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## CSSA AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES - WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND 2012

Many CSSA members will have watched the 2012 Olympic Sailing events at Weymouth and Portland this summer, either in person or more likely on television. In fact TV turned out to be a good option, with BBC's interactive graphics showing the boats' tracks and on-board TV cameras that showed the crews in action, including one helm who was washed overboard and recovered by her crew after a broach!

In common with other sports in the Olympics and Paralympics this year, the events were supported by teams of volunteers or "Games Makers". Civil Service Sailing is proud to introduce one such team above, all working with the common aim of making the sailing events a success.

Our General Secretary - John Figgures - was a volunteer, an official measurer at Weymouth and Portland; you can see him on the far RH side of the picture. John explains his role on Page 3.

## Commodore's Corner

Our Commodores are all at sea!

With our Commodores active on the water now that summer is here, we are resting their literary skills this month, but they will be back in January's magazine. Then we will hear from our two rear-Commodores; Chris Malone (RC Offshore) and Eddie Pope (RC Dinghies.) Two for the price of one!

### Good news from our Membership Secretary

#### CSSA Membership Progress 2012

Since the CSSA and CSSC membership requirements were opened up, and the CSSA subs reduced to the CSSC basic annual rate of £43.20 (£38.88 if over 65yrs old) the CSSA membership numbers have been rising dramatically, and in 2012 over 330 new members have joined for sailing already and the magazine goes to over 2000 addresses.

If you know anyone who is interested in sailing or would like to try it, please spread the word and join them as either a qualified or linked CSSC member. All levels of training are available on the club yachts, and club details or membership forms are available at: -

[www.cs-sailing.org](http://www.cs-sailing.org) or from me.

[kenwpavitt@aol.com](mailto:kenwpavitt@aol.com)

### Your help is needed on Intranet publicity

Many of those eligible for CSSC / CSSA membership work in large Public Sector organisations where an Intranet is one of the ways used to communicate with staff. The information shared in this way can include many of the old Human Resources (HR) subjects such as employment issues; this might include sports and leisure and wellbeing information and opportunities. (Or of course these functions may be outsourced all together!)

CSSA could usefully advertise internally by a link, a picture, a leaflet or similar feed to information on sailing. BUT, we don't have access to your Intranets - you have to be on the inside! Can you help? Can you help get us a link to the CSSC / CSSA website or similar put on your Intranet? If you can please let us have your ideas, mail [civilservicesailing@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:civilservicesailing@yahoo.co.uk) using Intranet Publicity as the subject. Thank you. David Richards. (Publicity)

## KEN RUST

*An obituary written by Ted Giles. Ken died in July.*

It was my good fortune, as a member of AMWD, to be posted to Cyprus in 1960 and to spend a good deal of my leisure at the hospitable Ladies Mile Sailing Club at Akrotiri. I was new to dinghy sailing, but was soon trusted with a Firefly. A veteran at the club was Ken Rust who was sailing an Albacore. With sailing club socials and office contacts our families soon became good friends.

We were posted home to the London area and it was only natural that we should join Littleton, that we should take in some offshore sailing. and that we should crew in many of the CSSA events. There were Cowes Rallies and Annual Dinners and, after a while, Inter-Departmental Offshore Races and Weymouth Jollies. There were also General Committee Meetings and Training Cruises. When CSSA acquired its yacht we played our part in getting full use out of it by taking three-day introductory cruises that Ken administered as Yacht Secretary and we talked things over at lunch times in Victoria Street.

When POG pontoons arrived Ken joined the syndicate for Hugh's yacht Elite and they invited me often on thoroughly enjoyable cruises and races. For many years he and his wife Joan were seen often at POG but she suffered from a debilitating illness and died three years ago. Ken then lived on his own with excellent support from his children but he went out less and less. He was a joy to visit.

He had died during the night. The house was orderly and his whisky glass stood beside his bed. He would have been 90 in November.

