



THIS MONTH'S DIARY

Sunday 4th October
Try an Asymmetric

Sunday 19th October
Winter Series starts

Friday 17th October
RNLI Cheese & Wine Party
7.30 pm – Clubhouse
Tickets in Advance

Sunday 19th October
Boats Committee Meeting
After sailing - Clubhouse

Wednesday 22nd October
Z Class AGM
7.30 pm - Clubhouse

Wednesday 29th October
X Class AGM
7.30 pm - Clubhouse

Saturday 1st November
Annual Dinner and Prizegiving

Wednesday 5th November
Bonfire Night



Sea of Tranquillity – Morning before the Junior Open
Photo by Nicky Cumber

FROM THE COMMODORE

I will make no apology by requesting that all members note that the time of Club Administration is at its' peak at this time of year (AGM, Annual Dinner and Prizegiving, facilities booking for the Autumn/Winter, to name just a few). It will be very helpful for those organising such activities, if you can bid for your requirements early, to enable the whole planning to proceed as smoothly as possible.

On a slightly different note, there have been a few occasions where people with the best will in the world, have organised activities at the Club without really contacting the appropriate Club Committee member or members to make sure that there is no conflict of interest with any other event which has already been agreed and programmed. I do not think that this has yet embarrassed us, but there have been a couple of near misses and we almost faced the problem of 2 events on the same day, both wanting the Club Room and other facilities. The Committee are very keen to promote the use of the Club, but they must know the requirements and details well in advance so that resources can be allocated accordingly.

Finally, we have had a great sailing season and learnt a huge amount about how to operate from our new location.

Please, therefore contribute any ideas for improvement via the appropriate channels, starting with the individual Class meetings.

I look forward to seeing as many members as possible at the Annual Dinner and Prizegiving 1st November.

Bob Turner

FRAPPING HALYARDS AGAIN

The Club has already received two letters from WPBC Environmental Health and we do not want the problem to escalate. This is an irritation to local residents that we can deal with relatively easily.

PLEASE remember to tie out your halyards every time you pack up your boat!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mary Critchell, James Scollard, Mike Fullegar, Gary and Lynne Jones, Jeremy Rees, Philip Male and Jane Speed, Matthew Penn, Tim Crisford

Liz Grant – Honorary Membership Secretary

FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

RYA Club Race Officer Course

This will be held on Sunday 16th November, all welcome, irrespective of experience, please help the Club to maintain its' race management skills. The programme for the day is on the notice board in Clubroom and at www.ccsc.org.uk. CCSC members will be subsidised, all those interested please contact Simon Vines (01300 320084 or sjpal@clara.net).

Z class AGM

This will be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 22nd October in the Clubhouse, all keelboat sailors welcome. Sara Lloyd would like to step down as Z class representative on the Sailing Committee, would anyone like to take her place?

X class AGM

This will be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 29th October in the Clubhouse, all dinghy sailors welcome.

Simon Vines 01300 320084 sjpal@clara.net

BOAT PARK

Thanks to the efforts of around twenty members we were able to remove all the boats from the eastern side, and transfer those boats with a 'P2 space' to the western side, in approximately three hours on Saturday. Any boats that had not requested a 'P2' space (and therefore should have been taken off the site by the 21/9) have, due to limitations on space, had to be removed to the lower car park area. **These boats must be removed from the site immediately** as they are restricting access to the Boat Park.

Please note that the current layout for the dinghies in the western side is only temporary because when all the keelboats have been positioned it will be possible to accommodate some dinghies back in the eastern side. The plan is therefore to reorganise the western layout (widen the spaces, create more rigging space etc) and transfer some boats to the eastern side on Sunday 19th October (after sailing).

It has been noted that there are still quite a few dinghies that have not been tied down to the concrete blocks. Please can you therefore check that your boat is secure before the autumn gales strike the boat park!

Thanks again to those who helped on Saturday – hope you were not too frustrated by the frequent alterations to the cunning plan!

Mike Clarkson - Boat Park Administrator

FROM THE SOCIAL SECRETARY

Are You Cream-Cracked?

Well, your Social Committee is! After a very busy first season at our new premises, we would all like to take a well-earned break. We are therefore looking for some of you willing members who have been on the receiving end of our hard work this year to host a few out of season social events.

