

The Mainsheet

MARCH/APRIL 2009

Annual Prize Giving

The Annual Prize giving was another great success with a total of 73 attending. This provided quite a challenge for the catering crew headed up by Freda Lunt. Even to warm that many plates would be a headache for most—in fact, a last minute addition to the kitchen “staff” was a cooker Trevor Fillingham salvaged from a local tip. With a bit of elbow grease and rather a lot of Mr Muscle oven cleaner, Geoff Rusk and yours truly, managed to shine it up to be an outstanding addition to our kitchen facilities.

Newly rejoined member Louise Hampson provided some excellent desserts which were enjoyed by all too including a banoffee pie. I for one am hoping that she does dessert next year too! In fact, I’m hoping I can recruit you to help with the catering at the Solo and Laser open meetings later in the year. Thank you!

Trevor Fillingham took charge of the overall organisation of the night ensuring tables were placed and set to the right number. Microphones provided for announcements and awards, but also cleaning the club house from top to bottom. No mean feat considering how much mud gets trampled in on soggy sailing boots each weekend.

A Jazz duo also played during the meal and for dancing later on. They were of an excellent standard and I know everyone enjoyed them. A nice diversion from the usual disco that has become the standard for these events of recent times.

Sailing Secretary Bill Rhodes awarded the prizes and trophies—a remarkable number of which ended up on a rather noisy table in the corner! It does lead me to ask the question, were they noisy cause they were young? Winning trophies because they

were young or noisy because they were winning trophies! Answers on the back of a postcard...

Commodore Malcolm gave an excellent speech highlighting exactly what has happened through the last year and making us all very proud of our club. We really have achieved a huge amount from relatively modest beginnings.

An altogether fabulous evening with so many people to thank I couldn’t possibly do it individually here, but a big big THANK YOU to all who mucked in and made the evening such a success.

I will however mention Karen who amazingly managed to fold all our napkins into the shape of boats—a really nice touch.

Special points of interest:

- Monday night sailing is now upon us. First race starts at 7.15pm
- We are now filling up our reserve list on the beginners’ course. This means we will need a lot of help certainly in the initial weeks. Please contact Derek Lee for information on how you can help.
- I’m looking for help for the Laser Open on Sunday 18th of July. I’ll need caterers, OOD assistants and Safety Boat officers. Also Carpark attendants and reception/sign on desk staff! Please e-mail me on rich.critchley@btopenworld.com if you can help at all!

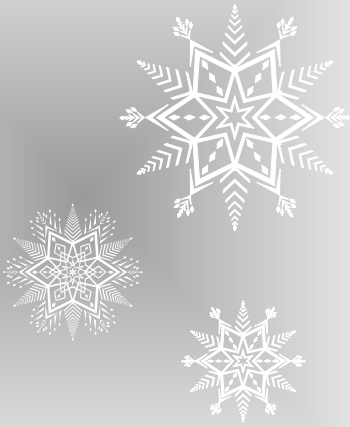
Eric Gill 1914—2009

The Gill family joined the club in 1962 as the result of a chance meeting with some Pilkington members. That friendly welcome changed the family’s life forever. They became regular sailors at the Mere, involved in all aspects of Club activities. At Open Meetings Eric along with

long time friend John Mumford were beach masters, whilst Josie beavered away in the kitchen. All the family sailed, Eric and Josie in one Enterprise, Stephen in another and Jacky crewing for various helms in club and team races. During his long life Eric made many friends,

but those at the Mere were special and constant.

He will be sadly missed by all, not least of all Tim and Jacky Finch. Our thoughts go out to them at this sad time.



Trophy Winners 2008–2009 Season

SPECIAL EVENTS

K.G.F.S. Pennant	S. Blackburn
R.N. L. I. Pennant	R. Taggart
Aubrey Cup	S. Blackburn
Parkin Trophy	R. Taggart
Barradel-Smith Trophy	S. Blackburn
R.V. Unwin Trophy (Ladies Race)	NQ
Southern Cross	E. Wilcox
J.D. Logan Trophy (Under 18's)	NQ
Searcher Trophy	NQ
Charity Trophy	R. Taggart

CLUB HANDICAP SERIES

Alistair Pilkington Trophy	(M1)	S. Blackburn
F.S. Nixon Trophy	(M2)	E. Wilcox
Wind Steel Trophy	(M3)	NQ
E. A. Brown Trophy	(S1)	R. Taggart
Walter Maybury Trophy	(S2)	R. Taggart
H. C. Wynne Trophy	(S3)	R. Taggart
J.F.E. Cholerton Trophy	(S4)	R. Taggart
E 93 Cannon	(S5)	R. Taggart
Windglass Trophy	(S6)	C. O'Brien
Linbeck Bell	(S7)	S. Blackburn
K.J. Butler Trophy	(S8)	C. O'Brien
Frostbite Trophy	(FB)	R. Taggart

RESTRICTED SERIES

E. P. Gill Trophy	(G1)	NQ
Mistral Trophy	(M4)	R. Lewis
W.J. Rhodes Trophy (Novices)		J. Noble
Teign Trophy	(T1)	NQ
Endeavour Trophy	(E1)	A. Roberts
Under 18's series		NQ

WINTER SERIES 2007/8

David Cholerton Trophy	2007/8	R. Taggart
Icicle Trophy	2007/8	R. Taggart

*The Club welcomes
Richard Hampson who
has rejoined with his Solo
Dinghy*

Winter Sailing

Winter Sailing went off without to much of a hitch this season gone. We had a wide range of competitors including at the top end of the Ent Fleet, Stephen Hunt with Ruth Critchley, Steven Blackburn with Nick Hampson, Mark Dingsdale and Miles and Royston Taggart with Diane Roberts. Each of these won a fair few

races each through the winter and not one sailor dominated the racing.

