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Sunday 15th March 2009. All the winners of the Winter trophies have been decided and we are now poised to start Keith's innovative Summer program. Today he slipped in an extra, which he called a FUN DAY. The sailing was with Lasers using the Match Racing format and the membership responded with a full turnout of all 8 lasers that variously appear whenever there is a Laser event. As usual the wind was fitful, the weather was reasonable and the sailing was quite exciting. Everyone had fun and in the end Mike and Graham had equal scores so they had to have a sail off, which Graham finally won. Keith, who had provided everyone with beer and snacks halfway through, then sprung a final surprise with bottle prize for the winner. Naturally we all congratulated Graham for winning the event but, the real winner was Keith for organising what was a splendid launch to his new summer program.

	Name	Jib	Score
1.	Keith	102	4
2.	Graham		5
3.	Jeff	247	0
4.	Paddy	34	4
5.	Fred	32	4
6.	Jim	64	2
7.	Adrian	19	3
8.	Mike	62	5

Sail off between Graham & Mike – Graham won.



Sunday 22nd March 2009. The first real event in the summer calendar was Round 1 of the Laser Chaser competition, but this time it was run under Handicap rules. Keith divided the fleet into two groups, A and B, sending the B group off 1 minute before the A group. He also changed the groups after each race by promoting the winner of the previous race, if he was from the B group into the A group whilst similarly moving the last one home into the B group, if they were from the A group. (or something like that). I'm not sure if it was exactly like that, but it seemed to work very well. The result, another successful introduction, that proved popular with everyone. Oh yeah! Yours truly let the side down by turning up with a flat battery in the starter box, meaning we had to rely on a manually timed verbal countdown, initially by Geoff, who turned out to help start the new format, and then continued by Vic for the rest of the morning. Note. Neither of these willing volunteers have Lasers to sail but importantly helped to make the day a success!

The final result was somewhat confused until I ran the scores through my spreadsheet which showed Fred had won the day, having the lowest discards, together with Paddy and Mike, but still 3 points clear from Keith who was in second place. Well done Fred.

Laser Chasers														Score	Disc	Total	Pts
Jib	R1 22/03/2009	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12				
32	Fred Finch	1	1	4	2	6	3	3	3	3	5	4	2	37	11	26	1

102 Keith Coxon	4	8	2	4	4	5	5	2	2	1	1	4	42	13	29*	2
34 Paddy Chambers	5	3	5	3	3	4	6	1	1	4	2	3	40	11	29*	3
797 Paul Hunter	2	2	1	1	1	6	1	6	5	8	6	5	44	14	30	4
62 Mike Stevens	3	5	6	5	5	1	4	5	4	3	3	1	45	11	34	5
47 Jeff Ford	6	4	3	7	2	2	2	4	6	2	5	6	49	13	36	6
64 Jim Marsh	7	8	8	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	93	16	77	7

* Tied scores resolved on countback.

Sunday 29th March 2009. After two weekends of Laser competitions today was the turn of the IOM's with Round 1 of the TIRYC competition. Considering this was the morning after the Dinner & Awards evening, and following the clock change and an hour of sleep, the turnout was pretty reasonable with 7 boats taking to the water. To begin with things looked decidedly unsuitable for racing, with the water looking more like a MillPond, but ever hopeful the merest sign of a zephyr on the water brought hope it was getting better. Patience was rewarded and having set a course, it was not changed despite frequent shifts in what wind there was, often completely reversing during a single race.

Having said that, there were quite a few very close battles, giving everyone stories to tell of how they suddenly surged ahead, or just as frequently virtually stopped dead in the water for no apparent reason. We had set out to sail until 1pm and managed to get just 1 extra race in over the previous 9 Race plan. It was good to see Jack out again though Geoff managed to hold him off, to take second place to Geoff's first.

TIRYC IOM

Jib	R1 29/03/09	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	Disc	Total	Pts
25	Geoff Saunders	3	1	2	1	4	1	3	3	1	1	20	7	13	1
100	Jack Hitchens	1	6	1	4	3	2	1	2	5	2	27	11	16	2
11	Mike Stevens	5	2	4	2	2	3	2	1	4	3	28	9	19	3
67	Keith Coxon	2	3	3	3	1	5	4	5	2	4	32	10	22	4
98	Fred Finch	4	7	5	5	6	4	6	4	3	5	49	13	36	5
197	Colin Hosker	7	4	6	7	5	7	5	6	8	8	63	16	47	6
18	Vic Tatman	6	5	7	6	8	6	7	7	8	8	68	16	52	7

Sunday 5th April 2009. Next week we have the first of our, inter club meetings with Watermead. I recommend everyone turn out even if you don't want to sail, you will probably enjoy watching. We have had quite a few of these now, and the friendly rivalry is good fun.

Finally. I have a personal announcement to make. I will be selling my boats, and leaving the club at the next AGM. I am not enjoying my sailing, and although I still find my role as secretary very satisfying in what I do, I will not continue after this year. This does leave the club with a minor problem but I'm sure someone will step into my shoes, and in their own way, will give the club good service but you will need someone to stand up and be counted, and that is why I am announcing this today. I've told you often enough a club is only as strong as the willingness of its members to do the jobs that keeps the wheels turning. Actually, if you are prepared to take on a role on the committee you can often decide how much you need to do. I probably have made more of my role than I need have done, but then again.... I'm a control freak...

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