



The Month of July at Lancing Sailing Club

It was a busy start to July at the Club when on the weekend Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th LSC hosted an open meeting for the Aero Class sailing dinghy. 13 boats including 6 visitors came to the event. Forecasts for the event had caused some doubt which proved to be the case resulting in



the Saturday racing being cancelled. However, the racing did take place on the Sunday with two races in the morning and two races in the afternoon. A great event supported by volunteers within the Club. Congratulations to the highest Lancing helm Will Apps.

Maintenance of the Club especially in its seafront location is an ongoing issue. This month's big task was to replace the winch cable with a brand new cable which helps take the effort out of bringing the heavier dinghies and rescue boats up the beach. Big shout out to Mike C (the Winch Master) and his assistant Barry.

This has been a great summer for the beach but not so for gardens and water supplies. Whilst not directly affected by hosepipe bans in the area the Club has decided to stop the use of the hosepipe to wash boats down on the beach to play our part in preserving water. No doubt it will rain soon.

The Club runs inhouse sailing training on Saturdays through the season when the tides are lower. This is to help our less experienced helms and crews pick up tips and experience to take them on through to the next step. We often see 10 boats out on the water with sailors of different ages. It includes Sammy who is using the sailing as part of completing his Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The first Summer series races concluded on Sunday 13th with all six races of the series being sailed. Top spots went to Andy C (Aero) in the fast fleet, Tom W in his Laser/ICLA 7 medium fleet and Angela D in her Topper for the slow fleet.



On Saturday 19th July after a great deal of time, effort and planning by Gill our Social Secretary and all her team the Club hosted a family fun day with the main aim of raising funds for the Shoreham Lifeboat. There was a good turnout with members bringing items for a buffet lunch. Despite variable weather as shown in these photos, great variety of fun was had on the beach with paddleboard and kayak racing,



a sailing pursuit race, as well as some beach games for our younger members. A great day of fun under the sun and it kept Graham behind the bar busy. The event and generosity of those who attended meant that we went along way towards the annual donation to the lifeboat which we hope will be over £500.



Mid afternoon during the pursuit race we also had an unexpected visitor from the sea. An intrepid French sea kayaker, Philippe Dormir from Rennes who is travelling on this leg of his four year journey from Poole to London. He arrived from Felpham and was welcomed by our everyone at our social. Being supported in his journey along the Channel Coast by sailing clubs and other water based organisations he was welcomed at Lancing SC. He stored his kayak overnight and was put up by club members Ed and Erica before his onward eastbound journey along the coast.

You can follow his adventures here:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565931642082>



Every Wednesday from May to the end of August and beyond depending on the weather, the sea swimmers, kayakers and SUPs meet up for on and in water activities, followed by drinks and fish and chips at the club. New members always welcome.



The great summer which we have enjoyed had a pause on Sunday 20th, a choppy force 5 wind and breakers on the beach meant no sailing. Perhaps Graham had been too busy the day before.

As we move into August there is plenty to look forward to in the coming month Our second Battle of the Beaches of the season where sailors from Lancing and Shoreham Sailing Clubs sail for bragging rights. Many congratulations to Will Apps who came third in a very challenging race. And whilst noting that congratulations too to Pete Matthews who came 12th out of a fleet of over 140 in the Aero worlds in Quiberon.

More training coming up on the 16th followed by another pursuit race, two days of sailing over the bank holiday weekend, and then the Wednesday evening series will come to an end and will be celebrated with a Greek night at the Club before the month ends with 8 races over two days of sailing with the Club Championships.

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