

# Castle Cove Sailing Club



# August 2004 Newsletter

## **THIS MONTH'S DIARY**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Laser Training Morning**  
**9.45 am**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Ladies Race (Z)/Crews Race (X)**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August**  
**National 12 Championships**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**  
**Singlehanded Race**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Asymmetric Training**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August**  
**August Bank Holiday Race**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sat 5,6/6**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Z Class Meeting**  
**7.30 pm**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Cadet Open**

## **FROM THE COMMODORE**

By the time you read this Newsletter the New Style Weymouth Town Regatta will be over and we are now looking forward to a busy August with the hosting of the National 12 Class National Championships (known as Burton Week) from 14 to 20 August.

Some people have asked me why CCSC is hosting the National 12s when we do not have even one in the Club.

The answer is that we made the commitment to host their Class 4 years ago when we were at the former site and the National 12s were a very good size of fleet for us to accommodate on the original CCSC Beach location. As a Club we are honouring that commitment, which will still, I am sure, enhance our reputation and that of the Yacht Clubs of Weymouth Championship Committee. Please also note that it does bring in good revenue to the Club which helps to keep our membership and facilities charges down.

Looking further ahead, the administration season is fast approaching. Please be alert to the need to apply early for keelboat haul out, space for dinghy Autumn and Winter Series, dare I say also checking that the date of the Annual Dinner and Prizegiving is in your Diary, and so on. Your early planning helps out the organisers and helps our finances too.

Finally, please remember that if you have any good ideas to improve the Club or its operation, contact the appropriate Official or Class Captain so that if a Club Rule Change is required, it can be processed in good time for the AGM.

Good sailing, and make the most of it, the Summer season end is fast approaching.

**Bob Turner**

## **FROM THE REAR COMMODORE**

With the holiday season upon us I would like to remind everyone to check the Handbook for your duties. It is just not good enough to say 'I'm too busy' or 'I'm away that week'. It is your responsibility to arrange a swap. There have been several instances recently when such excuses have been made. Do remember that it is a requirement of your membership that you take part in duties. Your boat park application or request for moorings might not be so favourably looked upon if it is felt you do not pull your weight. The duties are not onerous if everyone does their share.

**Sally Fielding**

## **HELP NEEDED PLEASE**

For? **Burton Week**  
When? **14-20 August**  
Where? **Galley**  
Reward? Great fun, get to know others, wonderful Club atmosphere!

**Jane Davies - 01305 852817**  
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## **YOUR CASTLE COVE SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER**

Please note your Newsletter will now be sent out as soon as possible after the General Committee Meeting, held on the first Tuesday of each month. Please bear this in mind when submitting articles publicising events at the beginning of the month.

Please keep those interesting articles coming – due to the costs of printing and postage, contributions of about half a page are ideal – if yours is longer we can put it on the website with a link to it and perhaps a shortened version in the Newsletter. Please keep to the deadline as I intend to have the Newsletter ready to go to print pending any additions arising from the Committee Meeting.

**Get your copy earlier and save the Club money – have your NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL (see back page).**

**Cathy Ledger**

## FROM THE HONORARY SAILING SECRETARY

### Family Fun Day – 25<sup>th</sup> September

This year the last day of Cadets and the Cove Cup are being combined into a 'Family Fun Day' starting at 10.30 on the 25<sup>th</sup> September (see 'Changes To The Race Programme' elsewhere in this Newsletter for detailed timings). There will be a mix of racing (with courses/starts matched to all abilities) and other on-water activities, culminating in a prizegiving and barbecue from mid afternoon onwards. Prizes will be given for best parent and child crew, lowest and highest average ages, stamina in the face of adversity (i.e. who capsized the most (dinghies only!) - and kept going!) and Sailing Committee Prize amongst others. This is the last full day before the end of the summer parking period, so please make a note in your diary and then come down to celebrate the end of the summer and the start of the Autumn Series!

More details will be in next month's Newsletter and will also be displayed in the Clubhouse.

