



TELLTALES

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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

What a busy summer of sailing we have had! Our Olympic sailors produced some magnificent performances on the waters at Qingdao, leaving Great Britain as the best performing sailing nation. Wasn't it exciting to be able to watch the racing live, courtesy of the red button?! However there was plenty of excitement and action to be had on the water closer to home this summer, at Priory Sailing club! Just read the reports in the following pages of the many events that we have organised and hosted over recent months to see how active we have been as a club. From our early season Open Days through to recent Open events there have been few weeks without something happening.

Thank you to all of the many members who have worked so hard this summer to make these various events the success they have so clearly been. It has been particularly pleasing to receive so many complimentary comments from other sailors who have visited our lake; not only recognising our efficient organisation, but also our friendly welcoming atmosphere.

As a club we have benefited this year from several RYA grants to support our training schemes, one of which helped us buy a Vibe – an exciting boat being put to good use by many of our youth sailors. But it's not just the youngsters benefiting. Thanks to a successful Lottery bid by our hard working treasurer,

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Peter Barton, we have added an Omega to our fleet of club boats as well as a new plastic power boat – you can't miss it, it's bright orange!

After a windy start to the summer we have suffered a few windless weekends recently as we move into autumn. Our planned Youth Regatta had to be postponed due to lack of wind, and a team of young Priory sailors who took part in a Topper open event at Stewartby recently had to cope with some very difficult light wind conditions. Well done to Guy Davis who achieved a third place in the final race of the day, in a fleet of over fifty boats containing many sailors who had competed at this year's world championships.

Let's hope that the days of mellow fruitfulness soon give way to some equinoctial gales.

Tim Hewett

DATES FOR YOUR WINTER DIARY	
Sunday 28 September	Frostbite Series started - 10.30 start for each of twelve consecutive Sundays
Thursday 1 November	Winter restrictions imposed: use limited to Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays
Sunday 16 November	Lunch 13.00 followed by PSC AGM and Prize giving in Clubhouse at 14.00
Tuesday 2 December	PWSA AGM in the Clubhouse at 20.00 - Directors and PSC Committee members
Sunday 7 December	Last races in the Frostbite Series
Friday 26 December	Boxing Day Event - sailing from 11 am and coffee and mince pies
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Thursday 1 January	New Year Social and Icicle race for boards and dinghies, 11.30 start. Light lunch from 12.30
Sunday 26 January	Provisional date for start of Icicle Series, confirmation will be given in the 2008 Christmas edition of Telltales

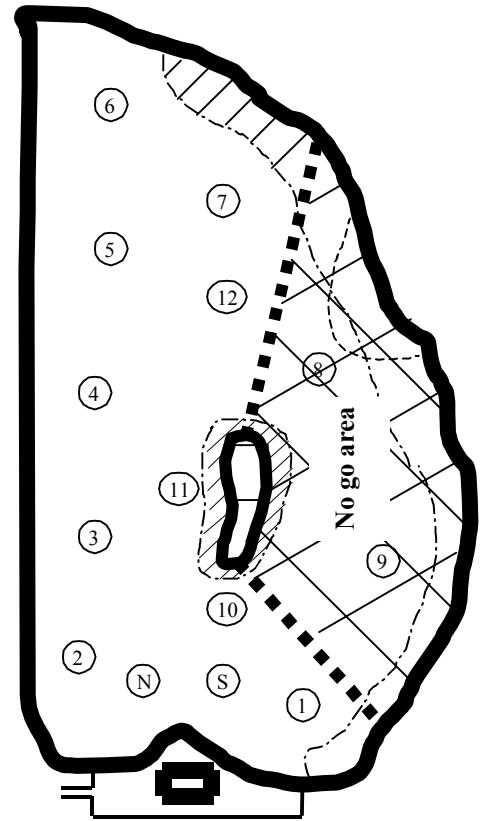
WINTER RESTRICTIONS

Winter restrictions come into force on **1st November** and continue until the **31st March 2009**

What are they?

- The use of the lake is restricted to **Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays** between the hours of **9.30 am** and **4.00 pm**
- In addition to the area around the island and the 20m zone along the south shore reserved for fishing, an extra area of the lake is made a **NO GO AREA** to form a winter-feeding zone for migrating waterfowl. A line of buoys will be set out from the Eastern and Western ends of the island to the south shore (shown as a bold broken line on the adjacent map of the lake) at the end of sailing on 25th October, and the area of water enclosed by these buoys, the island and the south shore (shown cross hatched on the adjacent map of the lake) is the **NO GO AREA** from **1st November**.