TG.

### AGMs - more than just a meeting!

Our club AGMs include all the usual minutes, motions and elections of course, but they are far more social and informative than that. Come along to hear guest speakers, meet your fellow members, plan for 2013. See details in the AGM Notices in this edition, or check your club website.

**John Figures explains his role, (Cont'd from P1)**

“ Sailing, especially Olympic Sailing, is more than just the races on the water. Every boat taking part is scrutinised against the Class rules to ensure that all boats taking part meet Class rules. This takes place before any racing begins. After a race, any boat may be re-inspected. “

The pictures show John checking Star class masts and booms - each of the 16 boats has a main mast and boom as well as a spare mast and boom; all combinations of masts and booms must be checked for compliance.

The close-up (R) shows John using a jig to hold mast and boom at a right angle. He had been part of the Star class measurement team at the Olympic Test event held at Portland in Sep 2011 and was proud to be a member of the Olympic Measurement Team. (Photo Front Cover)



John is CSSA General Secretary, a Yachtmaster (Offshore) and an ISAF International Measurer for Access Class dinghies, Class Measurer for Skud18 and Challenger classes and an RYA Sail Measurer.

In that capacity he has carried out Equipment Inspection at a number of venues in UK and overseas, most recently at the Access Worlds held in Sydney Australia.

If anyone would like further information, John can be contacted on: -

[csgensec@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:csgensec@yahoo.co.uk)

## CSSC & CSSA Dinghy Championships – Netley Cliff Sailing Club 30 June & 1 July 2012

Netley Cliff hosted another memorable Dinghy Championships, both on and off the water. Number of entries increased to 29 from 23 last year, sailing a large range of dinghies. In view of the high quality experience of this event I would be surprised if even more did not enter next year, as word spreads around the clubs. Great credit is due to all Netley Cliff members who contributed to the running of the Championships.

The camping field at nearby Netley SC was again popular.

Winds were strong over the entire weekend, enough to deter several helms from launching and resulting in numerous capsizes. But the safety arrangements proved more than adequate for the task. The Race Officer set simple courses with a limited number of gybe marks and good beats. Race 1 set a pattern for the event, with Paul & Julie Rayson from Fishers Green in their Merlin Rocket winning on handicap. Paul & Julie won the 2011 event so started as favourites. They were followed home on handicap by Laura Glover of Littleton in her Laser 4.7. Normally Laura races a Laser Radial, but the strong winds would have been a struggle for her with the larger rig and her switch to the 4.7 proved to be a good decision. There was also a strong showing in race 1 by Liz and Roger Pescod of Littleton in their Tasar, who came third on handicap.

Paul and Julie again prevailed in race two, this time challenged by Jon Steward and Mick Yannakoyorgos of Fishers Green in their Merlin Rocket who came second. Also

sailing well were James Mead and Lucy Evans of Fishers Green in their Albacore, who came third. Laura seemed destined for a high placing, but suffered a bad capsize on the final reach which put her out of the race. In view of the forecast of even stronger conditions the Race Officer decided to stop racing early for the day.

In the evening we were treated to a tasty hog roast and a talented band at the club. The gazebo had blown away in the wind so the hog roast was served in the lee of the clubhouse!

Sunday dawned still windy and three back-to-back races were held in the morning. Races three and four had identical results for the top three, with Paul & Julie first, Laura second and James & Lucy third. In race five Paul & Julie were involved in an incident and finished outside the podium places. Laura took the win, followed by Sue Antonelli and Dan Goodman of Littleton in their RS200, then Jon and Mick. So the overall result would rest on the final race, where either Paul & Julie or Laura would be victorious.

The final race was held after lunch in even stronger wind, and for a while the boats were held ashore until the wind moderated. Only eleven boats finished this race, and Paul & Julie returned to their winning ways to take Championship. Laura sailed well to come second, with Jon Jowett of Littleton in his Solo coming third.