Sunday lunches proved very popular earlier this year and we would like to have some more next year. Perhaps you could get together with some friends or with your keelboat crew (who may be one and the same) to host a lunch in the New Year. We would like one in January and one in February. It can be great fun and is also a great fundraiser. If you feel you do not have any skills that can help with the winter work parties, then this may be just the job for you. There must be some of you who can afford to give up one Sunday (plus preparation time) to help the Club and have a good time.

Please contact Jane Davies: 01305 852817 - holvalcots@aol.com

Muchos Gracias!

As the season draws to a close, with just some brave dinghy sailors leaving Castle Cove shores to race, the Social Committee would like to extend a very big

THANK YOU!

to all of you who have supported the Galley over the past season. Due to great commitment from many members and the necessary price changes, the Galley has become a major financial contributor to the ongoing works at our lovely new site. All of you who worked so hard with tea duties and events this year can feel proud that you not only have contributed to the enjoyment of sailors, but also to many of the improvements that will be made over the winter period. Likewise, all of you who parted with your hard earned pennies over the counter.

MANY THANKS!

Date for your diary: Bonfire night, November 5th.

Jane Davies - 01305 852817 - holvalcots@aol.com

SCORPION NEWS

SORRY!

First let me apologize to all those readers who were waiting in great expectation for my contribution to the August Newsletter. I had expected that a full report of our successes in the Weymouth Regatta would be the main news in the 'Afloat' section of the 'Echo' and there would be no need to blow our trumpet further in the Newsletter. Wrong!! We didn't get a mention even though we were the most successful class with the Club Scorpions taking all the top places in their class and winning the best dinghy performance prize. Let me congratulate you all even though you seemed to have been forgotten by others.

BE THERE

There are two important dates that we must all put in our diaries and attend, the first is the Dinghy AGM and the other a 'race management' evening. The first is an opportunity to get any views you have, as an individual, to the Club regarding the racing and the second is chance to understand how courses are set and all the other facets that make up race management. The dates to both are shown elsewhere in this Newsletter.

CLUB V COUNTRY

The difficulties which the England Football Manager faces is 'small beer' to that which our class faces in the 'Club or country' dispute. As a class we have done extremely well in national events and open meetings, with Castle Cove being recognised as a one of the top Scorpion fleets in the UK. That said it does mean that we are not doing as many Club events as we have in the past and it is an area which we will need to review. There is a Catch 22 situation here, the class faces some criticism within the Club for not 'Club sailing' but without doing the circuit the quality of race ability stagnates and there is little or no improvement in one's skills. Perhaps the Dinghy AGM might be an opportunity to discuss the issues. I know there is a feeling that not all is well within the Club and that the racing is not as great as it has been in the past. If you have views ensure that they are aired and not left to fester.

THE KING AND QUEEN ARE DEAD - LONG LIVE THE KING

Gavin is taking over as the Scorpion Captain for the coming year and I know that he has some new ideas and will put them forward in due course and when the time is right. I hope we will all give him our support.

OVER HEARD IN THE BAR

'Have you found any mug to take over as Class Captain yet?'

'I'm working on it - I've one mind, needs flattering that all.'

Bob Green

LASER STUFF

Congratulations to Michael Robbins who came first in the 4.7 class at the recent Laser Open. The event was well attended with 52 boats entering, of which CCSC boats Malcolm Lofts was the first CCSC boat home in the main fleet.

The success of the event owes much to Ben who did 99% of the organising and also to Derek Abbott (OD) and team, who laid on excellent racing and had the results on the board before most people had showered. Thanks also to everyone who helped both onshore, in the kitchen and in rescue boats.

Unfortunately the wind that I ordered faded half way though the first race, therefore my best performance was as car park attendant.

There will be a short Laser class meeting after sailing next week, this is to discuss class specific stuff, more general topics to be saved for the X class meeting which I hope all of the Laser sailors will try to attend.

If anyone is thinking of selling their boat over the winter please let me know as I have had several enquiries from prospective buyers.

Mark Wildman

REMBRANDT - OVERNIGHT SPECIAL OFFER

If you want to make a big night of it and avoid driving or a taxi fare, please note the following offer, which has been negotiated for Castle Cove Sailing Club Members who are attending the

Annual Dinner and Prizegiving on Saturday 1st November

Single Room - Bed and Breakfast - £52:50

Double Room - Bed and Breakfast - £68:00

This represents a 25% saving on normal rates, but you must book by 20th October and state that you are a CCSC member attending the Dinner and Prizegiving function.

