



# Silver Rudder

Wargrave & Shiplake Regatta Newsletter

# Sept 2012

## Another successful Regatta ... !!

2012 was always going to be an unusual regatta...

Delaying the date by three weeks had to be a risk, Olympic Rowing Finals or not! And choosing a Bank Holiday - when so many people are, by tradition, away on holiday - was hardly going to help ...

And then there was the weather! - with the wettest summer in living memory and the river rarely off yellow boards, there were times when we wondered whether it would take place at all!

We needn't have worried! Ok there were showers throughout the weekend, and hoodies were in evidence all round.



But with black clouds over Henley and Twyford, it seemed that we in Wargrave and Shiplake were in a corridor that missed the worst of the rain ...

And everything ran as smoothly as ever! 350 races completed early (virtually unheard of at regattas!), with few mishaps and even fewer disagreements!

Indeed, standards still get higher every year - where we used to have dongolas careering off the course with regularity, today everyone runs straight (well, almost!) ...

Even so, everyone agreed that delaying the date gave the regatta a different feel in 2012! The days were shorter, the darkness crept in earlier and there were a number of familiar faces missing. It's back to normal for the 146th regatta in 2013!

## WSR: dates for your diary...

**2013**

Friday 9 & Saturday 10 August

**2014**

Friday 8 & Saturday 9 August

**2015**

Friday 7 & Saturday 8 August

**2017**

Our sesquicentenary!  
**150 years of WSR!**



## Costs!

### Successful, yes - but it's looking like a tough year cost-wise for WSR ...

First indications show that takings were down across the board with gate receipts down 35%, car park takings down 23% and entry fees down 15%.

Changing the date made an undoubted difference, whilst the weather - and an unforeseen clash with the Olympic Reception in Henley on the Saturday morning - did little to encourage people to come along ...

That said, we were able to contain many of our costs at 2011 levels. Our concern is that we face some sizeable expenses in the near future, with significant work required on our dongola punts and our rafts in ever-more need of replacement.

With that in mind, we remain indebted to our subscribers. It is they who fund the largest part of our costs, and we appreciate their ongoing support and commitment more than ever.

We very much hope you might feel able to join our list of Subscribers by going to <http://www.wsrregatta.co.uk/pdf/subslip.pdf> and making a donation both to this year's regatta, and to its success in future years ...



## Clearing up ... !!

You think it's all over - and then Sunday dawns!  
And yes, there's all the clearing up to do!

Thanks to everyone who came to help us sweep the field and put all the boats and equipment away! It can be fun too - how about raft punting as a new event for 2013 ... ??!



## WSR Open Water Swim ...

The inaugural Wargrave & Shiplake Regatta Open Water Swim took place on the Saturday morning, with 61 swimmers braving the river ...



Check-in was at a dark and very early 5am! - and there were two events contested: the 2,000 metre category (from the Ferry Steps up to the Railway Viaduct and back - twice), and the 1,000 metre category (completing the course just the once).



The former was won by Matt Baker in an incredible time of 29 minutes 25 seconds, whilst Jamie Deyes led the latter, swimming it in 17 minutes 33 seconds.

See a full round-up of the results of both events at the Swim's dedicated website ([www.wsrswim.org.uk](http://www.wsrswim.org.uk)) - and keep in touch for 2013 via the Swim's facebook site (Wargrave and Shiplake Regatta Swim).

**With thanks to Tim Hodges for allowing us to use his pictures for this post-regatta issue of Silver Rudder. These and more can be seen - and purchased - via [www.timhodges.co.uk](http://www.timhodges.co.uk)**



# Winners 2012

## RHYLVA CHALLENGE CUP (Gentlemen's Double Sculling Skiff Race)

**Chris Howell,  
William Howell,  
Fayza Howell (cox)**

A second win in two years for the Howells ...



## LADIES DOUBLE SCULLING SKIFF RACE

**Elizabeth Blair,  
Gemma Hall,  
Florence Lock (cox)**

The fourth year of the event - the third consecutive win for Elizabeth and Gemma



## QUARTERMAINE CHALLENGE CUP (Lady's & Gentleman's Double Sculling Skiff Race)

**Natalie Mullins,  
Adam Pennock,  
Sam Maloney (cox)**

The first-ever win of a senior event for Nats and Committee member Adam, both closely involved in the organisation and staging of the regatta



## MARDON CHALLENGE CUP (Gentleman's Single Canadian Canoe Race)

**Karl Yurkwich**

A fifth Mardon in succession for Karl, who says he's now going to move on and focus on other events such as punting and the Under 12 Dongola!



## BRIGHTEN CHALLENGE CUP (Lady's & Gentleman's Canadian Canoe Race)

**Gemma Edwards,  
Rodney Hart**

A first win since 2006 for Gemma and Rodney



## DONGOLA GRAND CHALLENGE CUP

**Old Grey Goose  
(Amy Etherington, Rosanna Konarzewski, Peter Brown,  
Ben Bower, Tom Konarzewski,  
William Konarzewski)**

Beautifully steered, incredibly fit and worthy winners



## RUTTER JACKSON TROPHY (Thames Dongola)

**Hof Racing  
(Katie Weston, Hilary Chew,  
David Bushnell,  
David Beadle,  
Johnny Woodiss-Field,  
Dan Andrews)**

A second win for the crew from just across the river ...



