Castle Cove Sailing Club

THIS MONTH'S DIARY

Tuesday 7th December – Easy Exercise with Relaxation – last one before Christmas 10.30 am

Saturday 11th December Club Supper & Auction of Promises 7.30 pm

Monday 13th December Come and help put up the Christmas Decorations! Light lunch

Sunday 19th December Commodore's Punch Party 12 noon

Sunday 26th December Boxing Day Fun Race

AND FURTHER AHEAD

22nd January - Cajun Supper 12th February - Valentines Night 19th March - Supper and quiz evening

We intend having a NEW YEAR'S EVE SUPPER

31st December 2004 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm

Posh Frocks and Black Ties

Numbers will be limited so add your Name to list at Clubhouse early

> For details 'phone 01305-782125 Rosemary Spicer

Commodore's Punch Party



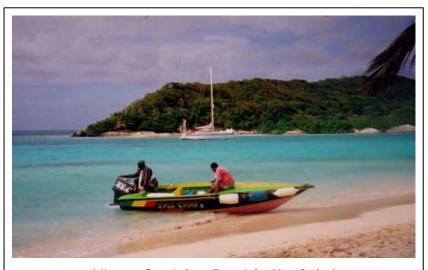
Sunday 19th December Noon onwards

All Welcome

Small donations of savoury finger food very welcomed



Christmas 2004 Newsletter



Idler on Sandsfoot Beach? Not Quite!

Read about what young CCSC members did this year in the Cadet Supplement

FROM THE COMMODORE

Thank you again all those who contributed to an excellent Annual Dinner and Prizegiving at the Rembrandt Hotel. The Rembrandt has become a popular venue and it is important to note that we have had to book it for next year already, and the only available date is Friday 4th November, one week later than normal. However, for those who return to Weymouth for the Dinner, the renowned CCSC Firework Display is an added bonus!!

On the subject of Fireworks, our thanks again to Barry Grant who's "whistling wheelbarrows" were the focus of an innovative display. Joe Waterman, Paul Clarke and Ron Lane also assisted to construct a last minute bonfire as the wind turned offshore, so it was another great Club Evening.

Support for the AGM was outstanding; embarrassingly so as so many people turned up that we ran out of voting slips for the General Committee elections!!

As ever, many useful points were raised which can be taken forward by the General Committee. I would like to highlight just two.

Firstly, could all those members who have an E Mail facility and do not at present receive their Newsletter by this means seriously reconsider the option. Not only will they get a higher print quality of the Newsletter (and earlier), but they will save the quite considerable time and cost of both printing and postage.

Secondly, as we look forward to enhancing the facilities of the Club yet further, please note that Barry Grant is producing a structured way of making sure that the Winter work is well co-ordinated. He has asked for a bid from the membership, it would be most helpful if all members could respond within the requested timescale.

Immy and I wish all CCSC Members a Very Happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you at the Punch Party at the Club on 19th December.

Bob Turner

FROM THE HONORARY TREASURER

Members who have outstanding bills, please pay as soon as possible or, if there is a problem, please contact me.

Judy Kemmis-Betty

NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR RESCUE BOAT CREW

If you are required to do rescue boat duty, we now insist that you are **16 or over and physically fit with good eyesight.** You may be required to get into the water or lift a sailor into the rescue boat, so you **must** wear personal buoyancy and be suitably dressed for such events. On sunny days, the water will seem colder and if you get wet, even a light wind will chill you rapidly.

If you are listed for rescue boat duty and cannot meet the requirements, please organise an exchange of duty.

When you receive your membership renewal, please only choose rescue crew duty if you meet these parameters.

Boat Committee

"SHOULD CCSC APPLY TO BECOME A VOLVO RYA CHAMPION CLUB?"

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 26th January 2005 at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse hosted by Chris Atherton, High Performance Manager, RYA.

What's it all about?

This scheme helps participating clubs to provide a structured junior race training programme in one of the RYA recognised junior classes i.e. Optimists, Toppers or Mirrors.

