

# ELING SAILING CLUB

*"SAILING THE SOLENT AND BEYOND"*



## Commodores Report ...

Summer is here and it is great to see the club is a hive of activity. There has been a lot of work being completed, with the mooring master and members clearing out the storage areas ready to make room for our winter storage. It is amazing to see the rubbish that has been collected by previous members, I'm sure they meant well and they thought we might use the items one day. Unfortunately we can no longer be a storage site.

I have noticed that more boats are now sailing around the Solent from our club, this is great to see. We are always looking at ways to improve participation for on the water activities. I and other members of the committee have been working close with the RYA and other sailing clubs in the area to see how this can be done. Watch this space for an article to be released by the RYA on recent events.

As some of you may be aware, this is my third and final year as your Commodore. I can look back over the previous years with great fond memories, yes there has been some hard emotional times with sorting membership issues out and dealing with local authorities. I believe that I will be leaving the chair with the club in a better position than when I started. It is not finished and never will be. I wish the next

commodore all the luck in the world and will be able to offer my support whenever required.

With this in mind we are now focusing on this years AGM. This will be the time when you can step forward and help the club move forward. Don't be the person that says "I've done my bit".

I wish you all a great sailing summer and hope to see you on the water.



The Commodores final year

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## ESC Editorial ....

I write this piece as the season is in full swing and a day after I returned from Alderney on Rafiki. A great trip with good company. As we docked and unloaded I began to notice changes around the club—a new finger pontoon and the old concrete boat well on its way to being dismantled. It occurred to me that whilst I was having fun others were working hard to improve the club facilities.

***"I know what the club does for me, now what can I do for my club? "***



Alderney

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## Vice Commodores Log ...



### MY EXPERIENCE OF THE IOW FESTIVAL 2019

The weather forecast may have been a bit disappointing compared to last year's festival but this wasn't stopping us.

4 Ladies had crew of Harry and Lily - who slept most of the way on the early sail on Thursday morning. We were also towing my RIB, in horrendous rain and choppy conditions which lasted the whole way to Newport where we rafted up ready to begin our long weekend. It was a slow start with the bad weather but by Saturday the weather had started to improve and people started to emerge from the dry of their boats!

We had two RIBs on our raft and we were using them as taxis to and from Cowes for the additional crew using the Red Funnel and then up the river to Newport for trips to the shops for vital supplies...My RIB was also used to tow a donut which the all the kids enjoyed a lot, and again, I was thankful for the weather being better otherwise I wouldn't have heard the end of it – and made the purchase of the RIB and donut worthwhile!



It was a good turnout this year, a lot of the usual suspects and some newbies too – (thanks to Penny and Gus on Twintastic for the kids' hot chocolates!). A good mix of music from the festival so everyone could enjoy it, thankfully Jess Glynne wasn't anyone's favourite...

Another mention about how nice it was to see the ESC 'community spirit', helping each other with boat jobs during the day and Pete and Joseph recovering anchors before we left on the Monday.

All in all, a great time had by everyone. The ESC raft was the biggest in the river so another great example of the club's spirit. Maybe next year we can have an even bigger raft!

Danny Babey  
Vice Commodore

## Dinghy Sailing ...



Several members devote a lot of time and effort into training both cadets and adults. Here Jeff is undertaking his assistant Instructor training.

## Rear Commodore ...

The galley, its appliances, utensils, crockery and cutlery are a facility for use by all members. Unfortunately, there have been several occasions where by the facility has been left in a disgraceful state. In addition, the hob has within the last few weeks been badly scored.

One of our members took it upon themselves to clean the oven which took over 2 ½ hours. It's so completely wrong that members have to clear up after other members and if the situation persists, use of the galley facilities will be restricted to official club functions only.

On a positive note, for those of you who use the bar you'll have seen some improvements that have significantly raised the appearance of your club. To compliment the new furnishings, quotes have been obtained to renew the curtains and the decaying floor in front of the bar is being addressed in Sept/Oct.

ESC does not have a dress code for members and their guests but, common sense dictates you don't sit on the furnishings with dirty / wet clothes or let your pets onto the seats.

Big thanks to Dave Hotson for his continued work around the club and to him and his wife for tending the garden.

With regards to the annual Dinner Dance and Awards Ceremony, by popular demand, this year's event sees the return to Lexby Hall. The date for your diary is Sat 16<sup>th</sup> November.



## Bar Opening Times

The Eling Sailing Club bar is a vibrant and lively place where members can relax, swap stories and plan future trips.

Come and join us for a pint or two.

Opening Times:

Tuesday	20.00 - 23.00 hrs
Thursday	20.00 - 23.00 hrs
Friday	20.00 - 23.00 hrs
Saturday	13.00 - 16.00 hrs







**Eling Sailing  
Club**  
**Celebrates 80  
Years**



Your committee and helpers are putting together a day of celebrations on **7th September 2019**

In recognition that the club turned 80 in 2019 we would like to have a fun packed day at the club for all our members.

We have planned a day anticipating there will be at least one or more activities you can enjoy.

09:00	Model boat race (wind 9:00 and power 10:00)
10:30	Start of the raft building
12:00	Afternoon Tea
15:30	Raft/Rowing race
17:00	Prize giving and Presentation
18:00	Party

**Model Boat Race**

**In keeping with the spirit of our self help we have decided that the boats should be hand made**

Boats can not exceed 80cm in width, height or length

Boat is not allowed to be made by anyone else (no prefabricated moulds etc)

You can use a purchased motor for the power boat race only

Model Race committee decision is final



**Get started on building your boat as soon as you can**

**Raft/Rowing race**

Building a raft from items around the club

We are going to have 3 teams

Please write your names down on the list in the club house

Rafts will be built from 10.30—12:00

And race starting Approx. 15:30 (tide dependant)

**Afternoon Tea**

A selection of sandwiches, cakes and scones will be available from 12:00 to be enjoyed along with a cup of tea/coffee



**PARTY**

Time to let your hair down, dance round your handbags and enjoy some music.

We have managed to book Deep 13 again after their success on our last event

**If you would like to help out on the day, please contact Richard Pike**

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