

Castle Cove Sailing Club



March 2004 Newsletter

THIS MONTH'S DIARY

Tuesdays

10.30 am to 12.00 noon

Easy Exercise with Relaxation

Sundays

Winter Work Parties

9.30 am

Wednesday 10th March

Talk – Adam Bowers

Improving Sailors

7.30 pm

Saturday 13th March

Dinghy Dinner

7.30 pm for 8.00 pm

Friday 19th March

Quiz Night

7.30 pm

Sunday 21st March

Mothering Sunday Lunch

12.30 pm for 1.00 pm

(Book in advance)

Wednesday 31st March

Club Race Officer Techniques For All

7.30 pm

Mothering Sunday Lunch 21st March 2004 Time 12.30pm for 1pm

Cost, £8 per head, £6.50 for children
Numbers will be limited so please
book well ahead. Places must be
booked and paid for in advance. No
bookings will be taken on the day. If
you are planning to help with the
working parties in the morning and
have lunch afterwards you must still
book in advance.

If you can't find a suitable Mother to
bring along why not come anyway and
celebrate the First Day of Spring.

Please send your cheque made out to
Castle Cove Social Committee to -
Mrs Jane Davies, Holcombe Valley
Cottages, Chalky Road, Broadmayne,
Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 8PW
Tel. 01305 852817
e-mail, holvalcots@aol.com

FROM THE COMMODORE

Members will have noticed the great works achieved by the working groups so far this year. As a result our facilities will be more functional, tidier and SAFER, and this is the message that I wish to convey this month.

Under the guidance and co-ordination of Charlie Watson we are drawing up a RISK ASSESSMENT of our premises and activities so we can operate in a safe environment. This work is not an administrative exercise, but an essential part of our duty to each other and to our Club. Therefore if you see anything which is potentially unsafe, please contact the appropriate Committee Member who can then ensure that the risk is quantified and something done to eliminate it. The RISK ASSESSMENT is a living document and will be amended when necessary. Please contribute to it and as ever, be SAFETY AWARE.

We'll be sailing next month, roll on launch time!!

Bob Turner

A D HOWNAM-MEEK

Founder of Castle Cove Sailing Club



Hownam Meek - Photo by Mike Venning

I was given the camera for my 21st birthday in June 1956 and the picture was taken soon after that - must have been in the late 1950s. It shows Hownam sitting in his personal deck chair, which was owned by Pop Winzar who owned the beach and hired out the chairs; he was the grandfather of Ian Winzar who owns it now. Pop had about 500 chairs, which he hired out for the morning, the afternoon, or all day. As youngsters we helped with the chairs to earn some extra cash, as there was not much around in those days. His son Harold, Ian's father, hired out boats by the hour, rowing, sailing and motor boats. He also had a larger boat that could carry 12 passengers and was used for trips around the harbour and as the Club ferry boat.

Mike Venning

MEMBERSHIP AND WAITING LIST EXPLAINED

The Committee felt that a bit of explanation would help you understand the current thinking behind how membership numbers are managed particularly with the introduction of a waiting list.

A membership may be anything from just one ordinary member to a family joining with 2 parents and any number of children under 18. Thus actual memberships do not entirely reflect the number of people using the Club but a recent rough estimate indicated that the breakdown is roughly 50:50 between family and individual memberships and not far off equally split between dinghies, keelboats and non boat owners.

Last year there was a net increase of approx. 50 memberships. However, the number of new memberships was double that because resignations were replaced. This meant nearly 25% of the total 420 were new people who needed to be assimilated into the Club. Unless new members are made to feel welcome and become involved in the Club we lose them very quickly. Our strength has always been the close involvement of many committed members and the fact that they stay members for a long time.

We decided that we wanted to try and maintain the special atmosphere of the Club and the current balance of memberships. The forward planning committee (FPC) have programmed another rise in total memberships this year but the Committee feel that it would be wise to take it a bit more slowly.

