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The homepage of watersports in central London

- ~Stay up-to-date with what's happening on a daily basis
- ~Converse with other members through our forum "The Grapevine"
- ~Now with up-to-the-minute wind and weather forecasts
- ~Webcams coming soon

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR ON THE RADIO

Back by popular demand, Kevin will be making his 2nd appearance on SW1 Radio on 4th July at 11am. He will be telling listeners about what's going on at the Boating Base

this summer so don't miss out on all the latest information. Kevin can be heard on 101.4FM or www.sw1radio.net and the broadcast will be on our website soon afterwards.

YOUTH MEMBERS' COMPETITION

Where did our kayaking & sailing Instructor Albert go on his holidays in March?

The clues are:

- He went by aeroplane.
- A little bird told him where to go.
- The plane traveled SSW.
- His destination was an island.
- The weather was very hot when he went in March.
- He visited pyramids
- He saw killer whales

—He saw Atlas, a titan from Greek mythology, holding the world on his back.

Have you got it yet?

Entries to:

enquiries@westminsterboatingbase.co.uk

Winner will get £50 to spend on water sports clothing of their choice.



Albert on holiday—but where?



WESTMINSTER BOATING BASE

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- Changes to Summer Project schedule: Coastal sailing trip cancelled to make way for "Summer of Sport"
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NEW SAILING DINGHIES

In the last newsletter we gave you the good news that we had received funding from the John Lyons Charity for a fleet of new sailing dinghies. We have purchased six brand new Laser Stratos dinghies and they are currently in everyday use. For those not familiar with these boats, they are a very modern design intended as family day boats or for sailing school use as learner boats. Its been an exciting month as we and our users have adapted to using these and the general consensus is that they are a worthy addition.

For those of you that have a soft spot for the old Bosun dinghies, we will still have two available for use.



Soon we will be getting the loan of 3 Laser Picos. These are small dinghies that can either be sailed singlehandedly or with a crew and can be rigged with either one or two sails.

NEW KAYAKS

Our kayak fleet has been supplemented with the addition of six Pyranha Master TGs and the promise of more to follow. These new

boats are primarily aimed at beginners but can also entertain the more advanced paddlers. They are large volume kayaks so people of

all shapes and sizes can fit comfortably inside them and have a retractable skeg for improved straight line stability.

Downriver Sail & Kayak: Details of our downriver paddle and sail on 16th July are on the website and notice-board. Additionally, there is an option to raise sponsorship for Sport Relief via this event.

Those interested in raising sponsorship can collect a form from the office.

5 Day Coastal Sailing Trip cancelled!

No Kayaking at WBB from 7th—17th August due to French kayaking trip

SUMMER PROJECT CHANGES

The last two weeks of the summer project have been rearranged.



BCU 1 Star course participants, summer 2005

Unfortunately, the 5-day coastal sailing trip has been cancelled.

Instead, the BCU 1 & 2 Star course at the end of August has been moved forward a week to 21st–24th August to make way for the Summer of Sport (details next page).

WHITewater KAYAKING IN FRANCE

The trip to France is now full and the lucky paddlers will soon be loading up to get on their way. If you missed out

on a place but would still like to go, please let Adam know as we will put you down as a reserve in the event of somebody pulling out.

For those that are booked, you should have received an information pack and a consent form to complete and return by 7th July.

WBB PHOTO FEATURE

Our photo feature is well underway with a second entry from Kat. For those of you that don't know what this is, it's a feature on our website where you send us a picture

of yourself in an interesting or obscure location wearing a WBB t-shirt (available



Kat at Universal Studios, Florida

to buy for £5.00). Your entry will then be displayed on the Members' Pictures section of the site.

SUMMER OF SPORT

On 29th, 30th & 31st August there will be a series of drop-in "come and try it" sessions in both kayaking and sailing. Running from 12-1.30pm and 2-3.30pm these are supported by Sport England to encourage newcomers and increase public support for the London 2012 Olympic

and Paralympic Games. We would also urge the more experienced sailors and paddlers among you to come along and join in the fun too.

Just turn up at 11.45am with a change of clothes and we'll fit you in (U18s will need a completed membership form with a parents' signature).



Sailing tuition

There are limited places so it will operate on a 'first come, first served' basis. If there isn't space in the first session, we'll book you in for the second.

NO TIDE DAY SAILING REGATTA—8TH OCTOBER

This year on No Tide Day, when the Thames Barrier is fully closed for testing, there will be a day of sailboat racing on the Thames near Greenwich. Many of the London watersports cen-

tres are getting together to jointly host this event. Currently the format of the event will be this: Adults will race in Laser Stratos dinghies which will be subdivided into keel and centreboard

categories. Under 18s will race in Laser Picos. Other classes are also being considered. It is going to be a big event with prizes for the winners. More information to follow...

NO TIDE DAY CANOE-SLALOM

As usual, WBB will be hosting the annual entry-level slalom kayaking event on 8th October 2006. This is planned to be

even bigger and better than last year. It is open to anyone with a basic ability to paddle a kayak and we are visited

every year by a number of other clubs and centres from all over London. Prizes for age groups and winners.



Summer of Sport: A series of drop-in "come and try it" sailing and kayaking sessions.