**Ben Evans - 01305 750163**

### GENERAL COMMITTEE VACANCIES

There will be 3 vacancies on the General Committee coming up. If you would like to talk about it please contact Diana Gill

### MONDAY NIGHT DINGHY RACING

Please note that all Monday night dinghy racing is now being run on an 'elapsed time' basis. As such the OD will aim to give all dinghies a race of about the same duration, rather than of the same length. Further explanation can be found in section 6.2 (page 52) of the handbook.

**Ben Evans**

## CHANGES TO THE RACE PROGRAMME

Please note the following changes in the race programme:

1. The Cadet Open is now the 11<sup>th</sup> September, not the 4<sup>th</sup> as previously advertised.
2. 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 5,6 / 6 will now be on the 4<sup>th</sup> September, rather than on the 11<sup>th</sup>.
3. The Cove Cup will now be held on the 25 September, starting at 10.30 (dinghies) and 11.30 (keelboats). For dinghies there will be three back-to-back races (amongst other activities), whilst keelboats will have a single long distance race. These will be followed by a club BBQ and prizegiving. This event will incorporate the Cadets last day.

**Ben Evans - 01305 750163**

## BOAT PARK DURING THE NATIONAL 12 CHAMPIONSHIPS

From Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August the Club will be host to the National 12's UK championships. Around sixty boats are likely to take part and they are expected to start arriving at the Club from early on the Saturday morning.

To accommodate this number of boats, particularly at this time of year, it will probably be necessary for the 12's to be parked directly in front of those rows of Club dinghies that are usually open to the rigging areas i.e. rows B1, C1, D1, D6 and D7.

If you are parked in any other row and you do not intend to use your dinghy during the above period it would be very helpful if you/we could move your boat to one of the rows that will be 'blocked off' by the National 12's. Your space could then be temporarily allocated to a member who intends to sail during that week.

Please would you therefore contact me if you know that you will not be using your boat during this period.

As it is possible that a member may come down to race on the Monday or Wednesday and still find that their boat is blocked in we have arranged for a team of our Cadets to be on hand to help you move the blocking '12' and assist you in rigging your boat. The OD's will be requested to closely monitor the situation on the Boat Park and, if necessary, delay the start of dinghy racing.

We understand that the National 12's will be on the water from around 14.30 - 17.00 on the Saturday (practice race) and then each day from the Sunday through to the Friday from 10.00 - 16.00. If you wish to free-sail during the week it may therefore be advisable to avoid the launch and recovery periods. When available, a copy of the full race schedule will be posted in the Clubhouse.

Please call myself, Ben Evans or Sally Fielding if you have any questions.

**Mike Clarkson - 01305 853966 - [Mestclark@aol.com](mailto:Mestclark@aol.com)**

## EVENT: LASER TRAINING MORNING

When: Saturday 7 August

Time: Start at 09:45  
Finish for lunch (and afternoon racing)

Format:

09:45 rig and change  
explain rigging  
land demonstration of techniques  
10:30 launch - up-wind technique  
rabbit starts and trigger pulls  
down-wind technique  
running by-the-lee (capsizing optional :)  
12:30 recover to shore. (remainder of programme is shore based for those not racing in the afternoon)  
lunch  
video and washup

Bring: usual sailing kit  
water bottle to take afloat  
notepad and pen if you want to take notes

**Contact:**

**Bob Cudmore - 01308 862024 if interested or turn up on the day!**

### ATTENTION CAR OWNERS

There is a lack of understanding about car parking by some members. You are reminded to read Byelaw B.15 in the Handbook. Cars are not normally permitted on the Boat Park.

### CCSC Window Stickers

Display in your car  
Available in the Bar

### TORNADO

A boat working party is needed ASAP for our, potentially, replacement committee boat.

Please let me know days, dates, times you can help. Thank you.

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## Z CLASS NEWS

By the time you read this there will be only 5 Wednesday evening races left this season. Where has the summer gone? However that is not the end of sailing, whether racing or cruising as September and October can be glorious months for sailing and I hope to see many boats still out. For those of you wishing to continue racing there will be weekend racing at Weymouth Sailing Club until Christmas for all classes. The races are open to all Yachts Clubs of Weymouth and Sunday morning racing will include an IRC Class starting at the beginning of October. There will be no autumn series at Castle Cove this year.