What are the benefits?

Help in setting up a structured race training programme.

Free Coaching - two free days per year from a visiting RYA coach.

Free Coach training

A number of refinements have been made to the Volvo RYA Champion Club programme to make the scheme far more accessible to smaller clubs.

The RYA is keen to encourage more clubs to embrace this scheme, stressing the importance of the work that is done at club level to ensure that sailing is accessible to as many young people nationwide as possible. Clubs and the people working at club level play the pivotal role in boosting the sport.

Chris Atherton will give a short (20 minutes or so) presentation followed by a question and answer session.

I would strongly encourage anybody interested in improving the coaching provided to our junior sailors to attend this meeting to find out more.

Light refreshments will be provided.

If you would like more information, please contact me.

Dave Cumber (Cadet Officer) - dtcumber@aol.com

ACT LIKE ROYALTY FOR A DAY

Are you the face that launches, well, one ship? The new committee boat needs a name. It should be one that is distinct when used over the radio, and preferably have some relevance to the Club.

Place your suggestions in the box near the bar, with your name and enclosing a pound coin. The winner, chosen by the Commodore, will have the opportunity to break a bottle of bubbly on the bow, with the choice of drinking the contents first.

The winner will be declared after the working party on 20 February 2005.

Boat Committee

LAST MONTH'S NEWSLETTER?

No, you aren't imagining it; there was no Newsletter in November. Few contributions were received so it was decided to carry them into a combined November/December issue. It should have come out after the AGM, but things conspired to delay this ... ongoing computer problems from a lightening strike ... trips to hospital when my son broke his arm ... courses to keep my skills up to date ... requests to work extra hours to cover sickness ...etc.

We need to keep the cost of the Newsletter down and the Committee will be considering the frequency of Newsletter issues. Can you help? – please see note at the end of the last page.

Cathy Ledger

CCSC WORKING PARTIES - 2005

In order to better manage this activity it would be helpful if you could supply the information as below and return to: B Grant, 75 Clearmount Rd, Weymouth, Dorset, DT49LE or E mail barry@grants.force9.co.uk

It is hoped that every one will be able to make at least 1 session and that you do not choose to all come on the same day!!

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DSC (DIGITAL SELECTIVE CALLING) RADIOS

If you are planning to use one and are interested in a training course, please contact me, and, if there is sufficient need, we will organise one in-house.

Club boats are being equipped with these radios as replacements come due, and therefore our boatmen will need training in their use.

Anyone replacing their boat radio will certainly choose a DSC version, which has advantages of boat-to-boat calling like a telephone without others listening in, but, when linked to a GPS, will send an emergency signal automatically giving your position until acknowledged. See the leaflet in the Club for more details.

Stephen Green - Boat Committee - 01305 789191 - stephen@shcagreen.fsnet.co.uk

Z CLASS NEWS

First of all a great big thank you to Malcolm Spicer and his team of volunteers for this years keelboat lift out, the weather was a bit more testing than previous years but all went well and a great spirit, albeit dampened, kept the production line going.

The Z Class AGM was very successful with plenty of good feedback and ideas for next season; the minutes of the meeting have been posted on the Z Class notice board, which was the last duty from my predecessor. Once again a big thank you goes to Sara for all her hard work as Z Class Captain over the last three years, a high standard has been set which I hope to live up to.

In case you haven't managed to take a look at the AGM Minutes some highlights are as follows:

Racing to remain on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (RDYC Series) for all Z Class

Long Distance races to Poole, Cherbourg, Alderney and possibly Dartmouth or Yarmouth

End of season æries in September 3 x Saturday mornings probably 11am-ish start

J24 Class Occasional Summer Saturday Series to fit in with their other events

IRC Spring Series to be run by Derek Abbott - Weymouth Bay

Next year's Regatta takes place 22/23/24th July.

It was also felt that a couple of race nights during the season could be dedicated to race training - this is being organized by your sailing committee, it might be a chance for more experienced racers to crew with less experienced skippers and bring on their racing skills.

