

# POOLE RADIO YACHT CLUB-

## NEWSLETTER— September 2012

Commodores Jottings.

Hello .

I want to start by saying, how sad I was to hear about the death of John Trimmer. As many of you will know John had not been well for quite some time. He will be remembered for the amount he Contributed to the club, and for the help and time he gave to so many members.

Well it's mid August, and if you are like me, waiting for the long warm summer evenings, I think that week of sunshine in May was probably all we are going to get. Sorry I forgot the few days at the beginning of the Olympics. (nice).

Well there are upsides to warm summer days and downsides. Both the Algje and Weed are back growing on our lake, so much so that any Serious racing will now have to go to Longham . It is all very sad . Please ensure to check on The Forum for events which may be moved.

Looking back to the end of June the lake looked good , we knew the weed was growing but it looked under control. It was around this time that Ray Steele and I got the Weed machine out with a view to rolling a part of the lake to try and keep it useable. This appeared to be successful but as many of you know there have been a lot of flies down around the lake, so the council having had loads of complaints decided to flush the lake to see if this would help with the flies. Well it may have , but it appears to have set the weed free ,and now after two more flushes the lake is unusable.

Since the last newsletter your committee has decided with much reluctance to reduce the amount of newsletters that are published each year, it is always difficult to find enough stories and bits to fill a newsletter . Now without John's contribution which was always tremendous as he contributed for the Scale section and the Laser Section , it is even harder. So now there will only be one newsletter each year .

At the moment the club's website is out of date. Your committee is trying to correct this, and hopefully will soon, but until then the club's forum is medium to get or pass on information.

Since the last newsletter the club has now run the first Ten Rater event for many years, this was the Nationals. This Event was run at Longham where all long fin events will be held as Poole is not now deep enough for these. David Munro was OOD assisted by Martin Houlton. Whilst there were only 9 entries, the event went well and it was an enjoyable weekend. If you want to see some photo's they are all up on Mike Millard's web site, along with the photo's from the Canada Cup. Again this was the first time this Marblehead event has been run for many years by Poole club. There were only 8 entries with only one entry from Poole club ?. OOD was yours truly assisted by David Munro. It went well with all getting 16 races each , they all enjoyed a nice Top suit wind coming from probably the best wind direction at Longham, the winner was Roger Stollery . Most of the sailors had not been to Longham before, they were very impressed by the facilities and the sailing water and want to return next year.

Well that's all for this report .  
See you at the Lake.

Peter.

## IN MEMORIAM

### **John Trimmer**

Poole Radio Yacht Club has suffered the profound loss of its Scale Secretary, John Trimmer. John joined the Club shortly after I re-joined about twelve years ago. It soon became evident that his background in the army was to be a considerable asset. When the position of Scale Secretary became vacant he embraced the job in his characteristic fashion. His enthusiasm knew no bounds. He was soon encouraging members to take part in local shows and Scale Days at the Club were always marked by flags, yards of bunting and a display of his many scale craft. He expanded his knowledge base of scale models and could always identify all the designs. He was instrumental in attracting many new members, engaging in conversation anyone passing who showed an interest.

He was the first to notice the introduction of the Laser into model racing and since it was technically a scale model he set about expanding the interest in the Club. He was so successful in this that we now have a fleet of over forty boats and they are by far the most popular racing class. His donation of the 'Trimmer Trophy', competed for every year, ensures that his name will never be forgotten.

In spite of his impact on the Club he was essentially a low profile man, quietly going about his job without fuss or bother. His written pieces in the Newsletter were legendary and he maintained a similar contact with the regional organisation (SWAMBAC).

You could always count on John to help you out. He was always there, supportive and exuding common sense and good humour. RIP John, you are sadly missed and will be impossible to replace.

Roy Cane.



## Scale Section News & views



What a hard act to follow! John if you are listening up there we really do miss you! RIP.

John bravely attended our scale meeting in May when we hosted the 2nd round of the SWAMBC small yacht racing. The weather was just right for such racing and a good days sailing was had by the four entrants. Thanks to Bob Beckett for agreeing to be the race officer. The day went of splendidly for John with a good turnout of boats and members.

What a change for our next day in June. Wet and windy with no chance of sailing, however the few brave souls who came enjoyed tea and cakes and a jolly good natter, putting the world to rights.

On the 5th August, despite a not too optimistic forecast, we enjoyed beautiful sunshine with plenty of boats on display and plenty of interest in them from members of the public. Perhaps we may gain some more members!! BUT, yes there always has to be a but, the dreaded weed has reappeared which meant that most of the motor driven boats stayed firmly on the tables with just the sail boats managing to find a small area to sail. We should have had the Vintage Yacht group visiting us on the day but we had warned them in advance about the weed problem and in the end just one member attended. Thanks for coming! The sun continued to shine throughout the day and when we reluctantly packed up at about 4.30pm we left two members gaily sailing on.

