

Castle Cove Sailing Club



June 2004 Newsletter

THIS MONTH'S DIARY

2nd Wed series begins
Wednesday 2nd June

New Members Evening
Friday 4th June
7.00pm in Clubhouse

Junior Cadets start
Saturday 5th June

Try an Asymmetric
Sunday 6th June

Cherbourg Race
Friday 11th June

Start/Improve Racing Day
Saturday 12th June

Allen Welling
Sunday 20th June

Contender/Scorpion Open Meeting
Saturday/Sunday 26th/27th June

NEW MEMBERS 2003

If you joined Castle Cove during 2003 and were unable to attend the New Members Evening in May or the Coffee Morning in November you are very welcome to come to our New Members Evening on 4 June, 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse. The bar will be open and a light buffet provided. It will give you the opportunity to chat to members of the Committee, Class Captains and other new members. If you are able to come, please give me a call or send an email. I look forward to seeing you.

Karen Horlock
New Members Co-ordinator
01202 625711
dumble@globalnet.co.uk

CHARTROOM

Please note that the Chartroom in the Clubhouse is for meetings and information purposes – do not use it for your anchor, bicycle, etc. etc.

FROM THE COMMODORE

While we are quite rightly eyes down on our sailing programmes at the moment I would like to look a little further ahead to some events which need a little planning.

The first is this year's Weymouth Regatta. I hope that all members are aware that this takes place from Friday 30 July to Sunday 1 August. What is important to note is that this year a great effort is being made to improve the post race social programme and for this we must thank Roy and Jacqui Griffiths. There will be a great social scene based in Hope Square with live music and the support of local Publicans. Please plan for this and give it your full support.

Secondly I am looking for volunteers to help me on Saturday 7 August to assist in collecting money for the Weymouth Lifeboat. All that is required is commitment for an hour or so and the ability to wield a collection box with confidence in the Weymouth area. I am seeking people who have perhaps not been able to attend a Winter working party or helped with other Club activities; this is your chance to contribute to the CCSC effort in support of the Lifeboat. Please contact me either at the Club or by phone.

Finally, many congratulations to Nick Grace in finishing 7th out of 50 in the International Contender National Championships at Hayling Island last week. There are no passengers in the Contender fleet and Hayling is a tricky place to race. Marcus Scrase and Paul Horlock also performed well and all 3 represented their Club with distinction. Many thanks from all of us.

Bob Turner

FROM THE HONORARY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Membership is now full for this year, so anyone wishing to join Castle Cove Sailing Club will have to go onto the waiting list.

Liz Grant

BOAT PARK

By the time you read this the dinghy park shuffle will hopefully be complete and all boats should at least be in their designated row, if not the actual space. If you are still having difficulty finding or moving into your space please call me or, alternatively, you should be able to find me on the Boat Park most Saturday afternoons throughout this month.

Please don't forget to display your 04 sticker in a prominent position on your boat.

Mike Clarkson - mestclark@aol.com

SCORPION/CONTENDER OPEN - 26-27 JUNE

Can you assist in the galley for a couple of hours over the weekend? If so, I would like to hear from you. The weekend has been broken down into segments; therefore, if you can only help with one session that is better than not helping at all.

If you can support this weekend please give me a call to discuss timings. I would particularly like to hear from any new members. It's a great opportunity for you to meet other members and learn more about what goes on at the Sailing Club.

Karen Horlock - 01202 625711 - dumble@globalnet.co.uk

SAILABILITY

We are normally running Sailability sessions by now, giving people with disabilities the opportunity to get out on the water, try sailing and improve their sailing skills.

However, I am very disappointed to report we have not been able to run Sailability this year because the RYA and Sailability have altered the arrangements by which a Club can run Sailability activities. If we wish to continue to run sessions for non-members, we need to become an RYA Recognised Training Centre. This is to raise the safety standards to a specified level (and protect against litigation), and involves having a Senior Instructor, annual inspections, etc. This is very sensible, as safety has to be paramount, but Castle Cove is not a training club, and becoming a Training Centre is not the right move for the Club at the moment. So in the meantime, we will be looking at whether we can run Sailability in conjunction with other sail training organisations, as a long term solution.