There will be two more keelboat races at Castle Cove after evening racing has finished. The first will be the RNSA Pursuit Race on Sunday 5 September, always a good race and fun social event, and on Saturday 25 September, a long distance race for the Cove Cup. The Sailing Committee are endeavouring to make this a big day's sailing for everyone concluding with a barbeque late afternoon with a prizegiving for prizes awarded on the day. Dinghies and keelboats will have a variety of "fun" prizes and the bigger the turnout the better the event. Please make a real effort to support this day.

Finally I have decided to hold this year's Z Class Meeting in September this year before everyone goes into hibernation for the winter. It will be on Wednesday 8 September (the first Wednesday after the end of evening racing) at 1930 in the Clubhouse. I will be standing down as Z Class Captain this year, although will continue my duties until the end of year. Therefore a volunteer is required to take over from me and if no one comes forward I regret the Z Class will not have a representative on the Sailing Committee next year. It is not an arduous job and can take as little or as much time as you wish but a genuine interest in cruising and racing keelboats is essential and a sense of humour is useful!!! Any volunteers please contact me as soon as possible and I can fill you in on the details.

**Sara Lloyd – Z Class Captain**

## WYC WINTER KEELBOAT SERIES

Should you want to take part in the WYC winter series, or want to continue other sailing, and yet want to have your boat ashore at CCSC, this may now be possible.

An additional lift out in late December/early January is being considered, subject to there being sufficient need to hire a crane. There is likely to be a reduction in storage charge for the shorter period until April because there is a benefit to the Club in reducing congestion caused by keelboat storage whilst dinghy racing continues up until Christmas.

Two boats have expressed interest; two or three more will justify hiring a crane. Please contact me if you are interested.

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## CONTENDER NEWS



Mark rounding action on the Saturday

Over the weekend of 26-27 June CCSC was host to the Contender Travellers circuit and attracted a fleet of 26 boats, including seven from CCSC. Conditions over the weekend were ideal with winds 20knots plus and even brilliant sunshine on the Sunday. To top it all Barry Grant and his race team put on some excellent racing so it was smiles all round. I have received many compliments from within the travelling fleet so a big thanks to all those who helped over the weekend. To make racing more interesting for all on the open circuit the Contenders ran three sub fleets within the main competition and congratulations go to CCSC sailor Paul Horlock in GBR 635 for winning the Bronze fleet. Overall results for the event are posted on the CCSC Website.

With the excitement of the home open meeting behind us, four CCSC Contenders (GBR 634, 635, 636 & 700) are now preparing to make the big trip south to the 2004 World Championships hosted by Fraglia della Vela at the northern tip of Lake Garda, Italy between 31 July and 6 August. With upward of 40 British Contenders set to make the trip southward and with pre-registered entries already topping 150, including competitors from Australia and the USA as well as seven different European countries, this promises to be a truly international World Championship.

The UK fleet is currently going from strength to strength and there are several British competitors who have a good chance of glory. These include current UK National and past World Champion Stuart Jones and 2003 National Champion Neil Wilson, who has been training hard north of the border. Also keen to improve on two consecutive second places at the World Championships in Melbourne and the UK will be Tim Holden (winner of the CCSC Open). Defending Champion Andrea Bonezzi will be going flat out to keeping the crown for Italy but with the last few Championships all being settled on the last day there promises to be some good battles in store.

Progress of the Championships can be followed on [www.fragliavelariva.com/public\\_new/Calendar.asp](http://www.fragliavelariva.com/public_new/Calendar.asp). For more information on the UK Contender scene, go to [www.sailingsource.com/contender/gbr/](http://www.sailingsource.com/contender/gbr/).

See you on the water.