A great programme is being set up for next year and with more racing taking place on Saturdays perhaps we will start to create a Wednesday night type atmosphere over the weekend. If any other Z Class boats would like to have a start on the same day as the J24's Occasional Saturday Series please let me know.

Finally I would like to thank Kay Mead for remaining standing when the vacant position of Asst Z Class Capt was announced, I know she will do a great job.

Roy Griffiths - Z Class Captain roy@creativesolutions-uk.com

FOR SALE

Mirror GBR 70008 Charisma Approx 3/4 years old 2 sets of racing sails, under/over covers and travelling kit ex zone squad (and national squad) boat full racing spec

£2500 ono

Please contact de longh - 01305 251190 or Cumbers - 01305 251482

FOR SALE

Outboard Motor (Seagull) Very nice condition Lots of spares £100

8 ft Dinahv Fibreglass 3 seats rubber fendoff 2 sets rowlocks bought 4 years ago £200 Additionally – 1 pair of very nice jointed oars £25

D. H. Whistance - 01300 341759 14 Abbots Walk, Cerne Abbas, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 7JN

BOAT WINTER STORAGE AVAILABLE

Kings Stag - Farm barn for dinghies (£3.50/week) or keelboats (£10.00/week) Low loader available Nick Relph - 01963 23560

Muckleford - Large farm barn for dinghies (£4.00/week) or keelboats (£10.00/week) Recommend 4 wheel drive transport Rick Rogers - 01305 266187

LASER WINTER TRAINING

There are 2 opportunities for Winter training with the UKLA at Oxford and /or the RYA in the South West.

1. RYA South West Laser Training

Details of RYA Laser training organised by Peter Walsh are given below. This training has been attended by Mike Robbins, Will Davies and Hugh Shone and has been reported to be excellent. Entry forms and further details from peter@walsh64.fsnet.co.uk and various web links including http://www.laser.org.uk/training/region01.htm

RYA South West Racing WINTER TRAINING 2005 For Standard Laser, Radial and 4.7 rigs

Hi to you all, dates for training now available, venues nearly set in stone, read on! RYA SW is a nonprofit making organization run by volunteers, we normally make a small surplus each year (last year however a loss), the surplus is used to upgrade and service equipment etc. In order to come out clear each year we need to know how many sailors will train each weekend in order to get the right ratio of trainers to sailors etc, to that end we must get the course fees in up front as last year a few people paid on the day and on a few occasions did not turn up which meant our calculations were all up the kiber! This year ALL FEES MUST BE PAID WITH ENTRY PLEASE!!!! I have had a lot of requests from 4.7 so hopefully we will have a good group in this class this year. There will be a cut off at 30 sailors so please get your entries in early to avoid disappointment!

The 4 events are as follows:

January 22/23 Roadford Lake January 29/30 Roadford Lake February 26/27 Weymouth April 2/3 Falmouth

Fees are same as last year £65 per weekend IF YOU ARE DOING ALL 4 DISCOUNT OF £20.00 i.e. total of £240

As usual Parents help will be needed for on and off the water jobs such as rescue, making tea and looking after coaches who get too cold. Training will start as per usual on SATURDAYS AT 9.30 to about 6pm. SUNDAYS start AT 9.00 to about 4pm. If you are under 18 i.e. not an adult in the eyes of the Law, Parents Guardians etc MUST SIGN THE CONSENT FORM ATTACHED and also Parents Guardians or named Person, please remember this is not a dumping service you are required to stay at the venue in charge of your offspring. Please complete application form and return with a cheque made out to RYA SOUTH WEST RACING. We may need the odd back up rescue boat so if you have access to one please let me know. See you at the first weekend.

Peter

2. UKLA Autumn/Winter Training 2004-5

The UKLA has organised 4.7, Radial and Standard Club-Improver training at Oxford Sailing Club. More details and applications forms are available from http://www.laser.org.uk/training/winter07.htm. Some details are given below.