We still welcome people with disabilities as members (which is the aim of our Sailability group in any case), but won't be able to run try sailing sessions for non-members.

Personally, I fully understand why specified standards have to be set, but I think a number of Clubs will be doing the same as us, and ceasing to run Sailability activities, as volunteers are required to meet increasingly professional standards.

Hugh de longh - Sailability Co-ordinator

FROM THE SAILING COMMITTEE

Start/Improve Racing Day

Your Sailing Committee is pleased to present the 'Start/Improve Racing Day' for dinghies on the 12th June. This event is open to anyone with a dinghy, ranging from a complete racing novice/beginner looking to learn what goes on, through to those who have some experience and are looking to improve their racing skills. The day will kick off at 13.30 (following on from Cadets) with a short briefing in the Clubhouse covering starting (classes, flags and courses) and an explanation of the on-water activities. The rest of the day will take place on the water, providing opportunities to practice starting and racing in a friendly and informative environment. Coach boats with instructors and/or experienced racing sailors will be on hand to offer advice and feedback. If there is sufficient interest then the day may be extended to provide some practice races on the Sunday morning prior to the Novice Cup on Sunday afternoon. To minimise the amount of waiting around please make sure that your boat (or pre-booked Club boat) is ready to go at 13.30 so that we can be on the water straight after the briefing.

Although you are most welcome to just turn up on the day, it would be helpful if we had some idea of numbers beforehand, so, if you are planning to attend then please would you contact Nick Grace beforehand (tel: 01305 848093, e-mail: nick.grace@virgin.net) since he has kindly agreed to run the event. Hope to see lots of you there!

Ben Evans

TRY AN ASYMMETRIC - SUNDAY 6TH JUNE

We will be holding another 'Try an Asymmetric' session on Sunday 6th June. The previous session in May only offered very light breezes but we did get people out in RS200's, Buzz, Laser 2000 and the 29er. Let's hope for more breeze on Sunday 6th.

As before, if you have an asymmetric boat and would be prepared to 'give rides' on 6th June please contact me - also if you would like to have a go - please contact me (01305 852817 or holvalcots@aol.com). We'll aim to start at about 10:30, break for lunch at some point, and try again in the afternoon. If I don't get sufficient numbers prior to the day I may cancel. We can always arrange 'ad hoc' tryouts if necessary.

We have our own race starts and courses (windward/leeward) on Monday evenings and Saturday afternoons now. Coming up in June (Sunday 20th June) there is the Allen Welling Cup. This gives you the opportunity to do more than one race per day. There are two races in the morning - first Asymmetric start 10:30 with the second start about an hour or so later - in for lunch and then a final third race at 14:00. There's a very nice trophy for this one if I remember right!!!

There was an 'Ovington' boat open event at WPSA on the weekend of 8th - 9th May. Castle Cove had four representatives on the water - Fred and Hugh Shone in the 49er, Will Davies and Mike Robbins in a B14, Ben Evans and Pete Davies in a B14, and Lucy Turner in a 29er. Will and Mike pulled out some excellent results despite terminal bending of their mast before the first race on the first day. Thanks to Ben, who loaned them an old mast, and thanks to some supreme lash up rigging, they were able to sail on the Sunday. They pulled off a 3rd, 2nd and a 6th in the three races sailed on the second day.

Any new members who would like to start racing are more than welcome. If you fancy a go and would like more information, contact me and I will try to put you in touch with a 'buddy' with the same sort of boat. Otherwise if you would like to crew in a boat to get the feel for what the racing is like - contact me and I will sort out a ride.