Please respect these winter restrictions.



CLUB OPEN WEEKEND - 9th & 10th JUNE

How did it go? Very well, as this note from Brian Stanbridge to all those who helped makes clear.

I just wanted to say thank you for your help over the weekend; the event could not have run without you and the time that you gave up.

When I looked at the paper work on Sunday evening we managed to get over 300 people on the water, which is a fantastic achievement.

Once again thank you for your efforts.

Kind regards,
Brian Stanbridge

RNLI REGATTA

This year's Regatta, held on Sunday 22nd June, was not for the faint-hearted. Although it was a bright and warm day, the wind was very strong and gusty, probably force 6 gusting 7 or even more on occasions. Fourteen members, including seven of our young sailors, decided to brave the elements to make this a very memorable and spectacular RNLI Regatta.

Because of the strong winds from the SW it was possible to set a course covering the whole length of the lake for each of the three hour long races. It was not long before the first of many capsizes occurred, in fact some capsized during the preparatory period to the first race. More followed during the race, but by now the capsize and recovery procedure seemed a "natural" part of the sailing "technique"!

SAILING FOR OUR DISABLED MEMBERS

Our disabled sailors, Tom and David, had another successful season, thanks to all those who gave assistance, particularly Peter Bell, Chris Jennings, Richard Crowson and Stephanie Clegg.

In August we had a new member, Michael, join the group. Michael had sailed previously in a Topper so sailing a Wanderer was a new experience for him, and one he seemed to enjoy. So we shall look forward to seeing Michael next year.

Many thanks to Peter Barton for keeping the Wanderers in such good shape - it is much appreciated.

Very many thanks are also extended to those who generously donated sails for the club Wanderer. This was a much-appreciated gift and there is more about this on page 4.

Roy Beard

All the physical activity had produced some large appetites and a splendid lunch prepared and served by Julie Kirk and her daughter Amelia was consumed with relish.

When racing resumed after lunch the wind had increased in strength and many more capsizes ensued. In fact it seemed at one point that all boats had capsized, but whether they all had the mast heads in the water, which is the definition of a

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capsize (Rule 20), was hard to say. Some boats got blown onto the shore and others needed the help of one of the two very busy safety boats and had to retire. Only three boats completed the third race.

It may have been tough on the water, but it was equally difficult for the race officer, Roy Beard, and his very able assistant, David Jennings, keeping tabs on those helms who had retired and were therefore not racing, those who had changed boats (or helms who crewed in another boat) and logging the laps completed of those still racing, as well as keeping all the results sheets pinned down to prevent them being blown away.

Many thanks to the safety boat helms and crews of Chris and Jan Jennings, and David Kirk and Pascale Hewett, for ensuring that all who needed help received it and were returned to the shore safely.

A total of £73.50 was raised for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Well done to everyone who took part and for your contributions. The results are shown below.

Helm	Race 1			Race 2			Race 3			Total of best two	Position	Award
	Class	Crew	Points scored	Class	Crew	Points scored	Class	Crew	Points scored			
Dick Knowles	Vago		4	Vago		3	Vago	Alex Kirk	1	4	1	First
Tim Hewett	Wayfarer	Various	15	Wayfarer		2	Wayfarer		2	4	2	Second
Paul Williams	Laser		3	Laser		4	Laser		15	7	3	Third
Shevaun Davis	Pico	Carla	15	Pico	Carla	6	Pico	Carla	3	9	4	Best U17
Vanessa Weedon-Jones	Streaker		15	Pico		1	Pico		15	16	5	
Guy Jessop	Pico		1	Pico		15	Pico		15	16	6	
Guy Davis	Topper		2	Topper		15	Topper		15	17	7	Best U 13
Alex Kirk	Laser		15	Laser		15	Laser		15	30	8	
Jon Jennings	Laser		15	Laser		15	Laser		15	30	8	
Richard Bend	Wanderer		15	Wanderer		15	Wanderer		15	30	8	
David Kirk	Omega		15	Omega		15	Omega		15	30	8	
John Morrow	Comet		15	Comet		15	Comet		15	30	8	
Mark Roe	Heron		15	Heron		15	Heron		15	30	8	
Lucie Hewett	Pico		15	Pico		15	Pico		15	30	8	

GREEN FLAG AWARD FOR SEVENTH YEAR

Priory Country Park has been awarded the Green Flag status for 2008/9. This is the seventh year in succession that the Park has received this prestigious award.