Mark Dingsdale has also made a noticeable increase in performance after purchasing a newer Mark Lunn built boat!

In the Lasers, Rob Lea, Anna Hampson, and Becca Cox fought it out, often changing to Radial sails (the

smaller cut with a handicap similar to an Enterprise) to deal with the heavier winds of winter.

Solo Sailors included Liz Wilcox, Rob Jones, Martin Rusk and occasionally Stephen Hunt when he had no crew available!

Trophy Winners 2008–2009 Season continued

DIVISIONAL TROPHIES

SUNDAY

		HELM	CREW
Division 1	Spring	R. Taggart	D. Roberts
Division 2	Spring	C. O'Brien	D. Greenall
Division 3	Spring	R. Lewis	E. Rees
Division 1	Autumn	T. Fillingham	K. Waine
Division 2	Autumn	C. O'Brien	D. Greenall
Division 3	Autumn	R. Lewis	M. Rusk

MONDAY

Division 1	NQ
Division 2	NQ
Division 3	NQ

PERSONAL HANDICAP

Handicap 1	R. Taggart	Handicap 2	C. O'Brien
Handicap 3	R. Lewis	Handicap 4	R. Taggart
Handicap 5	T. Fillingham	Handicap 6	C. O'Brien
Handicap 7	R. Taggart	Handicap 8	NQ
Handicap 9	NQ		

PILKINGTON S.C. 12 HOUR RACE TEAM

Team Managers - D. Greenall & R. Critchley
 Team Captain - Alan Roberts
 Team - Rebecca Cox, Anna Hampson, Rob Lea & Chelsey Stubbs

GRAHAM THOMPSON TROPHY for fastest lap in 12 hour race - No results available

PILKINGTON S.C. 24 HOUR RACE

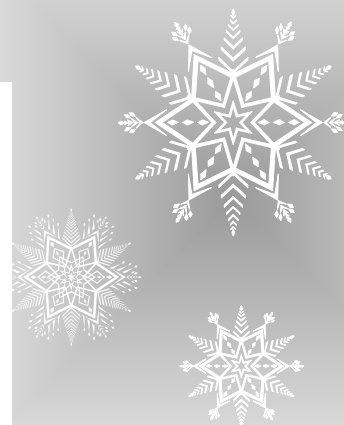
Team Manager - D. Greenall & D. Lee
 Fastest Lap 24 Hour Race - T. Fillingham

YOUNGEST CREW TROPHY Miles Gerrard

VICE PRESIDENTS' TROPHY C. O'Brien

Key

NQ—No Qualifiers



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Compound banter...

PILKINGTON SAILING CLUB

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The new website is working extremely well and is now being regularly updated with photos courtesy of photographers Sue Barton and Bill Wilcox. There have been some great photos up there so keep an eye out and I'm sure you'll find something you like.

After the dinner and prize giving, Trevor has asked me to put out a request for more cutlery so if you've got some hanging around the house unused or just have been thinking about renewing what you already have, then please bear us in mind before you throw it out.

Derek's Safety Boat Challenge day was also a great success. Apparently Rob Lea managed to break our RIB engine so Alan Boardman has been tinkering away and repairs are already in progress. Great fun was had by all however and I'm sure they all learnt a fair amount. Safety is one of the committee's main concerns and Safety Boat courses will be available at various points in the future. Watch this space for updates.

Becca Cox has attended her first Laser Open at Redesmere not too far from Macclesfield. Far from the relatively safe havens of the Topper events various amongst our youth have attended, the Laser Opens are not age restricted and have very many talented sailors taking part from around the area. In recent years this has become more evident with the promotion of the Laser to an Olympic class. Despite this she managed a brilliant 15th out of 30 and was in 2nd place around the first mark in one of the races. It will be a steep learning curve but we wish her luck with it.

The beginners' course is now just around the corner so if you can help out on a Thursday night please get in touch with Derek Lee to offer your services. Whether you are happy to go out in a boat with a beginner or would prefer just helping on the bank rigging boats or sorting life jackets, there is definitely something you can do!

Dates for your diary.

April 23—Beginners' Introduction evening

24,25,26 April—Rainhill High School Sailing Course

April 30 Beginners' first night on water

1,2,3 May - Rainhill High School Sailing Course

For Sale

For Sale - Topper 46019. 15 months old well looked after, worlds race rig, two sails plus lots of extras. £1650. Tel Caroline 07956494674

For Sale - 2 drysuits ladies small and junior, both with under fleeces £120 each. Tel Caroline 07956494674