Peter Davies - 01305 852817 - holvalcots@aol.com

CCSC SOUTHERN TRAVELLERS SERIES: CCSC 1ST MAY 2004

The CCSC Open on 1 May was characterised by shifting variable winds making Sara's job (Race Officer) tricky. The wind veered from ENE eventually going through 50° to SSE causing a series of general recalls and relaying of the course. 50 boats started a trapezoid course an hour late in light airs so a good start was essential. The course was relayed for Race 2 to allow Oppies racing from WPSA to move out of the docks. The wind picked up for a good 2nd race but eased again for Race 3. Weston SC did particularly well with a clean sweep of the full rig class. Much friendly rivalry occurred in the 4.7's with the middle order fighting some good battles whilst top places were consistent over the 3 races; it was particularly good to see Tom Way out, his first season in the Laser. Congratulations to new member Bob Cudmore who started brilliantly winning the 1st race, coming 8th overall (1st CCSC) and Mike Clarkson, 4th and 1st CCSC in the Radials. Michael Robbins (1st Radial in Race 1) had hoped for 2 quick races so he could use the 3rd as discard as he had to rush off to work but the postponements defeated him. As ever the event, despite the worst efforts of the wind, was a great success thanks to a brilliant team led by Ben Evans and thanks to Sara, Ron and Nicola for excellent committee boat support with Timbo and many many others on the water and on land without whom these exciting challenges would not be possible.

Diana Gill

ROYAL ENGINEERS REGATTA - MAY

Snow Goose raced in the Royal Engineers Regatta held the weekend 15/16 May. We had a wash out in the morning, in the light airs the power boat wakes stopped way and we ended up going sideways with the tide, the afternoon was more successful, the Royal Engineers winning the Carlier Trophy from Royal Lympington for the first time with 1st and 2nd in the race, Snow Goose was 2nd.

Diana Gill

Z CLASS NEWS

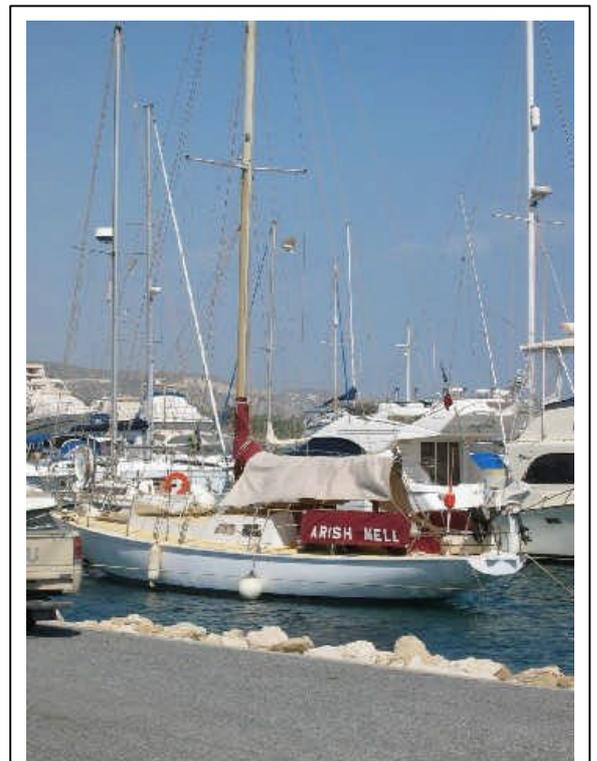
The Lloyd household is almost back to normal after Zoe's wedding which was fantastic but brought chaos to Spinnaker House for two or three weeks!! Sailing activities are once again taking priority and it has been very satisfying to see so many of the Z Class out on the water, particularly on Wednesday evenings when the turnouts have been exceptional. The competition has been particularly fierce and exciting in the IRC Class and starting 5 minutes after the non IRC Class has meant lots of boats racing round buoys at the same time. All very good for boat handling and use of the racing rules. It would be nice to see some good turnouts for the weekend racing as well. There are not many weekend races so check your diaries and see if you can make some of them. Friday evening racing is great fun and worth a try but don't take it too seriously; it is an evening to enjoy being on the water.

This time of the year is always busy for the Z Class. Several boats, whose owners are fortunate enough not to work, start to disappear for weeks on end and the racing fleet has plenty to keep them occupied. By the time you read this the D Day Memorial Flotilla weekend will be over and on behalf of the Castle Cove fleet I would like to thank Michael Gill for organising this splendid event and also Diana's efforts on the social side. Another trip across the Channel is scheduled for the Cherbourg Race on 11 June and it would be good to see some cruising boats joining the racers in Cherbourg. If you would like to join in a fleet supper on the Saturday evening give me a call. Sailing Instructions and Declaration Forms can be found on the Z Class Notice Board. Two weeks after the Cherbourg race is the Poole Race and, likewise, we would like to see some cruising boats join us.