Rembrandt

Tel: 01305 764000

Fax: 01305 764022

E-mail: reception@hotelrembrandt.co.uk

BOXING DAY

Rescue Boat Duty

I am unable to undertake this duty now – can anyone please either swap a duty with me or undertake this one?

Jon Cox

01305 761891 or

07785231449

jonandkarincox@lineone.net

Casino Evening - Posh Frock and Sausage & Mash Nosh!

Saturday 6th December

Details to follow in

November Newsletter

Andie Clarke

LASER OPEN

53 (*Mark's count is 52... did one get lost? Ed*) Lasers of which 19 were from Castle Cove, turned out for the CCSC Laser Open on 20 September so Mark had obviously done a good job in advertising the change of date to avoid competing with the keelboat lift out.

Conditions could not have been better, the sea sparkled, skies were blue and the wind consistent from the East. Starting the 1st race at noon to avoid overlap with Cadets meant the sea breeze had increased to the top end of a Force 3 and the reaches on the triangular course were good fun even though the sea was flat. For Race 2, Derek (RO) set a trapezoid course. Rounding the leeward mark for the last time the fleet stopped dead, some of us wondered what we had done wrong until we realised everyone else had stopped too. To our great relief, within a few minutes the wind picked up again, from the same direction and the day ended with a 2nd trapezoid in a F2 – 3.

We are very proud of our homegrown Mike Robbins who won the 4.7 series with two 1st and a 2nd. Congratulations Mike! Ian Morgan from Weston and Max Holloway from Mudeford put up outstanding performances, both achieving three 1st places in Full and Radial rigs respectively. Malcolm Lofts was 1st CCSC in 12th position with Claire Cummings achieving a brilliant 6th place in the last race to come 18th with Peter Vines 19th. Zoe Donald's sailing is going from strength to strength, she came in 6th in the Radial fleet behind some well known names. Much credit goes to Josh Tozer-Brown and Charlie Forrest who acquitted themselves well in Club Lasers, not the quickest of boats and presumably their first experience of a big fleet. Good to see Cadets coming through into the racing and we look forward to seeing them on the water in other Club racing.

Peter May from Spinnaker Club (Ringwood) organises the Southern Travellers series. This is an excellent group, very friendly and thoroughly enjoyable racing, the last of the series is at Spinnaker on 4 October so do give it some thought. Perhaps next year we can travel more to widen our experience.

Michael Crawford-Hick, photographer for Weymouth Regatta, was in Weymouth for the Kite surfing festival and diverted attention to the Lasers. There are about 300 excellent photos on his website www.crawford@hick.com so do have a look.

Anon

J 24S OUT AND ABOUT



Bob, whatever you do keep doing it. Don't look round, you might scare yourself.

Sometimes a plan comes together. Bob Turner, Alistair and Tim Clarke, Steve Jose and Mark Baskerville storm into a lead that they retained over 68 boats from 14 nations. Race 2 J24 Worlds 19 August, Medemblik

Of the 7 J24s in the Club it is most pleasing that 4 have been away flying the CCSC Burgee in Open, National and World events this season. Bob Turner managed to win both the Spring Cup in Plymouth and the Floral Cup in Falmouth and was runner up in the Southern Areas. 8th overall in the World Championships in Medemblik Holland was the 3rd best by a GBR Team ever and his team is the first to win a race in a World Championship since Eddie Warden Owen in 1983. Switching Alistair Clarke to the helm for the Nationals the team won 3 out of 8 races and never finished lower than 5th out of 44 boats. The first place eluded them by the narrowest of margins but there is always next year! However, it was noteworthy that all our 4 boats at the Nationals qualified for a daily race prize and shows that the quality of our Club J24 racing is high. Come and join us!

A LATE CONVERSION AFTER LOTS OF TRYs

I really shouldn't be surprised that for a long time Jan did not share my love of sailing. We had been going out for about six months when I introduced her to the sport. Perhaps my judgement could be slightly questioned in choosing to take her out in a borrowed Mirror dinghy in February with neither wet suits nor a change of clothes. Nor even anywhere to dry off or shower.

This sailing experience did not last long. The first time we tacked her buoyancy aid got caught on the boom and I was soon instructing her how to escape from the air pocket beneath an inverted Mirror. I managed to right the boat quite skilfully I thought but Jan refused to get back into it and swam for the shore.

