst the great fun and excitement of the event. Andy Hoarty was chained to the BBQ for 24 hours with explicit orders not to leave his post. He took this a little too literally and was spotted asleep over the BBQ at 3am. Bacon, eggs, sausages and

burgers flowed relentlessly with shore parties having to be dispatched to replenish stocks. True dedication! Not going to mention the beer and wine which seemed to come from a bottomless barrel. Big thank you to Andy and many others for keeping the teams well fuelled.

Overall it was a fantastic weekend; great atmosphere, great fun, a real spectacle and an outstanding team effort. A big thank you to Geoff and Adam who put lots of time and effort into the organisation. Thanks also go to all those who sailed and the shore teams and supporters who made it a very slick operation.



Best laugh of the weekend?



Fresh from burger flipping .. ahh!

Elton's Bumper Boat Sale finally got underway in August and attracted a reasonable number of bids. The Auction closed at midnight on 30th August and the lucky winning bidders were all notified within 7 days. Including money recouped from unpaid membership and berthing fees, the Club is now around £1500 better off. Tempted to suggest this as an annual event although I think our Berthing Officer Steph might have other ideas.

Don't forget that we have a 'Suggestion Box' located in the foyer. Your views, opinions and ideas are important in helping your Council and Committees to make decisions that reflect what members really think and want. Just write down any thoughts you have and pop them in the box. We realise that some issues are sensitive and controversial so you can submit your comments anonymously if you want.



Just squeezing into the September calendar was the Laser Open on the 30th. Conditions were a bit light for any exhilarating Laser sailing but what a great turnout! 33 boats signed up and a large proportion of those were Elton members. The overall winner was (as if you couldn't guess) local legend Ian Jones (Dovestone SC) who is now on track to win the series for an unbelievable 21 consecutive years. Best Elton members on the day were Dave Gamble in 11th position overall and Andy Moore not far behind in 13th.

Rare sight in a Laser! Who's this perfectly framed?

Dates for your Diary:

The Sunday Autumn Handicap series continues throughout October but don't forget we have the Club Championships taking place over the weekend 21st/22nd October.

All new members are invited to a fun reception at 4.30pm on Saturday 14th October 2017 - after the days sailing. This is a good chance to meet members of your Council and Committees and get to know other club members.

A complete calendar of Club events and results can be viewed on the website at:

<http://eltonsailingclub.co.uk>

Get a Club Key

The Club's new lock system makes it possible for members access the changing rooms, showers and toilet facilities out-of-hours. This does not include the main clubroom or other areas of the Club. If you would like to take advantage of this facility then keys can be ordered from the bar in exchange for a returnable deposit of £15.

Peter Finney
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New Members

We would like to welcome our new members to Elton Sailing Club and hope you all feel at home.

It has been a pleasure to see you all adults and juniors going through your training. The sailing club needs new members to sail and get in gauged with the club, you certainly have done that.

We have a newsletter that I now hope you are now all on the mailing list for. The newsletter is for all members to contribute if they so wish .It would be good to have some new members writing and submitting articles about their time and training at the sailing club. We would all enjoy reading such snippets and experiences of your sailing.

We all sit and watch from the side lines at what goes on the water. We all have a drink and are all experts including the new members, but on the water that's different. So if you wish please try to contribute.

We send bulletins out from Web collect so can you always keep your personal details up to date.

There are sailing and social events to get involved with at any level. We have had the Southport 24 hour enterprise race which needed helms and crews, with ground support crew, but more than that the events works better with support from members coming along for the day to cheer, help out, in small ways but to generally enjoy the day.

There is also some big yacht sailing where members embark on a weekend sailing in Scotland. These events are open to all members. So please feel free to put your name down you never know you might be skippering your own sailing dinghy or 35 foot yacht.

Ones again we would all like to welcome you all to Elton Sailing club and would like to thank you all for your hard work, fun and enthusiasm you have brought to the club.

Many Regards

Kevin Lyons

Elton Sailing Club
Membership Secretary

Sponsorship Opportunities

As you all know we have been fortunate to attract prize sponsors this year for the various weekly and series winners, which have been highly valued by the club – we are looking to continue this success.

We have further ongoing sponsorship opportunities for the following:

- **Frostbite Winter Series running 5th November to December 17th 2017**
- **Snowflake Winter Series running 7th January 2018 to February 25th 2018**

Sponsorship

What does sponsorship mean? Very simply we are looking for prizes for each of the Sunday races and the series winner. There are no set fees all offers and participation is welcome.

How would we promote sponsors?

