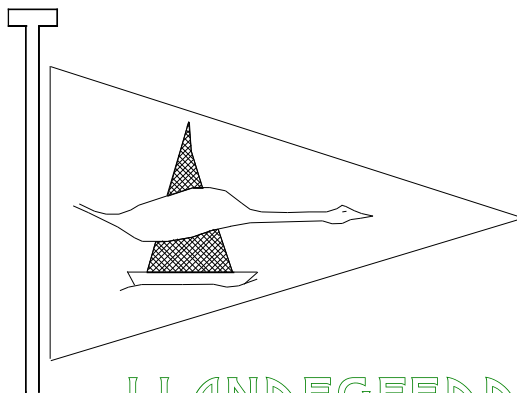


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# January NEWS

## LLANDEGFEDD SAILING CLUB

### SOCIAL news

### Commodore's Letter

#### Social Events

##### AGM

With a drink afterwards!  
28th Jan, Llangybi.

##### February

"Raj Gate" Curry night,  
Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup>  
1930. The ex-Pub between  
Llanfrecfa and Ponthir.

##### April

Skittles evening, Saturday  
16<sup>th</sup>. Usk?

##### May

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>, a Regatta

##### July

1<sup>st</sup>, Petanque, Sebastopol.  
24<sup>th</sup>, another Regatta

##### September

14<sup>th</sup>, Go-Karting!

##### November

26<sup>th</sup>, Prize-giving

#### Dinner Dance

Our thanks to Sherene again who did the majority of the organising work for the do for the second year running. It's not easy, there's lots of it, no one notices (often) and it goes on after the rest of us have gone home!

Thanks to all of the other helpers as well for making it all go so smoothly.

*Andy*

I hope you all had a good Christmas. I wish you all a happy and healthy new year with lots of sailing.

I enjoyed the prize-giving, and was pleased to see so many members and their families there. I know that some non-sailing partners don't feel that the Club offers them very much, but if any of non-sailors read this, we're always very pleased to see you, and would like to meet you more often at social functions. Why not come to the lake to watch on fine days?

Plans for next season are already far advanced. We've drawn up a busy sailing and training programme, and are also planning a social calendar for 2005. The plans for the year will be outlined at the AGM, which will be at the **Village Hall in Llangybi on Friday 28th January at 7.30pm**. We often have lively discussions, and I look forward to meeting many of you there. Please come and have your say, and join us in the White Hart afterwards for a drink.

One of the main tasks of an AGM is to elect new officers and committee. We have volunteers for most posts, but new blood is always needed. We need a new Secretary, because Lisa Weston has her hands full at the moment, looking after Ben, our youngest member. The secretary's job isn't that onerous, so please can someone volunteer.

This year we plan to have a general committee, sailing committee, training committee and a social committee. It sounds a lot, but we want to spread the work load among as many people as possible. New members are very welcome on any of the committees or for other jobs. The Club relies entirely on volunteers.

Although not everyone wanted a new committee boat, I think that Doris was a great success. However, we need to get her out of the water to work on her. We need a large trailer to haul her out. We'll probably have to buy one, or have one purpose built, but if anyone knows of a trailer which will take 1 1/2 tons of boat (23' long) please let me know.

We are also getting enquiries for the training course which will be held in April and May. We like to take friends and family of existing members. We like to encourage people who are likely to stay involved with the club – although many don't know whether they enjoying sailing until they've tried it. If you know of anyone interested please contact Keith Sykes on 01633 882028.

*Gareth Edwards*

**PS** I've just re-read last January's letter. I thanked Andy Howard for editing the newsletter for so many years, and said that he was retiring from the post. He did, but only for one issue because the new editor resigned. So more thanks to Andy for stepping into the breach. **Does anyone else want to do it this year, please?** (It's not too bad a job if you can use Word - ex-editor)

## Summary of 2003 Sailing Prizes

### Special Prizes – list will be provided in the next mailing!

Award	Who?	Trophy
Service to the Club		Clubman Trophy
Best results in a well maintained boat		Bosun's Trophy
Cadet of the Year		
Best Away Result		
Junior Crew		
Most Improved Sailors		
Solo	Ken Adams	Model Solo
Junior Success		
Best newcomer		
OD		OD Trophy
Best result not qualified for a series		Skippers' Cup
Capsize	Sean and Maggs	Horn & Bellows

