

at 5.00am Sunday morning. Philip was first on the water sadly without the sunrise we had all hoped for, although the dark sky and emptiness of the broad says it all. John, Darren, Neil and myself all followed in cold pursuit some more reluctantly than others. The conditions were horrendous and most came back to shelter from the chilling winds. The next arrivals, Mike and daughter Harri, seemed more accustomed to the conditions having sailed on the south coast during the depths of winter. John was first to take an early bath to avoid hypothermia setting in as he was unlucky enough to 'drop in' on his first outing at 5.45am. With the kettle working overtime in the changing room the gazebo was next to suffer the conditions. Each upright was buckling in turn as splints were hastily made from any available pieces of wood. We even utilised the beach 'poo scraper' (geese) and lashed it all together with gaffer tape which incidentally everyone seemed to have secreted in their kit bags. To the amusement of my fellow fund raisers I produced my late grandmother's car blanket and managed to revive myself before venturing out again. It wasn't long before several of them benefited from its healing powers that day as these pictures prove.



After a brief spell in a kayak to the Pleasure Boat and back (no that's not cheating as I was on the water) I revived myself with a hot shower and a change of wet suit. With the wind filling in Martin, Wendy and Richard took advantage of slightly less gusty conditions in the afternoon. A respite from the water had us joining in what looked like a tug of war as we attempted to unstick a mast....



It eventually took eight of us to force it apart and all because of a few grains of sand! I then had a far more enjoyable sail at around four o'clock probably due to an overdose of energy drinks I'd been consuming all day. Mike and Harri were last off the water with the skies darkening and a return of the rain. Exhausted and cold we finally called it a day at 7.00pm.

JT and I.



Simon applying W4CR logo in gloves.



Thanks to all those that took part on that wintry day in May and to the sponsors for donating loads of money for cancer research. Without them I would never have got out of bed that morning and almost certainly not have gone windsurfing!



UKWA SLALOM EVENT JULY 10th/11th

Quayside Windsurfers, Severne and RRD are sponsoring a UKWA Slalom event at **Hunstanton** open to all windsurfers. Worth a visit with the family, or come along and support club members hoping to take part in the weekend events.

FUNDAY

SATURDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

The date is set for this years social fun day event open to all members. The usual chaotic format with free entry, food and prizes. Martin has put an order in for 30deg. sunshine, a F5 South Westerly and loads of sausages.

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Up to the minute same day wind and weather forecasts can now be obtained from Ludham Airfield web site. Ludham is only three miles southwest of Hickling Broad so if you are travelling some distance and need last minute convincing then this is the most accurate source yet.

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