We call out over the tannoy who is sponsoring the race at the beginning and end of each day, the sponsors will be named in the prize giving at the end of each day and mentioned in the clubs social media i.e. Facebook and twitter and on the club website.

You will be very welcome to put up banners and promotional displays at the club during which, will give you the opportunity to promote your products and services direct to our members and visitors.

Recommendations

If you can recommend or refer businesses outside the club – this is also welcome.

Contact

To discuss the above and next year's series opportunities please contact Gary Cleary at the club or call on 07815024904 or email me gary@csrsustain.co.uk

Many thanks

Gary Cleary
Sailing Committee - Sponsorship

Charity London to Paris cycle challenge for Sam's Gift

Dear members & friends

A belated thank you for all you support for my cycle challenge in the summer.

As many of you know I completed the challenge along with 14 other riders who came out to support a local charity and family friends who lost their son a few years ago and have dedicated their time in setting up a charity in his name to promote gifts of goodwill and support to other sufferers in Manchester and Leeds hospitals.



In all we travelled 350 miles over 4 days and average of 88 miles a day - through Kent to Dover before ferrying over rural France and on to the Parisian Metropolis – as you might imagine it was eventful and challenging being in the saddle for 8/9 hours a day.



I have not been a career cyclist – but having had a few spin classes and been out with the sailing lads last summer while we had low water – my wife thought it would be good for me, promptly holding up my hand up at a Sam’s Gift Ball the year before!! She was right it was good for me – it taught me how fragile we are but how strong we can be in determined effort! – which is what Sams Gift Charity is all about – but not good for any part of me that touched the bike! I learned to walk again after

a couple of days.



Once again thank you for all your support and for following my posts on Facebook. Please see pictures attached for proof

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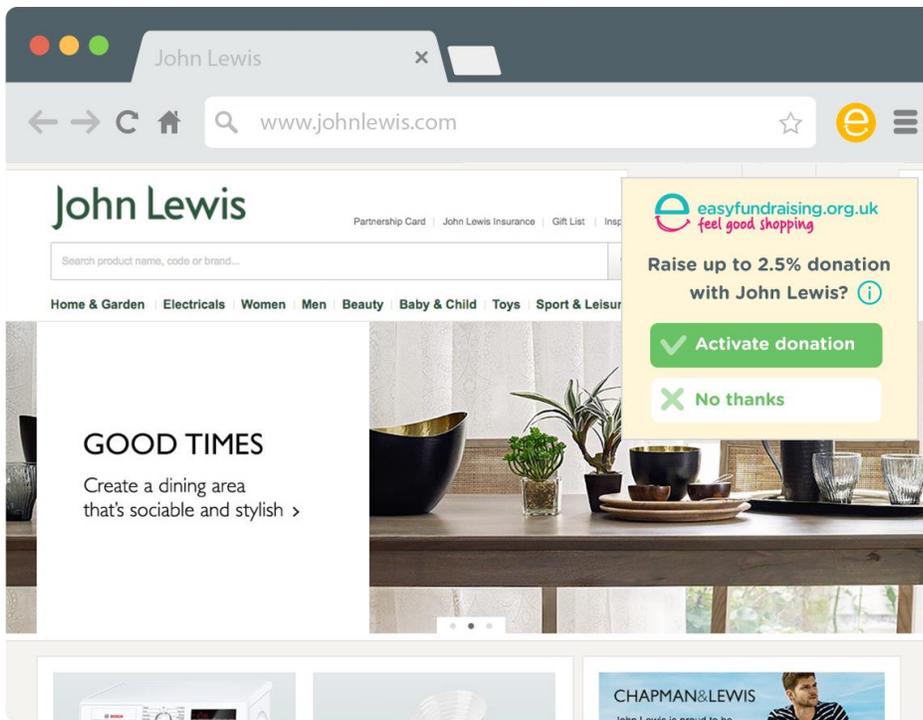
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Thank you for your continued support to the club, every penny helps!

SOCIAL

DINNER DANCE – 25th NOVEMBER @ ELTON SAILING CLUB

Time to hang up those wetsuits and enjoy our Annual Dinner Dance, bring out the sparkle and black ties.

Tickets are limited with the price held at £25 for a three course dinner. Can we ask please that last year's trophy winners return their trophies to the club by 5th November.

Please book your places asap via webcollect. (www.webcollect.org.uk/eltonsc) forms to be in no later than Sunday 29th October.

Thank you and look forward to celebrating another fabulous year with you all.