The year after we were married (it must have been love!) she agreed to going on a week's shore based holiday on the Medina where she earned an RYA level 1 dinghy certificate whilst I learned navigation. She remains to this day a better qualified sailor than me. This however was not the start in her of a great passion for sailing. Since 1976 the only time she has set foot in a vessel smaller than a cross-channel ferry has been when as a family we have hired dinghies on holiday, and it would have disappointed the children if she had not joined in. If given a choice she would always opt for a dinghy being helmed by someone other than me.

Imagine my shock and amazed surprise when two years ago I heard her talking with positive tones to some friends about a possible flotilla holiday with them. It seems she trusted them not to put her life in danger. The outcome of a number of discussions was a plan for the four of us to join a two-week flotilla in Croatia during August 2003.

As the holiday progressed the various attractions of cruising became apparent to Jan. Anchoring in beautiful bay with wooded slopes; taking the dinghy ashore to enjoy grilled fresh fish on a restaurant terrace overlooking the sunset; having about twenty dolphins play in our bow wave for over half an hour; swimming from the boat in transparent warm water before breakfast; fender surfing the list goes on.

It was a late conversion but Jan now wants to know if we can go to the BVI next time, and can we have a bigger boat?

So will she be getting a laser radial or making the sandwiches for CCSC race teas? CERTAINLY NOT!! We can't afford a 40 foot Beneteau and anyway the temperature of the water around southern Britain rarely gets up to 26°C. But at least we can now share a sailing experience once a year!

Keith Stevens



The Crew



The Scenery



The Dolphins

Z CLASS NEWS

What a terrific week we had in Dartmouth. The whole place was alive all week, live music every afternoon and evening (though not always to our taste!), the Red Arrows were incredible and the two firework displays made Weymouth fireworks look like a damp squib in the back garden.

As for the sailing. We abandoned the race there, as apart from the fact that there was no wind, only Harmony and ourselves were going. After a couple of days rest we decided to do the passage race from Brixham to Dartmouth despite having only three of us to crew the boat. Lots of wind and much discussion as to how we were going to get the spinnaker down but a great race and definitely one to do next year. The wind during the Regatta was interesting to say the least, either strong easterlies with big seas or nothing at all. We did better than last year, though not as well as we hoped, but Harmony did brilliantly winning the Sigma 33 trophy. As Harmony left before the prizegiving I had the honour to collect their prize and felt very proud at being able to represent Castle Cove. I am only sorry I didn't get to pass on the Trophy in the Club the following Wednesday.

For many of you it is the end of the season but the hardy racers are carrying on until Christmas. Weymouth SC are holding races both Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings this year so there is still plenty of racing available.



2003 Lift out in glorious weather (Some wanted to go back in)

Photo by Peter Yelland

Situation Vacant and a Date for your Diary

The Z Class Meeting this year will be on Wednesday 22 October at 1930 in the Clubhouse – any items for the Agenda to me by Wednesday 15 October please. Please try and attend this meeting as your views are important and to keep the Z Class alive we need new ideas – both for cruising, racing and socials.

It is customary at this meeting to elect the Z Class Captain for the following year. I have been doing and enjoying this job for two years now. Whilst I realise I am expected to stand for a third year I know I am going to be somewhat preoccupied next year and feel I will be unable to give the necessary time and effort to ensure a successful 2004 for the Z Class. Is there anyone out there who would like to take on this challenge – no qualifications needed just a huge amount of enthusiasm and some time to represent the Class. Please give me a call if you think you would like the job.

As we move into the autumn and winter season several of the Z Class drift round to Weymouth Sailing Club or bring their boats ashore and then disappear into their homes, only to reappear when the weather starts to warm up again. There are usually plenty of social occasions at the Club during the winter months so why not come along and keep in touch with the rest of our Class. Watch the Newsletter and noticeboards for details of events or talks.

Sara Lloyd - Z Class Captain

ANNUAL CLIC QUIZ

Castle Cove entered four teams in the Annual CLIC Quiz this year. This is a highly contested quiz with a very high standard from the top teams so this year it was decided to put our most talented and intelligent players in one team and make a determined effort to become one of the prizewinners. David Lloyd, Carol Green, John and Angela Elliott were elected to form the crack team and much to everyone's delight tactics paid off. At the end of the evening they were only three points behind the winning team, the Bakers Arms, who are almost professionals and always win, to take second prize of a trophy and a cheque for £100 which was promptly donated to CLIC. The other three teams also did reasonably well finishing around the middle of the fleet. It was a good fun evening for everyone raising money for a good cause. Thank you to all those who took part and watch out for the date of next year's quiz, around the same time of the year.