Congratulations to Bedford Borough Council and to all the Park Staff on this achievement.

P.W.S.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of Priory Water Sports Association Limited, which incorporates Priory Sailing Club, will be held in the clubhouse from 8.00 pm on Tuesday 2nd December 2008. Directors of the Association and committee members of Priory Sailing Club may attend. If you have a matter that you think should be raised at this meeting, please write to the Commodore so that he can put it to the PSC committee in preparation for the PWSA AGM.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Enclosed with this issue for your information is a membership list. If you find any errors, please inform the membership secretary, Tony Ogborn on 01234 708010.

PRIORY SAILING CLUB NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PRIZE GIVING

In accordance with section 5 of the Club Constitution, notice is hereby given of the 30th Annual General meeting to be held on:

SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2008, at 14.00 in the Clubhouse (Lunch from 13.00)

THE BUSINESS OF THE AGM IS TO: —

- Receive reports
- Receive the accounts
- Determine next year's subscription and entrance fees
- Elect the Officers*
- Elect the Committee*
- Any other business - written notice of 21 days required
- A member may also raise any matter under 5.3 of the Club Constitution

*The nominations for Officers and the nominations for committee members will be published on the notice board in the clubhouse after 2nd October.

PRIZE GIVING

The prize giving for the Spring, Summer, Autumn and Olympic Series will commence after the business of the AGM has been completed, which is likely to be about 15.00. The awards to be presented are for the first place overall, best novice and best under 17 years in each of the Spring, Summer and Autumn Series. In addition, the first place and best novice in the pursuit races of the Summer Series will receive awards, as well as the first place overall and the best novice in the Olympic Series. For those helms with the best performances in the Spring, Summer and Autumn Series combined, there are awards for the Best Novice, the Best Under 13, the Best Under 17, the Most Improved Helm, the Best Laser and the Best Under 17 Laser. The helm with the top performance overall becomes Mariner of the Year.

There is also an award for the person who has made a significant Off the Water contribution to the Club.

NEW SAILS DONATED FOR THE CLUB WANDERER

The club's Wanderers are in continual use for junior and adult training courses and for our disabled sailors from spring, throughout the summer to the autumn. Peter Barton keeps the hulls in good repair but over the last year, or perhaps more, the sails of the oldest Wanderer began to show signs of wear and tear. This had not escaped the notice of Monica Ogborn and she exercised her diplomatic skills in bringing this use of the boats and the deteriorating state of the sails to the notice of her acquaintances at Bells Motor Group, Bedford. We were therefore very pleased to learn in August that Bells Motor Group for Mitsubishi offered to pay for a new main sail for the oldest Wanderer.

As you will see on page 7, the Junior Dinghy Week, in which the Wanderers were used, was a great success, with all of our young sailors advancing their sailing skills and acquiring one or more new certificates during the week. This success was noted by many, and two anonymous persons very kindly and generously financed the purchase of a genoa sail for the Wanderer.

An order was placed with Pinnell and Bax and in September the two new sails arrived for the Wanderer. They were quickly put into use and found to be very good, putting "new" life back into the performance of our old but faithful Wanderer.

To Mitsubishi Motors and to the two anonymous donors, Priory Sailing Club would like to say that we are very grateful for your kind donation and wish to assure you that the sails and boat will be put to very good use on our training and sailing activities for many years to come.

