

Winter 2004

# T H E S I G N A L



*Newsletter Of Swarkestone Sailing Club.*

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## *Signal from the Commodore.*

It seems no time at all since I was writing the introduction to last Christmas's "Swarkestone Signal" and here we are again. I think we can look back over a successful year for the club, the 45<sup>th</sup> of its existence. There have been a number of really solid achievements of which we can all be proud, and there is much reason to look to the future with confidence.

Among many achievements, the most noticeable were the completion of the new pontoon and the replacement of 2 of the club coaching and patrol boats. On the people front, we have run formal training courses for Instructors, adults and juniors, with over 50 adults receiving RYA recognised qualifications from our training courses. The Juniors course in August again attracted over 30 participants. Within the club, I think without exception all the social events have been successful and well attended, and I think the Fireworks Night, with some 45 minutes of continuous firework display, was particularly outstanding.

This year, we set a target of trying to increase our membership by 10%, and I am delighted to be able to report that our membership actually increased by over 18%. In formal terms the membership at the end of September stood at

162 – but some of those members are actually family memberships, and if the dependent members are included as well, this represents a total membership of about 250.



Of course, during the year there have been some disappointments as well as all the really nice things that have happened. In particular, it is disappointing that members don't always turn up to do their duties – when this happens, it leaves the duty team short, and someone often has to step in, inconveniencing them and sometimes preventing them sailing. By the same token, it is a pity that relatively few members bear the brunt of running the tea bar, and disappointing that more members don't volunteer to take a share of this task. I would also add to my list of disappointments the number of boats in the boat park that don't seem to have been sailed in the last 12 months - I hope that in 2005 we shall see some of these on the water again.

In the immediate future we shall be starting the winter work parties in the New Year – even if you are not normally a D.I.Yer, do, please, try to come down for at least one or two Sunday morning sessions – it is your club, and its state of maintenance and preservation does depend on how much effort we can all put into this key task. As before, there is a prize draw (the more times you come, the more free tickets you get) and as before, entry into the Pete Wheatley race series is limited to those taking part in that day's work party.

Finally, don't forget our end of year social events – the Boxing Day bash (sailing, mulled wine and mince pies) and the New Year's Eve party. See you there!

Have a really good Christmas, and every good wish for 2005,  
Chris

## Signal from the Vice Commodore regarding Club working days this winter

As usual there are a number of jobs that need doing to keep the club shipshape and we hope that as many of you as possible can come along on a Sunday morning and muck-in. The work party times are below but don't feel constrained by what boat you have – just turn up as often as you can.

Date and time	Dinghy class
9 <sup>th</sup> January, 9.30–13.00	Wineglass
16 <sup>th</sup> January, 9.30–13.00	Laser
23 <sup>rd</sup> January, 9.30–13.00	Menagerie and boatless
30 <sup>th</sup> January, 9.30–13.00	Wineglass
6 <sup>th</sup> February, 9.30–13.00	Laser
13 <sup>th</sup> February, 9.30–13.00	Menagerie and boatless
20 <sup>th</sup> February, 9.30–13.00	Wineglass
27 <sup>th</sup> February, 9.30–13.00	Laser
6 <sup>th</sup> March, 9.30–13.00	Menagerie and boatless
13 <sup>th</sup> March, 9.30-13.00	All of you!

The provisional job list is:

1. Repair plaster and paint far end of gents changing room (HP)
2. Replace bag rack taken down in gents changing room
3. Paint new door frame in gents and gloss paint door frame into gents loo.
4. Check-out wall fan heater in gents loo
5. Replace floor in bar/tea bar store with cushion floor or floor tiles.
6. Sort out teaching area – install shelf unit with storage for teaching aids, etc
7. Clean all strip light diffusers - strip light in gents loo needs replacing
8. Fill various holes in wall and touch up paint
9. Make shelf/box for Access electric control batteries at the end of bar, acquire double charger, and fit socket and timer.
10. Fit new two new UPVC fire exit double doors to clubhouse (KI)
11. Permanently secure coloured 'party lights' and wire in (MJR).
12. Complete concreting of access to new pontoon and build step to ramp
13. Paint new gate and post
14. Reinforce bank behind jetty using old tyres
15. Bring rescue boat jetty access bridge closer into shore or put in additional step
16. Erect barbed wire along perimeter public footpath.
17. Complete re-wiring of car park lamp post (DF)
18. Cut up and remove old trailers and other rubbish to Lount tip.
19. Improve the utility of the middle slipway for accessing east ('disabled') pontoon
20. Lay path (slabs?) to east end of disabled pontoon (8 m)

We are also looking in to extending the tarmac outside the front door and replacing the car park fencing but these require a greater capital outlay.

You will see that a few jobs already have initials beside them. If one or more of you fancy taking on a particular task, please let me know, either on the first Sunday or by phoning me at home – 01332 810275. As an incentive, all members who sign in by 10.00 am and stay to do jobs will be entered into a draw for a 12 bottle case of wine. The more times you turn up the more entries you will have! Useful items to bring: old clothes/overalls, gloves, tools/paintbrushes and sailing kit (in case you need to mess about in rescue boats for any job).

