

# *Pirate News*

*June 2017*

## *Committee Changes*

*Trevor Davis has resumed committee duties after his recent illness, he has not yet assumed the role of Treasurer but will serve in a general role until he is fully recovered.*

*The Chairman Eric Platts has resigned from his position. We will operate without a chairman until the AGM in November when a replacement will be sought.*

## *2017 Regatta*

*The clubs annual regatta will take place at the lake on Sunday 25th June from 10am till 4pm. We will use the same location as last year. Members are asked to arrive at 9am to help with the set up and be prepared to stay on at the end to help with the clear up. Members who have offered to lend the club equipment can drop it off at the community centre on Saturday the 24th June if this is of any help.*

## *Trolley Park*

*The trolley park has now had the finishing touches applied and is now fully open for use. As the name implies it is designed to allow members to park their trolleys off the lakeside path. It is not a seating area and should not be so used unless there are only a few members present and space allows seating to take place. Likewise members are requested not to sit in front of the trolley park thus blocking access.*

## *Line of Sight Control*

*Club rules state that whilst members are sailing they must do so with clear line of sight to their models on the water at all times. Over the last few months there has been a tendency for members to control their boats whilst sitting or standing at the back of the path. This impedes their line of sight. We would ask that members abide by the line of sight rule; it's there for everyone's safety.*

## *Sailing Etiquette*

*Over the years we have refused to allocate time slots to our different forms of models, i.e. yachts, scale and fast electric, preferring to leave it up to the common sense of our members to insure that everyone gets a fair crack of the whip on any given day. We have however noticed a tendency for members to forget this courtesy and to introduce mixed types without advising their fellow members present of their desire to so do. Come on Pirates the last thing we want to do is segregate sailing days but if you don't observe the common courtesies we will be forced to so do.*

### **Baby Wildfowl**

*It's that time of year when the lake is covered with baby wildfowl, they can't move very fast and are not yet used to our boats. Please at this time take extra care and give them additional clearance especially if operating fast electric boats.*

### **Membership Communications**

*We are continually trying to improve communications with our membership, email and face book have been our two main means to date. We are from today going to make more use of our notice board positioned at the lakeside just past the Waterside Café. We would ask that members take the time to read what is posted there when visiting the lake. We would also like to reiterate our plea to you to please check your email on a regular basis.*

*The Committee*