Prizes were awarded by new CSSA Commodore Graham Dalton.

Eddie Pope, RC(D)



## Civil Service Sailing - September 2012

CSSC / CSSA Dinghy Championships 2012 - RESULTS															
Rank	Trophy	Class	Sail No	Club	Helm	Crew	PY	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Nett
1st	Seal Cup	MERLIN-ROCKET*	3715	FGSC	Paul Rayson	Julie Rayson	1006	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	(7.5)	1.0	12.5	5.0
2nd		LASER 4.7	85228	Littleton	Laura Glover		1175	2.0	(30.0 DNF)	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	39.0	9.0
3rd		ALBACORE	7180	FGSC	James Mead	Lucy Evans	1064	6.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	(30.0 DNC)	49.0	19.0
4th	Portcullis Trophy (Runnymede BC) Enterprise Bowl (1 <sup>st</sup> RS200)	RS 200	1353	Littleton	Sue Antonelli	Dan Goodman	1057	7.0	6.0	(16.0)	4.0	2.0	5.0	40.0	24.0
5th		SOLO	5102	Littleton	Jonathan Jowett		1153	4.0	4.0	4.0	9.0	(17.0)	3.0	41.0	24.0
6th		MERLIN-ROCKET*	3682	FGSC	Jon Steward	Mick Yannakoyorgos	1006	9.0	2.0	5.5	6.0	3.0	(30.0 DNC)	55.5	25.5
7th		TASAR	2638	Littleton	Elizabeth Pescod	Roger Pescod	1023	3.0	(30.0 DNC)	7.0	8.0	5.0	7.0	60.0	30.0
8th	CSSC Rose Bowl	RS 200	1326	Littleton	Martin Vinson	Heidi Vinson	1057	(12.0)	7.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	46.0	34.0
9th		SOLO	5126	Littleton	Vanda Jowett		1153	8.0	9.0	(12.0)	11.0	9.0	4.0	53.0	41.0
10th		RS 200	1070	FGSC	Steve Conroy	Patsy Vice	1057	13.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	11.0	(30.0 DNC)	79.0	49.0
11th		BYTE CII	3130	Littleton	Edwin Pope		1140	11.0	10.0	11.0	(14.0)	10.0	8.0	64.0	50.0
12th		RS 600	GBR951	FGSC	Michael Iszatt		920	14.0	(30.0 DNS)	9.0	12.0	7.5	9.0	81.5	51.5
13th		LASER RADIAL	169830	Littleton	Deborah Robertshaw		1106	(16.0)	13.0	14.0	15.0	12.0	10.0	80.0	64.0
14th		SOLO	4386	Littleton	Mike Dray		1153	10.0	(30.0 DNC)	5.5	5.0	16.0	30.0 DNC	96.5	66.5
15th		LASER	102560	Littleton	Raymond Bowdler		1082	15.0	11.0	18.0	(21.0)	13.0	11.0	89.0	68.0
16th		FINN	GBR567	Warsash	Martin Hughes		1060	5.0	8.0	(30.0 DNC)	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	133.0	103.0
17th	Junior Trophy	LASER 4.7	146419	Littleton	James Robertshaw		1175	(30.0 DNS)	30.0 DNC	17.0	17.0	14.0	30.0 DNC	138.0	108.0
18th		LASER	161562	Littleton	Richard Dodman		1082	(30.0 DNC)	30.0 DNC	15.0	19.0	15.0	30.0 DNC	139.0	109.0
19th		RS 200	615		Christopher Greenough	Peter Walker	1057	17.0	12.0	(30.0 DNC)	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	149.0	119.0
20th		PHANTOM	1350	FGSC	Ken Daniels		1030	(30.0 DNC)	30.0 DNC	13.0	16.0	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	149.0	119.0
21st		FIREBALL	14873	NCSC	Lynda Beck	Stuart Beck	980	(30.0 DNS)	30.0 DNC	20.0	20.0	30.0 DNS	30.0 DNC	160.0	130.0
22nd		RS 400	1400		Steve Middleton	Alex Middleton	949	(30.0 DNC)	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	13.0	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	163.0	133.0
23rd		FIREBALL	13333	NCSC	Thomas Baker	Jonathan Baker	980	(30.0 DNS)	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	18.0	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	168.0	138.0
24th		FIREBALL	GBR95	NCSC	Iain Mackay	Tom Dawkins	980	(30.0 DNC)	30.0 DNC	19.0	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	169.0	139.0
25th		CHERUB*	2660	UKCC OA	Stu Tinner	Becky Goodwin	975	(30.0 DNC)	30.0 DNF	21.0	30.0 DNF	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	171.0	141.0
26th		WAYFARER	9786	FGSC	Jim Briggs	Jackie Timbs	1101	(30.0 DNC)	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	180.0	150.0
26th		LASER 4.7	86810		Harry Steward		1175	(30.0 DNC)	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	180.0	150.0
26th		Wineglass	508	FGSC	Brian Conroy		1082	(30.0 DNC)	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	180.0	150.0
26th		LASER RADIAL	70666	Littleton	David Glover		1106	(30.0 DNF)	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	30.0 DNC	180.0	150.0

