



## COUNCIL

**Commodore's Log – September 2017**

August was maybe a little quieter than July with school holidays in full flow but the Club was still host to many enthusiastic and excited juniors and adults eager to have fun and maybe improve their sailing skills at the same time. Training and taster sessions also continued so the Club was again a lively place.



**Fun Day at Elton**

As if that wasn't enough, Steph, Adam and Ben assisted by Amanda, Mark Neil, Kim and Stacey expertly organised a number of Fun Days to keep the youngsters occupied during school holidays. This was very popular with an average of 14 children attending over each of the 4 days. There were a number of shore and

water based activities on offer and these helped many to gain more confidence on the water and forge some new friendships.

Thanks to all those who helped and attended what is highly likely to become an annual event.

The Sunday Summer Series, kindly sponsored by Gemma and Towergate Insurance, reached its conclusion in August with the presentation of some great prizes. As expected Adam Savage took the honours having held top position throughout. Full results can be viewed on the website. The Wednesday Evening Summer Pursuit series sponsored by Hip Ivy continues to a conclusion on 6<sup>th</sup> September and as with most Wednesday night fixtures has attracted great turnouts.

The Friday evening Junior sailing has now finished and this has also proved to be a very popular series. It's highly likely that this could become a permanent fixture on the Sailing Programme. Thanks to Steph and Adam Fuller and all the organisers and safety crew.

Another winning formula was the 'Tour de France' Trophy Day on 20<sup>th</sup> August. Based on aggregated corrected times over 3 races you only needed one bad race to plummet down the leader board so it was tense until the end. No yellow jersey or sprint finishes to be seen but great fun never-the-less.

Elton's Bumper Boat Sale finally got underway in August and has attracted a reasonable number of bids. This was an auction style sale of abandoned, unwanted and donated boats so it was an ideal opportunity to pick up a bargain. The Auction closed at midnight on 30 August and the lucky winning bidders will be notified within 7 days. If you are one of the lucky ones then please note that you must either buy a berth for your new boat or remove it from the Club within 14 days of the sale end.

The threat of having their boat sold has prompted some owners to contact the Club and as a result some lots have had to be withdrawn from the sale. Despite this, it is the Club's intention to implement the Constitution fairly and rigidly in order to recoup any outstanding membership or berthing fees from these owners.



**Long John Smith**

Ex-Commodore Smith, who now refers to himself as Long John Smith, has recently undergone a hip replacement operation and I'm pleased to say that the patient is doing well. Well enough to have been seen hobbling around the Club and claiming his fair share of Martin's Corned Beef Hash served up to the Tuesday Gang. Recover soon David.

**Dates for your Diary:**

Social Saturdays continue during some of September if you just want to have a relaxed sail and enjoy the Club facilities. For a full list of sailing fixtures see the sailing programme on the Club website: [eltonsailingclub.co.uk](http://eltonsailingclub.co.uk)

One of the big sailing events this month is the 24 Hour Race at West Lancs Sailing Club on Southport's Marine Lake. Our Club is entering two teams headed up by Geoff McClardy and Adam Savage. It's a great spectacle so why not have a day out and support the Elton teams. Racing starts 12:00 hrs Saturday and continues until 12:00 hrs Sunday. <https://wlyc.org.uk/24-hour-race> for more info.

Following a recent incident at the Club, when a number of items were stolen or damaged, it has become necessary to change the entrance door locks. Those of you who hold a key to the old locks; sorry these will no longer work.

The new lock system makes it possible for the Club to offer members access to the changing rooms, showers and toilet facilities during times when the Club would normally be closed. 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.

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### Important

Before venturing onto the water please note the following: Canal and River Trust have alerted the Club to the presence of blue-green Algae in Elton reservoir and the potential health hazard it may pose. You will have received a broadcast email with recommendations about how you can best protect yourself, please read this email carefully and take action as necessary.

Peter Finney  
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## SAILING

### Sailing Committee

#### Southport 24 hour race 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> September

We have 2 Enterprise teams entered for the Southport 24 hour race this year. Do come and give your support. The race which is on the Marine Lake in Southport starts at midday Saturday and ends midday Sunday. 60 plus boats expected from all over the country. We will have a gazebo set up on the shore at West Lancs Yacht Club. Come and join us there for an hour or two or all weekend.

#### Club Sailing Equipment

A reminder to all who use club equipment, boats, buoyancy aids, helmets etc to replace these in their proper places after use. There are always members to ask if you are not sure where they belong. We would ask parents to help with this.

#### Training

Training has continued through the summer with junior training on Saturdays, and RYA level 1 and 2 for adults, as well as power boat and safety boat training. A further level 1 course is planned for September. Please contact Dave Read [j davidread@sky.com](mailto:j davidread@sky.com) for any training needs.

#### Forthcoming events.

9/10th September	Elton at Southport 24 hour race.
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Ladies and Juniors trophy day
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Laser Open
3 <sup>rd</sup> October (Tuesday)	Elton Senior Travellers
21/22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Club Championship

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### Allocated Duties September and October 2017.

The allocated duties for September and October are listed below. Please can all members who have not "Confirmed" they can do the duty, please do so by logging in to Duty Man via the Link in the reminder E mail sent 20 days before the duty or by logging in on the website Duty man page. This way we can be sure we have a full allocation of safety cover for each event.

The Non-Confirmed duties are identified in blue or dark in black and white.

There are some "Volunteer Required" Duties in September and if anyone could help by filling these gaps then please contact Steve Restall or David Smith, or just go into Duty Man and Volunteer.

