



Largs Sailing Club

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NEWS

COMMODORE'S NOTES

This newsletter is very much focused on the forthcoming Laser Radial World Championships. This is one of the most prestigious events ever to come to Largs. We are very proud to be working together with the RYA, the Scottish Sailing Institute, and its represented partners, in order to host this World and Olympic level Event. It has been the vision of the SSI and the Club to be chosen for such a high status event and one of the main reasons for our relocation to the present site and the construction of our Clubhouse building. This achievement is a direct result of our members commitment to all the events hosted over the past many years, both from our old John Street Clubhouse and here at the Yacht Haven. Our reputation has been forged by this sustained commitment level.

It is with your continued support that we are aiming to make a great success of the World Championships and deliver quality racing from this fine venue. The intent is to send all our visitors home with good memories of their time here on the Clyde, both for the level of professionalism that will have contributed to a successful delivery of on-water Race Management; as well as the enjoyable delivery of services to support their shore-based activity. I'm sure we can all work together and have a great summer of camaraderie, individual and team fulfilment and create good memories of being part of a Club capable of delivering World Championship events, in the sport we are all so very passionate about.

We have recently hosted our early season Events for the RS200 and OK dinghy Traveller and only this weekend hosted the Mudhook and Old Pulteney IRC Scottish Championship. I'm pleased to say both went very well, with the OK's confirming their arrangements to hold their World Championship here next year. It was judged so enjoyable; they wish to precede the Worlds with their UK Nationals!

There is a good measure of credit due to our Bar/Catering services, led by Alex and Stuart. The quality and service of their offerings from the kitchen have been very favourably commented upon. This is also reflected in their delivery on a number of member party bookings also. Well done, the Executive are pleased we were lucky enough to retain their services, after last year's turmoil with our franchised Catering operations.

Jill Pain, Commodore

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

18 Evening Wedding Reception

27 Laser Radial Worlds – Volunteers briefing in Lounge

July

03/04 Safety Boat course

8 – 14 Women and Men World Laser Radial Racing

19 – 25 Youth Laser World Radial Racing

August

07/08 L2 Powerboat Course

14/15 Windsurfer Scottish Nation Championship

28 August – 05 September:
LSC ANNUAL REGATTA: Largs Regatta Week

GENERAL OPENING HOURS

Bar and Kitchen Opening times

Monday, Tues and Thurs

5.30 pm - 11.00 pm*

Wednesday

12 noon - 11.00 pm*

Friday

12 noon - 11.00 pm*

Saturday

12 noon - 11.00 pm*

Sunday

12 noon - 8.00 pm*

* subject to early closure if no custom

Bar Tel: 01475 670022

LASER EVENT OPENING HOURS

21 - 25 June

Opening at 11am. Closing 11pm*

28 June – 5 July

Opening at 9am Closing 11pm*

6 – 25 July

Opening at 8am Closing 11pm*

Returning to advertised times thereafter.

EVENT OUTLINE

Largs will host the Laser Radial World Championships this July. The Laser Radial has a slightly smaller sail plan than the Laser standard and is sailed competitively by male, female and youth sailors. It is the Olympic single handed boat for women and a number of the sailors participating in Largs will definitely go on to qualify and represent their country at the 2012 London Olympic Games.

There will be two events taking place. The first is the **Laser Radial Women and Men's World Championship** from the 8th – 14th July and then the **Laser Radial Youth World Championship** will follow from the 19th – 25th July.

The events are being organised by the RYA, Royal Yachting Association, and sailed from Largs Sailing Club. There will be 55 countries represented. The first event will have over 200 competitors & over 300 for the second. Scottish Sailor Charlotte Dobson will be hoping to medal at this regatta and will be up against tough competition from both the GBR women sailors and other top international girls. In the youth section Lorenzo Chiavarini will be making his mark in the laser fleet. Lorenzo did his first national championship here at Largs in the topper class and has progressed much over the years and currently is one of the Scottish Squads strongest sailors. Local LSC member Lauren Wilkie is also participating in the female youth fleet and will be looking forward to participating at her home venue.