Towards the end of last year we decided to close the membership and hold a waiting list. When memberships became due for renewal we decided that from the resignations we knew about and the increase projected by the FPC we could admit all those already on the list. From now on we shall be aiming just to maintain the number and this means that we shall only be replacing for resignations.

Potential members will be placed on a list to be considered at regular intervals to put them in some sort of order as to who will be able to join when a vacancy occurs. The aim is to keep the nature of the Club balanced between the various categories of individual, families, types of boats etc. **THE LIST WILL NEXT BE CONSIDERED AT THE APRIL COMMITTEE MEETING BY WHICH DATE WE WILL KNOW HOW MANY RESIGNATIONS THERE HAVE BEEN. THIS MEANS THAT IF YOU ARE ONE OF THOSE WHO HAS NOT YET RENEWED BUT KEEP MEANING TO GET ROUND TO IT YOU MUST DO IT NOW.** Otherwise your place may be lost.

There are various factors which will lead us to look more favourably on an application. These are listed here for you to bear in mind so that if a potential new member approaches you for sponsorship to join the Club we hope you will be able to advise them appropriately.

- There seem to be plenty of locally based applicants so it is unlikely that we will consider new members who live more than 30 miles away.
- Because of our Club rules and bye-laws regular crews and joint owners will be fast-tracked but for the purposes of membership they must be bona fide crew/owners. Generally no more than 2 joint owners will be considered.
- Former members returning to the Club.
- Ability to sail. With the best will in the world we cannot undertake to teach people to sail and we are aware that some have been disappointed on this score in the past. We can encourage, provide safety cover for coaching and training to improve skills but there must be an underlying ability and any beginner who approaches you for sponsorship to join should be encouraged to take a course at a teaching establishment up to at least RYA Level 2.
- For boat owners – preferred classes (J24, Achilles, Sigma 33, B14, Buzz, 29er, Contender, Laser, Scorpion, Wayfarer, Topper, Mirror, Optimist) and an intention to race are encouraged. While we would not wish to discourage members who use their boats for pleasure sailing/cruising it would appear that those who get the most out of their membership are those who come down regularly to use the Club by participating in the racing programme.
- Any special skills they are prepared to use for the Club's benefit e.g. rescue, catering etc.

We hope that any candidates will be well known to an active Club member who will sponsor them and make it their business to help them integrate into the Club. Sponsors should try to find out exactly what a potential member can offer and what they want to get out of their membership. As much detail as possible should be put on the membership forms. Many of those we receive have a very sketchy outline and although it would be nice to interview all new members as we have done at times in the past it would be too heavy a work-load for Committee members. This is why we have the new members' social events.

Lastly, if you see someone you don't recognise around the Club, particularly at a social event or working party, please make the effort to talk to them. They may well be a recent recruit and would welcome a friendly approach.

Sally Fielding

FROM THE DUTY CO-ORDINATOR

Many thanks to Serena Shone for her hard work as Duty Co-ordinator for the last three years. I am also grateful for her help with producing this year's rota.

You will find your sailing Handbook enclosed, or if you get your Newsletter by e-mail, you will receive it within the next few days.

Please, please, would you look at the pages where the race program and duty cover is printed. Please study all pages, looking for your name - it may be down more than once and in different roles/columns. Mark your calendar now to be sure to keep the day/time free for your duty. If you need to swap, it is your responsibility. Your Club directory gives phone numbers. Please try to swap like for like duties. Please tell me your new arrangements, so that the reminder letter goes to the correct address.

Thank you very much for all your help.

With advance planning and good co-operation, we can look forward to a smoothly run and happy sailing program.

Sarah Winterton, - Duty Co-ordinator - 01305 813000 - sarah.winterton@talk21.com

P.S To help people doing duties early in the season, duties for April are below.

