

**COUNCIL NEWS**

The following members were elected to the committees at the AGM on Sunday 10th December, 2006:

Council

President	Albert Little
Commodore	Adrian Brooks
Hon. Sailing Secretary	Paul Salmon
Hon Works Secretary	Peter Glynn
Asst. Treasurer	Malcolm Jones
Rear Commodore – House	Yvonne Savage
Vice Commodore	John Marsh
Hon. Membership Secretary	Brian Taylor
Hon. Fishing Secretary	Vacant
Hon. House Committee Secretary	Lynn Clark
Rear Commodore – Works	Peter Carpenter
Hon. Treasurer	Judith Chadwick
Hon. Secretary	Allan Bell
Hon. Offshore Secretary	Paul Savage
Hon. Newsletter Editors	Vacant
Hon. Publicity Officer	Vacant
Council Members (3)	Jon Haines, Linda McShane, C McClung

House Committee (14)

Vera McClung
Tina Morris
Tina Mann
Nikki Cusack
Mary Carpenter
Margaret Taylor
Kate Salmon
Joy Shaw
Irene Eccles
Debra Holmes
Bernadette Hartigan
Alyson Brooks

Sailing Committee

Class Captain – Laser	Mark Jackson
Class Captain – Enterprise	David Holmes
RS Class Captain	Rik Marsh
Class Captain – Junior	Frances Holmes
Bosun	Michael Fallon
Assistant Bosun	Graham Steel
Racing Officer	Peter Finney
Assistant Racing Officer	Vacant
Berthing Officer	Ray Cumley
Training Officer	Adam Savage
Rules Officer	Vacant
Prize/Awards Officer	Judith Bailey
Sailing Comm. Members	Paul Savage Dave Woodhead

There are still vacancies on all the committees waiting to be filled. **All** committee members are volunteers who also have other commitments, the more members we can get to become involved helps to spread the workload.

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ANY OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS IF YOU FEEL YOU CAN OFFER SOME INPUT INTO HELPING RUN YOUR SAILING CLUB.

THANKS

We would like to thank all those members who have served on Committees during the past year and have now retired from office.

MARCH WORKS WEEKENDS

Yes, it's that time of year again. We will be working the first four weekends in March both Saturday and Sunday. The day usually starts about 10 am and finishes about 5 pm with a free lunch provided (but you will have to pay for the beer!), even if you can only spare a couple of hours, it all helps.

The major project this year is the refurbishment of the ladies toilets and changing room (the ladies are jealous after seeing the new men's toilets). The floor in the men's showers will be professionally re-sealed to prevent further leakage into the ladies toilets so it is now worth while making a good job of them.

Other jobs that need completing during March include:-

Finish painting new fire doors; Repair potholes in lane; Re-pipe overflow from header tanks; Replace damaged ceiling tiles in main room; Replace centre and right hand fluorescent lights over lounge windows; Replace garden fence; Replace broken cladding over OD's cabin; Cut back bushes scrape and clean lane; Re-point chimney; Repair concrete edges of dinghy park; Fill holes in car park; Repair rail covers on boat shed doors.

Please bring with you any tools you feel may be useful. If there are any of these jobs that you would like to undertake/organise please give Peter Carpenter a ring on 01204 883977 for further details

**OFFSHORE/HOUSE EVENT – WEDNESDAY MARCH 28th 2007 – 20:00**

A taste of the highlands of Scotland – an illustrated talk by Geoff Entwistle featuring the beautiful waters & views around the Inner Hebrides. Also a taste of Scottish fayre to tempt the palette- This will be an evening not to miss if you have ever sailed or intend to visit the area. Geoff is a very experienced sailor and will give a very informed talk.

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2007

The new Council have agreed the fees for the 2007/08 season. As always it is a balance between our earnings and outgoings but the improved income is due to the hard work by members of the House Committee and the commitment of Dave and Lisa. Their combined efforts show the club is becoming an attractive venue, both for prospective members and for external bookings. As members can observe for themselves we need the extra revenue to update our facilities and build up our assets.

The Council is conscious that our Social members, who use the club to meet friends and to keep in touch, pay for this pleasure. Accordingly we are reducing the cost of both Social and Family Social Membership and hope to increase our Social members and make better use of the club. Likewise our Fishing membership is very low, despite large catches which have been reported in the local press and by reducing the subs; we hope to encourage further entries. Fishing members however have general use of the Clubhouse but have no vote at general meetings.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The membership fees set this year after a freeze for two years. A small increase is in line with the Retail Price Index.

