

Castle Cove Sailing Club



April 2004 Newsletter

THIS MONTH'S DIARY

Sunday 4th April
Spring Series starts
10.30 am start

Monday 12th April
Easter Monday Race
10.30 am start

Friday 16th April
Senior Cadet Evening

Saturday 17th April
Senior Cadets start

Monday-Wednesday 19th - 21st April
Keelboat lift-in

Wednesday 21st April
1st Wednesday Series starts

Saturday 24th April
Asymmetric Training

Monday 26th April
1st Monday Series starts

RACING MARKS IN PORTLAND HARBOUR

Please amend the new Handbook (7.1)
Page 43 as follows:-

Number 2 is now a Yellow sphere
Numbers 6 and W are now Orange
spheres

Joe Waterman

DO YOU READ YACHTING WORLD?

I am looking for a **January** issue of
Yachting World - there is a letter in
there from me and I missed buying it! I
have December and February, typical!
I would get a back issue but they want
£10 so if anyone has one I could
borrow it would be good.

Thanks
Pauline Clare - 01305 775681

FROM THE COMMODORE

As the close season draws to an end I would like to thank all those members who have turned out over the winter months to progress a number of improvement and maintenance tasks in and around the Club. For those who have not been there, you will notice just how much has been achieved both in making the area easier to use and making it look better.

Also this last month there have been a number of great social occasions, including the Z Class and Dinghy Dinners, Quiz Night and Mothering Sunday Lunch. Thank you again to those who initiated and ran them, the effort is really worth it. One small point, for those who wish to attend functions please book before the deadlines to avoid disappointment. The caterers have to put their orders in for the food a few days before the event so cannot accept late bids.

Turning to training, "Around the Course" with Adam Bowers was an excellent presentation and all those there learnt some useful race winning tips. Similarly, Derek Abbot's Club Race Officer briefing was of immense value to all, and not just those with a duty this year! My message is, when we have World Class people ready to give up their time for your benefit, please seize the opportunities.

On the Administration front, you will all have seen the new and revised Annual Handbook. This again reflects a huge amount of commitment and energy from many people co-ordinated by our Secretary, Diana Gill. The result is a very accurate and well laid out book produced on time. **PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND IT!!!!**

Finally, please note that this month is very busy on the Boat Park as we re-configure to the Summer layout. This means that those with either tenders, dinghies or keelboats must be aware of the needs of others and be particularly tolerant as we aim to get all the boats and the pontoons, etc in the right place at the right time. I am sure that Mike Clarkson, Alan White and Malcolm Spicer will have plans for this so please support them and communicate well in advance.

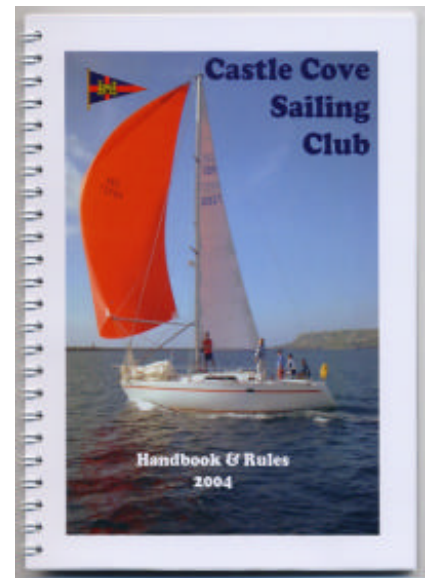
Lets get out on the water and have some fun.

Bob Turner

FROM THE HONORARY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

There are still 50 people to pay their subscriptions. Please pay promptly or let me know if you wish to resign or suspend your membership.

Liz Grant





OLD STORY OF CLUB SITE

During the war Portland Harbour was protected by a ring of guns on land and on the breakwaters, the site now occupied by the Club was one such site. It was also a small army camp where the gunners were billeted, consisting of about four large huts. The guns were Bofors anti aircraft weapons which were sited at Bincleaves on the allotments, in Old Castle Rd in a field just north of Glenthorne, at the Club site, on the cliffs near Ferrybridge and along the Portland beach road between the railway and the harbour. A friend and I helped at the camp at weekends spud bashing [peeling] and washing dishes, for payment we were fed by the army which saved on the rations at home.

