Castle Cove Sailing Club



June 2003 Newsletter

THIS MONTH'S DIARY

Fridays 9.30am Ladies Sailing

Saturdays (most) 9.30am Cadets

Sunday 1st June 10.30am Try an Asymmetric

Saturday 7th June Cadets Picnic Sail

Saturday 7th June PYRA IRC Race

Saturday –Sunday 7th – 8th June WSC Wayfarer Open

Wednesday 11th June 2nd Wednesday Series starts

Saturday 14th June 10.00am-2.00pm Table Top Sale

Sunday 15th June Allen Welling

Saturday 21st June Poole Passage Race

Saturday 21st June 2nd Saturday Series starts

Saturday 21st June Midsummer Hog Roast 6.00pm onwards

Friday, Saturday, Sunday 27th, 28th, 29th June Laser Masters Championships

FROM THE COMMODORE

What a great month it has been! We are now up and running with major achievements being the completion of the work to secure the railway bank and the laying of the pier walkway and pontoons. We all owe our thanks to those who have driven on this work, and other projects, often sacrificing their time on the water to do so. I believe, therefore, that the best way to show the appreciation due is for those who have not yet been able to contribute to the works to come forward and volunteer to help in the completion of remaining tasks or the running of our fast approaching open events.

I would also like to thank all those who supported both our Open Day and the 80th Birthday Party. These events were highly successful and a great demonstration of our Club spirit - let's keep that rolling.

On the domestic front, please keep a very close eye on security. Do not leave any Club doors propped open nor leave the changing rooms unlocked. Also, if you think you could be the last person out, assume that you are and lock up.

Above all, enjoy your sailing and convince your personal seaweed that we could do with some traditional June weather!

Bob Turner

CCSC HOSTS LASER MASTERS NATIONALS 27 - 29 JUNE

Our Laser fleet (those aged 35 +) is getting into gear (or should be) to participate in the Laser Masters event at the end of the month. For the rest of the Club, as briefly as possible, here is the relevant information or contact Diana (addresses in handbook) for more:

We are expecting approximately 70 visitors over the three days. This will be our first test of accommodating visitors so the event team beg your tolerance and your help:

1. Please try to avoid parking your car on site over the 3 days to give visitors as much room as possible.

2. We may have to move some dinghies slightly so that visitors' boats are in reasonable blocks for safety reasons. This will take place on Thursday 26th so please contact me if you are concerned, and your help would be MUCH appreciated.

3. Dave Dunn (YCW) is coordinating activities on the water. We are hosting the shore side of things so PLEASE volunteer for bar duties, rescue, and general organisation.

4. Karen Horlock is catering and has had a good response from helpers but would appreciate more help.

PLEASE don't be backward in contacting me; your help is needed to bring in some healthy revenue for the Club. More importantly, we are hosting the event to promote good sailing in one of our preferred classes.

Diana Gill

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Colin and Lesley Rowe, Mark and Sue Deverell, Mr. and Mrs. Val Ozteoman, Jamie Dawe, Paul Sansom, Martin and Penny Smillie, Paul and Sally Roberts, Philip Smith, John Rogers, Jan and Babs Przybylski, Edward and Pippa Tildesley, Russell and Sarah Gosling, Dennis Chasteneuf, Chris Holding, Harry Ross Skinner, Peter and Barbara Laurie, Shaun and Jill Mason, Joe Lintell, Tony Miller, Robin Williams (temporary member), Jayson Cook, Helen Martin and Steve Turner

Liz Grant – Honorary Membership Secretary

FROM THE HONORARY SECRETARY

Castle Cove Sailing Club Rules

The CCSC rules (in your Handbook) are being reviewed for a number of reasons:

- 1. Currently rules relating to the constitution of the Club are integrated with those to do with Club management. These need to be separated.
- 2. Last year rule changes that were designed to make sense of our new location were debated at the AGM with no opportunity for careful evaluation of proposed changes.
- 3. The Committee is clear in its' purpose of maintaining the friendly, family ethos of the Club; however our new site has brought new and unforeseen demands, (e.g. extensive requests for national regattas etc.). The purpose of the Committee should be to manage the Club on a day-to-day basis, including being able to put in place sensible bylaws to ensure the Club is run safely and for the benefit of all members.
- 4. To bring CCSC rules and bylaws into closer alignment with RYA recommendations (available on their website)
- 5. Eradication of this year's Handbook errors.