Social Committee

TRAINING

VHF Marine Radio

Our next SRC Radio course will be on Saturday 28th October 2017. Go to <http://www.eltonmarineservices.com/index.php/training-courses/rya-specialist-short-courses/vhf-short-range-course> or email paul@eltonmarineservices.com for more details.

RYA First Aid

Adam is collating names for the next first aid course. Contact adam@eltonmarineservices.com if you wish to take part.

100 CLUB

The 100 Club draw is taking place on the last Sunday of each month and is a great chance to win

1st prize £70 2nd prize £15 3rd prize £10

The odds of winning are very good, roughly 10 times better than your chance of winning £100 on the Lottery. So why not give it a go? To make it easy you can pay by monthly direct debit via our WebCollect payment system and you can cancel anytime you wish.

The 100 Club raises valuable funds for the Club so please give it a try.

SAILING AT ELTON

ALEC GRADUATES TO CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

THE Graduate Junior National championships were held last weekend on Elton Reservoir, 23 boats from such widely spaced clubs as Frensham Pond S.C., Bala S.C., Sutton in Ashfield S.C. competed in the event. Local clubs included Hollingworth Lake S.C., Belmont S.C. and of course, a strong turnout of Elton Juniors.

The championship was to be decided on the best three races out of four, two being held on Saturday and two on Sunday. On both days the wind was extremely light, non-existent at times, this did not seem to suit the juniors, most of whom wanted near gale force conditions.

ALMOST UNBEATABLE

Alec Mamwell, aged 12, of Todmorden and a member of the Elton Club, seemed well satisfied with the conditions however, and went on to prove that he was very near unbeatable for he took the winning gun in the practice race and three out of four of the races proper. This gave him the title, although it was still in doubt until the last race.

The last race was really exciting for when the boats went afloat three helmsmen could take the championship by winning the race. Alec had won two races with one fifth place Peter Coleclough was only $\frac{1}{2}$ point behind and John Berry was $\frac{1}{2}$ point behind.

POSITION LOST

As the seconds ticked away to the start, John Berry seemed to be in the best position with Peter Coleclough just under his lee. Alec was way down the line. With only five seconds to go things took a dramatic turn, John Berry, to avoid hitting the outer start mark was forced across the line, and the penalty for being over the line is to lose all rights of way until the line has been recrossed. This he was prevented from doing by the press of boats.

As the gun went the boats at the top end of the line locked together and only Peter Coleclough managed to break free and sail off. Alec, who had started down to leeward made a decent start, his tactics of sacrificing the perfect position knowing that 22 other boats would be fighting for it, paid off handsomely.

LYING THIRD

At the first mark he was in third position, Peter however, was way out in the lead and looked like taking the championship, (he already holds the British Graduate Schools championship) and this was the order until the last lap, when Alec forced Peter into a covering duel. With extremely good tactics he managed to break through Peter's lee and took the lead, once in the lead he increased

it and finished five minutes ahead of Peter. John Berry sailed a good race but could not make more than 5th place, this did keep him in third place for the championship however.

FRENCH ENTRANT

One touch of international flavour was provided by a French boy B. Duley who sails for the Societe des Regates de Caen—Quistreham. He only came to watch, and when Elton member Garth Ashworth found that he could helm he promptly offered him his boat. This left the French boy crewless, but Shelia Cocker stepped forward and offered her services. They came in 9th overall.

RESULTS

1. Alec Mamwell (Elton S.C.); 2. Peter Coleclough (Lowton S.C.); 3. J. Berry (Elton S.C.); 4. C. J. Shakespeare (Sutton in Ashfield S.C.); 5. S. Hutchings (Lowton S.C.); 6. J. A. Coopes (Abbey S.C.).

WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday evening club points racing was resumed. Ron Jackson again treated everyone to a lesson in light weather sailing, finishing well in the lead.

RESULTS

1. R. Jackson E3603; 2. J. Mamwell G851; 3. S. Kay E7863.

Our Newsletter

If anyone would like to include something for future newsletters I would be happy to oblige. Please send your contribution by email to p.savage@savagehome.plus.com as a word document attachment with Newsletter in the subject heading of the email, preferably in 12 point Ariel font. If you are unable to send an attachment, just paste it in as part of your email. I would be grateful if you would ensure that your PC is set up with English (UK) and not (US), it plays havoc with my spellchecker! It would be helpful if this were received by the 27th of the month so that I have time to publish the newsletter on the 1st of each month. I cannot guarantee that it will be in the newsletter if it is received after the 29th. Please ensure that you include your name in your report, I can't always decipher this from your email.

