

# NEWPORT USKMOUTH SAILING CLUB



## THE PENNANT AUGUST 07



### “Phew – What a Scorcher!”

...was not a phrase I heard much over the last few months. If you did manage to get a bit of sailing in this summer, I hope you enjoyed it even if it wasn't always in the weather, location or direction you planned. However with another 2 months before the recovery there is still time to get out and enjoy the delights of sailing from NUSC.

If do you have any trips planned and are able to accommodate some more crew, Ray Ford has a list of new members who are keen to gain more sailing experience. Please contact Ray if you can help.



You may have noticed the arrival of an attractive new weather vane outside the club near the slipway. This was made by Ray Ford's nephew. Although the vane is modelled on Ray's boat, Moonraker, members can be reassured that the vane does actually point into the wind!

*Andrew Preece*

### The NUSC Regatta Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September

Races Start at 09:00 on Saturday and 0930  
Sunday

Fast and Slow Handicap fleets  
Barbecue & Disco on Saturday Night.

Why not bring your tent or caravan and  
really make a weekend of it?

### Something To look Out For

Waters in the west of the British Isles are bracing themselves for an invasion - of plastic ducks. But there is a reward on their heads, because their American distributor, First Years Inc, is (allegedly) offering a \$100 reward for every one returned.

30,000 'Friendly Floatees', comprising yellow ducks, red beavers, green frogs, and blue turtles, escaped after their container was washed off a container ship in the North Pacific. That was 15 years ago, and since then many have been washed up in Indonesia, Australia, and South America.

However about 10,000 drifted through the Bering Strait and Arctic into the Atlantic and are now making their way towards Britain, a journey of some 17,000 miles. The ducks are expected to make their landfall over the next few months, with the first wave arriving in southern Ireland and the South West of England.



And something else that is yellow and should be looked out for...

ABB's Notice to mariners No 4 of 2007 contains the following warning.

NASH POINT TO SAND POINT

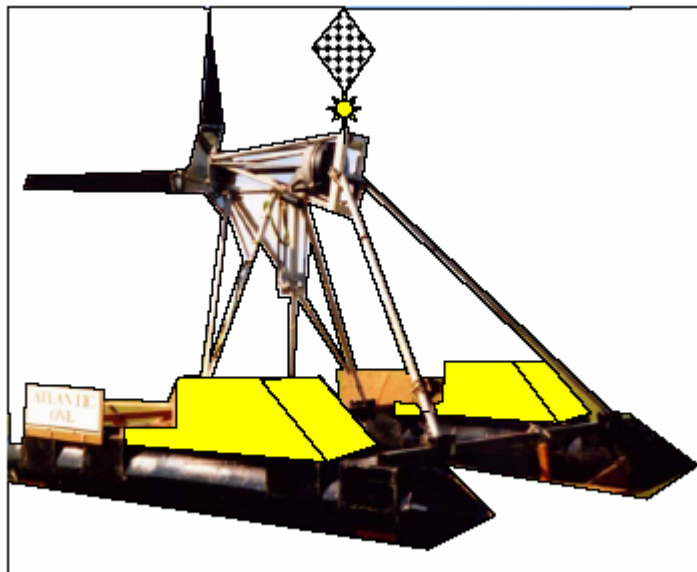
**DEPLOYMENT OF TWO EXPERIMENTAL FLOATING WIND TURBINES SOUTH OF SAINT DONAT'S POINT**

Notice is hereby given that in the period 20th August 2007 to 30 April 2008 two experimental wind turbines mounted on 3 metre long catamarans will be moored 500 metres south of Atlantic College, St. Donats Point, South Wales in position:

**Latitude: 51° 23.7' North Longitude: 003° 31.8' West.**

The superstructure of each wind turbine will be painted yellow, topped with a radar reflector and yellow light with a characteristic of one flash every 2.5 seconds. The catamaran hulls will be black. [See attached diagram]. No sea to shore cables will be used. During the period of deployment one or both experimental wind turbines may be taken ashore. When off station the wind turbine's position will be marked by unlit yellow mooring buoys.

Mariners are advised to navigate with caution in the vicinity of the experimental wind turbines, ideally giving them a clearance of not less than 100 metres.



## Training News

As summer draws to its conclusion, your thoughts must be turning to autumn and how are you going to keep occupied when your boat is nicely 'tucked up' for winter.

The answer is NUSC's Day Skipper classes on Tuesday evenings. Come along, meet new people, make friends, learn lots and get yourself a qualification on the way.

The course is run over 25 weeks and covers all aspects of the RYA syllabus, studying topics such as navigation, weather, caring for crew, rules and seamanship, knots and more....