To welcome the sailors and officially open the event a Parade is planned for Thursday 8th July through the town. The Parade will start at Morrisons and finish on the grass area next to the RNLI station. The sailors, event volunteers, race officials, club members and hopefully children from the primary schools will participate in the parade. There will be street performers, Largs Boy Brigade pipe band, samba music and it is hoped that local people and visitors will come out and welcome the sailors and walk with them to the RNLI station.

Local primary schools are being asked to adopt a country and children who are able to attend the parade, given it is the summer holidays, will walk with sailors from the specific countries and carry the national flags. LSC Cadet Members are urged to volunteer for this role too.

It would also be fantastic to get a display of boats anchored in Largs North Bay to support the opening of this prestigious event. If you are a boat owner and would like to participate in the 'on the water' element of the parade it would be super to have you involved and create a welcome sight in the bay. There is no need to register your intention to do so with the organisers but if you wish to discuss arrangements then please contact the Scottish Sailing Institute on 01475 670011 or davidssi@btconnect.com

The second event will have the opening parade between the Pencil Monument and LSC. Again we request members to participate and boats dressed overall off the sailing club would be terrific. This opening ceremony is followed by a meal at the club house. Members can buy tickets in advance if they wish food or just come in and use the bar as per normal.

The racing is most likely to be to the North of Great Cumbrae however there may be some racing in the Largs Channel. The seaward parking area at the marina will be closed to the public for the duration of the event and additional parking is provided within the marina grounds.

The event is a great opportunity for Largs and will continue to enhance its recognition as World class venue. The event has received a great deal of support from the governing body (RYA), UK Sport, EventsScotland, sportsScotland, Scottish Enterprise and North Ayrshire council. It is important for our facilities to feature in part of the 2012 Olympic Games programme and this event is a direct outcome of the UK's successful Olympic bid.

Read on to find more details about the event and get some dates for your diary.

More information and results are available from <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/list/104z1>

DINGHY PARK

If you wish to sail your dinghy during July then please contact Neil Caldwell to ensure your boat is identified and boats will be prioritised in order of response. The dinghy parking area will be affected by the marquee and portacabins and therefore will limit the proximity of boats to the LSC launching area. The club apologises for this inconvenience and appreciates your support during this time.

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LASER RADIAL WORLDS VOLUNTEER REQUEST

There are many roles which LSC club volunteers, RYA volunteers and many others from the sailing fraternity could help with during this large championship event. We require assistance for the following roles and would appreciate your time and skills if you are available.

Pre event set up: This involves assisting with preparing committee boat equipment, putting up signage and branding, preparing portacabins, measurement support and general LSC preparations. There is also a day or so of Tear-Down after the Event closes (25th July).

04	05	06	07	08	July
16	17	18			July

Unloading of charter boats: Laser are sending charter boats for the event and these need unloaded from container. Physical labour.

22	23	June
29	30	June

Committee vessels and safety boats: a few essential spaces still to be filled

08	09	10	11	12	13	14	July
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	July

Beach assistance: launching and coming ashore of the fleet. We aim for teams of 8 at each slipway.

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Results: input of days racing results, working as a team with support

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Bridge: VHF Race control support, monitoring of all VHF communications at base stations ashore. 2 persons required daily working along side Beachmaster Ewan Macpherson

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Site Marshals: Minimum 2 representatives per shift. Overseeing Competitor arrivals for dinghy dismount and placement, ensuring club and site is tidy, helping with traffic, parking, directions and generally keeping everything tidy and in working order. This role will be support by George McCree, Dennis Cook and Ewan Macpherson. An equable disposition is desired to reduce the potential for conflict between competitor and local public car parking access – particularly when our competitors are arriving and unloading their dinghies in the East car park area. The “shifts” hours we are hoping to man are 3 x 3.5hrs per spell.

06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	July
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Race Office support: Working alongside RYA and SSI to provide information and services to competitors, officials and volunteers.