In the days before D-Day American convoys were coming in non-stop and one tank towing an ammunition trailer became lost and came down Old Castle Road; on arriving at the end by the garages realised he had gone the wrong way, the road and railway embankment were never the same after he turned it round, almost missed the war.

After D-Day landing craft that had been seriously damaged were beached along the shore, the stern section of one was just west of the Club and the bow part was near to Bincleaves. Craft which had less damage were beached on the sand bank south west of the Club for temporary repairs before being taken to dry dock.

Mike Venning

BOAT PARK – ARRANGEMENTS FOR APRIL

This month it is all change on the Boat Park as the keelboats go back into the water and many of the dinghy fleet return to start the new season.

Weather permitting, the keelboats will be lifted back into the water over the period from Monday 19/4 to Wednesday 21/4. During the following week some resurfacing work will be carried out on the eastern side of the Boat Park which should be completed in time for all dinghies to move to their allocated spaces by Saturday 1/5.

To ensue that this transition runs both to schedule and with minimal hassle please would all members take note of the following:

- Cradles and any other equipment used during winter storage must be removed from the site within 48 hours of launching (please note that this is a Club byelaw).
- Dinghies can be brought down to the Club from the 1st April but must only be stored on the western side. Until the eastern side is reopened for dinghy storage the western area will inevitably be fairly congested so it is therefore important that boats are parked as neatly as possible. Individual spaces will not be allocated for this interim period although an area will be reserved for the larger dinghies (e.g. Wayfarers). Please refer to the notice board in the Clubhouse for further information on these temporary arrangements and for details of the layout/space allocations for the rest of the summer season.
- During the first week of April a few more keelboats will be lifted out of the water and the large 'lifter-shifter' is also being dismantled/removed. Please can you therefore ensure that boats are only stored within the designated area and that any 'roadways' are kept clear for vehicle movements.
- Don't forget to tie your dinghy down securely. There are plenty of concrete blocks available.
- If you do not plan to take part in any of the dinghy races during the first few weeks of April it would be appreciated if you would kindly delay bringing your dinghy down to the Club until later in the month.
- Yacht tenders must only be stored in racks or designated spaces.

Lets all hope for kindly weather conditions during the lift-in period. Thank you all for your cooperation.

Mike Clarkson

CLASS 2 (FAST CLASS) NEWS INCORPORATING CASTLE COVE CONTENDERS

As the new season approaches it's time to dust off the boat, do all those jobs that you meant to do over the winter and go sailing. Don't make the mistake of leaving it until the weather warms up or you'll miss half the season!

We now have seven Contenders "on the books" at the Club and, although we still have to achieve a full turn out, we did manage a healthy attendance over the winter series. As mentioned in my last report, Dave Murley and Adam Bowers have now joined the fleet, both with competitive boats. We now have people sailing the boats right across the weight range with Marcus "tie me to the boat when its windy" Scrace at one end and Dave "my, haven't we filled out" Murley at the other. It's interesting to watch how this pans out on the race course, particularly in the breeze with Dave powering away upwind only to get taken out by Marcus down hill, Marcus having spent more time in the boat (both in the long term practising and on that particular leg!). Still, unfortunately for all of us, Dave is improving rapidly and I am sure will be a force to be reckoned with this season. Our other newcomer Adam has I believe done a little racing before. Thankfully this has yet to be reflected in the results but, as with Dave, the day of reckoning for the rest of us is not far away!

Away from the Club there was a good showing by CCSC boats on last year's Contender open circuit, Nationals and Worlds. We have high hopes for 2004, with ferries and campsites already booked for the Worlds at Lake Garda (4 CCSC boats going so far). Another exciting development for 2004 is the return of a Contender open meeting to the CCSC calendar with the Contender Magic Marine Traveller's series paying a visit over the weekend of 26/27 June.