This note is to forewarn everyone of the process for reviewing the rules. I propose to:

- a) Separate the rules into two sections 1) relating to the Club's constitution that may only be amended by the full membership at AGMs or EGMs and 2) bylaws that concern Club management that may be introduced or amended by the General Committee.
- b) Introduce new bylaws to cover security and the safe and lawful use of Club resources.

Herewith the timetable:

| May | Draft 1 proposed rules reviewed by Hon Solicitor, Committee and Trustee |
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| 3 June | Draft 1 proposed rules discussed at General Committee |
| 1 July | Draft 2 proposed rules circulated to members with July newsletter |
| 5 September | <i>Final date for members' comments regarding draft proposed rules</i> |
| 12 September | Draft 3 Proposed rules circulated to General Committee, Hon Solicitor and panel |
| 7 October | General Committee confirms proposed rules |
| By 17 October | Proposed rules circulated to members |
| 7 November | General Committee presents proposed rules with explanations as necessary |
| 7 November | General Committee presents proposed rules with explanations as necessary AGM votes on proposed rules |

All members will therefore have 2 months in which to review and comment on the proposed rules. One plea, for my sanity, if everyone waits until 5 September to write their recommendations I shall disappear under the cloud of paper, especially as I shall be dealing with the 5 year renewal of the Club Licence at the same time.

PLEASE BE PROMPT WHEN COMMENTING.

Diana Gill

SECURITY

Now that the sailing season is well underway, more and more members are using the new Clubhouse. It is everybody's responsibility to make sure that we do not leave the Clubhouse unlocked/doors open/windows open when there is nobody in the Clubhouse. The balcony doors are an obvious concern. If you open them - then it is your responsibility to see that they are closed or make sure that someone else knows that they are open. Also the door into the changing rooms must not be left propped open - this is in the interests of those who have left belongings in the changing rooms. If you need more keys - get them from the Membership Secretary.

Do not think that 'they' will lock up behind you. You are 'they'.

We must also do the same with all the lockable gates at the site. We have already had an outboard motor stolen from one of the Club Rescue Boats. There are people around looking for opportunities - don't give them to them.

Peter Davies (House)

CAR PARKING

At last the weather was perfect for sailing and the May Bank Holiday weekend was busy at the Club. However some car parking problems emerged. Cars left overnight took up spaces so people wanting to sail could not park and some cars delivering stores stayed too long on the boat park. Please will members remember to be considerate: do not leave cars on site overnight, this is not encouraged for two reasons, 1) the shortage of car parking space and 2) because cars left on site sometimes means the gates stay open when they should be locked creating a security hazard. Cars are not welcome on the boat park, if you need to transport your boat or load boat stores, please make sure your vehicle stays no longer than 15 minutes in the area where boats are stored. I am sure that with a little courtesy, no-one needs to suffer inconvenience.

Diana Gill

ACCESS AUDIT

This summer the Sailability group is leading an access audit of the Sailing Club. We'll be looking at the accessibility of physical facilities and services both within the Clubhouse and on site. Following the audit we'll produce an improvement plan with items requiring attention being incorporated into the work plan as resources are available. Are you able to help us with this? You don't need any experience but if you do have a technical background (building/architecture) your expertise would be appreciated!

Martin Cooke 01305 848260 martycooke@aol.com

CLUB DINGHIES

The Club invested in dinghies to give new members the chance to try before buying and to enable members to use another boat occasionally. The cost of maintaining these has been far in excess of receipts for use, so we have to restrict use to general sailing sessions where there is safety boat cover and advice on rigging.

Boats

There are 2 Lasers, 3 Toppers, 1 Mirror and 1 Optimist, which will now be locked; Committee members will have keys and collect fees. The same reminders apply:-

- Users must be capable of handling the boat in those weather conditions.
- Has anyone else booked the boat for this time?
- Rigging should be checked by a competent person if the user is unsure.

Boats must return to shore when racing or other sessions finish. Equipment must be returned to the store and the boat secured, with any defects entered on the board in the store. Please also notify the appropriate carer if possible.

Fees per half day apply, except no charge is made for Saturday morning Cadet sessions.

Laser and Mirror £5; Topper and Optimist £3

If a boat is badly damaged through lack of care, the Club may seek a contribution to the insurance excess.

