



MKSC

Newsletter - October 2018

Upcoming Events

Oct '18

13th/14th Leader Open—MKSC

13th/14th Oct—MK Cup (Haversham S.C.)

14th Youth Squad—MKSC

20th MKBYSA Racing—Youth—Emberton Park S.C.

Nov '18

4th, 18th & 25th Youth Squad—MKSC

17th NSSA Trials—Youth—Haversham SC

Dec '18

8th Youth Squad—MKSC

8th Laying Up Supper

26th Boxing Day Race

Reintroduction of the MKSC Newsletter

Welcome to our Newsletter. We felt it would be a good idea to reintroduce it so that we can let you guys know what is going on in and around the club. Whether it is sailing events we are hosting, events that are coming up that are external but of interest to



the membership or social events where we would try and encourage you to come down and join in.

Perhaps you haven't been down for a while and would like to dust off your dinghy covers and have a go, perhaps you need a bit of confidence, but remember, we're a friendly bunch, pop down one Sunday and get the bug back.

Cobnor Point, Chichester Harbour 2018

David Pickett fell in love with the



concept of dinghy cruising at one of the RYA Dinghy Shows and from this

he decided to organise a number of social sailing weekends. I was lucky enough to be able to attend the Chichester Harbour visit to Cobnor Point at the end of August.

This particular event has grown and saw



just under 30 sailors turning up to camp and sail for a fabulous weekend. David did an amazing job of organizing the event and

more importantly sorted the weather so that we had blue skies, wall-to-wall sunshine and kind winds.

Many different types of boats and sailors attended, including single and double handers but we also saw the inclusion of one of our members bringing their

RIB, which although was not an official safety boat, was reassuring to have on the water. Many of the sailors ventured out of the harbour, but everybody enjoyed the adventures of finding an ice-cream shop or visiting the local pub for lunch and refreshments.

The group was a fabulous mix of age groups including many children and dogs.

On a personal note, I would like to thank David and his family for organising this as I'm sure it's like trying to round up kittens, but also to everybody who attended including some familiar faces who have sadly moved away.

Sarah Glavin



China 2018 Topper Worlds—Cat Albone



This summer I went on a once in a life time adventure. I took part in the International Topper Class World Championships in China. It took over 2 days to get to the sailing club as our flight was delayed but when we got there it was worth it. Our hotel rooms overlooked the marina and we could see the little islands dotted in the sea on the horizon. We arrived in the morning, so we had our first Chinese breakfast which was rice and noodles. This is what we would be eating for the 8 days to follow! After our breakfast I registered and had the mission of finding my charter boat. Once I found it, I rigged it and checked everything worked. With the boat sorted we headed back to the room with two giant pot noodles as we were both too tired to stay until dinner time!

The next day I was supposed to be training with the GBR team, however the Chinese government had a typhoon warning so banned all sailing or swimming in the water! So, with an afternoon spare we went to explore the local fishing village, a 20-minute walk away. There were lots of bicycles and little shops that sold pretty much everything! We went for some drinks in a restaurant where you could pick the fish you wanted for lunch out of the giant tanks! This was just a little introduction into Chinese culture and a taste of what was to come! We headed back to the sailing centre for the opening ceremony which was quite spectacular, and I enjoyed meeting my friends from around the world that I had met at previous World Championships.

The first day of racing turned out to be just like the rest of the event- drifting around for 6 hours because there was no wind or waiting on shore for 4

hours to be sent out and brought back in again! In the end we only managed 2 races which were interesting (as the wind and the tide were pretty much the same speed!) so this meant that there was no official world champion, however there was an event winner who was from the UK. I was proud of my final position of 38th especially as I had been feeling poorly for so long.

With the sailing event finished we packed our bags and got an early night before our 4am start the next day. We had a 2-and-a-half-hour plane journey where we were met by a local tour guide who told us all about Xian the City Walls and Terra-cotta Army. After our two days in Xian we said good bye to our local tour guide and got on the high-speed train to Beijing. This took 5 hours, so we arrived at 11:30pm. The next day we went to Tiananmen Square and the forbidden city, both were very busy and crowded. We also went on a rickshaw ride and to a traditional acrobatic show, both were terrifying! On our last day we climbed the great wall of China which was incredibly steep as well as going to a local market where I enjoyed haggling over Michael Kors watches for £5! Then it was back to Britain and back to eating Weetabix for breakfast instead of noodles and water melon!

Catherine Albone

Topper sailor and MKSC member

Happy Birthday MKSC

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On the 30th June, we celebrated our 40th Anniversary by holding a special 40 sails race.

The hardest part of the day was trying to get all the boats together, in a photograph on the start line!

This was followed by the fantastic BBQ and

social afterwards. Here's to the next 40 years.

For interest, there is some lovely film footage showing the boats on the water—go to

<https://mksc.org.uk/30th-june-mksc-40-years>

MKSC

turns 40

years Old

MKBYSA—Youth—NSSA July 2018



The Milton Keynes and Bucks Youth Sailing Association continue to organize a monthly racing event at one of the four lakes: Haversham S.C., Emberton Park S.C., Great Moor S.C. and Milton Keynes S.C.

In November, Haversham host the trials to decide who, out of the youth, can go forward to compete at the NSSA Regatta which is held in the following July. We pleased to say that MKSC had a large contin-

gency as part of the team. They had a fabulous week at Datchet Water although there wasn't very much wind for much of the week.

Well done to all the racers. They all achieved great results in all fleets.

Racing Awards and Handicaps



Watch the website for more information, but we are hoping to introduce more regular prize winning events. We are currently looking at our racing, the timing, the format, the handicaps and the awards, to make it a more inclusive ceremony.

One of the possible suggestions is the inclusion of a personal handicap. What is this? We hear you ask. If there are four boats that take place in a race which are ranked in order of those over the winning line first, if you look at the results for a particular race, you will see a BCR number. This tells you, the handicap figure you would need to have to achieved first place.

This sounds easy to calculate, but of course, we don't always get the same results in every race. We are currently investigating the feasibility and how much work it is for the volunteers who keep the scores updated on the website and in Sail-wave.



Formed in 1978 with the primary objective of promoting the sport of sailing in Milton Keynes. The club has a friendly and informal atmosphere, and visitors are always welcome to call into the club if they want see the facilities or need information regarding sailing membership. The club is affiliated to the RYA, and is an accredited training centre. RYA Level 1 and 2 courses in are run in both the spring and summer. You can sail throughout the year, however the canoe club and rowing clubs have a couple of exclusive evening sessions during the week and early sessions at the weekend. Racing takes place all day on Sundays throughout the year and on Wednesday evenings, light permitting. The club has its own Safety and Committee boats that are manned by RYA qualified Coxswains during all formal club water based activities. The club also has a number of single-handed and two-man dinghies available for use by club members, providing they can sail to the required RYA Level 2 standard.

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