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HOW TO VOUNTEER

Please identify the duty of interest to you and the days you would be available.

Contact David Kent

davidssi@btconnect.com

Tel: 01475 670011

David, Jo Turner or John Ridley will get back to confirm your involvement and give you further details. An Event Briefing is planned for all Volunteers, in the Clubhouse lounge on June 27th (see later notice). It is hoped we can contact all with a reminder prior to then, but if not on e-mail this date should be noted in your calendar.



LASER RADIAL WOMEN & MEN'S WORLDS - 08 to 14 JULY 2010

Measurement and Registration	06-Jul	14:00 - 18:00 Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation	Registration: Hems Kalis Room Measurement: Marquee
	07-Jul	09:00 - 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00 Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation	
	08-Jul	09:00 - 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00 Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation	
Measurement Inspection	06-Jul	14:00 - 18:00	
	07-08 Jul	09:00 - 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00	
Racing	08-Jul	Practice race	First Warning signal 1500hrs
	09-Jul	2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)	First Warning signal on first race day 12noon
	10-Jul	2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)	First Warning signal 1055
	11-Jul	2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)	First Warning signal 1055
	12-Jul	2 races back to back, (Finals series)	First Warning signal 1055
	13-Jul	2 races back to back, (Finals series.)	First Warning signal 1055
	14-Jul	2 races back to back, (Finals series) Followed by the Prize Giving Party/Buffer	Prize Giving hosted in Marquee and is scheduled for 6.30 pm. Meal tickets are available for purchase
Course Type		Trapezoid courses will be used with inner and outer loops and an upwind finish. The target time for the first boat in each race will be 60 minutes.	There will be 2 race courses laid, one for males and one for female competitors. Each race area will have start boat and pin end boat and 1 finish boat. There will identified mark layer boats, safety and Jury boats on each area.
Race Office		Hems Kalis Room	Manned by RYA staff and supported by LSC volunteers
	06-Jul	Open 1400 - 1800	
	07-08 Jul	0900 - 1200 & 1300 - 1800	
	08-14 Jul	09:30 until 30 minutes after the close of the Protest Time unless extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.	
Briefing Times			
Coaches		Coaches briefing 2.5 hrs each day before race start time at Race office	
Safety		Daily, time TBC	Marquee
Race Management		Daily, time TBC	
Results		Will be done in closed office and posted on official notice boards.	LSC have been asked to provide persons to coordinate results. Training will be given to anyone able to assist. Teams of 2 are requested.
Documents		Notice of Race available http://events.laserinternational.org	
Protest committee		International Jury will be situated in Portacabin outside Largs SC Building	
Facility Use		Main Lounge will be the catering point with Marquee used for planned social activities.	Portacabins are being provided for Jury, media and Bridge.
Social & Catering	08-Jul	1830 hrs - Official Opening Parade	Official Opening Parade through Largs Town Centre. Setting off from Morrison's car park at 6.30pm and finishing near RNLI station on the promenade. All welcome. Civic reception to follow for Competitors only.
	11-Jul	1930 hrs Competitors Taste of Scotland evening LSC	Haggis or mince and tatties on offer as well as Whisky tasting hosted by Springbank Distillery. All welcome. Meal Tickets available for purchase
	13-Jul	1930 hrs, Volunteers Party, National Centre Inverclyde	All volunteers are invited to this function. A great night with evening meal and Scottish entertainment
	14-Jul	1830 hrs, Prize Giving Ceremony, Largs SC	Meal in LSC for all competitors followed by event prize giving in Marquee. All welcome. Meal Tickets available for purchase.
Tickets for sale are limited to 150 tickets for non competitors. All other nights - evening meals served at club in accordance with demand.			
Prize giving	14-Jul	Marquee	Meal will be served before prize giving.
Website	http://events.laserinternational.org and www.scottishsailinginstitute.com		