Date	Event	OD	AOD	Rescue Crew	Bar (R. Crew)	Galley
Sun 4-Apr	Spring 1/6	Ian Cheke	Philip Dyke	Tim Ellis Martin Smillie		Rose Abbott Paul Critchell
Sun 11-Apr	Spring 2/6	Ken Read	Richard Jarman	Gordon Knott Steve Knott		Belinda Knott Jan Knott
Mon 12-Apr	Easter Monday X	Paul Elson	Steve Brackley	Doris & Michael Lozowski		Tony Babb Marianne Elson
Sun 18-Apr	Spring 3/6	Richard Way	Tim Clarke	Andy Davies Adrian Dover		Pat Davies Penny Smillie
Wed 21-Apr	1st Wed 1/6	Mike Conroy	Michael English Claire Dillistone	Tim Brookes Laurie Butler	David Ferris Sally Birley	Social Secretary + Lesley Butler Genia Conroy Debbie Ferris
Sun 25-Apr	Spring 4/6	Mick Carter	James Chalmers	Steve Bell Mike Carter		Mrs Mick Carter with Dianne
Mon 26-Apr	1st Mon 1/8	Barry Grant	Michael Dillistone Christopher Smith	Mark Bugler David Farmer	Ian Baird	Liz Grant Tony Miller
Wed 28-Apr	1st Wed 2/6	Simon Vines	Jill Vines Sarah Thacker	Alan Baker Steve Joyce	Joe Fullerton Adrian Dover	Social Secretary + Sian Bell Maryanne Fullerton Jon Greenup



The CCSC Race Officer Appreciation Society
in association with the Sailing Committee
Are Proud to Present

Club Race Officer Techniques for All

To include the following topics;

- Getting the Basics Right
- Developing and Improving Standards
- How to Do Your Duty with Style!

Join in a friendly informal evening of positive, productive learning and go some way to earning the right to cast judgement on the techniques of others!

**All welcome at CCSC
on 31st March 2004 at 19:30**

*Presented By Derek Abbott
International Race Officer*

Sailing Club Clothing

Sweatshirts - Polo Shirts - Rugby Shirts

Many colours and sizes. All shirts are embroidered with the CCSC Logo and your boat name OR sail number (if required) inclusive in the price.

If you would like to order any of the above please enter your details on the list posted on the Social Notice Board at the Club.

Please go armed with your chest size!

The order will be placed end March and delivery 3 weeks later

Cheques payable to CCSC on delivery
Any queries to Rose Abbott - 788994

FROM THE HONORARY SAILING SECRETARY

Are you on this list? If so, then you have an OD or AOD duty this year! Please find time to come along to Derek Abbott's talk on Wednesday 31st March at 19.30. It will help to improve your performance as a Race Officer, help improve Club racing and also help reduce your stress levels on duty night!