Finally two reminders,

1, we still need a new Scale Secretary so get in touch if you are interested and,

2, the next scale day is set for the 2nd September so come on down for a good old chat and coffee and cakes even if we can't sail!

Looking forward to seeing you all

Sheila Clark

### RADIO A NATIONALS

Although I must apologise for the lateness of this issue of the newsletter it has given an opportunity for a report on the Radio A Nationals which took place over the August bank holiday weekend. Because of the weed in our lake we were forced to run the racing at Longham .

17 boats turned up for the Saturday and were greeted with a blustery south westerly wind. PRO Peter Wiles set a fair course and kept the racing going at a reasonable pace, allowing skippers time to recover and rebuild boats where necessary. Along with usual Swords and Sweets their were a couple of new Gunboats on the water, three Venoms and a Skip! All skippers stayed behind for a buffet in the venue study centre kindly provided by Linda Munro and Leslie Wiles.

Day 2 started in glorious sunshine and a gentle WNW breeze, Pete Wiles set a course using the bank at 90 deg to Saturdays including a leeward gate. The earlier exchanges were tight with Ken Binks taking the 1st race from Graham Bantock, and the late arriving Colin Trower ( delayed by a charter in Croatian waters) taking the 2nd race from Graham. After this it became the GB show with Graham taking all the remaining races in the day. The rest of the fleet enjoyed some close racing although weed cost most skippers valuable points.

Day 3 and the wind swung round to SSW and allowed Pete Wiles to set a good length course parallel to the control area and although a port biased beat it had enough shifts in it to give everyone opportunity to make or lose ground. The top of the fleet was tight with the top skippers swapping places throughout the day, and even if Graham Bantock seemed to be too far ahead to be caught the fleet were starting to get worried when Darin Ballington (98) hit them with 3 straight wins and a 2nd place during the morning session, allowing him to leap frog over all but Graham. The tight nature of the event continued with all skippers recording both good and bad race results and the afternoon saw some tight racing, with the final placings only being decided late in the day After an enjoyable weekend sailing Radio A's, Graham Bantock is the 2012 MYA Radio A National Champion. Ken Binks, Darin Ballington and Dave Andrews fought it out for 2nd,3rd & 4th places

David Munro

You'll have heard, by now, of the sad demise of John Trimmer and you'll remember what an enthusiastic contributor to this newsletter he was. Sad to say, your committee has taken the decision to reduce its issue to once per year. It has been difficult for many years to find willing contributors and now without John's writings we have decided to limit its publication. The last issue this year will appear in November and will contain all the usual paperwork associated with the AGM, to be held in December.

Having got that out of the way, let's talk about the sailing! As I write this the weather has just begun to perk up. People are appearing in droves to enjoy their weekly competitions. That is, the IOM's and the Lasers are but where are the RA's in their Sunday slot. We will have to think seriously about the class of boat scheduled for Sundays if this keeps up. Having said that I gave up my A class because it became too much to handle. When they're on the water they're beautiful to behold but trying to launch and retrieve in a stiff breeze on a lee shore is a bit much as you get older. Nevertheless we still have a number of A's in the club which have not seen the light of day for a long time. "Don't do as I do but do as I say" - as I've heard remarked.

Since I wrote the previous paragraph the dreaded weed is back, giving us problems. The Council is once again taking professional advice and a little bird tells me that the advice may be to flush the lake regularly to establish a proper marine environment. At present the lake is neither fish nor fowl (a rather apt expression) and the way forward may be to correct this.

Sheila Clark is handling the work of the Scale Secretary at the moment but she has her own job as Treasurer to perform. She will want to hand it over to some knowledgeable scale person as soon as possible. We have quite a large scale section and there must be someone out there positively busting his boots to do the job. Don't be shy - step forward and apply. With the AGM coming up you could be doing the job by Christmas! Think about it. A seat on the committee; a chance to influence the direction of the Club. Now don't all rush at once, we can only process so many applications.

Roy Cane.

<p><b>CHERBOURG TRIP</b>                  An invitation has been extended to us by Le Club Roger Delarocque in Cherbourg who are hosting an event to celebrate their 60th anniversary on 29th September. This will coincide with a visit by the Poole Twinning Committee.                  If any club members are interested in a trip to Cherbourg contact David Warhurst on 01202 696295</p>	<p><b>BOAT STORE DIFFICULTIES</b>                  Most you will be aware that we struggle for storage space on the boat store. In trying to maximise the space available for members boats we are finding it difficult because of the large number of items whose owners are unidentifiable.                  It would help tremendously if all those with items in the boatshed were to have their name displayed on it or, if take it home if possible</p>
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