### Club Championship final positions

Position	Who?	Boat	Points
First, and <b>Club Champion 2004</b>	Mark Williams	Laser	148
Second	Andy, Sue and Alex Howard	RS400	115
Third	Nigel Tinkler	Laser	106
<b>Fourth /First Youth</b>	<b>Sam Williams</b>	Laser	50
Fifth	Alan & Judith Bolton	RS200	42
Sixth	Elvyn Morgan	Supernova	41
<b>Seven/Second Youth</b>	<b>James Davy</b>	Laser	31
Eight/First Solo	Ken Adams	Solo	28
Ninth	Paul Hamer	Laser	26
<b>Tenth/Third Youth</b>	<b>Richard Sykes</b>	Laser	24
Eleventh	Bill & Helen Jackson	RS400	21
Twelfth	Phil and Helen Tilley	RS400	20
Thirteenth	Howard Massie	Laser	15
Fourteenth/	Keith & Mandy Sykes	RS400	14
Fifteenth	Martin Phillips	Laser	12
Sixteenth	Gareth, Joe and Dan Edwards	RS200	11
Seventeenth	Dennis White	Solo	8
Eighteenth	Sarah + Dave	Magno	7
<b>Nineteenth/ Fourth Youth</b>	<b>Nick Hamersley</b>	Topper	5
Nineteenth	Phil and Lisa Weston	RS400	5
Twentieth	Mike Dean	Solo	3
Twenty-first	Colin Chapman	Solo	2
Twenty-second	Elvyn & Steffan Morgan	420	1
Twenty-second	Sean Tedstone	RS Vareo	1

Special prize for Elvyn for appearing twice in the list? Catamaran trophy? Paint-drying Trophy? We were a bit short of wind most of last year.

### Wanted: 1 Instructors

If you have ever wanted to be an instructor, subsidised courses are being run at the end of February. See Web site (Training, Instructors) for brief overview. We can help you get the necessary qualifications. Contact *Andy or Gareth*.

### Working Party

As ever, we will run a working party on Sunday morning the week before we start sailing again. Expect to get damp, and cold. All welcome to clean/organise etc. Bring wellies, mops, brushes and similar. Also need to check buoys, so some sailing kit needed for volunteers

**February 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00**

### Wanted: 2

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> hand dry suit

Please contact Daniel Milosevic, aged 15.  
01495 756596.

### OD Training and Capabilities questions

Please send back a questionnaire to Phil W if you have not done so. We have had a pretty good and useful response which is helping define what we do this year. Further input gratefully received. *Phil Weston*

## The committee's Intentions for 2005

### Overall aims

We have decided that we need some definitive aims this year, and they are;

- Improve facilities
- Make things easier to run
- Improve racing standards
- Communicate better
- Involve all members both in decisions and doing

### Sailing activities

#### OD Training

This is essential to ensure that the standard of racing improves to a level where we are considered to be a well organized racing club again and attract new members.

- Assign less-experienced members to well seasoned OD's for on the job training.
- Use of Doris should be considered the norm by end of 2005 season
- Use of the computer for results as a resource for those who wish to use it.
- Develop a manual for Doris and as the basis of training.
- OD training to emphasize the requirements of the course setting for multiple fleets and starts
- Sole use of flags to be encouraged

#### Safety boat training

Push forward certification of all members with a schedule of who will be asked to be present prior to racing on each Sunday for assessment.

#### Safety boat storage

Complete waterside storage facilities for safety boats

#### OD assignment

To ensure OD cover, a procedure is needed to check attendance on every sailing day;

Contact numbers for all assistants with main OD checking that AOD will be present.

Additional numbers on standby to handle absentees and rescue services.

Impress upon membership on the need to have 'an investment' of more OD duties next year to bring up the standard.

