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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Description	Sailing Schedule:
6 Oct	Open Meeting Otley SC	Last of the Northern Travellers That evening there will also be talk from Rob Pattendon, the first man to sail single-handed round Britain in a laser!!	Briefing: 10.30 First race: 11.00
14 Oct	Open Meeting Hill Head SC	Southern Traveller 6	Warning Signal of first race: 10.00
14 Oct	Race Training Day Derwent Reservoir SC	RYA Mirror coaching from Peter Robinson for mixed abilities. Up to 15 boats, 10 are already entered.	10am start Small charge for visitors
20/21 Oct	South NYDS Training Weekend Poole YC	NYDS only	
20/21 Oct	RYA ET Team Racing Champs Oxford Sailing Club		
27/28 /29/ 30 Oct	National Junior Squad Land Day and Session 1 WPNSA	27 th – Land Day 28/29/30 th – Session 1 NJS Only	

Worlds Championships in Ireland

Put the date in your diary, this is an event not to be mist: 22 -26 July (Irish Nationals) 27July -2 August (Worlds)



Some facts about the venue:

- Lough Derg Yacht Club, founded in 1835, is situated in the picturesque village of Dromineer, near Nenagh, on the Tipperary shore of Lough Derg,
- Lough Derg is Ireland's largest inland lake.
- Lough Derg is a non-tidal, fresh water lake, 32 miles long, 9 miles wide.
- Lough Derg has camping on site with electric hook up.
- It takes just over 2 hours to drive from Dublin or Cork to Loch Derg.

For more information go to: www.mirrorworlds2013.com

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Survey

Thank you to everybody who completed the online survey about Mirror Championships in 2013. As a result of the information collated, the committee have decided to reduce the length of the Nationals at Pembrokeshire YC to 4 days. The championship will be held from Saturday, 10 August to Tuesday, 13 August, the intention at this stage is to make it a 10 race series.

Zone Championships

Well done to Izzy Davies and Millie Moss who won the Mirror fleet at the zone champs last weekend. Max Odell and Finley Boon finished second after some impressive sailing in the heavy wind conditions.

There were also some Mirror sailors doing very well in other fleets there. Harvey Martin who won the Europeans with Rory this summer was there. He won the Feva fleet with his crew Will Ward. Also, congratulations to Tom Smith who was crewing in the winning cadet with Arran Holman. Tom won the 2009 Mirror Worlds with his Dad, Andy.

Winter Squad

Well done to everybody who has applied for a squad this winter, and

an especially large thank you to all the parents who have supported you to this stage. If you've not really heard you should hear shortly if you've been successful in securing a place in a squad over the winter.

WIN a Brand-New Winder Dagger Board

Next year the Mirror is going to be 50, and we want YOU to design a logo for the 50th birthday celebrations. The logo can use up to 4 colours including the background colour.

Please send your entries electronically via email to mirrorsailinguk@yahoo.co.uk or post to Winder Dagger Board competition c/o Sarah Richards, 453 Whitley Lane, Grenoside, Sheffield, S35 8RP.

Entries closed on the Friday 9th November

Geriatric Mirror Sailing

In many coastal sailing clubs, dinghy sailors and cruising boat sailors tend to separate and go their different ways, thus splitting the club into two factions, with little to connect them.



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An east coast club tried to bring the two groups together. Most cruising folk still have access to an old Mirror dinghy lying around somewhere so they encouraged the yachtsmen back into their Mirrors for a series of short unofficial evening races. The present commodore came up with names like "Golden Oldies" and "Last of the Summer Wine" for these events, and more elderly gents and ladies joined in. They didn't always have a support/safety boat with them nor did they always have club officials to start/finish the races. Often we started ourselves ("Ready, steady, GO!") and the racing itself, in both boat speed and tactics, steadily improved as knowledge was shared. The standard throughout the fleet today is light-years ahead of where it was only six years ago.

The cruisers have found the skills that they are honing in the Mirrors are equally applicable to their own bigger-boat sailing too, some cruiser folk found they were actually quite lousy at making their boats sail properly at first, and have advanced enormously.

And the Mirrors themselves?

Today they have no less than 50 in their relatively small club. It's by far the most popular class there now, many of them having been rescued from forgotten hiding places at the backs of barns and farm sheds, from the bottoms of gardens, or from up under the eaves of private domestic garages etc.. They now range from

the very latest state of the art, plastic-fantastic, bermudian rigged, crackly sailed, drop-dead gorgeous piece of sculpture, through retired ex-successful racers and rebuilt family heirlooms, to battered many-times-painted pieces of plywood with parts of the original Mirror dinghy still attached. The oldest are 46 and 47 yr old four-figure-numbered boats, where if the woodworms ever stopped holding hands for even a second the poor things would rapidly revert to their original kit of parts. Very surprisingly these latter craft still remain remarkably competitive, and also they teach the art of learning to "nurse" a boat, to try to reduce the inevitable repairing sessions. And no, the latest fibreglass boat, though very fast, isn't winning quite as often as you might expect, because these boats certainly teach you so much more about the tiny tidal eddies, small wind shifts, and local effects, which in bigger and faster dinghies you would never notice so much.

Real old fashioned stuff, minimal outlay, great fun in good company, they strongly recommend "Geriatric Singlehanded Mirror Racing". It has certainly melded the dinghy sailors and the cruisers back into a single club again now.

And it's all due to that remarkable design, so grateful thanks once again to Barry Bucknell and Jack Holt back in 1962.

(Full report at ukmirrorsailing.com)

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