AUTUMN SERIES RESULTS
based on best five scores

Helm	Class	Total Points	Position
Sarah Poxton	Topper	5	1
Tony Ogborn	Heron	5	2
Andrew Wilson	Streaker	6	3
Paul Williams	Laser	9	4
Nick Sparrow	Streaker	9	5
Marzio Barberio	Topper	17	6
Caroline Bennett	Heron	18.5	7
Guy Steel Jessop	Solo	23	8
William Armitage	Fireball	24	9
Jacob Stephenson	Topper	25	10
Mark Roe	Heron	28	11
Dick Knowles	Vago	28	12
Graham Pound	Laser	28	13
Jon Jennings	Laser Radial	33	14
Rupert Keep/Darren Spavins	Heron	39	15
Wayne Bennett	Topper	52	16
Peter Gell	Wanderer	-	-
John Morrow	Comet	-	-
Trevor Tumber	Mirror	-	-
Thomas de Souza	Topper	-	-
Sue Baker	Heron	-	-
James Stephenson	Topaz Uno	-	-
Flo Armitage	Laser Pico	-	-
John Howard	Heron	-	-
James Pryah	Topper	-	-
Joseph Mullan	Topper	-	-
Guy Davis	Laser Radial	-	-
Gordon de Souza	Omega	-	-
Peter Barton	Heron	-	-
Jack Bennett	Topper	-	-
Jack Steel Jessop	Topper	-	-
Jenny Mullan	Topper	-	-
Zack Mokrani	Topper	-	-
Carla Barberio/Shevaun Davis	Heron	-	-
Alex Kirk	Laser	-	-
Richard Crowson	Wanderer	-	-
Rupert Keep	Heron	-	-
David Stephenson	Topper	-	-
Vanessa Weedon	Phantom	-	-
Rosalie Fuchs	Topper	-	-
Gordon de Souza	Heron	-	-
Richard Bend	Wanderer	-	-
Shevaun Davis	Laser Pico	-	-
Colin Kitchin	Solo	-	-

AUTUMN SERIES

As can be seen from the adjacent table, forty four helms sailed in the Autumn Series but only sixteen came to the starting area for five or more races, thus only these sixteen qualified for a placing in the Series.

Both Sarah and Tony secured five first places, but Sarah had secured a first in one of her excluded races to Tony's second place in one of his excluded races, thus the tie was broken in favour of Sarah taking first place overall and Tony taking second place.

Andrew Wilson was close on their heels - whoops, transoms - scoring six points to secure third place overall.

Caroline Bennett sailed her Heron, that she has so beautifully restored, into seventh place to become the best Novice.

Marzio in sixth place was the Best Under 17, and Jacob Stephenson in tenth place was the Best Under 13.

Guy Steel Jessop, William Armitage, Jacob Stephenson and Mark Roe, all achieved results in the upper 75% of those who had gained a placing in this series, and this won for them their third graduation point and thereby they all graduate to standard helm.

Congratulations to all - and for those who gained first place overall, Best Novice, Best under 17 and Best Under 13 do not forget that your awards will be presented after the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 16th November in the clubhouse.

You will find more information on page 4 under the all-important announcement of the Annual General Meeting. As you will see, you can have lunch from 13.00 hours.

LADIES ONLY
(Ladies learn to Level II)

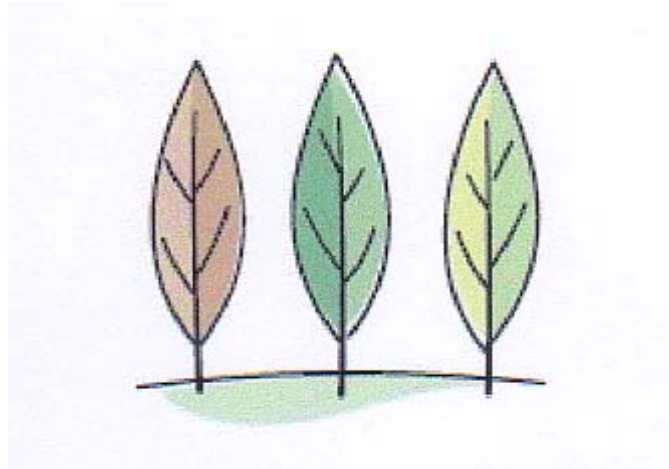
A little publicised sailing class took place during the summer. On quiet Friday afternoons and occasional Saturday mornings eight lady club members learnt to sail. The sailing began in a Heron using mainsail only and continued in a Wanderer with an instructor, or the Heron with both jib and mainsail. Finally, there was capsizing for real from a Laser Pico.

If you might like to join such a class next year, please let Tony Ogborn know on 01234 708010.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

There have been some occasions when members have wished to use the galley only to find that the sink was full of mugs, cups and cutlery waiting to be washed. All members are welcome to use the galley, but please ensure that all crockery and cutlery are washed and put away after use, so that the galley and all its facilities are clean and ready for the next occasion that it is needed. Thank you.