The Littleton Bell (best aggregate score of top 6 boats in same Club) was won by Littleton SC.

<b>Sea Essay Programme 2012</b>			
<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Skipper</b>
1 September	3 September	Boat Handling Course	D Hartland
4 September		Day Sail (CSD Auditor)	L Cole
5 September	6 September	Day Sails - Contact Colin Smith	
7 September	9 September	Charter	A Barnes
10 September	12 September	Boat Handling Course	
13 September	14 September	Day Sails	A Smith
15 September	16 September	Charter	A Vincent
17 September	21 September	RYA CC/DS Practical Course	D Price
22 September	23 September	Sea Time	
24 September		Maintenance	
25 September	27 September	Charter	D Haward
28 September	30 September	Day Sails - Contact Colin Smith	
1 October	7 October	YM Prep Course/RYA Exams	R Bone
8 October		<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
9 October	12 October	Charter	R Stephens
13 October	14 October	Charter	G Carstensen
15 October	19 October	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
20 October	21 October	Sea Time	
22 October		Maintenance	
23 October	26 October	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
27 October	28 October	Charter	L Tait
29 October	2 November	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
3 November	4 November	Charter	J Llewellyn
5 November	16 November	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
17 November	18 November	Sea Time	
19 November		Maintenance	
20 November	23 November	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
24 November	25 November	Charter	K Jolly
26 November	27 November	Radar Courses	
28 November	30 November	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
1 December	2 December	Charter	D Hartland
3 December	9 December	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
10 December	25 Jan 2013	Winter Maintenance	
<b>24 Nov 2012</b>		<b>CSD AGM at POG</b>	

## CHANNEL SAILING DIVISION (CSD)

CSD continues its sailing programme aboard Sea Essay of Hamble.

All Skippers intending to take the boat out will be required to attend a one day familiarisation before they do so. These sessions are run by the Yacht Husband team.

RYA Training Courses - David Hartland, [training@channelsailing.co.uk](mailto:training@channelsailing.co.uk)

Courses and Examination by External Examiner for Certificate of Competence are available. Please let me know your requirements for Competent Crew, Day Skipper, Yachtmaster (Coastal & Offshore) Boat handling and Radar. Invitations for scheduled courses are sent out to Candidates in strict application order.

## CHANNEL SAILING DIVISION

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held at the

Portsmouth Offshore Group Clubhouse

Weevil Lane, Gosport, PO12 1AZ

on Saturday 24 November 2012 starting at 1200

Nominations for the Committee should be made, preferably by email, to the Secretary, Colin Smith,

[colinsmith40@btinternet.com](mailto:colinsmith40@btinternet.com)

by no later than 4 November 2012.