Bookings can be made in a diary on the Chart Room notice board up to one week in advance. Bookings cannot be made for Saturday morning Cadet sessions, when boats are allocated according to demand.

| Steve Green | 789191 |
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| Nick Rowles | 773922 |
| Steve Rose | 823150 |
| | Nick Rowles |

FOR SALE Laser Sails Relling Full Relling Radial Used but not abused £50 each Contact Diana Gill 01305 775854 dianamgill@aol.com

Steve Green

BOAT PARK NEWS AND INFORMATION

By the time you all read this I am confident that the boat park will be fully open to all dinghy sailors. Thanks to all of you who have helped in any way to make this happen.

A list of boat park allocations is now displayed in the Clubhouse. Concrete blocks have been purchased by the Club (at £6 each) for use as tie-downs. We have only allowed for one between each boat to fasten to the shrouds and, if required, one to secure the bow. Please do not use the blocks as bow supports.

There are still a number of dinghy road trailers on the boat park. Please note that, in the interests of both security and accessibility, road trailers must not be left on the site.

Can anyone help to identify the owners of two Lasers that have apparently been abandoned on the site? The sail numbers are 169088 and 72331. Any clues or information to Mark Wildman or Sally Fielding.

Mike Clarkson 01305 853966 mestclark@aol.com

FROM THE C CLASS CAPTAIN

Important

Please could you amend your Handbook with my new telephone number 01305 251482. My old telephone number, which appears in the Club Handbook, has now been re-allocated to someone else. He is getting a little fed up with CCSC members telephoning him to try to speak to me!!! He is, very kindly, giving people my new number but I would like to avoid upsetting him any further.

Dave Cumber 01305 251482 dtcumber@aol.com

FOR SALE Topper Topaz New May 2002 Excellent condition £2,000 ono Mark Gough 01794 390603 magough@ondeo-nes.com

INTERESTED IN SALING? WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

These were the questions asked of the public to tempt them down to CASTLE COVE SAILING CLUB'S FIRST – OPEN DAY 11 MAY 2003



Following the move to our new site, it was decided to hold an Open Day on 11 May. The day was principally aimed at attracting new members to the Club, but it also was an opportunity to show the local community how work has progressed on the site, to talk about the future and to reassure them that all ongoing work would improve the area. The marketing plan for the day was firmly in place – but as Roy said in his briefing before the start – we could see 5 or 5,000 come through today but we were blessed with a lovely sunny day and light winds and what better place for us to be – apart from on the water.

All the Class Captains came and put up displays and were available to talk to people about the Club and the Clubhouse looked stunning. We even had an Oppie in the centre of the Club, with a harness hanging from the roof for youngsters to try out a trapeze. A couple of stands had videos of people sailing and it was even possible for people to go out on a jaunt around the harbour on a couple of keelboats and a Wayfarer, which many did. The delight on the children's faces that had never been on a sailing boat before had to be seen to be believed - we certainly made many new friends on the day. Coastwatch had a representative and a stand and WOEC came along - so, if people had no sailing experience, they were able to talk about their beginners' sailing courses. The Social Committee did sterling work, serving free teas, coffees and biscuits to the visitors, as well as keeping the 'workers' going with hot drinks and sarnies. From lunchtime onwards, Mike and Robyn Abbott pulled many a pint to oil the wheels of communication.

A huge thank you goes to everyone involved for making the day such a success. Eighty-seven groups of people came in through the doors of the Club on the day, representing about 250 people in the area who may be interested in joining the Club and sailing with us. The Mayor came, as did Councillors Hazel Priest, Kay Wilcox, Samantha Baird, Lynne Herbert, Peter Farrell and Nigel Reid along with Richard Burgess, Director of Environmental Services - all were delighted with the work and so pleased that the Club is making such an asset of the site for itself and the wider community. At the latest count, 20 new memberships have resulted from the day and, as the Communications Group had set itself an informal target of 10 new memberships, the day far exceeded our expectations.



The Mayor



Boy in Harness



Ben in Harness



Open Day Winner Photos by Jacqui Gisborne

On the surface the day ran like a well oiled winch – here are a few out takes:

Orion, one of the keelboats who kindly offered to give visitors a taste of sailing decides the weather is so nice they would go for a sail in Weymouth Harbour – on shore we have a queue of people waiting to also enjoy the experience – communication was made and they were duly hauled back in.

Jacqui was delivered a lunch of a toasted sandwich, put it behind the bar for safe keeping whilst sorting out a query – only to come back and find it had vanished – investigation discovered that Michael Abbot thought it was a waste to see it go cold so ate it, he did redeem himself though.

The day was full of questions from visitors wanting to know how to get involved – this was expected, what was not expected were these 2 questions from a visitor – Am I too old to be a member and do I have to be rich? – answers on a postcard please.