**Ask us the big questions
We'll take care of the small details**



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TOPPER OPEN MEETING – WINNING WAYS! WHAT DISTINGUISHED THE LEADERS?

The POTENTIAL LEADERS distinguished themselves BEFORE THE START by being the FIRST TO LEAVE THE SHORE.

These helms therefore had time to do the first beat several times and get a feel for the best end of the line to start and the best course to sail on the critical first beat against the southeast wind. From the committee boat start in front of the clubhouse this appeared to be to go near the island and make many short tacks on every wind shift up to No 9 mark (a map of the lake showing the Winter Restrictions on page 2 also shows the positions of the permanent racing marks).

The opposite to this was those who chose to start with a long tack on port, which brought them into the wind shadow of the south bank and they were soon slipping well behind.

Rounding No 9 the leaders were immediately releasing the outhaul and kicker a little for the long reach to No 12.

Gybing round No 12 further adjustments were made to give a very full (rounded) sail and also raising the dagger board significantly for the coming long run to the leeward mark near No 2. Some of the leading groups were also heeling their boats to windward to bring the centre of pressure of the wind on the sail near to the centre line of the craft to achieve maximum speed. Moving forward in the lulls and back in the gusts the leading helms were never idle!

As they approached the leeward (downwind) temporary mark located near mark 2 the leaders all started to trim their boats ready for the next beat to windward. Outhaul and kicker tightened, dagger board down and the main in a bit ready to round close to the mark and go immediately on to the beat to port.

Those helms who found they were now right behind someone and sailing in their bad wind and knew that this was slowing them down, put in a short tack on starboard to get clear wind.

The leaders were now making small adjustments to the sail trim and settling down to the next lap but were ready to cope INSTANTLY with the SHIFTS, GUSTS and LULLS.

A day for CONSTANT ATTENTION!

Thanks for some entertaining racing, which for some may have been exasperating, but as usual the leaders made it look easy! All the results can be found in the Junior Mainsheet section.

John Howard

PSC JUNIOR DINGHY WEEK August 11th - 15th 2008

The forecast of strong gusty winds, heavy rain, overcast skies and 36 junior sailors aged 9-15 seemed an unpromising mix for five days of sailing. However it did turn out to be a really enjoyable week for all involved.

The plan was to use all the club boats to maximum advantage to meet the RYA training syllabus and help achieve as many RYA certificates as possible for our young sailors.

The 35 boats used were: -

- Omega & Vago, with a spinnakers, trapeze & centre mains
- Two Wanderers with aft mains for stage 4 and Seamanship Skills
- Three Herons with aft mains for stage 4
- Six Picos with centre mains for introduction to two man boats
- Six centre main Toppers for introduction to centre main sheeting
- Ten toppers for start racing
- Six Toppers for start sailing stage 3
- plus the two safety and one training motor craft.

“Pirates” was the theme with 1 Admiral each day commanding 6 Pirate Chiefs, 6 Pirate Captains and 30 potentially mutinous young sailors. The young sailors were divided into 5 groups and the idea was for the 6 young sailors in each group to compete against each other. This was great for the relay races using Toppers, but with the difficult weather it was not possible for the smaller young sailors to take charge of the larger boats. The more usual grouping by size and ability was needed to master the gusty winds and keep everybody on the water.

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To judge by the appraisal forms there was 100% enjoyment and many wanted certificates gained, but the universal request was for more time in big boats and using spinnakers and trapeze.

The certificates gained were: - RYA Seamanship - 8
RYA Stage 4 - 14
RYA Stage 3 - 10
RYA Start Racing - 4

Everyone gained at least one new certificate to add to their log books.

The volunteer Captains (Trainee Assistant Instructors) were Marzio Barberio, Charles Cooper, Shevaun Davis, Richard Hepher, Jonathan Powell and Samantha Theobald Roe.

The safety boat and on shore team was Sally Marlow, Monica Ogborn, Gordon de Sousa, Sarah Stephenson and Sue Theobald.

The instructors were Alan Baker, Sue Baker, Roy Beard, Alex Kirk, Dick Knowles, Sarah Poxton and Tony Ogborn.

We are all looking forward to doing it again next year.