**Nick Grace - GBR 700**



Paul Horlock and Nick Grace fight it out on the beat in perfect Contender conditions

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped at the **Contender/Scorpion Open**. It was very well attended and competitors were full of praise for Castle Cove Sailing Club.

## LYME BAY TRIP

9.30 start from Lyme Regis, out into Lyme Bay with a good south-westerly. Great to see the coastal geology from the sea. A couple of other fishing boats out, but no other sailing boats, apart from one sail on the horizon. The wind picks up to a good Force 4, and the increasing swell makes me slightly seasick. Head on the compass bearing to Portland, and although the rest of the coast is very clear, Portland is hidden in its own cloud.

With the strong winds, we make much quicker progress across Lyme Bay, getting to Portland 1 ½ hours before the planned timing for the tides. But it is neap tides, so we decide to go for it. Wind increasing, very confused waves as we approach the Bill, and we need to keep close to the Bill. Bumpy ride through, close enough to see people's faces on Pulpit Rock, but quickly round the end of the Bill and bearing away.

Lovely run down Portland, close to the shore, looking at the caves and cliffs. Into the Eastern entrance, and then a wet tack across Portland Harbour back to Castle Cove.

An easy sail for keelboats, but we were in a Wayfarer, so a trip like this was an exciting challenge, and we were very pleased to have done it! 35 miles in 5½ hours, giving a good average speed of 5½ knots in a fully laden boat. And although we were never out of sight of land, it felt like real sea sailing.

***Hugh de longh and Nick Browning - Wayfarer Snowgoose 2***

## YACHTMASTER PRACTICAL EXAM: ONE PERSON'S EXPERIENCE

From the response in the Club on my return from the exam, I thought some of you might be interested to know what it is like to do the Yachtmaster practical. For the Newsletter, I am keeping this to half a page; on the website you will find a two page article which includes lists of the pre-exam requirements and the things we were examined on.

Why did I do it? I wanted to be sure if anything happened to Michael, I could sail Snow Goose safely so I booked (with Cliff Elliott and Allan Ward of WPCA) a week's course with Roger Randall (Wessex Cruising) on Takamaka, a 36' Jeanneau. None of us was sure we would put ourselves through the exam but by the end of the week, we all decided to have a go. The Yachtmaster exam is about demonstrating you can handle a boat safely in difficult conditions even if exhausted. We sailed all day and quite a lot of nights through 5 days of preparation, going from Weymouth to the Hamble and back to Poole where, rather like doing a driving test in Dorchester, we practiced manoeuvres endlessly (man-over-board, sailing onto moorings with wind and tide flowing, blind navigation and pontoon bashing). By Friday we ached and were suffering lack of sleep but the boat had to be ship-shape for the examiner who arrived at 6.30 pm.

David Thomson, our examiner, was rigorous, considerate and above all, constructive in advice, he continued to teach as he examined. When we felt we got things wrong, he pointed out what we had done well but he also set us significant challenges. The sorts of exercises were: pick up a mooring buoy by Brownsea with wind and tide blowing you off at midnight under sail; night sailing navigating round Hook sand and down to Goathorn to anchor, man-over-board drill in Poole Harbour entrance on Saturday afternoon with tide, wind and boats everywhere and perhaps worst of all, berthing in Salterns Marina where bow thrusters should be mandatory. He played to our strengths, giving us every opportunity to demonstrate what we were good at and didn't ask me to berth in Salterns (thanks goodness) so we all passed. The exam was the cherry, what really made the experience so brilliant was the learning and teaching, the encouragement and constructive advice from both instructor and examiner, the camaraderie and immense fun of sailing with Cliff and Allan for an exhausting and exhilarating week. Roger even trusted us to bring his boat back from Poole on Sunday. I have so much more to learn, but I achieved more than I hoped and feel better prepared to look after Snow Goose.

***Diana Gill***

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## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the September 2004 Newsletter will be 26<sup>th</sup> August 2004. There is no need to use special formatting – simple text is much easier for me to work with and any photographs are preferable as separate files (or send me the prints for scanning). A few notes about the photograph or a suggested caption are helpful as well as the photographer's name.

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