Investigate if there is interest from the younger members to do OD and safety boat duty

### Multiple courses

It is essential to support Junior and Asymmetric races to encourage new members and retain those we currently have. Races 2 and 3 should therefore have asymmetric, conventional (reaching)/junior starts on the calendar and run regardless of turnout with results collected and put forward as individual club championships.

Timing of separate fleets with proper equipment provided

### Open meetings

- This is an ideal method of promoting the club as long as we do it well.
- 2 day meetings for fleets that can make a case based on support.
- Opens for Topper/Laser, Solo, Asymmetric, CYRC
- Encourage participation in local clubs regattas and print them in the calendar and hand book.
- Encourage members to attend Coppel Week as a Llandegfedd family week with an Offshore Trophy.
- Re-introduce the Club Regatta
- Club Open meeting in May to encourage members to get involved with Open events, introduce them to the concepts involved.
- President's weekend will now be two days with an attempt to attract visitors. Split fleet racing to be promoted.
- Nelson Open meeting day.

### Training

To be handled as a separate entity by the Senior Instructors and training committee. Appoint a liaison person to help newcomers.

### General Admin

#### Clubhouse

Plan to be put in place for alternative clubhouse as well as lobbying United Utilities and Welsh Water for a user centre.

#### Yearbook

In addition to the cards currently produced, provide fully concise booklet to include;

- Calendar of sailing activities, social and business dates
- OD procedures
- Full year plan for OD duty
- Members list with contact numbers and email addresses. (printed only)

## Llandegfedd Social Calendar 2005

The Social calendar is now taking shape for 2005 and to ensure that you keep your diaries free here is a warning of what is on the menu for this year. Attendance by all members is of course compulsory – well advisable to make sure no one's talking about you!

### Pre-rigging Curry Party.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 1930hrs. Pre-rigging Party. Curry and Video night at the Raj Gate, Carleon Rd, Llanfrechfa. Excellent opportunity to meet the members, discuss tactics, psych out the competition etc. before the season starts.

### Beer and skittles evening.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 1930hrs. Entertainment for the Asymmetric Open visitors and all members. To be held in a suitable establishment close to the res. possibly Usk. Have no fear your social committee will research and test all suitable venues in the area.

### Afternoon race with barbeque.

Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>/August 20<sup>th</sup>. Format to be announced.

### Petonque with Gareth

Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> 1900hrs. Petonque with Gareth at Sebastopol Park in Pontypool. Those large metal balls again.

### Llandegfedd SC fun regatta.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July. A whole day of sailing silliness with plenty of entertaining events and games as yet to be dreamed up by the social and sailing committees.

### Go-Karting adrenalin rush

September 14<sup>th</sup> The Go-Karting adrenalin rush evening back by popular demand. Great night for the over 14's, price £25 per person.

### 26<sup>th</sup> November Prize Giving.

To be held at the excellent Usk Conservative Club as last year with dance and buffet.

### Volunteers, especially for research

As always we are seeking willing helpers and new blood for the social committee to help organise these events. If you are willing to assist in any way please call Phil Leeb-du-Toit.

*Steve Clarke*

Vice Commodore

### Wanted: 3

#### Second hand trailer for Doris

Needs to have 4 wheels, braked, to take 24 foot boat weighing possibly 1.5 tons.