**Malcolm Reeve, Vice commodore**

## *Missing In Action.*

*Ted has a Wineglass Sail (No. 500) that has gone missing! Any information regarding its safe return will, I'm sure, be very welcome. (The committee did suggest he offered a reward. Its amazing what selected deafness and nervous twitching suddenly happened at this suggestion!)*



## *2004 Prize Evening.*



The hospitality of the Stuart Hotel was the backdrop for this year's Annual dinner dance and prize giving. Again I won nothing on the raffle, the star prize of the huge cuddly toy went to Fay (Pictured)

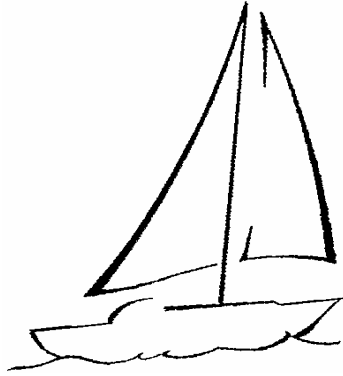
It was also good to see a large contingent of junior sailors. It was also the first time I've seen a queue for the disabled facilities!

Congratulations to all those who got prizes, commiserations to all of us that did not. As my school reports used to say "...must try harder." Still there's always next year! Thanks go to all those that made the evening go so well and I look forward to seeing more of you there next year. Ed.

## *Boxing Day Bash.*



*Don't forget the annual Boxing Day Bash on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December. Mince Pies and mulled wine. Oh and of course the 11 o'clock race to blow the cobwebs out and work off that Christmas dinner.*



# Trent Sea Training

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## *London Boat Show*

*An outing not to be missed!*

### *Sunday, 9 January 2005*

In January 2005 the London International Boat Show will be held for a second year at ExCeL, in London's Docklands. The state-of-the-art exhibition centre, overlooking the historic 100-acre Royal Victoria Dock has the facilities to make the Show bigger, better and more breathtaking than ever.

Trent Sea Training is proposing to arrange a day out at the Show to include coach and entry ticket for £25 for adults and £10 for those under 16s.

The 49 seat luxury coach will pick up from Long Eaton (the West Park Leisure Centre car park) and take us to the doors of the exhibition centre. We will be leaving at 7.30 am hoping to arrive at the Show by 10.30 am and setting off for home at 6pm.

Things to see and do this year include:

- Demonstrations and racing in the water sports arena

- Visit the tall ships and naval ships in the Royal Victoria Dock

As usual there will be:

- An enormous range of dinghies, ribs, inland boats, yachts and power boats of all sizes
- Every conceivable item of boating accessory and kit
- Boating holidays at Show discounts
- The famous Guinness Bar

For further information on the many things the Show has to offer please refer to the official website

[www.londonboatshow.com](http://www.londonboatshow.com).

Extra entry tickets can also be purchased at the group booking rate (£10 for adults), if you want to meet up with friends at the Show.

Please book your place by completing the slip below and returning to the address above.

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### **London Boat Show – 9 January 2005**

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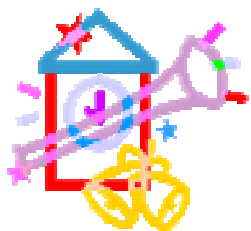
Tickets required:

(No.)..... Adults @ £25.00

(No.)..... Children @ £10.00

I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to Trent Sea Training.

Tickets Now available for :  
**SWARKESTONE SAILING CLUB.  
NEW YEARS EVE EXTRAVAGANSA**



MUSIC PROVIDED BY

**‘THE KEYSTONES’**

Get up and do a ‘turn’- sing or recite!! Contribute to the entertainment.

**FUN AND GAMES FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

PRIZE FOR BEST FANCY DRESS (OPTIONAL)



ALL GUESTS TO  
BRING A PLATE  
OR BOWL OF BUFFET FOOD.

**FIREWORKS AT MIDNIGHT –  
BRING ONE OR TWO LARGE ROCKETS PER FAMILY  
STAY THE NIGHT – CAMP OVER**



**TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE: See Clare or Dee  
£5.00 EACH OR £15.00 FAMILY (2 adults, 2 children)**

## ARE YOU QUALIFIED?

We would like to know if you have any of the following qualifications so that we can update our records and provide further training for you if you so wish.

If we can get large enough numbers of members requiring training we can work on discount. Courses will most probably be run at the club.

Please circle the relevant information, detach and place in the folder on the notice board at the clubhouse or send details to me @:

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Name.....Membership #.....

Public First Aid.      Have      Need Up Date      Would like course

RYA First Aid.      Have      Need Up Date      Would like course

Swarkestone Power Boat certificate.  
Have      Need Up Date      Would like course

RYA Power Boat.      Have      Would like course

RYA Safety boat.      Have      Would like course

Assistant instructor.      Have      Would like course

Dinghy Instructor.      Have      Would like course

Please note- This information will be kept on computer for your duration as a member of Swarkestone Sailing Club.



# Seasons Greetings



*On behalf of Swarkestone Sailing Club.*

*The Committee would like to wish every member  
and their families*

*A Very Merry Christmas,  
And a Happy and Prosperous New Year.*