(The UKLA has also organised winter training for very experienced Open meeting level and above sailors (under 19 years of age) – see http://www.laser.org.uk/training/winter01.htm.)

CLUB IMPROVER TRAINING

The Club Improver programme is for Laser sailors of all ages, and sailing any of the Laser rigs. The programme is aimed at sailors who wish to improve their skills to the level where they will have the confidence to sail in an Open Meeting. It's for you if:

- You sail at your local club, possibly taking part in the occasional Open meeting, and want to raise your game, or
- You're young enough to go to the training weekends at Weymouth or Rutland, but are too inexperienced to take part.

Download the Application Form for attending these Club Improver weekends, and return it to me with the appropriate fees.

We will work in small groups on Farmoor Reservoir, near Oxford, home of Oxford Sailing Club, though other dates may be arranged elsewhere. Your Coach will give you detailed feedback on your sailing, assisted by video-assisted analysis of your performance, to help you to overcome the habits that are holding you back from the leading bunch. However, these are definitely not 'learn-to-sail' courses, and you should currently be taking part in your own club's racing programme with confidence.

The programme consists of the following dates at Oxford Sailing Club:

November 27/28 ~ January 15/16 ~ January 29/30 ~ March 12/13 (clashes with a Qualifier, so it may be re-booked)

Nick Livingstone - Training Officer, UKLA

Zoe Donald (Laser Class Captain) - Zoe.Donald@amsjv.com

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

We would like to remind you of the dates which should be in your 2004 diaries and give you some new ones for 2005. Firstly don't forget there are always hot drinks available to the Sunday working parties during the winter – this is a real opportunity to work up a thirst either by working hard or talking in the Clubhouse at coffee break!

The first evening event will be an Auction of Promises (see separate advert) on 11th December in support of Jess Gill's entry into the 2005 London Marathon on behalf of the Breast Cancer Campaign. On 13th December, volunteers are needed to help put up the Christmas decorations – this is a fun occasion during which a light lunch is provided for our enjoyment and fortification! We then have the Commodore's Punch Party on the 19th to which all are welcome from noon onwards. A small container

Cajun Supper Evening 22nd January 2005

ADVANCE WARNING!

You've heard the song, now come and eat the food!

"Jambalaya and a crawfish pie and fillet gumbo
'Cause tonight I'm gonna see my ma cher a mi-o
Pick guitar, fill fruit jar and be gay-o
Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou"

An informal introduction to the food and music of 'New Awlins', both being a blend of African, French, Spanish and Native American flavours and rhythms – an evening to warm the taste buds and the soul, just right for January.

Food produced by Nichola and Ron Lane Graduates of the New Orleans School of Cookery!

of savoury finger food would be very welcomed – please drop them in at the galley as you arrive. Moving into the New Year, there will be three Club events – a Cajun evening on 22^{nd} January (see advert), Valentines Night supper or dinner on the 12^{th} February, and a quiz and informal supper on the 19^{th} March. By tradition, the men kindly volunteer to do the Valentine's Night event – if you can help please give your name to either Immy or Andy Clarke. There will be meals for the dinghy and Z class sailors in February and March, which will be publicised in January, so please look out for these. It is proving difficult to set the dates for these dinners, to ensure they are on non-interference basis with other Club events.

The Committee welcomes feedback on the events held and also what you would like from us, so please do contact us with your ideas and particularly if you can help in however small or large a capacity.

Nichola Lane - nichola@timbo.ltd.uk and Andy Clarke - paulc@twizell45.fsnet.co.uk

The Ladies Sailing Group

Invite you to a

CLUB SUPPER and AUCTION OF PROMISES

In aid of The Breast Cancer Campaign & CLIC

Clubhouse: Saturday 11 December 7.30pm

Great entertainment and a three-course meal for £8 per head

Jess Gill and Zoe Wright's (nee-Lloyd) husband Steve are planning to run the London Marathon for charity. Jess has arranged an auction of promises – don't miss out on unusual and exciting things to bid for, for yourself or perhaps for Christmas presents. Pledges include:

- Paracademy (Kite surfing) sessions
- A luxury day out for 4 on board the motor yacht 'Timbo'
- Meal for 2 with skittling at the Excise House
- A once in a lifetime opportunity to lift Weymouth Harbour Bridge
- Personal tour of the Lifeboat
- Sail the Dorset coast aboard a Sigma 33 with elegant picnic lunch
- Fancy knot work
- Tour Dorset in a Lotus Elise with a charming companion
- Car Wash by members of the Weymouth Rugby team
- Expert help on writing an effective CV and job application letter
- Pony and trap ride around the beautiful village of Abbotsbury

More offers of pledges to auction will be gratefully received by Jess Gill (via Diana)

Put your name on the list on the Social Noticeboard in the Clubhouse or email/telephone D: dianamgill@aol.com, - 01305 775854 or Sara - 01305 787222 to ensure a place.

ONE YEAR ON

The final lift out of the keelboats, last week, marked exactly 1 year since I was introduced to Castle Cove Sailing Club and what a great year it's been.

During a winter ashore in a commercial yard, Congreve II, our Contessa 32, was surrounded by anonymous 'Sunseeker' type craft, no one even seemed to want to pass the time of day, Castle Cove was a breath of fresh air

Everyone has been so helpful and it's been fun for us with everyone in the same 'boat' struggling with scraping bottoms and epoxy coats, somehow it all gets finished in time for re-launch.

The early season had Castle Cove looking like the South of France and with little wind at least the engine was well tested.

Carol and I were becoming a great team and building confidence with day trips around the Bay. Sadly this year's progress was brought to an abrupt halt when



Congreve II leaving Poole during August, Phil and Micheal Male by the mast, Dave Stevens on the tiller Jolyon Lomax

Carol had an argument with our ride on mower and cut her foot. This all happened the weekend we had entered the Round the Island Race'. With me on hospital visiting duty, Phil Male, my sailing partner, decided that with adverse winds and being short handed a trip to Cherbourg was an easier option. Next year I hope I'll be able to do the Island race and get to France myself. Carol is also determined to get back on board again next year and we look forward to making a habit of getting away for a Wednesday daytrip and joining in the evening social.

Thanks to everyone who works so hard to make the Club a success. I hope we will be able to continue to enjoy this unique facility for a long time to come.

Jolyon and Carol Lomax - jolyon@on-tap.co.uk

THANKS TO CCSC MEMBERS

As Chairman of the Weymouth Branch of the Jubilee Sailing Trust I would like to thank members of Castle Cove Sailing Club for their support for our raffle (two CCSC members won prizes) and the Antiques Valuation Evening in the RDYC. A total of £825.48 was raised for the Jubilee Sailing Trust and this has been very kindly doubled by an anonymous donor.

I would also like to thank those members of Castle Cove Sailing Club who voted for me in the recent RYA Council Elections. I gather that out of a membership of 10,000 members only just over 800 actually voted so your votes really counted. Thank you for your support.

Mark Kemmis Betty

THANK YOU!

A huge 'Thank You' to whoever moved our Wayfarer to safety during the recent storms and secured it so well in its new position.

Sally and David Williams

HARBOUR CHARGES

As the CCSC Representative on the Harbour Users Committee I attend a working party of the Council Task and Finish Group on "Comparator for Harbour Charges" with Dean & Reddyhoff Marina. The conclusions of the Group were:

"That the scoring exercise carried out by WPBC suggested that a 75% comparison figure would be appropriate.

That the scoring exercise carried out by a Harbour User suggested a figure of 51%, but the Task and Finish Group considered the comparison figure for areas such as security and parking to be unrealistically low.

That a figure of 70% would represent a workable comprise."

Well 70% is better than 75% but I would suggest that it is far too high. I will continue the fight but if we are going to keep the increase in Harbour charges for Council berth holders down to a reasonable amount in future years it will need ALL Council berth holders to continue to write to their local Councillors and the Echo on this issue. With the new Freedom of Information Act coming into force on 1 January 2005 we should be able to find out next year how much in comparison Dean & Reddyhoff and Condor pay the Council.