Derek Abbott	Ted Clabburn	Andrew Flinn	Jamie Lawrence	Paul Sansom
Robyn Abbott	Mike Clark	Christian Flux	Cathy Ledger	Rod Scarr
Nigel Amphlett	Tim Clarke	Rupert Fowkes	Andy Ledger	Marcus Scrace
Alec Asker	Alistair Clarke	Amanda Foxell	Dave Leverton	Nick Sharp
Sarah Ayton	Paul Clarke	Kevin Francis	Diana Leverton	John Shone
John Bainbridge	Matthew Clarke	Luke Gatehouse	David Lloyd	Mark Slade
Paul Barford	Mike Clarkson	Neville Gaunt	Peter Lloyd	Christopher Smith
Bill Barker	Jon Clay	Andy Gaunt	Malcolm Lofts	Keith Stephens
Stuart Barnes	Mike Conroy	Rorie Geddes	Jane Lofts	Alison Stephens
Noel Barrington	Martin Cooke	Diana Gill	Robin Macfie	John Surowiec
Eleanor Baust	Jon Cox	Michael Gill	J MacGowan-Hayes	Dave Symonds
Patrick Beatt	Phil Crawford	Di Gilliver	Helen Martin	John Taylor
John Beresford	Andy Criswick	Nick Grace	Dave Murley	Sarah Thacker
Stephen Beresford	Dave Cumber	Barry Grant	Clive Nethercott	Roger Thompson
Mike Biddell	Malcolm Cumber	Mark Grant	Peter Nickless	Tony Tozer-Brown
Emma Biddell	Claire Cumming	Matthew Grant	Nick Massey	Bob Turner
Dave Bishop	John Cunningham	Ian Green	Sandra McDine	Hannah Tweddle
Andy Blackwood	Penny David	Alex Green	Alan McKechan	Simon Vines
Alban Blunt	Pete Davies	Steve Green	Tony Millar	Jill Vines
Tim Bowden	Will Davies	Roy Griffiths	Jonathon Milree	Richard Wall
Lisa Bowden	Hugh Delongh	Kate Gurner	Rob Murley	Paul Wallis
Richard Bowers	Nick Dempsey	Mike Harden	Dave Oliver	Bob Ward
Samantha Boyt	Sue Deverell	Ian Harfield	Nick Orman	Graham Watkin
Steve Brackley	Guy Dickinson	Tim Harris	Ralph Painter	Charlie Watson
Alan Bradford	Claire Dillistone	Stephen Hill	Rick Pegrum	Richard Way
Jean Brock	Michael Dillistone	Paul Horlock	Graham Poulloin	Richard
Simon Brody	Zoe Donald	Neil Howard	Gavin Poulloin	Weatherburn
Nick Browning	Gerald Duke	Phil Hutchings	Des Quick	Maddy Webb
Jenna Browning	David Dunn	Joe Isaacs	Dave Rabson	Michael Westlake
John Budd	John Dyer	Nick Jackson	Stuart Rankin	Michael Whistler
Richard Butler	Philip Dyke	Richard Jarman	Steve Ray	John Whitfield
Charles Campion-Smith	Angela Elliott	Mathew Jewell	Ken Read	Mark Wildman
Mick Carter	Paul Elson	Kevin Jones	Al Read	Brian Wilkins
Wendy Cartwright	Steve Elsworth	G Jones	Tom Regan	John Williams
Dick Chadney	Michael English	Iain Jones	Terry Ridyard	Cathy Williams
James Chalmers	Ben Evans	Steve Jose	Paul Robbins	Sarah Winterton
Hannah Chalmers	Chris Evans	Mark Kemmis-Betty	Kenny Roebuck	Simon Winterton
Roger Chapman	Nicola Evans	Tom Kennea	Steve Rose	Ted Woodbury
Julie Chapman	Jock Fellows	Simon Kershaw	Nick Rowles	Ian Wyer
Ian Cheke	Sally Fielding	Ben Lashbrook	Celia Rushton	Tim Young
	Martin Fielding	Peter Laurie	Richard Salt	


Ben Evans – Honorary Sailing Secretary


FROM THE SAILING COMMITTEE - CLASSES, FLAGS AND TALKS

Classes and Flags

If you race at CCSC then you should read this! There have been some changes this year to the classes and class flags in order to free up the Y flag (so it can be used in its' official role of requiring personal buoyancy to be worn), to close the hole between fast and slow dinghy fleets and add a J24 class. The following new classes and class flags will therefore be used this season:

Class 1. Class 1 is the slow handicap class. It covers all dinghies with a PYN of 1105 and above. The class flag will be code 1, thus: 

Class 2. Class 2 is the fast handicap class. It covers all dinghies with a PYN of 1104 and below. The class flag will be code 2, thus: 

Class 3. Class 3 is the J24 class. It covers all J24s. The class flag will be code 3, thus: 

Class 9. Class 9 covers all dinghies that are not racing in their own class. The class flag will be code 9 thus:



To summarise, the old C and F classes have been expanded and renamed Classes 1 and 2 respectively. A new Class 3 has been created for J24s, and Class 9 now replaces both X and Y classes. This hopefully provides a better 'home' for different dinghies as all will fall into either Fast or Slow handicap and also frees up the Y-flag to be used for its official role. All other classes are unchanged. A full list of classes and flags will be in the new Handbook.