On a more mundane note the Moorings Committee have been working hard to ensure everyone's mooring is in order and Alan has produced some notes of advice to mooring holders. These can be found on the Cruising notice board (also from Liz Grant or Diana Gill) so if you own a mooring please take one and inwardly digest. Even if you have been a mooring holder for many years you should find this a useful reminder.

Finally Weymouth Regatta entry forms should be appearing very soon – don't forget to get your entry in early; it helps immensely with the organisation of the racing.

Sara Lloyd

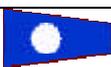


'Arish Mell' photographed in Limassol Marina May '04 – Norman Meach's ex-boat still looking good and understood under Italian owner

Photo by Peter Yelland

LIST OF CLASSES WITH FLAGS AND BOAT TYPES – 2004

With changes in classes this year there has been some confusion over which class to race in on different evenings. Hopefully the following table will help, by identifying which class your boat is in and which class you should race in on different evenings. For example, if you are lucky enough to have a B14 or Asymmetric canoe, then you will be in the A-class and will race in A-class on Mondays and Saturdays (when there is an A-class start) and in class 9 on Wednesday when there isn't! Similarly, if you sail an Enterprise, you will be in Class 1 and will race in this class on Wednesdays and Saturdays (when there is a class 1 start) and in Class 9 on Mondays when there isn't. Hope that helps! If you are having trouble working out your class for special events, then please ask your Class Captain!

Class	Flag	Boat list (not necessarily complete!)	Which class should you race in on different evenings?		
			Mon	Wed	Sat
A – class: All asymmetrics		B14, 29er, Buzz, RS200 RS400, Int 14, RS800, 49er, Laser 2000, Laser Stratos, Eva Weaver(!), RS Feva, Topper Sport, RSK6, International Asymmetric Canoe	A	9	A
Lasers		Laser, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7	9	Laser	Laser
Class 1: Slow handicap dinghies		Mirror, Topper, Optimist, Enterprise, Solo, Europe, GP14, Topaz Duo, Devon Yawl, Laser Pico, Concept 302, Comet, McNulty Longstone, Skipper, Foxer, Topper Magno, Miracle	9	1	1
Class 2: Fast Handicap dinghies		Contender, Wayfarer, Scorpion, Finn, 420, 470, Albacore, Fireball, Merlin Rocket, Laser II,	9	9	9
Class 3: J24s		J24	Z	3*	-
Class 9: All dinghies not racing in their own class		All dinghies (see lists above!)			
K class: Non-IRC keelboats		All keelboats without an IRC rating	Z	K	-
J Class: IRC keelboats		All keelboats with an IRC rating	Z	J	-
Z Class: All keelboats		All keelboats	Z	J or K	-

* Except for the first Wednesday series where J24s race with K-class.

Ben Evans

FROM THE SOCIAL SECRETARY

Advice to New Members with a Tea Duty

If you are a new member with a tea duty on your own or with another new member and are unsure of what to do, here are a few suggestions to help you:

You will have found your name in the Handbook with the date of your duty but if you don't race, the rest will mean nothing to you.

A simple tea is provided after racing. If you find your name in the 'Refreshments' column, you are responsible for providing the food (unless you are down for a Wednesday when you just have to turn up and help). This may be in conjunction with another Club member. A letter will be sent to you before your duty with advice on what you could do, but it is entirely up to you.

What time is the tea required?

In the yellow pages of the Handbook you will find your name. Look under Event for that day, e.g. Sat 19th June, 1st Sat 5,6/6. Turn to page 29, under Series find Saturday, it says pm and gives you the start times, Class A 14.30 etc. There are two races (5,6) back to back. Page 45 gives you the time limits for the races but they could be a lot shorter, so speak to the OD (Officer of the Day), in this case Dave Murley and ask him to give you an idea of how long he anticipates the racing to last. You know how long it will take you to make sandwiches etc. so turn up in good time. Watch the weather forecast!

How many do I cater for?

You could also ask your OD to phone you on your mobile or the Club phone in the hall, to tell you how many sailors approx. are on the water. Not every one stays for tea but it's a good guide. It would be a good idea to speak to him a few days before. If your husband/wife/partner is on the water ask them to let you know.