FROM A NOVICE CREW MEMBER

Having spent my first season as a novice crew member on a couple of CCSC keelboats, I'd like to say a big 'Thank you' to the skippers and their families who gave me the opportunity to sail with them. It was a real pleasure and I hope they won't mind a bit of teasing. To help other novice crew who may be concerned about their performance and the likelihood of ever being allowed on board again, I have put together some essential things to remember on race-days.

Essential Notes for Novice Crew

- 1. Skippers are not fitted with decibel inhibitors.
- 2. Use of expletives by the skipper is mandatory.
- 3. Forget the Law of Averages, Buys Ballot's Law and every other Law. Sod's Law operates at all times and in all circumstances. When you hear, "Pull the green one!" do not waste time wondering whether it's the thin green one with the attractive yellow flecks or the thick white one with the green stripes. You have a 100% chance of getting it wrong. Live with it.
- 4. Race-mood forecasting: outlook good if the skipper remembers to warn you of an impending tack when you are down below. Consider swimming ashore if he neglects to warn you that you are obstructing the halyard he is about to tug with a force sufficient to catapult an elephant to the pier bandstand.
- 5. You will earn black marks if you attempt to interfere with another crewperson's job. Just concentrate on your own.
- 6. You will earn black marks if you fail to perform that necessary task right in front of your nose. Can't you see that the other crew are all busy?
- 7. Watch the sail-ties. This doesn't actually achieve anything but may persuade the skipper that you are getting the hang of things.
- 8. Fear short instructions. "In a little," "Out a bit," "Get it UP!!" (Oh, do grow up. I'm trying to be serious here) can mean many things. Is it winching *in* the genoa? Letting *out* the mainsail or pulling it *up* the track? Backing *up* on the spinnaker? Don't even THINK of asking, "You talkin' to *me?*" Fortunately, when you respond by pulling the wrong bit of string (ref 3 above), the longer instruction, "Leave the bloody thing alone!" usually clarifies the issue.
- 9. It pays to find a boat on which the skipper has spouse or progeny aboard. If you are lucky, they:
 - absorb much of the muttering and cursing
 - answer the skipper back
 - provide tea, biccies and proper conversation
 - give useful sailing tips. These always work but, mysteriously, are never the way the skipper likes it done.
- 10. Finally, remember that the rest of the crew are always very nice people. They have sympathy and a sense of humour. They've all been where you are and, if you had been paying attention, you'd have noticed that The Hulk with the peptic ulcer was shouting at them too. Oh, wait...he's gone. Now, who's that laid-back, affable chap dispensing beers and bonhomie...?

With thanks to all of you. Er..I didn't mean it. Honest. What about a nice bottle of port? Well, do I get a 50 metre start?

Marian Arnott-Weeks

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the January 2005 Newsletter will be 27th December 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.

Read this Newsletter on the website www.ccsc.org.uk - click on Social, then Club Newsletters. You will see it all in full glorious colour and the photographs are much more impressive than in the copy sent through the post.

PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS and I can send you a link to the Newsletter as soon as it out (instead of waiting for printing and the post). E-MAILS ARE SENT AS BLIND COPIES SO YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS WILL NOT BE SEEN BY ANY OTHER RECIPIENTS. It usually only takes a couple of minutes to download. The fewer paper copies we send out the more money we can save for the Club — you will be aware from the accounts that it is expensive to produce. And, of course, if you read it on screen, it saves trees.

Could you produce this Newsletter? Are you a whiz on a computer? Or, as I did, would like to learn? Other commitments are making it increasingly difficult to get the Newsletter put together and I am sure there is someone out there who could take over from me next year. If you would like to know what is involved, please contact me.

Cathy Ledger - 51 Whitecross Drive Weymouth DT4 9PA - Cathy@ledger01.fsnet.co.uk - (01305) 777568