Tony Ogborn

HERON NATIONAL CREWED CHAMPIONSHIP

Priory hosted the 2008 Heron National Championship for crewed boats on Saturday 6th September on a day of fresh southerly winds with some very gusty periods. However, this did not deter seven visitors joining seven of our sailors from competing in this annual event.

Four of the visitors sailed consistently in close fought battles but finished in the same order in all three races. Last year's champion, Paul Pelling with his daughter Freya as crew, repeated their performance and were followed by Andy Dale with Lewis Caton, Dave Butler with Kayleigh and Matthew Picket with F Turley. In spite of the conditions all brought young lightweight crews and skilfully pulled out commanding leads over many of the fleet, especially on the long reaches connecting the two beats of the figure of eight course.

Of our sailors, Tony Ogborn secured sixth place overall and the "over sixty five" veterans trophy.

Four of Priory's boats were helmed and crewed by young ladies from our Buccaneers group, sailing borrowed craft. They all, no doubt, had high hopes of gaining the trophies for First Lady Helm and for First Junior Helm and Crew. However, for the First Lady Helm they were just beaten by one of the instructors of the Buccaneers Group, Sue Baker with her young niece Fran Alsworth as crew. Sue also won the First Veteran 50-64 trophy with eighth place overall.

It was with tenth place overall that Zoe Waring with Ellie Harbinson secured the much prized junior helm and crew trophy to riotous cheers from all their supporters in the Buccaneer Group.

Since Priory was the only club to have more than two boats entered they "won" the Best Team award. Priory's best helms were Tony Ogborn sixth, Sue Baker eighth and Philippa Theobald-Roe tenth.

The award for Middle of the Fleet went to Alex Johnson and Ashley Soucy of Eyott S C, who in spite of capsizing four times kept going and secured seventh place overall.

The "Result worthy of note" went to the Priory Buccaneers second placed juniors, Shevaun Davis with crew Carla Barberio.

Congratulations to all the award winners and also to the Race Officer, Andrew Wilson, and his race management team of eleven for providing very good courses, and to his safety boat crews who were kept very busy throughout the day. Our thanks go to Julie Kirk and her daughter Amelia and their many helpers for providing refreshments throughout the day and for a very enjoyable and much appreciated lunch and tea.

All the awards and all the results are shown on page 9.

John Howard

HERON NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Position	Award	Keeper for helm & crew	Helm	Crew	Club
First place overall	Silver Heron trophy	Large tumbler	Paul Pelling	Freya Pelling	Up River YC
Second place overall	-	Whiskey glass	Andy Dale	Lewis Caton	Eyott SC
Third place overall	-	Small tankard	Dave Butler	Kayleigh	Welton SC
First Lady Helm	Ladies Trophy	Small wine glass	Sue Baker	Fran Alsworth	Priory SC
First veteran helm 50 to 64	Brolga Trophy	Whiskey glass	Sue Baker	Fran Alsworth	Priory SC
First veteran helm 65 or over	Newton Crum Tankard	Whiskey glass	Tony Ogborn	Jonathan Powell	Priory SC
First in first race	Yachting World Bowl	Glass keeper	Paul Pelling	Freya Pelling	Up River YC
First in second race	Findley Cup	Glass keeper	Paul Pelling	Freya Pelling	Up River YC
First in third race	Bletchley Bowl	Glass keeper	Paul Pelling	Freya Pelling	Up River YC
Middle of the Fleet	Jim Perkins Trophy	Small wine glass	Alexander Johnson	Ashley Soucy	Eyott SC
Result worthy of note	West Wick Endeavour Trophy	Small tankard	Shevaun Davis	Carla Barberio	Priory SC
First junior helm and crew	Junior Heron Tankard	Small wine glass	Zoe Waring	Ellie Harbinson	Priory SC
Best club team	Fenn & Wood Club Trophy	-	-	-	Priory SC