## VENTURE CHALLENGE CUP (Gentleman's Single Punting - Handicap)

**Robert Floate**

A closely-fought final and a first success for Robert since 2008



## WARGRAVE CHALLENGE CUP (Lady's Single Punting - Handicap)

**Dodo Snape**

Keeping the long-standing tradition of Shiplake punting as alive as ever!



## LAWRENCE CHALLENGE CUP (Lady's & Gentleman's Double Punting - Handicap)

**Madeline Pooley,  
Bruce Maidment**

A third win in four years for the pairing of uncle and niece



## GENTLEMAN'S SINGLE PUNTING IN CANOES

**Bruce Maidment**

Always closely contested between the Island and Wargrave! A second win in two years for Wargrave!



## LADIES' DOUBLE PUNTING IN CANOES

**Kate Watson,  
Corinne Peacock**

Shiplake/Burge punting at its best - a first win since 2008



## DOUBLE PUNTING IN CANOES

**Bruce Maidment,  
Robert Floate**

Bruce and Robert can't remember how many times they've won this now - the numbers are too big!



## VICTOR HERMON CHALLENGE CUP (Lady's Dinghy Race)

**Sandra Greenslade**

A cherished follow-up win to 2009 - witness those arms aloft on the line!



## RYALL CHALLENGE CUP (Boy's & Girl's Double Sculling Skiff Race)

**Caroline Mann,  
Henry Blois-Brooke,  
William Denham (cox)**

Caroline moves away from the coxes seat at last! - and one of two medals for Henry ...



We always look for feedback on Silver Rudder or any Regatta issues. Please send your views and opinions to [contact@wsregatta.co.uk](mailto:contact@wsregatta.co.uk)

We promise to read and respond to every one.

#### VICKERMAN CHALLENGE CUP (Boys' Double Sculling Skiff Race)

**Harry Vardigans,  
Max Hearnden,  
Felix Hearnden (cox)**

A strong win by a very strong crew ...



#### GIRLS' DOUBLE SCULLING SKIFF TROPHY

**Emily Read,  
Madeline Pooley,  
Charlie Pooley (cox)**

A first win for the girls, and a first sculling win for Madeline ...



#### PINTO LEITE CHALLENGE CUP (Junior Dongola Race)

**Rapping Birds  
(Lucy Bird, Amy Bird,  
Hannah Rapley,  
Cosmo Hearnden,  
Felix Hearnden,  
Max Ainsworth)**

New names on the Junior Dongola trophy ...



#### UNDER 12 DONGOLA RACE

**Paddison's Paddlers  
(Maya Andrews,  
Libby Whitwell, Henry Peters,  
Sam Johnson,  
Jameson Capstick,  
Will Paddison)**

A strong crew, despite the size of the steerer!



#### PETER GOUGH CHALLENGE CUP (Under 15 Dinghy Race)

**Henry Blois-Brooke**

A second Under 15 win for Henry, having won the Under 12 Dinghy Race in 2008 and 2009 ...



#### HERMON SISTERS' SALVER (Under 12 Dinghy Race)

**James Pearson-Miles**

A popular win for Shiplake Island!



#### SIDE BY SIDE DINGHY RACE

**Tom Crook, Sam Johnson,  
Henry Peters (cox)**

A strong and straight crew - and a first win for Shiplake's Tom and friends Sam and Henry



#### BUSHNELL TROPHY (Under 17 Canadian Canoe Race)

**Eleanor Harrison,  
James Robinson Ranger**

A promising win for Eleanor and James - watch out the senior event!



#### HARDING SALVER (Veteran Gentlemen's Double Sculling Skiff Race)

**Tim Meikle,  
Shawn Collinson,  
Mandy Meikle (cox)**

A strong win against some very strong opposition ...



#### VETERAN LADY'S & GENTLEMAN'S DOUBLE SCULLING SKIFF RACE

**Sandra Greenslade,  
Peter Greenslade,  
Tina Dazell (cox)**

The Greenslade's triumph - three medals for Sandra, two for Peter!



#### EASTERLING CHALLENGE CUP (Veterans Dongola Race)

**Mine's a Pint  
(Sandra Greenslade, Janet  
Thompson, Peter Greenslade,  
Richard Verrall, Greg Stone,  
Grahame Thompson)**

Shiplake takes the honours, probably with a pint in the Baskerville!



#### DIANA LONG CHALLENGE CUP (Novice Status Gentleman's Single Punting)

**George Paddison**

Well, who'd have predicted this win?!



#### NOVICE STATUS LADY'S SINGLE PUNTING

**Georgia Yurkwich-Spink**

Paddler Georgia marking her debut win in a punting event ...



#### SCRATCH DONGOLA

**Crew FF  
(Sarah Doyle, Mary Skinner,  
Cameron Sinclair,  
Sebastian Newman,  
George Arnold, Steve Cooper)**

You never know who you're going to be drawn with!



#### VASSAL ADAMS TROPHY

**Robert Floate &  
Bruce Maidment**

True reward for two punting legends together!