	Fees	Discounted
Family	258	238
Full	190	175
Family Social	60	55
Social	40	37
U21	40	37
Junior	30	27
Country	25	23
Fishing	25	23

Please pay your Membership subs as soon as you can as this helps the club finances during a lean part of the year as well as saving yourselves a bob or two by using the "Discounted Fee".

Please spend a few minutes and complete the attached MEMBERSHIP DETAILS FORM as it is appreciated that member's details change throughout the year, especially mobile/ fixed telephone numbers and email addresses as the club can make regular and substantial savings by sending the newsletter by email.

The club offers a direct debit scheme using Premium Credit which for a charge of 7% will allow you to pay over ten months. If you are a present user please inform the Membership Secretary of your continued use or cancellation this year. Premium Credit have also informed us that owing to changes in the Finance Act new members/users will have a different form to complete while existing members will be contacted by Premium Credit themselves.

To qualify for the Discounted Fee rate payment should be made **before** Sunday 1st April 2007. Many Thanks.

Brian Taylor (Membership Secretary)

A couple of photos from Dave's half term training session.



Newsletter Editor position is vacant, if the post is not filled, we will endeavour to inform you about ongoing events, news, etc. This will primarily be by email notification. If you have not received any email circulars recently, then it is likely that I lost your email address when my pc conked out, if you want to be on the circulation list, please send me an email. ajbrooks@btinternet.com

SAILING NEWS

Elton SC Snowflake Handicap Series

Sundays until 25th February 2007, handicap and topper starts.

Again this is proving to be a popular Series, Sunday 14th Jan the boat count was an amazing **thirty seven**

With the big fleets of handicap & Toppers, we need to have at least two (preferably three) safety boats out on the water at all times. If you are not up for sailing but feel you can offer assistance to the Race Officer (eg safety cover) it would be appreciated. Just bring your gear down with you & offer your services to the Race Officer.

Message to all Junior Topper sailors, this fleet is turning out to be very competitive, we have visitors from several local clubs competing in this series, this is a good opportunity to develop your skills & hopefully bring the trophy back home

Please note: The start time for the 1st race is 12:00 throughout the series.

Licensed bar & hot & cold food available.

RACE OFFICER DUTIES

Race Officer Duty is done on a voluntary basis, but it is one of the most important duties in the club. Please complete your duties so all members can benefit from the clubs' facilities.

Elton SC Snowflake Series 2007

February

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Again I would just like to emphasis the importance of having adequate cover throughout the Snowflake Series. If you can offer your services, please bring your gear down & see the Race Officer, ideally we want seven people on duty.

BERTHING

Berthing payments are now due; the 2007 berthing form is available from the members' area of the website or from the club.

OFFSHORE NEWS

Due to a clash of dates with the Clyde challenge, the April event will take place from Thursday 26th to Sunday 29th April. A signing up sheet will be up on the notice board shortly.

Regards, Paul

JUNIOR NEWS

NW topper zone squad members from Elton progressing well in difficult conditions - we have only had one day out of 6 where it's been less than force 4! (Hail squalls yesterday at L+L)

After last years successful sortie to Lake Garda for the Topper World Championships, plans are underway again for the return trip to this year's event at the end of Aug (watch this space).

Emily Jackson was invited to a four day Elite athlete camp at Loughborough Uni. Ninety seven 14-17 yr olds from sailing, rowing, canoeing, cycling and triathlon. Coaches included 5 previous Olympic medallists including **Dame Kelly Holmes** and current Elite GBR members. Very inspiring for kids and parents alike.

Mark Jackson

ALL GIRLS PROGRAMME 2007

Harriet M, Anna C, Sally B and Lucy J, are selected for training camps

After the success of the All-Girls camps last year, ITCA(GBR) and the RYA are offering two camps for female sailors in the 'north' and two for female sailors in the 'south' this year as detailed below.

Subsidised by the RYA and supported by ITCA the camps will be run by Dave Cockerill (RYA National Coach) and three professional female coaches. 27 places are available for each camp. Attendance at both camps in your region is expected.

The camps are aimed at girls of junior and youth ages. Priority will be given to Zone Squaddies, National Squaddies and above. If more than 27 sailors apply, places will be offered on a discretionary basis but based on age, results, recommendation from coaches, willingness to attend both camps in your region and perceived future potential.