LASER RADIAL YOUTH WORLDS – 19 to 25 JULY 2010

Measurement and Registration	17-Jul	14:00 - 18:00 Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation	Registration: Hems Kalis Room Measurement: Marquee
	18-Jul	09:00 – 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00 Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation	
	19-Jul	09:00 – 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00 Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation	
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Social & Catering	19-Jul	1830 hrs - Opening Parade, Pencil	Meet at Pencil and Parade along shore path to LSC. Welcome address by Provost and key speakers in Marquee. Food afterwards. All welcome. Meal Tickets available for purchase
	22-Jul	1930 hrs Competitors Highland Games, LSC	BBQ and Highland games. All welcome. Meal Tickets available for purchase
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LASER RADIAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers for both events are invited to attend a pre World Championships briefing with wine. Due to the scale of the event and the joint delivery with RYA we would like to get as many LSC members together prior to the event so everyone is aware of what is being organised, the clubs' role and general overview of what is in place.

**We hope you will be able to attend this informative yet sociable briefing on
Sunday 27th June
6.30pm at LSC**

CRUISING NEWS:

Plans for our 2010 Extended Cruise in Company starting at Oban on Saturday 26th June are now well advanced.

To date nine boats have shown interest in joining the Cruise so we hope to kick off the event on the evening of 26th June by all boats crews sharing a dinner ashore in the Oban area. At the dinner we will discuss the fore casted weather and decide on a cruising area voyage plan. The first feeder departure to Oban will be on 21st/22nd June either round the Mull or through the canal again depending on the weather. It is planned that some participants will join the cruise at a later date depending on individual circumstances.

Following two meetings; a communication network has been set up to keep track of all participating vessels over the period. If any other boats wish to join us please contact Gordon McLaren or Graeme Robertson for details.

Please note the on going cruising programme is on the club notice board and web site and new members will be made especially welcome should they decide to join us.

June - August Cruising Calendar

Cruise Date

Itinerary

Saturday 12th June

2- day cruise to Lamlash with overnight stop.
Invitations to Troon and Fairlie Yacht Clubs to join us for an all clubs muster.

Saturday 24th July

Norman Watson 07840 102117

2-day cruise to Lochranza with overnight stop and evening ashore.

Saturday 7th August

2-day cruise round Kyle's of Bute with optional overnight stops.

Saturday 21st August

Gordon McLaren 07738 856117

2- day cruise to Port Bannatyne. End of season muster.

Note: Individual Skippers are entirely responsible for participation in the cruise and for the safety of their own vessel at all times. The appointed Group Coordinator will oversee the organization of the cruise and comply with clubs adopted procedure.

LSTA TEAM 15 - Windsurfing news.

T15 is an RYA initiative that encourages kids 15 & under to take up windsurfing. They can practice, compete with other clubs & generally have fun.

LSTA achieved T15 Membership last month and entered their first inter club event at East Kilbride last Sunday. The team finished in 2nd place to Loch Insh with Clyde Windsurfing in 3rd and East Kilbride in 4th. Four of our six sailors picked up prizes at the prize giving. Each class had 5 races.

Katie Lennie picked up 2nd overall in the 3.5m class, Kyle Maxwell-Cox also got 2nd overall in the 4.5m class, Craig Douglas and Alex Mackie got 2 out of the 3 merit awards that were issued. The other team members were Scot & Lindsay Johnstone.

All the kids put in a lot of effort to their sailing and really enjoyed the day. We are now looking forward to the next event where we would like to have more kids taking part.

We are looking for a sponsor for the T15 team and we also need support from parents. If any club members are interested in helping please come and talk to the coaches on a Wednesday night.

If anyone has an old windsurfer in their garage, we need one for the simulator. Donations of old windsurfing kit would be gratefully received, if we can't use it ourselves, we will try and sell it for club funds.

This is a link to the T15 website and their write up

<http://www.rya.org.uk/programmes/team15/Pages/articlewrapper.aspx?pageUrl=/newsevents/news/Pages/TheTeamWithNoNameGivesMonstersAScare.aspx>

