



Burwain Sailing Club



NEWSLETTER

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Photoshop editing makes even Peter Dewhurst & Julie look good

WATER LEVELS

The proposed work being carried out by British Waterways is now scheduled to start on 1st August, meaning that we might expect the lake to be unsailable by mid July. However, this date has already been changed once and it's the committee's view that nothing is certain: due to outside factors, BW cannot make a firm commitment at this stage.

Don't let this uncertainty stop you from paying your subs! A fall in membership fee income could seriously damage the club and even affect our long term future. So to ensure you can sail at Burwain in the years ahead, please pay.

Remember that if sailing stops at Burwain we will be able to store boats and sail at East Lancs Sailing Club, just a few miles down the Motorway at Rishton. They will make us very welcome and there will be **no fees** charged to Burwain Members.

Late Spring/Summer Highlights

2 May	Solo Open
4 May	Sailfish Bring a Friend Day
8 May	Sail & Supper Night
10 May	GP Open
24 May	Laser Open
29 May	Sailfish Hollingworth Lake
20/21 June	Burwain Regatta and Hog Roast
27 June	Junior 12 hour Race Southport
5 July	Burwain Junior Regatta

Training News

On Saturday 9 May, the day before the GP Open, twice GP world champion Ian Dobson is running a training day for intermediates and aspiring experts. Essential for GP sailors but all are welcome.

After the training session, at about 18.00 tea will be available, followed by Q & A with Ian. He'll be happy to talk about his sailing career, the boats and events he's sailed, the whole story from Burwain Junior to World Champion.

Throughout May, Gary Dewhurst will be running informal Sunday morning training clinics prior to afternoon racing. Just turn up ready to be on the water by 12.00. Phone Gary for further info if needed.

Sail & Supper Evening 8 May

Come along after Sailfish and Cruising on 8 May at about 8.30pm for food, drinks and something for the Sailfishers. (It won't be a late finish). We would also like to see as many **new members** as possible **so if you have joined the club in the last 18 months** please phone Peter Norcliffe to arrange an hour on the water with experienced sailors from 7.00pm onwards. Regarding the clubhouse do afterwards, speak to Maria Mussell. Or just turn up & see what's on!

ALERT Wednesday Pursuit

The May calendar wrongly states the 1st warning signal at 18.41. This should read 19.10 so you have an extra half hour. Note it is a PURSUIT.



Club Boats

Are you aware that club boats are available for members to sail, ideal for non-boat owners and new members. There is a nominal hire charge (£8 per session for the 2 person boats and £5 for the single handers. Full afternoon or evening).

GP14 The classic double hander.

Laser A single hander, fast, demanding and great fun.

Topper Youth boat, single hander. Simple, fun and fine for adults too.

RS Tera Light kids single hander. Also suitable for small adults to practise.

We'll even help get you started. Just call Peter Dewhurst or Peter Norcliffe

SAILFISH



Friday evening Sailfish got off to a great start last Friday (24th) with a big turnout and fine weather. We aim to build on our first 2 years with more structured training and fun events

Next Monday (May Day 4th) is Bring a Friend Day starting at 12 noon till 4.30pm. Fun & games including treasure hunt, raft race, ball games & more. Open to all under 16s and friends. Unmissable!

Every Sunday will feature Junior Race Training with short races in Teras. Expert helming is not required, but perhaps not suitable for absolute beginners. 12 noon start.

On 29th May we are going to Hollingworth Lake near Rochdale for an 8 hour race!! Kids will take it in turns to sail (you don't sail for 8 hours!) so be amongst the first to volunteer!

Are you a Member?

A funny question for a member's newsletter to ask, so I'd better explain. Basically, you aren't a member if you haven't paid your subs. Simple, isn't it?

There are various not so simple consequences though. Firstly, non members can't sail, either in their own boats or other people's boats or as a crew (more than 4 times a year). The club key should not be on or about a non member's person, but returned to the club forthwith. They cannot have a drink in the bar without being signed in. Also, non member's boats should not be in the dinghy park and are at risk of being firebombed by the Provisional Wing of the General Committee.

In fact, the rules are so complicated it's far easier to just stump up, then you can erase these mind numbing facts from your memory. See our lead item on page one about the importance of fee income to the club.



Sailfisher Alex shows skills learned at Sailfish

In June there is another long race—this time 12 hours—at Southport. These events can be great fun and a day out for the whole family, so contact James Dewhurst, Paul Graham, Maria Mussell or any Sailfish helper for details.

Burwain Regatta and Hog Roast

This will be held over the weekend 20/21 June. The Saturday evening Hog Roast will be a humdinger this year as we have booked a live Ceilidh Band (that's Kaley to you & me).

The Hog will be attended by Mr Gary Bates (Celebrity Chef according to Gary, kitchen porter according to others) and diddly-dee dancing to follow.

Please put this in your diary. We hope lots of newer members will turn up as well for what is sure to be a great night. £6 adults, kids free.

Chilli Con Corner

Friday 13th March was Chilli Night at the club, with members invited to enter their own chilli dishes in the inaugural Burwain Chilli Cook Off. Twelve dishes were entered by 8 members.

The format worked brilliantly, with all the entered dishes (entrees?) devoured with much gusto (a good old fashioned phrase last seen in The Beano 1956) by members and guests.

Entries were judged by Gary Bates who gave a short but terrific talk - about chillies as it happens.

Congratulations to outright winner Ann Fairclough. You can test her recipe on the website www.burwain.co.uk