



THIS MONTH'S DIARY



Tuesdays
1030 am to 1200 noon
Easy Exercise with
Relaxation

Sunday 4th January
Winter Work Parties begin
9.30 am

Saturday 17th January
Club Supper
New Zealand theme

FROM THE COMMODORE

I have been able to talk to many Club members after the AGM, at the Annual Dinner and at the Punch Party. I confess to being highly motivated by their general enthusiasm for our Club and all that it achieves in various ways. So as the New Year begins, perhaps we can all spare a moment to think how we will all benefit even more from our unique situation.

The first theme could be to get just that little bit ahead of the game and be sure to know what is going on and when. The social programme is well promulgated and there is much fun to be had either attending a function or helping to run one. It is also a really good way to get to know fellow members. In getting ahead of the game, please do pay due regard to the Membership Secretary's note about renewal. Not only is it most important to you personally, but it also helps with Club administration enormously, resulting in the Handbook and facilities arrangements being produced in good time. In a similar vein, please plan your contribution to the Working Parties early, as it will help to establish sooner rather than later if we have enough manpower available to meet the tasks.

By the time we read this Newsletter the excesses of the New Year should be over. If you need to burn off a few kilos, then I can thoroughly recommend attendance at the Winter Working Parties, see you there!!!

Finally, Immy and I wish all members a Very Happy New Year and 2004, and above all good sailing.

Bob Turner

RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND NEW MEMBERS 2004

There are several changes this year as introduced at the AGM. The main ones are: the payment date is earlier but with a bigger discount incentive, the dinghy categories are redefined, there is now winter storage for dinghies on the boat park and winter storage of tenders must be paid for.

Fees are due for payment by the start of the membership year, 1 Feb. The discount incentive for timely payment is £10. There are other incentives for timely payment, to be first in the queue for facilities and to let the Duties Coordinator know your availability preferences.

Our membership is oversubscribed. The General Committee will review the waiting list at the General Committee meeting on 2 March 2004 when decisions will be made about admitting new members. **PLEASE, if you intend to renew your membership, it would help the Committee if you PAY ON TIME.** The Committee would not wish to inadvertently give Members places away.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Simon Cave, Charles Goldsack and family, and Christopher Dinnis

Liz Grant – Honorary Membership Secretary

WORK PARTIES - OUTSIDE WORK

Last month Peter Davies outlined planned work for the Clubhouse. To complete the picture, here are the plans for the Site work. The main thrust will be:

- Finishing off work started last year on site power and water services
- Erecting a permanent fence and gates along the East boundary of the Boat Park
- Maintenance and modifications to the Pier and Pontoons
- Tidying up the site approach area

Of course there is also a never-ending list of miscellaneous work and work on maintenance of Club boats.

As a reminder we start at 9.30 am on the 4 Jan 2004. Please come armed with tools of your choice and protective attire. If it is more convenient for you at other times this can be arranged, please ring me. The list of tasks is displayed in the Chartroom and on the Web site.

Barry Grant - Outside Work Coordinator - 01305 785192

FROM THE HONORARY TREASURER

All members who have been sent invoices - I know we have just had Christmas but could you please make it a happy New Year for the Club by paying-up!! Any problems please let me know.

Judy Kemmis-Betty

FROM THE RETIRING DUTY COORDINATOR

Dear members - The Handbook has to be assembled, printed and sent to you before the racing starts Sunday April 4th.

This means the duties have to be allocated in January before the return of the Membership Renewal forms for 2004 on which we ask you to give us your duty experience and times available. The information however, will be useful! It will all be loaded onto the software used in future to set up the rota - much more efficiently than anyone can try to do laboriously by long -hand.

So if you do find yourself given duties which you know you cannot do - either long beforehand or not long before the date – don't despair! Use the Membership Directory that you get along with your Handbook and ring other members to arrange swaps (try to swap like for like!). However, if you do this it is most important that you let the Duty Coordinator know so that the reminder letters go to the right people and the OD for the race can be confident that (s)he has a full complement of named volunteers for support.

And if you intend to resign or suspend - please let the Membership Secretary know before your name goes on the rota!!!!!!