HERON NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Sail No.	Helm	Crew	Club	Points				Positions				
				Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total best two	Over-all	Lady Helm	Veterans 50 to 64	Veterans 65 or over	Junior helm & junior crew
10028	Paul Pelling	Freya Pelling	Up River YC	1	1	1	2	1				
9891	Andy Dale	Lewis Caton	Eyott SC	2	2	2	4	2				
10095	Dave Butler	Kayleigh	Welton SC	3	3	3	6	3				
9812	Matthew Pickett	F Turley	Up River YC	4	4	4	8	4				
10019	Peter Moulton	Jordan Gear	Chipstead	15	5	5	10	5				
10300	Tony Ogborn	Jonathan Powell	PSC	5	6	6	11	6			1	
10061	Alexander Johnson	Ashley Soucy	Eyott SC	6	15	7	13	7				
9886	Sue Baker	Fran Alsworth	PSC	15	7	9	16	8	1	1		
2310	Sally Denchfield	Nigel Denchfield	Stewartby	8	8	8	16	9	2			
8888	Philippa Theobald-Roe	Mark Roe	PSC	9	10	10	19	10	3			
9317	Zoe Waring	Ellie Harbinson	PSC	10	9	12	19	11	4			1
9890	Sarah Poxton	Ruth Baker	PSC	7	15	15	22	12	5			
10048	Shevaun Davis	Carla Barberio	PSC	15	11	11	22	13	5			2
10056	Caroline Bennett	Hal Bennett	PSC	15	15	15	30	14	7			

THE JUNIOR MAINSHEET

TOPPER OPEN 2008

This year's Topper Open Meeting was a real success in all respects, especially for all the great efforts and results from many of our younger members who braved the strong southeast winds and showed great determination. There were two races in the morning and two in the afternoon. We were pleasantly surprised, particularly as the event is no longer part of the traveller series, to have three guests who had raced in the National Championship in which one of them was second and the other two came 21st and 33rd out of the 208 competitors. As you can see from the results below, they took the first three

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places in this meeting. This set a high benchmark for all the Priory sailors, which, I believe, was a great thing as it pushed us all and it meant that everyone gained.

The wind picked up in the afternoon, testing some of our younger members to their limits. They were incredibly resilient and put in a marvellous effort, with a special mention to Jim Cooper whose sheer determination saw him through to the end of the first three races, an amazing feat for a small person in conditions like those. After a very hard day's sailing I was very pleased to finish best Priory helm. Many congratulations to Joseph Mullan, who was the best boy U13, and to Heidi de Sousa, who was the best girl U13. After such thrilling racing, I am sure you all want to know how to be up with the leaders next time, so I strongly recommend that people wishing to refine and improve should take a look at John Howard's article on page 7, which has some great info on what the leaders did to get as far ahead as they did in the first two races, so you can be a leader next time. A special mention to Peter Barton is due for taking on the big responsibility of Race Officer for the day and also a mention for Sue Baker and the Catering team who fed us all so brilliantly at lunchtime and teatime.

Well done to all involved!

Marzio Barberio

THE RESULTS OF THE TOPPER OPEN MEETING 16th AUGUST 2008

Helm	Age Group	Sail number	Race number				Total points from best three races	Final position
			1	2	3	4		
F Floulds		45718	1	1	1	1	3	1
N Adams		44237	2	2	2	2	6	2
A Hall		45850	3	3	3	3	9	3
M Barberio		45234	4	5	4	5	13	4
T de Sousa		45209	6	8	6	4	16	5
L Hewett		45229	5	7	5	9	17	6
Z Waring		44395	9	4	12	RTD	25	7
J Mullan	U 13	45579	11	6	14	8	25	8
C Cooper		44397	12	10	9	6	25	9
J Powell		44233	7	13	8	10	25	10
C Barberio		44235	8	11	11	7	26	11
H de Sousa	U 13	3	10	9	7	RTD	26	12
S. Davies		44396	16	12	10	RTD	36	13
T Eames		2	18	15	13	13	41	14
A Eames		1	16	14	RTD	12	42	15
E Harbinson	U 13	41554	21	18	15	11	44	16
J Cooper	U 13	43135	18	19	16	DNF	53	17
J Staniforth	U 13	33266	17	16	DNF	DNF	59	18
T Marlow-Gills		10960	20	17	DNF	DNF	63	19
J Stevenson	U 13	45237	13	DNF	DNF	DNF	65	20
J Bennett		8	14	DNF	DNF	DNF	66	21
D Stevenson	U 13	44401	19	DNF	DNF	RTD	71	22
E Marlow-Gills	U 13	11283	DNS	DNF	DNF	DNF	78	23
O Hewett	U 13	UOB	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	78	23
I Powell		44396	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	78	23