The Captain and Committee invite all members to a Buffet afterwards.

A draft sailing programme for 2013, including the summer cruise, will be available and members are invited to e-mail their charter requirements to Idris Curtis,

[idris.curtis@ntlworld.com](mailto:idris.curtis@ntlworld.com)

no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> October.

## **RYA Solent Training with Sea Essay (Dufour 405)**

### **in 2012**

Many thanks to all our Members!



All sailing practical courses are now full. There are a few vacancies on Radar as below, 2013 RYA & Other courses will be scheduled for the next issue of CS Sailing. They are expected to be in Spring & Autumn.

### **RYA 1 day Radar certificate , £50 including course booklet**

These courses are held aboard Sea Essay & include practical sessions under way. The radar is 12" screen & the display is in colour. There is a maximum of 4 Candidates per course.

Monday 26 November

Tuesday 27 November

Please call or email for remaining vacancies : -

[david.hartland@btinternet.com](mailto:david.hartland@btinternet.com)

Tel : - please see website

[www.channelsailing.org](http://www.channelsailing.org)

### **Changes at CSD online - [channelsailing.org](http://channelsailing.org) - a new Webmaster.**

For many years Martin Bellamy has been the CSD link to this magazine and has also managed the CSD Website. Martin is now going to take a well earned rest from all things IT related and is handing over the Webmaster role - well done Martin & thank you!

Mike Palmer will be taking over the day to day running of the CSD web site from Martin. Mike started work at Rutherford Appleton Laboratory before going to work for Sophos Ltd in Abingdon as a Senior Windows Specialist. He recently joined CSD after a long absence from sailing and is looking to refresh his sailing skills before taking the RYA Day Skipper practical.

Mike can be contacted at : -

[webmaster@channelsailing.org](mailto:webmaster@channelsailing.org)

**EAST COAST YACHT DIVISION (ECYD)**

Freyja is on her way home after spending some time cruising in Northern Spain and is in Brittany at the time of writing.

A number of crews spent time in Bilbao and used the transporter bridge to cross the River Nervion from the right bank where the marinas are situated to the left bank where the restaurants and pubs are situated.



*Freyja approaching the transporter bridge*

My crew arrived the day before taking over the boat and visited the Guttenheim Museum fronted by an enormous dog or cat made from flowers and taking in the David Hockney exhibition.



*Guttenheim Museum*

Eating out was a popular pastime although one crew did go for the self service option and caught a fish from the back of the boat. Mooring was often against a wall and with the rise and fall of the tide the new boards and long warps were well used.

Freyja is due back in Shotley at the end of September.



*The "giant" fish*



*Close up of the transporter bridge*



*Moored against the wall at Geteria*

## AGM

ECYD's AGM will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> November in the Viceroy room of the Roebuck Hotel, Ware.

The afternoon kicks off at 2.30pm with the presentation of the Heathcote Amery Award to Ken Knowles. This is followed the usual discussion about next year's "Long Trip" options.

Our speaker this year is Ken Knowles relating his adventures in Indaba crossing the Atlantic. The AGM will take place at 5.30pm followed by the Laying up Supper at 7.30pm.

To book a place for the meal contact the Secretary Chris Robbins [chrisrobbins@rya-online.net](mailto:chrisrobbins@rya-online.net)

## AUTUMN RALLY

The Autumn Rally takes place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October followed by a meal in the Bradbury Sailing club House. The passage Race down the wallet from Stone Banks buoy to Bench Head Buoy takes place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October. There are still berth available for this event on Freyja. For details about booking contact the Crew Secretary John Miller [cruising@ecyd.org.uk](mailto:cruising@ecyd.org.uk)