Sara Lloyd

MESSAGE FROM NEW MEMBERS

The Burden-Barfoot family have really enjoyed their summer, which has been hugely enhanced by Castle Cove Sailing Club and their new 'Topper'. Thanks to all of you for inspiring us with your energy, friendliness and the beautiful scenery. A special thank you from Jane Burden to Sarah and Joe for the wonderful Ladies Friday Sailing - I love it!! (You will make a sailor out of me one day -I promise!)

Jane Burden

FROM BRISTOL CLIPPER

By the time you read this, the Clipper 2002 Round the World Race will be over. However, it's far from over now, 8 days before our finish in Liverpool, locked in battle with Jersey Clipper on the way from New York to Jersey.

When I left you last, we were a few days out of New York, on the race from Salvador. We came third on that race, finishing at the famous Ambrose lighthouse, an ugly metal structure 25 miles out from New York City. As we got closer to the light, our speed slowly dropped. At 8 miles to go we were doing 8 knots. 4 miles to go, 4 knots. 0.5 miles to go, 0.5 knots! But we got there in the end. Jersey Clipper won the race, leaving us one point ahead in the overall standing.

The motor up to our moorings at the Intrepid Aircraft Carrier Museum was fantastic. I've never been to New York before and to arrive by sea and have all the sights such as the Statue of Liberty, Manhattan and the Empire State Building gradually appear was amazing.

I was met in New York by both my brothers, their families, my mum and a can of Boddingtons! I hadn't seen most of them since last year. We had a great time there and saw most of the main attractions as well as having time to chill out.

Our planned start was delayed by a couple of hours because of our late arrival, but as it turned out, we couldn't leave then as Hurricane Fabian (that's the one which went over Bermuda) was due to cross our path. After another couple of days, we made passage to the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron in Halifax, from where we started the current race to Jersey.

Jersey Clipper got ahead in the first few days, but then when the wind went light due to a ridge of high pressure, we tracked further north to catch the new wind first and got a few miles ahead of them. Since then, we have been swapping the lead on an almost daily basis, but currently, we are 9 miles ahead, with 520 miles to go. Jersey are 40 or so miles south of us and we have a low coming up from the south which will pass west of us. Jersey may get a small advantage as this happens.

Because we are running late because of the hurricane, the stop in Jersey will be less than 24 hours before we set off for the final full points race to Holyhead and half points race to Liverpool. 8 days to go and it's still all to play for, though it is a relief to know that we will definitely be first or second overall.

Next month, I'll describe the final days of the race and some thoughts about the whole adventure.

Richard Butler

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the November 2003 Newsletter will be 24th October 2003.

Thank you for the response to my request for photographs – sorry if I didn't have space for them all but please do keep sending them.

If you are able to, PLEASE have your Newsletter by e-mail. See it all in colour on the website www.ccsc.org.uk

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RNLI WEYMOUTH LADIES' GUILD Autumn/Winter Programme 2003/2004

Friday 17th October

"Cheese & Wine Party"

at CCSC 7.30 pm

Tickets in advance

£8 includes superb finger buffet and a glass of wine

Thursday 6th November

"Autumn Coffee Morning"

at The Old Rooms Inn, harbour side

10.30 – 12 noon

RNLI Christmas cards, calendars, etc.

Cakes, Christmas presents and

decorations, etc. Raffle

Entrance and Coffee £1.00 on the door

Friday 5th December

"Christmas Evening at Brewers Quay"

Our usual popular supper party among

the Christmas decorations, a great

start to the festive season

Saturday 17th April 2004

"Weymouth Lifeboat Spring Ball"

Pavilion Ocean Room

7.30 pm to 1.00 am

Black Tie evening and Buffet Supper

Dancing to "Alcudia Sands"

Please put these dates in your diary.

For Tickets phone

Rose 01305 788994

(Please book early as numbers limited)

Weymouth College Hair Salon

Students on first and second year hairdressing courses need real people to practise on, especially men. All their work is supervised by the teaching staff. It is very good value, being just £2.50 for a trim for a man, but you need to be able to spare an hour or so. Call the College on 01305 761100 and ask for the Hairdressing Salon to make your appointment.

I've been going for several years now and am always pleased with the result.

Roger Chapman