Despite the reasonably robust number of Contenders we currently have no plans to seek our own start for Club racing. Our aim is to get a healthy number of boats of different classes racing together in Class 2. With only two Fireballs and Finn flying the flag over the winter there is certainly room for more, and there's certainly plenty of good competition to be had with Jeremy Belling/Paul Robbins finishing a close second in their Fireball in the Winter Series. So if you feel like trying some fast dinghy racing but don't fancy one of those strange boats with a lopsided spinnaker just get in touch. I know Jeremy and Paul would welcome a few more Fireballs on the water, if only to get in the way of the Contenders!

Finally, on a safety issue, which applies to all dinghies, not just Class 2. If, when you have finished racing you plan to go "free sailing" (i.e. not return immediately to the Club), please can you let the OD know. The Race Team has a responsibility for the safety of competitors until they are ashore (unless they go free sailing) so it is important for them to know when they are relieved of this responsibility.

See you on the Water.

Nick Grace - GBR 700 – Class Captain

ALL LASER SAILORS

The season is about to start, so hurry up, wipe your boat over with a damp rag and figure out where you have put all the bits.

The racks will be allocated in the next few days, I will be following the same criteria as last year, which will at least be fair, i.e. no special consideration. If I haven't posted the list by the time you get to the Boat Park, use the first slot that you find, for the time being. The list will be posted on the Club Laser notice board soon.

The "local" class rules will be applied a little more tightly this year. These are the main points.

- If you wish to sail with a radial or 4.7 sail and benefit from the radial or 4.7 handicap you must declare in writing to the Sailing Secretary before the start of your first race of any series. Boats that do not make this declaration will be assumed to be sailing with a full rig.
- Once you have chosen your sail size you may change down, for any individual race, to a smaller sail, but will be given the handicap of your first choice. You may not change up to a larger sail.
- You must also declare if you intend to use a sail with a different sail number.
- Declarations may be made by posting your request into the letterbox in the committee storeroom, before you race.

The reason for the above is to make the class racing fairer and also to make Ben's job easier.

Enjoy your sailing, and remember to make your declarations.

Mark Wildman – Class Captain

JUST SOME OF THE TUESDAY MORNING EXERCISE GROUP AT PLAY!

Photo by Peter Yelland

Happily this has been a successful Winter Activity. We think we are fitter for it, but it's also been a chance to use our Club to enjoy a get-together. At the same time we've also raised money (£197 I believe! - Ed.) towards improving Club surroundings.

To sum up – A poem

We reach and swing to and fro
Mind and body starts to glow
We stretch and bend and even wriggle
Mistakes are made and then we giggle
From gentle, working through to tough
Bodies warm and then we puff
By now we've earned our time to rest
Thought by some – "this part is best!"
Our Mind's at peace – no need to think
Then it's time for chat and drink.
We trip off home in happy mood
Body toned – no wish to brood

The group have now finished for the Summer but will probably start again in October.

Rosemary Spicer

FOR SALE**Mirror 69817**

Completed from racing kit in 1987 and sailed for 2 seasons, dry stored since. Epoxy/polyurethane throughout. Musto sails, chute and fly-away pole, cover. £2100 ono.

Simon Vines 01300 320084 evenings

FOR SALE

We joined the Club in the late '60s and regularly raced a GP14, and later our Tomahawk "Pintail". We purchased two sets of **Musto Coastal jacket and trousers** new from Dave Leverton in 1998 (2 years before we gave up sailing); they are in "as new" condition, are still in their original Musto bags, and have not been used since 2000. In detail they are:

Coastal Jacket Red S product no.1249R
 Coastal Trousers Red S product no.1276R
 Coastal Jacket Red L product no.1249R
 Coastal Trousers Red L product no.1276R

The original cost was about £210 per outfit; we would hope to recover at least half of this - being poor old age pensioners!!

Mark Deavin - 01935-813368

FOR SALE

Contender GBR582, VGC, Rondar, Wavelength, Ullmans, progrid, combi, cover, £1700

Ken Reed

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MAY NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the May 2004 Newsletter will be 25th April 2004.

Receive your Newsletter earlier! Have your Newsletter by e-mail! Usually I just send a link to the website so you can download the Newsletter when you wish - see www.ccsc.org.uk and click on Social, then Club Newsletters. It usually only takes a couple of minutes to download. If you also print it out you will get a vastly superior copy to the one sent through the post and it will be in colour!

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