If you have time, the best thing to do is to use your phone list and contact someone who has the same duty as yours a week or so before, and ask if you can pop down and help or just see what happens. If you don't have time, try at least to phone someone who had a duty before yours and ask how many they had catered for and what the weather was like.

It is impossible to know exactly how many you will have to cater for, so if you have a family, it is a good idea to bring things you can use at home in case you 'over cater'.

Remember we are all volunteers, that is the ethos of this Club. Don't panic, all those hungry sailors will be delighted with whatever you do.

Contact whoever else you are working with and decide who is going to do what. Bring a float with you. If you make a profit please put the money in a plastic envelope that you will find in the First Aid cupboard and post it through the Committee room door. Should you make a loss please phone me, Jane Davies 01305 852817, and I will reimburse you. If you have any worries at all please phone me.

Have fun, it's a great way to meet other Club members.

Many thanks in anticipation of partaking of your tea.

Jane Davies

THE BEER REPORT

You may have noticed that bar duty is now an allocated duty recorded in the Handbook. This gives more people the opportunity to enjoy the experience of servicing the needs of fellow Club Members. And if that doesn't turn you on, then at least it forces people to be nice to you in order to keep the alcohol flowing!

A small group of individuals have kindly volunteered to go even further and do some bar training so that the skills to open the bar will be more consistently available to us all. And to those people who include Dee and Michael Gill, Joel Clompus, John Elliott, Celia Rushton, and Pete and Kate Meacham - I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation. I especially wish to thank Dee Gill who has got me organised in a manner not seen since I was living with my mother! I truly appreciate it as I had forgotten what a pleasure it is to have someone else pour you a pint at the Sailing Club Bar. Anybody who wishes to join this team of happy individuals please come and see me (MJ) or Diana (Dee) to be included. It can be done without compromising your sailing (with a bit of effort!).

Bar 'ONE-WAY SYSTEM'

I would also like to thank all of the members who bring their glasses back to the bar. However, more is required. It would be very much appreciated if on busy nights drinkers could consider the distribution of drinks to be akin to a one-way system. That is, items are dispensed through the front of the bar (for money) and empties returned to the washroom at the rear of the bar (for thanks). This is both essential to the glass washing process and necessary to avoid glass gridlock.

Lastly may I compliment all of you for the considerate way that you treat the bar servers. All of us are volunteers who do it for the pleasure of serving you and I have noticed that the unfettered joy that the bar servers project across the bar is often returned in kind, making the job a real pleasure.

Here's hoping to serve you soon.

MJ (Abbott) - Bar Chairman

CAR PARK CONED OFF AREA

Whenever the area in front of the Clubhouse is coned off, please do not park here.

This is reserved for those bringing in essentials, i.e. catering supplies.

WATCH OUT FOR THIEVES

Ensure valuables left in your car are not on view and your car is locked

Do not leave valuables in the changing rooms or your boat

Remember to lock the doors of the Clubhouse and changing rooms

Lock the gates

THIS YEAR WE SHALL BE WEARING MOSTLY...

**Cruising Castle Cove style 1950s at Brixham
No Musto... Mainly Government Surplus!**
Left to right: Ron Freke (Owner of Daydream), Mike Venning, John Glover
 Photos courtesy of Mike Venning

JOSEPH WELD AUCTION OF PROMISES

To mark the 10th Anniversary of the Joseph Weld Hospice they are holding an Auction of Promises on the theme of sport in September.

Would any members like to offer a promise? I thought perhaps a picnic sail to Redcliffe (Wayfarer?) or salmon and champagne sail to Lulworth Cove, a weekend across to France or a go at dinghy racing - you can surely come up with more ideas than me.

Either let me know or contact K.V. Lambert via the Hospice at 01305 267722.

Diana Gill

JULY NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the July 2004 Newsletter will be 25th June 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. It usually only takes a couple of minutes to download. You will see it all in full glorious colour – especially the flags in this Newsletter - and the photographs in particular are much more impressive than in the copy sent through the post. Even better, why not give me your e-mail address and I will send you a link to the Newsletter as soon as it out each month (instead of waiting for the post)? The fewer paper copies we send out the more money we can save for the Club.

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