Contact *Gareth or Steve*

## Possible 2005 Committee Members

President	Gareth Edwards, Mulberry House, Castle Parade, Usk, Monmouthshire, NP15 1AA. 01291 673883.
Commodore	Steven Clarke, Woodcroft House, Woodcroft, Chepstow, Monmouthshire, NP16 7PZ. 01291 620081
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Treasurer	Keith Jones, Badgers Meadow, Pwllmeyric, Chepstow NP16 6 01291 620295
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Webmaster	Andy Howard, 132 Claremont, Malpas, Newport, NP20 9PP. 01633 857247
Senior Trainer	Mervyn Reece, 2 Glan-y-Nant Close, Ty Coch, Cwmbran, Torfaen, NP44 7AA. 01633 770364
OD Roster	Phil Weston, 10 Park View, Cwmbran, Torfaen, NP44 1RB. 01633 775470
Training/Youth Representative	Bill Jackson, Clockbarn Cottage, Brynderwyn, Bettws Newydd, Monmouthshire, NP15 1JP. 01873 880288.
S/handed Rep	Nigel Tinkler
Asymmetric Rep	Martyn Osborne
Conventional Rep	Dave and Ros Downs 25 Orchid Meadow, Pwllmeyric, Chepstow NP16 6HP. 01291 620927
Sailing Dev Officer	Dave Iliffe
Results Sec (non committee)	Mark Williams, 3 Rockfield Glade, Parc Seymour, Monmouthshire, NP26 3JF. 01633 400791
Child Protection Officer (non-committee)	Kathy Milosevic, 22 Ruth Road, New Inn, Pontypool, Torfaen, NP4 0QJ, 01495 756596,
Training Co-ordinator (non-committee)	Alan Bolton, 14 Grange Park, St Arvans, Chepstow, Monmouthshire, NP16 6EA. 01291 626318

Plenty of space for volunteers to help!

### Social Committee

Steve and Christine Clarke	Contact details as above
Phil and Jenny Leeb-du-Toit	Contact details as above
Sean Tedstone	Contact details as above
Phil Weston	Contact details as above

Again, we can cope with more helpers, especially those who want to research suitable drinking establishments.

*Steve*

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

To be held at The White Hart Inn, Llangiby - Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2005 at 7.30pm

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last AGM (On the web site, under ADMIN, AGM details)
3. Matters arising
4. Commodore's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. To receive reports from subcommittees
7. Changes to Constitution
8. Election of officers and committee
9. To determine the subscriptions for 2005
10. Action plan and targets for 2005
11. Sailing programme for 2005
12. Overview of 2005 social and coaching programmes
13. Optimist Scholarships
14. Any other business

### Note

**New blood is urgently needed on the committee, as ever! We need a new newsletter Editor this year.** Please remember that being on the committee is a good way to get to know people, and to influence the future of the club.

### Proposed changes to the Constitution

I nearly got through my term of office without looking at the Club's constitution, but I wanted to propose one change to the Club's practice, and I discovered that the rules must be altered to accommodate it.

In case you are interested, the Rules are on the Website at [www.llandegfedd.org.uk](http://www.llandegfedd.org.uk) (under Admin, Constitution)

Although the sailing year runs from 1st March to 31st October, the Commodore and Committee hold office for one year from the AGM. The Rules say that the AGM must be held in December or January. In reality, most of the planning for the next season is carried out by Christmas.

Therefore, the new officers take their posts after the planning has been done. It makes more sense for the new committee to plan for the year in which it holds office. I therefore propose that the AGM be held in November. I suggest that it should take place early in November, so that the new team can co-ordinate the new season, and the old team can relax.

#### CHANGE 1 – Rule 32

Permit AGM to be held between November and January

There will be a consequent change, which doesn't require a change in the rules-

- That the financial year will run from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> August in subsequent years. The current financial year (which started on 1<sup>st</sup> November) will be short. This will allow the accounts to be prepared in time for the AGM.

We also noticed another 2 areas to tidy up-

#### CHANGE 2 – rule 3 a)

Change in definition of full membership. Adults and *any* children under 19 *or in full time education*.

#### CHANGE 3 – rule 4

Remove references to "Racing" and "non-Racing" members, replace with "Full" and "Senior" members

### OPTIMIST SCHOLARSHIPS

Llandegfedd SC own three racing specification Optimists that were purchased a couple of years ago with a Sportslot grant. These boats are loaned to promising young sailors for a year in the form of a scholarship. All the boats were loaned last season and it would be great to see all three in use in 2005.

*Anyone interested should apply in writing to the Commodore and the committee will allocate the boats when they become available.*

Before taking delivery of the boat you will be required to pay a loan fee of £100 (non-returnable) for the year and £50 damage deposit. (returnable).

Preference to be given to:

- 1) Juniors showing potential and commitment.
- 2) Those who have complete the club course, or equivalent (Stage 2 minimum).
- 3) Where parental support is forthcoming but provision of a boat is unlikely.
- 4) To those who have not benefited previously.