Talks

We had two very good talks during February, both of which were well attended. Thank you to Nick Grace, Sara Lloyd and Gavin Poulloin for an excellent 'start racing' evening and also to Richard Butler for his excellent talk on the Clipper Round the World Race. Talks continue on into March as follows:

- On the 10th March Adam Bowers will be giving a talk for 'improving' sailors (which probably covers everybody!). Topics are likely to include: race strategy; how to make a boat go fast; tactics and things to think about. Come along – or be left behind!
- On the 31st of March Derek Abbott will be giving a talk for ODs and AODs. I would encourage all ODs and AODs to attend this excellent event – as well as anybody else who has even a passing interest in being a race officer.

Both talks will be kicking off at 19.30 (ish) and are well worth attending. I hope to see lots of you there!

Ben Evans

Z CLASS NEWS

In less than two months all the boats should be back in the water and the first weekend race series nearly over. Are you ready? The Z Class Dinner and the informal supper will all have happened and we should all be geared up for the start of the new season. The Handbook is out so make sure you check your duties straight away and organise any swap you may need to make early. This makes life easier for the OD Co-ordinator who then knows in plenty of time who to send the reminders to. Also if you have an OD or AOD duty please make a real effort to attend the OD evening on Wednesday 31 March. Apart from the fact that we have new flags this year there is always something to learn, even for the more experienced. Derek Abbott will be doing the talk again and he is always very interesting and informative. The Bar will be open which, of course, is an important part of your OD duty!

Another plug for winter socials. On Friday 19 March Hugh and Liz de longh are putting on a quiz in the Clubhouse. Details elsewhere in the Newsletter. Let's try and have a good turnout from the Z Class – 79 of you attended the Z Class Dinner – how about the same number turning up for the quiz! Quizzes are great fun and can be enjoyed by everyone whether or not they sail. We hope to put in two teams from Iduna and Stand Easy and Satsuma are also working to get two teams together. I am sure the Gills will also put forward a good entry from Snowgoose. This is a good opportunity to get your crew together before the start of the season and to build up the team spirit before the racing starts. If you can't get together a full team don't worry there will be plenty of spaces in other teams.

As we will be away at the end of March I will not be doing a report for the April Newsletter so will finish this month by wishing everyone happy sailing this summer and look forward to seeing you all on the water, whether you are racing, cruising or just pottering.

Sara Lloyd - Z Class Captain

FOR SALE

Topper (Sail no. 41269)
with purple deck and white hull.
Launching trolley. Cover. Garaged every winter.
VGC. £590
Phone 01305 835347

Z Class Supper

Friday 26th March 7.30pm

CCSC Clubhouse

£5.50 per person for fork supper and desert

Wondering what's going on for the Z Class this season – then head straight for the Z Class Supper to meet fellow members of your class and find out what is happening on the racing and cruising scenes for CCSC keelboats this year.

If you fancy having a go at racing or cruising in company then there will be plenty of experienced members on hand to explain how our busy sailing programme works.

You can also find out about the Castle Cove Buddy System, which has been established to provide a direct source of information on a regular basis.

If you would like to have a go at racing on someone else's boat before trying out your own this is a great opportunity to meet fellow skippers who will be more than happy to give you a run out - make the most of the tips you get as they may start to dry up when you start winning.

Please fill in and return booking form to Roy Griffiths,
4 Birch Way, Preston, Weymouth, DT3 6HZ by
Friday 19th March

If you would like any more information about the evening please ring Roy or Jacqui on 01305 832512

Please Bring My Ladder Back

My owner was not too impressed when he went into the store to fetch my ladder - I was amazed that he had actually remembered me during this long cold winter - so please do not give him any more excuses not to work on me and return my split ladder marked "TRIPS EAST" to the store as soon as possible - thanks!