Duty Date	Duty Time	Duty Type	Event	Confirmed	First Name	Last Name
9/9/2017	13:00	Safety Crew	Safety Cover	Yes	Dougie	Reid
9/9/2017	13:00	Safety Crew	Safety Cover	Yes	Volunteer	Required
10/9/2017	12:30	OD	Club Racing	Yes	Judith	Chadwick
10/9/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	Yes	Volunteer	Required
10/9/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	Yes	Ian	Hunter
10/9/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	No	Scouts	Scouts
10/9/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	No	Kim	Scott
16/09/2017	13:00	Safety Crew	Safety Cover	Yes	Volunteer	Required
16/09/2017	13:00	Safety Crew	Safety Cover	Yes	Michael	Barnes
17/09/2017	12:30	OD	Club Racing	Yes	Judith	Chadwick
17/09/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	Yes	Volunteer	Required
17/09/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	No	George	Berry
17/09/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	Yes	Joshua	Berry
17/09/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	No	Paul	Mounfield
23/09/2017	13:00	OD	Junior & LWL Trophy Day	Yes	Clive	Roberts
23/09/2017	13:00	Safety Crew	Junior & LWL Trophy Day	Yes	Andy	Hoarty
23/09/2017	13:00	Safety Crew	Junior & LWL Trophy Day	No	Tina	Morris
23/09/2017	13:00	Safety Crew	Junior & LWL Trophy Day	Yes	Joy	Read
23/09/2017	13:00	Safety Crew	Junior & LWL Trophy Day	Yes	Nicholas	Read
24/09/2017	12:30	OD	Club Racing	No	J.M.	Seeger
24/09/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	Yes	Volunteer	Required
24/09/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	No	M.	Birkett
24/09/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	No	Andrew	Threadgold
24/09/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	No	M.A.	Stevenson

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30/09/2017	11:00	OD	Laser Open	Yes	Clive	Roberts
30/09/2017	11:00	Safety Crew	Laser Open	No	Elizabeth	Lord
30/09/2017	11:00	Safety Crew	Laser Open	Yes	Andy	Christie
30/09/2017	11:00	Safety Crew	Laser Open	No	Christopher	Wardle
30/09/2017	11:00	Safety Crew	Laser Open	Yes	Geoff	Simpson
1/10/2017	12:30	OD	Club Racing	Yes	Peter	Finney
1/10/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	Yes	Andy	Hoarty
1/10/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	No	Elizabeth	Marsh
1/10/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	No	Steve	Marsh
1/10/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	No	Alan	Shaw
7/10/2017	13:00	Safety Crew	Safety Cover	Yes	Andy	Hoarty
7/10/2017	13:00	Safety Crew	Safety Cover	No	J.H.	Nield
8/10/2017	12:30	OD	Club Racing	Yes	Judith	Chadwick
8/10/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	Yes	Andy	Hoarty
8/10/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	Yes	David S.	Smith
8/10/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	No	Catherine	Greenhalgh
8/10/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	No	Cathy	Blyfield
14/10/2017	13:00	Safety Crew	Safety Cover	Yes	Andy	Hoarty
14/10/2017	13:00	Safety Crew	Safety Cover	Yes	Stephen	Yates
15/10/2017	12:30	OD	Club Racing	Yes	Paul	Savage
15/10/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	Yes	Andy	Hoarty
15/10/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	No	Lee	Strapp
15/10/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	No	J.H.	Nield
15/10/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	Yes	Geoff	Simpson
21/10/2017	13:00	OD	Club Championships	Yes	Paul	Salmon
21/10/2017	13:00	Safety Crew	Club Championships	Yes	Andy	Hoarty
21/10/2017	13:00	Safety Crew	Club Championships	No	Lee	Drinkall
21/10/2017	13:00	Safety Crew	Club Championships	No	Alastair S.	Wilson
21/10/2017	13:00	Safety Crew	Club Championships	Yes	Adam	Fuller

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22/10/2017	12:30	OD	Club Championships	Yes	David S.	Smith
22/10/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Championships	Yes	Andy	Hoarty
22/10/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Championships	Yes	Michael	Barnes
22/10/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Championships	Yes	Geoff	Simpson
22/10/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Championships	Yes	Karen	Thomson
28/10/2017	13:00	Safety Crew	Safety Cover	No	David	Scott
28/10/2017	13:00	Safety Crew	Safety Cover	Yes	Norman	Rigby
29/10/2017	12:30	OD	Club Racing	Yes	Adam	Savage
29/10/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	Yes	Joshua	Berry
29/10/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	No	Peter	Larcombe
29/10/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	No	Adam	Fuller
29/10/2017	12:30	Safety Crew	Club Racing	No	Andrew	Holdsworth

**Steve Restall and David Smith,**

**Your Duty man Administrators.**

**1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.**

## 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.

## Annual Dinner & Prize Giving

Save the Date!! **Saturday 25th November**

Always a sellout event, menus and booking forms will be out soon....



## FOR SALE

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Would you like to own a 25% share in 'STARDUST' an ETAP 20 DAY SAILOR/CRUISER.

The boat sails well and represents a good investment.

In 2016 it won first in the Visiting Cruiser Fleet at the Lord Birkett and second cruiser overall.



For further details contact Rob Gascoigne 07903672366  
Or [robin.gascoigne@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:robin.gascoigne@yahoo.co.uk)

## 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](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup> of the month so that I have time to publish the newsletter on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. I cannot guarantee that it will be in the newsletter if it is received after the 29<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure that you include your name in your report, I can't always decipher this from your email.