### EAST COAST YACHT DIVISION (ECYD)

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held at the  
Roebuck Hotel, Baldock Street,  
Ware, Herts, SG12 9DR

on Saturday 17th November 2012 from 1430 hours,

including: -

- Presentation of Heathcoat Amory Cup
- Planning & discussion on options for 2013 long trip
- Speaker Ken Knowles - transatlantic crossing
- 1730 - AGM

The meeting will be followed by the Laying Up Supper. contact the Secretary Chris Robbins for further information and to book a meal :-

[chrisrobbins@rya-online.net](mailto:chrisrobbins@rya-online.net)

## HOOE POINT SAILING CLUB

Members at Hooe Point might be forgiven for thinking that, as we live and sail in the far west of the UK, we should have the best weather but once again the early summer was a disappointment with many people wondering why they launched their boats at all! Fortunately the last few weeks has seen an improvement and members have managed to make the most of the decent weather and cruised as far west as the Isles of Scilly and south to Brittany and the Channel Islands.

In mid-July our regatta was blessed with the only decent weekend for weeks. A full day of cruiser racing on the Saturday was followed but more cruiser and dinghy racing on the Sunday rounded off with a barbecue. During the afternoon there were the usual events to entertain the children and the most competitive event of the whole weekend was probably the crab-fishing competition. The prize for largest crab was hotly contested and the official measurer was kept busy until the final bell.

Several members took part in the Port of Plymouth regatta in various roles including safety cover and race organisation and of course competing. Our safety boat and crew and our Club Race Officer Keith Kendall have all been heavily involved with the Lark and International Canoe nationals hosted in Plymouth. Despite the weather it's been a busy year afloat in Plymouth.

By the time we go to print with this edition of CS Sailing we will already be planning our October craning out and storage and thoughts will turn to another winter without sailing. A full program of winter events is well in hand to keep everyone involved with training evenings and guest speakers already lined up, so hopefully there will be something for everyone.

Finally, our usual plea, don't forget we are here! If you are planning your summer sailing or "staycation" (who made that word up!) for next year we would be happy to host you at Hooe Point. We can provide dinghy storage and car parking for visiting CSSA members; moorings might be difficult but with our contacts around the port we can probably help with that as well. Discounted marina berthing is also available at the Plymouth Yachthaven marina so please bear us in mind during your winter planning.

Steve Whitting

**NOTICE OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF****5 KINGDOMS SAILING CLUB**

The 14th Annual General Meeting of the 5 Kingdoms Sailing Club will be held at Liverpool Marina from 12:00 until 13:00 on Saturday 10 November 2012.

**Agenda**

1. Opening
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the AGM of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2011
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Captain's report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Election of auditor for 2013
8. Debate of motions received
9. Election/Appointment of Officers and Committee Members for 2013

**Motions**

Proposed motions should reach [secretary@5ksc.com](mailto:secretary@5ksc.com) by 10 October 2012.

**Nominations to the Committee for 2012**

Nominations are invited for Vice Captain (Captain elect), Secretary, Treasurer, Crew Bureau and 5 Members.

Nominations for the Committee should reach [secretary@5ksc.com](mailto:secretary@5ksc.com) by 10 October indicating the proposer, seconder, and agreement of the nominee to hold post – a thread of e-mails is sufficient.

**Lunch**

Food will be available at lunchtime from the bar in the Harbourside Club.

**Introductions to 5KSC, getting the best from Artful Dodger and plans for 2013**

After lunch we will be meeting up to exchange stories from the past season including a few slides, welcoming new and prospective members and making plans for 2013.

Come and hear some stories from Peter Croke (5KSC member) about his recently completed Round the World Clipper Race.

If you can't join us, let us know your wishes for 2013 and we'll include them in our planning.

If you have any questions on best use of equipment, send them to [secretary@5ksc.com](mailto:secretary@5ksc.com) and we'll get an answer for you and show you on the day. The day will finish with a Laying-up Supper.

Details will be posted on 5KSC.com as they are agreed.