WINTER SAILING

Forgotten what it's like to sail in warm conditions? Two families reminded themselves and held up the Castle Cove flag at Sunsail in Antigua by winning liquid awards for racing in various events. Prizes were given to Henry Sheppard for winning the Taz race in the Junior Regatta and another Taz race award, to parents Nigel and Kate in a Sport 16, to Steve Green for Laser and Regatta overall and to Carol Green who won a bottle of beer for crewing a Hobie to 3rd place. She is now not eligible for novice races.

Steve also won the prestigious 'best prize for least work' wind-up-the-toy-boat-on-a-string award.

High point of the holiday was a 24hr departure delay, forcing us to spend more time on the water and eating and drinking next to the ocean. Shame our insurance doesn't cover delayed flights!

Anon

SKIPPER'S ONLY DECISION (SOD) REGULATOR

Are you a dithery skipper? Do you crew on a boat where there's endless quibbling about whether to stay put or get a move on to the next port? You have an indecisive partner? Your mutinous crew would rather prop up a familiar bar (or ditto barmaid) than venture out on a dubious forecast? Your skipper hauls up for the 0536 forecast and then, after porridge laden arguments, lets you slither back into sleeping bags? If any of these ring true, scientific help is at hand.

All we sea-faring amateurs are familiar with the Buys Ballots Law, the Rule of Twelve, Martineaus Second Law of Inanition (see Footnote 1), the ColRegs and so on but shortly the SOD Regulator will become part of the RYA syllabus too.

It is only necessary to answer five simple questions and the SOD formula will correlate the information into a safe stay/go decision:

- (1) What is the difference between the course to the proposed destination and the forecast Wind Direction (WD)? Score 3 if the winds cyclonic (i.e. they don't know). Those rare favourable winds score 0.
- (2) Add 1 point for every Beaufort Force under or over preferred Wind Strength (WS).
- (3) Average Intestinal Fortitude (IF) of crew marked up from 0 for iron stomachs to 3 for those with a tendency to throw up on the mooring.
- (4) The crews Muscular Strength (MS) marked from 0 for gorillas to 3 for those who are more decorative than useful (NB The scores for both (3) and (4) should be halved if wind is below Force 3, doubled if over Force 5).
- (5) Compare the attractions of present port with those of the proposed anchorage/marina and score from 1 to 3 if the former is better endowed with Land Based Factors (LBFs). Suggested amenities might include good restaurants, scenic walks, decent pubs, indecent night spots, public transport connections, compatible crews nearby, etc.

Having jotted down your score on the back of an envelope, you will have an instant go/stay decision. If you have totalled 5 or less, cast off your warps, hoist the main and let glad cries of 'Earwig-o' be added to the more familiar 'Land-ho' and 'Lee-o'. If you have notched up 6 or more, batten down the hatches, check the rum toddy ingredients and organise a book swap with the next boat. You may like to know that the SOD Regulator is currently being computerised and the software should soon be on sale at good chandlers. This will interface with other electronic gear on board and high scores will inactivate the yacht, making it impossible for foolhardy skippers to sally forth in inappropriate conditions.

Footnote 1 Martineaus Second Law of Inanition states, of course, that nothing ever happens while you watch. Obvious examples are men digging up the road, boys fishing off the end of the pier or a cricket game on the village green. It will be noted that this Law only applies to the male of the species. It does, however have a nautical application; you sit alone on watch for a couple of hours without even a seagull to crease the monotony of the sea but the instant you nip below to brew up, you are nearly run down by a French fishing boat which has materialised out of the ether.

Footnote 2 SOD Regulator Example:- If your course is likely to give a Force 5 beam wind, your crew is never seasick but is recovering from a broken leg, you are currently in a scenic harbour beside a romantic pub, score WD 0, WS 1, IF 0, MS 2, LBF's 2, totalling 5 – time to up-anchor!

