



# The Social Side

## Paxton Lakes Sailing Club      June 2012

**Welcome to the first newsletter which is more about the social side of the club. Here we are at the height of the sailing season and I am pleased to say there are so many events planned or being organized it needed this newsletter for me to tell you about them.**

### Father's Day Race      17<sup>th</sup> June 2012

As part of the Sunday racing, prize for first family team on the day.

### 24 Hour Race      23<sup>rd</sup> June 2012

This annual event is held to raise much-needed funds for the R.N.L.I. Money is raised by sponsorship either as a total or on a per lap basis. To date we have managed to raise over £55,000, which has been used for many things including buying a new engine for an Atlantic 21 Lifeboat stationed at Great Yarmouth.

This year we are once again including a Juniors Race within the main event. This will be for teams whose members are aged 18 years and under at the start of the race. This is a great opportunity for youngsters to experience the fun of night sailing.

Groups of sailors put themselves together in teams either sailing single or double handed boats. Race duties, such as time keeping, safety boat and Galley, are carried out by team members.

There will be a BBQ provided by the Sea Cadets for the Saturday evening-entertainment will be provided by live televised concert and a DJ helping to keep the sailors going.

This is a fantastic event to take part in with a great atmosphere on the day. There is lots of information on the website or via Gareth Russell, Rear Commodore.

## Sail for Gold

5<sup>th</sup> August 2012

This is a fairly new race day to Paxton Lakes, it is a race day to help celebrate the first medal race of the Olympics. However it is racing with a twist...the first race of the day is a pursuit race but with a Le Mans start so your boat must be held to the shore before you start and only at your start time may you push off and sail to the start line. After a spot of lunch the racing becomes a little more intensive with 4 short races lasting fifteen minutes each over a very short course. Then of course there is a medal race but with another twist...you have to count the results and it is double points. The race officer has worked out personal handicaps for all sailors based on the races that day. So in theory everyone should end the pursuit race at the same point on the lake irrespective of boat type or sailing ability. This adds a nail biting finish to the day. The race day will be followed by a BBQ and entertainment.

## Laying Up Supper

24<sup>th</sup> November 2012

The biggest social event of the year is the Laying-Up Supper. This is the traditional annual dinner in relation to the boats being "laid up" or packed up for winter. Whilst not everyone "lays up" their boat these days, we do all need one night to celebrate our successes during the year and let our hair down. All members, family and friends are invited to this annual dinner and prize-giving, which is followed by a form of entertainment, all for the fantastic cost of only £10. There will also be a raffle and we will be asking if anyone has any prizes they would like to donate.

Last year after the two course meal and award ceremony, there was a disco courtesy of Levitation Events. We would like to make this year's event bigger and better than last year's but we can only do that with your feedback. As well as the main hall at Little Paxton Village Hall, we are looking to use the side room. We are keen to know what you would like for this year's entertainment. You can speak to myself or Gareth Russell when you see us at the club, email me at [social@paxtonlakes.org.uk](mailto:social@paxtonlakes.org.uk) or join in the discussion on the [facebook](#) page.

If you would like any further information on the events above or to register your interest, please add yourselves to the events on Facebook or email [social@paxtonlakes.org.uk](mailto:social@paxtonlakes.org.uk) and we look forward to seeing you soon.

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