**5 KINGDOMS SAILING CLUB - 5KSC****5KSC's autumn programme opportunities**

The late season sees the usual opportunities for weekend cruises in the Irish Sea, taster sails up-stream of Liverpool marina, boat handling sessions for handling under motor in marinas, mooring under sail, spinnaker handling, etc. and LYC racing. This year we are providing RYA practical training from Conwy for the first time during September.

Visit [www.5KSC.com](http://www.5KSC.com) to access the on-line booking system for autumn sailing or e-mail [Crew.Bureau@5KSC.com](mailto:Crew.Bureau@5KSC.com)

**Chartering Artful Dodger**

Skippers wanting to charter *Artful Dodger* must hold at least a RYA Certificate of Competence as Yachtmaster Coastal and be registered as a CSSA Approved Skipper. 5KSC provide the full range of practical training required from novice to aspirant Yachtmaster and can advise on where to take shore-based courses.

Crew need nothing more than enthusiasm. Berths are available to singles, groups and families. The Clyde offers a perfect setting for introduction to yacht cruising. 5KSC offer long weekend and full week trips from Easter until the end of October. Our RYA Practical Training courses teach you all you need to know to begin yacht cruising.

**RYA First Aid shore based course**

CSSA First Aid can offer First Aid training for CSSA Clubs in all parts of the UK by arrangement. E-mail [CSSAFirstAid@gmail.com](mailto:CSSAFirstAid@gmail.com) if you would like further details.

**Contact 5KSC:**

Captain: Brian Walker [Captain@5KSC.com](mailto:Captain@5KSC.com)

Other officers:

[Secretary@5KSC.com](mailto:Secretary@5KSC.com)

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[Crew.Bureau@5KSC.com](mailto:Crew.Bureau@5KSC.com)

Something that occurs to me about our advertising literature is that we talk about sailing in the wonderful Clyde and I am not sure whether this possibly conjures up visions of sailing up the river to Glasgow (not that there is anything wrong with that city). Just to put things into the correct context, when Artful Dodger is based in Largs, we actually sail in the **Firth of Clyde**, one of the largest areas of sheltered deep water in the British Isles. The following map (published by Sail Scotland) shows our southern Scottish sailing area.

As you can see, our sailing area is varied and extensive and we would really have to try awfully hard to actually sail to Glasgow!

It's been an interesting years cruising in Scotland despite the rather unpredictable weather. This culminated in setting off for the delivery from Largs to Liverpool, via Peel on the Isle of Man. Although the forecast was favourable for getting to her home port, AD encountered heavy seas and strong (up to F7) southerly winds and thunder storms and sheet lightening. In fact AD had to divert to Holyhead on Anglesey. AD was in her element but the novice crew had been tested to their limit and did extraordinarily well in the circumstances.

We have introduced quite a few people to sailing AD this season and most are enthusiastic about coming with us again.

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Simon Lee (extreme left) at lunch

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**Visit by the New CSSC Chief Executive**

Simon Lee, the new Chief Executive of the Civil Service Sports Council, together with some of his staff, made a good start in getting to know CSSA's sailing community when he paid a visit to the CSSA on Thursday 23rd August.

Accompanied by our Commodore Graham Dalton and Vice Commodore Rob Stephens they boarded Sea Essay in the Hamble and set sail for POG where they were welcomed ashore by members of the club. After a quick look around the facilities, made more impressive in the beautiful sunshine, they were offered a splendid buffet lunch.

During the hour and a half he was at POG, those present had a very useful discussion about the future direction of the CSSC. This was of particular interest to POG members as the CSSC is also their Landlord, but currently with a lease that has no automatic renewal. With POG expecting to invest in excess of £300,000 in dredging and refurbishing shortly before the end of the current lease, this concern was raised with the new CEO. This was a good opportunity to raise the matter in an open forum; with his commercial background, Simon Lee was made aware of the difficulties caused by the current arrangement.

POG members were pleased to be able to host the visit and look forward to welcoming Simon and his colleagues again in the future.

