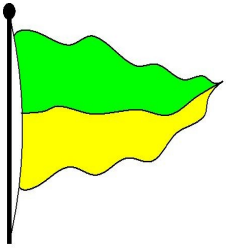


# Abbey Sailing Club

## Newsletter May 2009



Welcome to All New Members of the Club including the 4 baby Signets hatched last week, who seem to have flown the nest at the moment.



We are fast becoming a club with International membership and a special welcome to you All.

The season has been off to a great start with the weather being kind to us, we have even held our first BBQ's. It is great to Tim & Sue Hunt back on the water after last year's illness and wonder what medication he is on as they seem to be winning every race so far.

Race Results so far:-

1<sup>st</sup> Series Winner Sunday morning-Finishes 24<sup>th</sup> May-undecided yet.

1<sup>st</sup> Series Winner Sunday afternoon-2 Races to go but Tim & Sue Hunt leading at present

1<sup>st</sup> Series Winner Wednesday Evening-3 more to go

Rogers Easter Cup Won by Tim & Sue Hunt

Unsworth Paddle Won by Tim & Sue Hunt

Minchin May Day Cup Won by Rupert Emerson

Trophy Race held 22<sup>nd</sup> March won by Tim & Sue Hunt

Trophy Race held 12<sup>th</sup> April won by Wayne Jenner

Next Trophy race to be held on Sunday afternoon 24<sup>th</sup> May-be in it to win it!!

Thank you to Ian Boyce for Volunteering to keep the Race Results up to date.

The Committee have been very busy on your behalf attending and organising activities to encourage new Membership at the club. We have been attending meetings being held by 'The Vale of White Horse' for Watersports Development in Abingdon, an Open Day is to be held with the Rowing Club & The Canoe Club hosted at the Abbey-dates and details to follow. The Vale have produced 'a Flyer' to advertise events and a copy can be seen on Mick Jones' laptop. We will also be holding Displays advertising 'The Sailing at the Abbey SC' at Tesco's, B & Q and The Leisure Centre to encourage new membership-also dates to be announced see Wayne Jenner.

Last weekend was a great sailing day at the 'Thames Intermatch' held this year at Henley SC, the Abbey came 2<sup>nd</sup> and Grant Blake won the Individual Trophy. Well done Grant! He was sailing his newly acquired 'Phantom'. Henley provided a great Lunch & Tea, the weather was superb but the winds light and variable, what a great location, next year Abbey SC host the event. I believe it even got a mention on 'Heart FM'-for great day out.

The team with support and Grant with his prize.



We have introduced this year Saturday afternoon sailing from 12noon onwards to encourage Novice & Junior sailing, we have also been given an 'Otter" to add to our 2 Toppers & 420 as Club boats for all to use. We aim to hold workshops to 'Improve knowledge of Race Rules/Regulations', 'Learn how to drive the Power Boat/Rescue Boat', 'Learn to Sail' and any request to improve Sailing at the Abbey for young and older members. The committee has organised an Away Sailing Day at Poole on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June-see notice board for details. Social sailing & BBQ's are to be planned in the near future too.

Many people have been helping with the maintenance jobs at the club and hope everyone has noticed the 'GOOGLEUS' sign at the front of the building & the 'Caution Look Both Ways' at the gate to try to improve safety for members & visitors.

The Clubhouse has been a 'hive of activity' welcoming the local community to use our splendid facilities. AGM's have been held by the Rowing Club, Canoe Club, Marina Association & the Tennis Club. The Clubhouse can be hired by members for a small charge.

Also it is great to see the Sea Cadets back on the water this year, they use the Club Tuesday & Friday evenings and are looking for help, also assistance with teaching sailing.

The website has been updated thanks to Tom, and we hope to have regular Newsletters to keep you informed, any photos email to Mick Jones please. Thank you to Liz Hale one of our newer members for lots of polite suggestions in improving communications to the Community.

Please let us have your up to date email addresses, if we do not have them already & we will try to get paper copies to members without emails, promptly.

This is your Club we need to know what you want/expect from it-See you All on the Water.!

We have built a new Step & Ramp to help with access to the new doors.



### **Coming up in June 2009**

**Wednesday Evenings 1830 2<sup>nd</sup> series handicap races**

**Saturdays from noon casual sailing BBQ**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 1100 RNLI Subscription Race**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 1100 Team match v Sutton at Abbey SC Ian Boyce and Carol Hodgkins will officiate, please come and support.**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 13:30 June Trophy Race**

**All the usual Sunday am and pm races throughout June.**