Hazel Shaw, Jacqui Gisborne, Roy Griffiths and John Pym – Communications Group

LASER MASTER CHAMPIONSHIPS - 27, 28, 29 JUNE 2003

I am organising the catering for the Laser Master Championships, which are being held at Castle Cove Sailing Club next month and would really appreciate some help in the galley. The Laser Masters is a huge event for Castle Cove to host and it is important that everything runs smoothly and that hungry sailors are fed on time!

I can appreciate that everyone is very busy and time is precious for all of us so I have broken each day down into segments. Therefore, if you can only help for one session, that is better than not helping at all.

| Friday 27 June | 7 a.m. – 12 noon | 12 noon – 5 p.m. | 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. |
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| Saturday 28 June | 7 a.m. – 12 noon | 12 noon – 5 p.m. | 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. |
| Sunday 29 June | 7 a.m. – 12 noon | 12 noon – 5 p.m. | |

Don't be shy in coming forward to help I will co-ordinate you just follow instructions. Help appreciated from gents just as much as ladies particularly with the breakfast and evening shift.

If you are able to help, please choose a time most convenient to yourself and give me a call. It would be very helpful if you could let me know by 7 June.

Karen Horlock (01202) 625711 or email <u>dumble@global.co.uk</u>

FROM THE SOCIAL SECRETARY

Table Top Sale - Saturday 14th June - 10.00am - 2.00pm

Hire a table for £5.00 and get rid of all those unwanted bits and pieces you have been collecting over the years. Clear out your cupboards, loft and garage – doesn't have to be sailing related – now is the time to get rid of that awful present from your Great Aunt.!! Wetsuits and buoyancy aids the kids have grown out of – boat jumble – books – china and glass – old toys – in fact anything you want to sell can be sold and the money from everything you sell is yours.

To book a table contact me.

News from the Social Committee

Environmental Health - We are delighted to tell you that our new galley has had a seal of approval from the Environmental Health Inspector.

Drinks from the galley - For times when the galley is not manned, an honesty tin has been placed behind the counter. Tea bags and coffee are obvious, milk is in the fridge and sugar is in the cupboard below the kettle as are the mugs. Prices are 50p for a mug of tea or coffee. Please wash up your mugs and put them back in the cupboard after use. Please feel free to use this facility and please be honest!

Jane Davies holvalcots@aol.com 01305 852817

P.S. Thanks to everyone who supported the 80th Birthday Party. Despite the bad weather we all had a great time.

MIDSUMMER HOG ROAST

To be held jointly by RNLI and CCSC at Castle Cove Sailing Club Saturday 21st June 6.00pm onwards £8.00 in advance Bar Tombola Quiz Raffle Proceeds ½RNLI ½CCSC Tickets from Jane Davies 01305 852817 Rose Abbott 01305 788994 Or Wednesday nights at the Club

Z CLASS NEWS

Yet again May has been a windy month with some races having to be cancelled. The Monday series in particular seems to have suffered. Turnouts generally have not been very high, presumably the miserable weather is putting you all off. The usual diehards have turned out though and there has been some good close racing at times. Well done to Tim and Hilary Young, the new owners of Windrush. Despite not having raced before and not knowing where the marks are they have been turning out on Wednesday evenings and having a go. If anyone else new to the Club or racing feels they would like to have a try at racing don't be intimidated by the rest of us who appear to know what we are doing. I am also quite happy for you to give me a call at home, or on my mobile, to talk about starting sequences, ferry times or any other aspect of racing on which you may be unsure.

Away from the Club, Bob Turner and his crew have been taking the honours at the J24 Spring Cup in Plymouth. A good start to their season and another step nearer to the World Championships in Holland later this year. Michael and Diana Gill have also been away, competing in Harmony in the Royal Engineers Yacht Club Regatta. It was an extremely windy weekend with boats suffering breakages including one broken mast. Diana and Michael managed a good second in one race.

The first of the passage races was held over the Bank Holiday weekend. Starting out as a race to Alderney it very quickly became a Cherbourg Race. Only three of us started on a windy Friday evening with the wind coming straight from Alderney!! A quick discussion over the radio and we agreed to change the course to Cherbourg. Apologies to the boat that followed on later in the weekend expecting to see us in Alderney. Stand Easy, with a lightweight crew and two of them feeling worse for wear in a very uncomfortable sea sensibly decided to return to Weymouth while Iduna and Harmony carried on to Cherbourg. Having bought up the Hypermarket and enjoyed another superb meal in the Grand Gousier we returned to Weymouth on Sunday yet again sailing the whole way. The next passage race in June is to Poole – a great first passage race – not too far and very sociable. We have been invited to join in with Poole YC's BBQ on the Saturday night which should be good fun. Please let me know if you are thinking of going and I can book a berth at Poole YC for you. Watch the Z Class Notice Board for details.

