



## Mengeham Rythe Dinghy Sailing News



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With the Start of Summer points I guess it must be summer, well most of the time, but the Easterly wind has continued to challenge PRO's and sailors alike. However today's Summer Points 4 had it all, NW breeze shifting 20 degrees—great.....

**Bosun's locker:** As our fleet of support boats has increased so have the day to day mechanical problems - ranging from starter motors, to trolley bearings to water pumps. The TLC aspect has been neglected and the boats are looking a bit shabby. Are there any members out there who would like to take on a boat and keep her looking smart? - nothing mechanical, something that you and the Club can take a pride in. Perhaps get a small group of you together, keep your boat varnished, painted and clean and all the ancillary kit fit for purpose. Give me a call.

*Dave Hughes, Bosun.*

**From the Committee Boat:** Just a few do's and don't from my PRO duty on Summer Points 1 & 2. Yes there is a snag list (hanging up above radios) and yes there is a signing sheet for crews that have attended (blue folder)—it's in the race store. Please make sure when returning the radios to the store that you set them to charge. Now to the practical bit of PRO, having got down on time we discovered that Tarka was not pumping enough cooling water through the engine??? We had to tow her out!! The **DON'T** here as requested by the Bosun is **NOT** to sit at anchor in the harbour with the engine running as there is a strong chance of getting weed sucked into the cooling system!!

**Preferred Classes:** In seeking to improve club racing the dinghy sailing committee has decided, with General Committee approval, to identify "preferred classes". These represent the classes of dinghy that the committee thinks it appropriate to encourage within the club with a view to promoting class racing in some or all of them. This gives a guide both to existing members thinking of getting a boat or changing boat, and to potential members with that class of boat looking for a club to join. It also means, that in the event of membership becoming closed (say because of lack of room in the dinghy park) applicants within the dinghy racing category having one of those classes would generally have preference. In choosing classes we have aimed to provide a range of classes for all ages taking into consideration those already raced at the club and others which are readily available at reasonable cost, provide progression and are suitable for our waters and raced locally. So far we are agreed on the following: Optimist, RS Tera, Mirror, Topper, Laser 4.7 and Radial, RS Feva, 420, Solo, Laser 2000, Finn, Contender. We are undecided on the faster crewed classes, largely because there are so few raced. Our thinking has centered around RS 200, RS 400 and Fireball, but until we have further evidence of members' inclinations it is difficult to be firm. **The Committee and I would be interested in members' views.** *Graeme*



**Events:** Rowans Pursuit July 12th a great event for a worthy cause.

## TERRIFIC TERA'S

The final races of the RS Tera Spring Series were sailed in sparkling conditions, a steady warm force four, brilliant sunshine and a slight chop, all of which made for excellent racing. Again, like on previous Saturdays we managed to get in three races sailing back to back.

The confidence and standard of racing has dramatically improved over the months. It has been nice to see so many boats out racing - thirteen at one stage and never less than ten.

The final RS Tera Spring Series Results are:  
 1st JAMES NOTLEY [Sail number 322]  
 2nd STEFAN SEARCH [Sail number 313]  
 3rd LEWIS POOLE-GLEED [Sail number 889]

Many thanks to all the rescue boat crews that have supported us in Mengham's first year of RS Tera racing.

Don't forget to sign up for Junior Week as soon as you can. We hope to have individual starts for the RS Tera's and look forward to having some other competitors from HISC and maybe other federation sailing clubs. Adam & Sue Notley



**Finn Legend:** Club member Richard Hart recently competed at the 2009 Finn Masters World Championships.

There are various age categories and Richard completed the weeks racing as **2nd overall in the World Championships in the Finn Legend class.**

**Social sailing:** 2008 didn't provide the best weather, but we hope to have a better sailing season this summer. A few of us have already been out on suitable days, but March has proved to be still chilly. Some Gulls, Scows, and a Drascombe took advantage of improving April weather. Social sailors normally meet two hours before high tide, ready to sail. We hope to decide a destination, sail in company, take a snack, possibly stop off somewhere, and return to the Club before the tide ebbs. The Club does not allocate safety boats or crews during the week, but one of our members has been kind enough to escort us in his motor boat. When he comes he manages to do some fishing as well! (Thank you Alan). If I can help with any more information, my phone number is 023 9246 2105. Hoping to see you on the water. *Joan Palmer*

**SECURITY:** The case of the disappearing masts / boom from the sail store: If you keep items in the Sail Store please make sure that your property is identifiable with your name and boat number. Also, do not leave loose items attached to spars as they are easily removed, stolen or lost. Most of all, please keep the door **locked** after removing your property and when replacing it after sailing. When boats have been rigged, check that the door is shut before setting off. Hopefully, we can then reduce the number of thefts from the store as Topaz parts have gone missing recently. I would be grateful for your help. *David F Jones (Security)*

**Course chart:** Harbour Chart - please note that ASTRA is a port handed mark (**should be written in red**) and not starboard - apologies. The new version will be available on the website for download and the encapsulated version can be changed with a permanent marker.

**Editorial:** Thank you for all your the feedback regarding the Mengeham Rythe Dinghy Sailing News and it's content. Keep it coming. *Andrew~*

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