Remember putting time in on the water is the fastest way to improve. Watch the weather forecasts and get out when you can over the winter. With the right gear and a moderate wind it can be as warm as summer!

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

PAST EVENTS

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY (UNDER 8's) 2nd DECEMBER - Another triumph for the club – the children had a wonderful time. Games, songs, magician and food were all superb many thanks to Vic & Vera for their superb organisational skills, and not forgetting thanks to Father Christmas who arrived in fine style.

SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER OVER 8's CHRISTMAS POOL PARTY - Wet and Wild Fun time enjoyed by the over 8's at Radcliffe Pool followed by a supper and games session at the club.

BRASS BAND NIGHT 13TH DECEMBER – ROCHDALE (AWARD WINNING) YOUTH BAND - Mulled wine and mince pies were devoured with gusto as guests to our annual Brass band carol night enjoyed a wonderful evening of good music from the excellent Rochdale Youth Brass Band. It was a chance to sing your heart out to some well known festive tunes and catch up with friends.

FRIDAY 22nd DECEMBER Log Fire & Nibbles – This proved to be a very popular event, to enjoy drinks and relax by the log fire.

ELTON'S NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

It was certainly a night to remember. Think Stars in Their Eyes meets the silver screen mingled with a touch of



Keystone cops, a dose of Disney and the odd nun on the run and you'll gather you should have been there. Pirates of the Caribbean, courtesy of Dave Reid and Joy put Johnny Depp and Keira Knightly to shame so swashbucklingly splendid were their costumes whilst The King – Eddie....oops Elvis of course was there rubbing shoulders in his skin tight (painful) white cat suit with none other than Cleopatra or should that be "cleavage-patra" Tina? Ged made a fine Mark Anthony but should stick to pants not skirts, whilst our Commodore had escaped from Alcatraz complete with ball and chain and Policewoman Alyson Brooks in hot pursuit. Yvonne resplendent as a nun had fierce competition from a rather pregnant looking convent colleague who in the course of the evening produced a baby! And then there was Rob Gascoigne who made a very scary not to mention hairy looking Looby Loo with a much prettier Andy Pandey. The characters were all around from gay cowboys to saloon girl courtesy of Paul and Kate Salmon, Sgt Pepper popped up as did Willy, who came as well.....willy and you really did have to be there to get that one. But the night belonged to Elton's youngsters with the tiniest of all being three year old Birthday girl Mollie as a fish from Finding Nemo whilst her Grandma bravely carried off a cow outfit complete with full frontal udders! The prizes in the end went to none other than Geoff Entwistle as an amazing Shrek with Tina Morris receiving honours for her incredible seamstressing skills. Sean Taylor as a menacing Ninja won the kids prize along with Mollie. A fantastic fun packed night with lots of lovely food, great company and a wonderful way to see in the New Year. Be there in 2007!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS – JUST A COUPLE OF DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY:

SATURDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2007 – "SNOWFLAKE SOCIAL!" – 8.00PM - HOT POT SUPPER AND QUIZ EVENING ADULTS, £5.00 JUNIOR MEMBERS £3.00

SATURDAY 14TH APRIL – LAUNCHING SUPPER – FULL DETAILS TO BE GIVEN IN NEXT NEWSLETTER

A full programme of events will be displayed from the end of March, following the works parties – when we hope to have a new or refurbished notice board.

**PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO FILL IN THE MEMBERSHIP DETAILS FORM BELOW
& HAND IN WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT**

Your Membership Details:

Please fill in your details so the Clubs records are up to date

Membership Status Date
Enter type: Family/Full/Family Social/Social/Country/Under 21/Junior/Fishing

Surname

First Name

Address

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Post Code

Home Phone

Works Phone

Mobile

Email

(Please ensure that you insert your email details clearly in order to receive information and the Newsletter)

Child 1		D.O.B		In full time education	Y/N
Child 2		D.O.B		In full time education	Y/N
Child 3		D.O.B		In full time education	Y/N
Child 4		D.O.B		In full time education	Y/N

Delete as appropriate

Is Direct Debit required or to be continued: Y/N

Please enclose the appropriate membership fee and return to the Steward or Membership Secretary at Elton Sailing Club. (Details of 2007/8 fees are on the Notice board & in the January/February Newsletter)

Thank you

Brian Taylor
Membership Secretary