The cruising season is also well underway. Seraphim is away for two weeks – Brittany and the Channel Islands I think, Satsuma has left for two or three months and Canopus is leading a cruise in company to the Channel Islands at the moment. Owaissa took a long weekend to Cherbourg and Alderney and by the absence of boats in the Harbour and on the moorings I guess many others are away. Rumour also has it that Brian Wilkins and Dave Dunn are also off in the near future.

As I write this the weather seems to be on the turn at last with the temperature rising and lighter winds. Happy sailing to all of you for the rest of the season whether you are cruising, racing or just enjoying day sails.

Sara Lloyd - Z Class Captain

FROM BRISTOL CLIPPER

The last month has passed incredibly quickly.

In the race from San Fernando to Singapore, we maintained the lead for virtually the whole race. The course was set to pass through a number of gates so that when the wind went very light, the race could be shortened at one of the gates. This is because the winds in the South China Sea can be very light at this time of year and we could have been drifting for days.

One night, as we passed down the coast of Sabah, with Jersey just behind, a couple of Clippers behind, but further inshore, Glasgow and Hong Kong, did better out of a couple of squalls and caught up and overtook us. Thus, they were ahead at the next gate, with Hong Kong first, Glasgow second, us third and Jersey fourth. The race was shortened to this gate so our third through it was our finishing place. Having led for so long, this was a disappointment, but with Jersey behind, we reduced their margin on first place to 6 points and increased our margin on third place to 9 points, so it was a good result.



Cruising along on the crest of a wave...

Nongsa Point Marina and the Turi Beach Resort in Batam were fantastic, really relaxing. The resort consists of airconditioned huts on stilts, on a hillside above the restaurant and pool (with its own sunken bar). Most people went for a day or two to Singapore for the high life and shopping.

Ten days ago, we set off, firstly for another 4 days under power to Selat Sunda south of Java where we started the next race to Mauritius. On the way, we crossed the equator again. It was very calm, so as we reached the line (which is quite clearly marked in the water), we slowed right down and some of the crew jumped in and swam across. Since there was a northbound current, we then drifted back across the line before heading south again. In all, I think we crossed the line 5 times and most of us swam one way or the other!



The other Clippers with us were all doing the same sort of thing and King Neptune came to visit several of the yachts. However, there was a bit of a run on bookings this morning, and we had booked late, so he only came to see us at 5pm this afternoon. We had 3 equator virgins with us, Clive, Gill and Dr Richard who were tried, found guilty and punished for various crimes, with slops (which had been fermenting all day) ladled over various parts of their anatomy, head, shoulders, down the shorts. Neptune was assisted by his trusty lieutenants, Yin (Chuckster) and Yang (Vicky), who read out the crimes and implemented Neptune's chosen punishment. The most serious punishment was reserved for Dr Richard who tried to claim he had been on board so long he had already crossed the equator. He had the remaining half of the slops poured all over him for this.

We have now been racing for a week and have been in the lead on every 12 hourly radio sched bar one, albeit by only one to three miles each time. The racing remains very close and after 1300 miles racing, there is only 27 miles from front to back of the fleet. The race started off quite light and we were making a course of little better than South to keep the apparent wind up in the light easterly winds. As we have got further south, the wind has gradually picked up and we are now trucking along in the trade winds, heading on course at nine to ten knots. In the whole race, we have been on the same tack/gybe the whole time except for two minutes under a rain cloud.

We've still got 1635 miles to go to Mauritius which should take us about 8 days.

Our current position is 17S 86E, so we have sailed three quarters of the way round the globe since we left Liverpool!

Cheers

Richard Butler

JULY NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the July 2003 Newsletter will be 23rd June 2003. I aim to get the Newsletter to you by 1st of each month but it has been a mad panic when I have been receiving contributions right up to the end of the month.

Last month we experimented by e-mailing the link to the Newsletter on the Website as soon as it was there, instead of e-mailing the actual PDF file. This seemed to be a success. If you would like to know as soon as the Newsletter is on the Website and download it yourself at your leisure, let me know. Even better, if you can print it out yourself (if you wish to) and save the Club money in printing, postage, etc., let me know and I can remove you from the mailing list.

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