Serena Shone (retiring)

CCSC RISK ASSESSMENT

As we are now at the start of a year and various things at the Club need to be renewed, one of the major items is the Club Insurance. The Risk Assessment that is being undertaken will substantially help in showing the Insurers that we are serious in REDUCING RISKS TO A MINIMUM OR PREVENTING THEM ALTOGETHER. It is now time for me to submit all the Risk Assessments that have been submitted throughout the year. I would appreciate it if ALL MEMBERS could have a think about the risks at the Club, both on land and out on the water, so I can submit as comprehensive a document as possible. If we can 'CRACK' it this year then future years will be easier for us all.

Please submit your thoughts by email or phone me.

Thank you.

Charlie Watson - charliewatson@btopenworld.com - 01305 777485 or mobile 0709 225 3520

HARBOUR USERS' CONSULTATION GROUP

Council Meeting

I would like to thank those Club members who attended the full Council meeting on 18th December. The Club was well represented and some good points made by members, but sadly the 17% increase in Council pontoon charges for residents was approved. However, thanks mainly to the efforts of Councillor Andy Hutchings and Councillor Peter Farrell the Council is going to reconsider retention of the 5% discount for early payment, and the Task and Finish Group is going to have another look at the justification of increasing the Inner Harbour charges to 75% of the charges of Weymouth Marina.

Please can CCSC members let me have any points they wish me to raise as the CCSC Rep on the Inner Harbour Users' Consultation Group.

Mark Kemmis Betty – CCSC Representative - mark@kemmisbetty.co.uk.

SAILING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Although sailing has now finished for 2003 we have several exciting events heading your way - in addition to the Winter Work Parties! Derek Abbott will be running a course for CCSC ODs/AODs (improving race quality was a key wish from the Z and X class meetings so I hope to see lots of you there!) date to be announced, but likely to be a Wednesday evening in late Feb/March. In the slightly nearer term, Richard Butler will be giving a talk on 'The Bristol Clipper' on the evening of Friday 20th February. Again, hope to see lots of you at that one. Happy New Year and good sailing in 2004!

Ben Evans – Honorary Sailing Secretary

CAR PARKING

The Committee have decided not to continue using the annual car parking permits. To discourage non-members using the car park, members are encouraged to buy a CCSC car sticker available at the bar.

LASER NEWS

Calling all Lasers owners and those interested in Lasers!

Laser e-mail list - I need to update my e-mail address list as many of the ones I have at the moment are out of date, so next year if you wish to continue to receive Laser info please e-mail me at the address below.

I will endeavour to post copies of group e-mails on the notice board for those who cannot receive e-mail.

Don't forget to do your winter maintenance, yes, even Lasers need some, my traveller broke recently (thanks Gav) and it was only 34 years old!

Happy New Year.

Mark Wildman – Laser Class Captain - (Wildthing 3921)

mark.wildthing@virgin.net

Z CLASS NEWS

Happy New Year to you all. As I write this Christmas has still to come but I know Cathy will be asking for our contributions straight after Christmas so it must be done now. It was nice to see everyone at the Commodore's Punch Party on Sunday and I hope the Z Class will continue to support social events throughout the winter. Keep an eye on the Newsletter for what's on – a number of talks are planned including Richard Butler's account of his race round the world as well as some instructional evenings.

The Sailing Committee will be holding a "Start Racing" evening on 11 February which will be very basic and for complete novices who want to start racing so if you are thinking of having a go next season this is the evening for you. It is aimed at keelboats as well as dinghies. There will also be a follow up weekend on the water in the summer.

Derek Abbott will be giving his usual talk for ODs and even if you think you know what to do it is well worth coming along. I know I intend to be there as it doesn't matter how long you have been doing it or how many pieces of paper you have there is still something new to learn. Many of you have complained about the race management in the Club so this is an opportunity to make sure you don't get it wrong when it's your turn!!

In December I was pleased to see so many of you supporting Mark Kemmis-Betty at the Council Meeting. Mark has worked tirelessly to try and keep Weymouth Harbour pontoon fees at a reasonable level. Unfortunately despite all Mark's efforts the proposed fees stand forcing some small boat owners to give up their sailing.

Included at the back of this Newsletter is the application form for the Z Class Dinner – get your application in early or you may be disappointed, despite having a large Clubroom numbers will be limited.