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### OLYMPIC SAILING AT WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND - THE RESULTS

#### Olympics Sailing Medals - by Country

Rank		Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1		Australia	3	1	0	4
2		Spain	2	0	0	2
3		Great Britain	1	4	0	5
4		Netherlands	1	1	1	3
5		New Zealand	1	1	0	2
6		Sweden	1	0	1	2
7		People's Republic of China	1	0	0	1
8		Denmark	0	1	1	2
8		Finland	0	1	1	2
10		Cyprus	0	1	0	1

### PARALYMPIC SAILING AT WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND - THE RESULTS

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1		Netherlands	1	0	1	2
3		Australia	1	0	0	1
4		Germany	0	2	0	2
5		United States of America	0	1	0	1
6		Norway	0	0	1	1



Ben Ainslie (Top L) retains his Olympic title with his 4th gold medal in the Finn class after some tense sailing all week against Denmark's Jonas Høgh-Christensen.

The gold medalist left the UK soon after the Games heading for America's west coast where he will take part in the America's Cup World Series. Now there's an exciting prospect! After a week's racing on AC45s Ben comments on his website; "It really is a lot harder than it looks on the telly - but I'm also really enjoying it". For more, see Ben's website at :-

[http://www.benainslie.com/news/view/blog\\_harder\\_than\\_it\\_looks](http://www.benainslie.com/news/view/blog_harder_than_it_looks)



< Left, Saskia Clark and Hannah Mills celebrate their Silver medal success in the 470.



< Another success in the 470 class. This time in the mens' competition Luke Patience and Stuart Bithell come an overall second to take the Silver medal.



< Appearing for the last time (Windsurfing will not be included as a class at Rio, it will be replaced by Kite Surfing). A windsurfing medal for Team GB - Nick Dempsey windsurfed his way to Silver in the men's RS:X event.

(Photos courtesy of London 2012)



< Helena Lucas of Great Britain celebrates winning the gold in the single person keelboat (2.4mR) on Day 8 of the London 2012 Paralympic Games. The competition took place in Portland Harbour.



< A bronze medal! Alexandra Rickham and Niki Birrell of Great Britain celebrate winning bronze in the Two Person Keelboat (SKUD18) on Day 8 of the London 2012 Paralympic Games.



< The support that existed between the athletes was very evident in the Paralympics. Medal winners of the two person keelboat - SKUD 18



< 3 Person keelboat (Sonar). John Robertson, Stephen Thomas and Hannah Stodel of Great Britain sail in the Three-Person Keelboat (Sonar) class at Weymouth and Portland on Day 3 of the London 2012 Paralympic Games



Laurie Tait & crew aboard Sea Essay - arriving in Lorient completing the first homeward leg from the Summer Cruise.

### Editor's thanks!

Earlier this summer I joined Laurie Tait & his crew for a very interesting, sociable and (not for the first time with CSD!) *gastronomique* cruise back from La Rochelle to Lorient in Brittany.

We made good time in fine weather, calling in at l'le d'Yeu en route. No rough seas this year; and it was sunny enough to test the boarding ladder and take a swim off the stern. Harder to get back aboard than expected!

John wins the crew prize of having the most colourful backside in Biscay after his foot slipped going ashore. He landed on a large cleat on the pontoon on his way into the harbour at Saint Martin de Ré. The size, scope and colour of his bruise was amazing and has, I understand, been recorded using digital media. More seriously he avoided what could have been a nasty injury. We are always encouraged to consider and practice getting a casualty out of the water and this incident confirmed for me just how difficult it is, even in harbour! As you would expect with a man of John's experience - he made it to dinner OK! My thanks to Skipper & fellow crew members! D.

For the latest on sailing in Rio de Janeiro, or any other aspect of the 2016 Olympic or Paralympic games , try the [Rio 2016](http://Rio2016.org/en) website which is now up and running :-

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