Enrolment will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 19.00hrs, which will give you

the opportunity to find out more and classes will start the following Tuesday (11<sup>th</sup>) at 19.00. Classes normally finish at 21.00 and the club bar will be open afterwards, giving you the opportunity to regain your sanity.....

The cost of the course will be £115 with a £10 reduction for NUSC members.

Any queries please contact Julia on 07974719985 or email [training2006@nusc.co.uk](mailto:training2006@nusc.co.uk)

# Racing Matters.

## Perseverance Race

I am pleased to say the Perseverance Race was well attended with PROTEUS winning the slow fleet and CEOL MOR the fast. Redeye came last but we still had a very enjoyable day and I'm looking forward to next year. Well done and thanks to everyone involved.

It's sure to be mentioned elsewhere in this Pennant but don't forget our forthcoming regatta. 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> of Sept.

## September series

In previous years as the season has progressed, interest in the Knickertwister and Tide races has dwindled. This season has been no different. So we will try something different and run the last 4 scheduled races of the year (using the dates already given in the hand book) as a separate September series.

The club has some unused silverware that can be dusted off so the races will be run with separate fast and slow fleets. There will be **2 Non-spinnaker** evening races using basic Knickertwister ratings. (No deductions to ratings after 1<sup>st</sup> race) and **2 Tide races** using standard club ratings.

Race 1,	Saturday 8th	Start 16:30
Race 2,	Tuesday 11th	Start 19:00 (No Spinnakers)
Race 3,	Saturday 22nd	Start 15:00
Race 4,	Thursday 27th	Start 19:00 (No Spinnakers)

The best 3 results to count. Scoring will be: 1 point for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> etc any boat starting but not completing the course will be given 1 point more than the number of starters. For all series races not started by competitors they will be given 1 more point than entries for the series.

Unless more senior members know of reasons why we shouldn't use them the trophies will be:

Fast fleet .....Millennium Shield , Slow fleet the .....Girling Challenge Cup

Remember the sailing year is coming to a close so use this as a reason to play. After all it's why we have boats. We can earn back brownie points later. .

**Mike Jones-Downing**

Sailing Secretary

### NORMAN ELLIOTT

It is very sad to report that Norman Elliott passed away suddenly on 23 rd June.

Norman trained in the motor industry and was keenly interested in motor bikes, which became a hobby throughout the family. Norman joined the CEGB at Uskmouth Power Station and subsequently becoming a member of NUSC in 1968. With a wealth of practical experience, he was always willing to share with others and was ever ready to help when members' efforts at maintenance exceeded their skill. Members at Uskmouth are always ready with advice --- Norman's could be relied on!

At Uskmouth, Norman owned *Ola*, *Lylebet*, *Sierra Delta* and *Genevieve*, on which he and Pam proudly sailed the Channel. When Genevieve was sold within the Club, Norman continued to indulge his and Pam's love of the sea on ocean cruises.

Norman was Commodore of the Club in 1988. He brought quiet efficiency and support for all sections of the Club. Our sympathy goes out to Pam at her loss. Norman will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Ivor Preece

### WORK HOURS

Unfortunately, whilst we are already half way through the club year, you would not be able to guess this from looking at the work hours book. You are reminded that not only do you need to do your hours but that details of the work done needs to be recorded in the work hours book (kept in the bar area of the lounge) and verified by a flag officer.

There is a list of jobs to be done on the notice board – sign up early and avoid the end of year rush. Don't forget all up coming events will need club cleaning efforts on the Friday before the event. In addition, it is intended to improve the electrical supply to the compound area. To enable this, the fence area at the back of the compound requires clearing of weeds and brambles. Contact Ian Donovan or Alex Liberson if you wish to help.

### More Dates For Your Diary

#### Trafalgar Night

**Celebrate Nelson's Victory over the French in the traditional manner.**

**Join us for curry & rice on Saturday 20th October in a fun-filled fancy dress evening in the club house.**

**Tickets £8**

#### Laying Up Supper

**Saturday 10th of November**

**4 Course Dinner**

**Live Music**

**More details soon**

### Membership News

We currently have 156 members.

Congratulations to Andrew Crichton on the purchase of Rizon Shine a Hunter Horizon 27 and to Brian Davies on the purchase of his Mirage 28. Your lives will never be the same again. I would also like to offer a warm welcome to Jonathan Leach who has recently joined.

Comments on this issue, or contributions for future issues of the Pennant can be made in person to the Editor, Andrew Preece, sent by post to the club, or by email to [aquila@nusc.co.uk](mailto:aquila@nusc.co.uk).