Finally don't forget the Club Work Parties. I know we all have our boats to work on but even if you only manage one or two Sundays every little helps and it can be good fun and a chance to meet other members.

Sara Lloyd - Z Class Captain

Commodore's Punch Party 21 December 2003



As per norm Ladies enjoy

— Whilst —



Skippers do all the work either on the boat or in the galley

Happy New Year to all

Peter and Margaret Yelland

(Look closely round the bar. There are actually more men in the top photo! Ed.)

A QUIET POOLE

Do the noise, smells and expense of Poole Harbour put you off going there? You should not be distracted as there are serene and beautiful anchorages across the other side of the Harbour behind Green Island, where the only noise to disturb your night will be the lapping of the water, the cries of birds (feathered kind) and the plop of leaping fish. You do not need a shallow draft boat, as there is sufficient depth to take a keelboat even at low tide but if you are wary, go there on the neap tide.

As you enter Poole Harbour, instead of following the main channel which runs to the East of Brownsea Island, before you come to the Island, turn to port by the second red port buoy No 18 and into South Deep. Continue between the marker posts, past Goathorn point (where you will see several boats moored, but ignore them) and curve Northwards towards Furzey Island. Close to the Island, the route curves sharply to the South towards Newton Bay. As you approach Hill Point and before you get to Cleavel Point, the route widens and you should select an anchorage about 10 metres out from the markers on the Southern side and so that the end of the landing jetty which protrudes from the Northern side of Green Island is exactly due North.

The water is reasonably deep at this point, at least 3 metres on springs but it is important to moor to the Southerly side in order to avoid the tourist boats which continue to ply their trade until about 7.00pm and use the Northerly side of the channel. It is also necessary to be aware that the water shallows very quickly and dries immediately beyond the marker posts, so do not be tempted to cut corners!

Anchoring is very safe as you will be held by heavy mud and the tides do not run too strongly, but be prepared for a bit of physical effort when the time comes to raise the anchor!

The spot is extremely peaceful, the lights and noise of Poole being cut off by Green Island and Furzey Island, the wind and rough water by the surrounding land. All one requires is a hot meal, a good drink, pleasant company and some gentle music! And what is best of all, in a Harbour that has become a by-word of expense for the yachtsman – it's free!

MAP – Imray Poole Harbour Y23

Richard Salt

To Whom It May Concern:

Any one foolishly contemplating Cruising this Summer, will be pleased to hear that the long-range forecast is at last to hand. It comes courtesy of Capt. Lecky. Now read on:

Dirty days hath September,
April, June, and November.
From January up to May
The rain it raineth every day.
All the rest have thirty-one
Without a blessed gleam of sun:
And if any of them had two and thirty,
They'd be just as wet and twice as dirty.

Good Sailing!!

"Disdaine"

~ Round the World on Bristol Clipper ~ Richard Butler

Friday 20th February 2004
7.30pm for 8.00pm

An amazing adventure, an incredibly close race, some stunning places; a few disasters; some fantastic triumphs; the windless doldrums; the not so reliable trade winds; the heat of the tropics; all wrapped up for a winter evening in the Clubhouse

EASY EXERCISE WITH RELAXATION

"Get-togethers" for an hour of
"Easy Exercise with Relaxation"
(any age, any gender, any condition!)
followed by Coffee/Tea and Chat on
Tuesday mornings
10.30am-12.00

Wear comfortable clothing allowing for layer to be removed during exercise
Bare feet or non-slip soles
Bring mat blanket or sleeping bag to lie on during relaxation

Rosemary Spicer
Tel 01305 782125

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year! The deadline for the February 2004 Newsletter will be 25th January 2004.

Save the Club money by making a New Year resolution to 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. 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!

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

Z Class Dinner

Saturday 28 February 2004

7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.

in the Clubhouse

Guest Speaker

Gary Batt

£16.00 a head including wine

Members and partners only as numbers will be limited.

Applications to Sara Lloyd, Spinnaker House, 37 Purbeck Close, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 9QU by Saturday 21 February 2004. Cheques to be made out to CCSC



Z Class Dinner Saturday 28 February 2004

Please reserve me.....tickets at £16.00 each.

Names

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Please indicate if vegetarian meal required

I enclose cheque for.....