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Contributed by Roger and Julie Chapman

POWERGEN WIND FARM PROPOSAL UPDATE

Powergen is currently in discussion with a number of organisations over the wind farm in Portland Harbour. A copy of the RYA's initial response to the proposal is on the notice board in the Clubhouse. CCSC views are being combined with those of other Clubs in the area by YCW and will be sent to the RYA in support of their objections. We have received a copy of Powergen's latest response to various letters of protest from the community. In summary it says:

- **Site Layout:** A line of 11 turbines sited immediately inside breakwaters; exception -Northern (Qinetiq) breakwater. [DMG personal view - mild surprise that Portland Harbour Authority (PHA) is happy to have turbines sited close on either side of Eastern Entrance]
- **Testing:** Two anemometers are current collecting data on the wind regime
- **Navigation:** Restrictions for vessels >10m will exist to give 22m clearance from sea level to blade tips [DMG interprets this as preventing keelboats approaching the wall within an area of the radius of the blades + a bit]
- **Sailing:** RYA's model of turbulence is under discussion: A research methodology has yet to be agreed for site-specific wind models reflecting local topography. Sea trials around an operational wind farm are planned
- **Birds:** Weekly monitoring of the bird population will continue, so far it indicates no occupation in area
- **Diving:** No restrictions for dive boats (<10m height), some divers anticipate beneficial biodiversity from effects of the artificial reefs
- **Fishing:** Access for static fishing maintained, some fishermen anticipate advantages (as for divers)
- **Visual:** Photomontages are on the notice board. [DMG noted the prominence of yacht masts in the montage, which, by corresponding visually with the turbines towers, is likely to minimise negative impressions.]

If you have any further information on this issue, please circulate, via Cathy or me, to keep all informed.

Diana Gill

CASTLE COVE SAILING CLUB QUIZNIGHT

Friday 19th March
7.30 pm at the Clubhouse

**QUIZMASTER
ROY GRIFFITHS**



Teams of 6 – 8

Prizes

No sailing knowledge required!

Cost: £2.50 per person (including nibbles, but not a meal this time)
Please let us know numbers. If you haven't got a team, let us know,
and we will fix you up on the night!

Liz & Hugh de Longh
(tel: 01305 251190, email: deiongh@btinternet.com)

THEN AND NOW

Following the photograph contributed by Michael Venning in the December 2003 edition of our Newsletter, which showed the start of the development of the Sailing Centre, and thus our present day Club site, perhaps the following may also be of interest.



B. L. Jackson Collection



One Hundred Years Later - Photo by Eric Barnes

The railway embankment overlooking our present day Club site, now part of the Rodwell Trail, was constructed around 1864 using material excavated from the Wyke Regis and Sandsfoot cuttings. As originally laid, the line carried dual gauge track, both the broad gauge of the Great Western Railway Co., and the standard gauge track of the London & South Western Railway Co. The Weymouth to Portland railway then became fully operational on 16th October in the following year, 1865, seeing a daily passenger service of 11 trains each way, puffing and wheezing along "our embankment". The GWR broad gauge rails were removed in 1874.

These two photographs, one taken about 1903, and the other taken 100 years later (January 2004), but both from similar positions, give some idea of what the Club looks like now, and what the same area looked like back in 1903, when cattle from the local farm grazed along the cliff top and in the fields behind the embankment. (No, I did NOT take the 1903 photo!!)

The 1903 photograph has been reproduced here from the book *Isle of Portland Railways Vol. 2*, by kind permission of Mr. B. L. Jackson, the local author of this book, and publishers Oakwood Press Ltd.

Eric Barnes

**Official RYA Certificate
Personal Sea Survival Course**
 Saturday 20th March 2004
 11.45 am – 8.00 pm

Purbeck Sports Centre is running another popular, well respected Personal Sea Survival Course in conjunction with local firm Poole Harbour Sea Survival Ltd.

The course will cover both theory and practical instruction on the use of life rafts and survival equipment, emergency drills, attracting help, use of life jackets, dealing with hypothermia and search and rescue techniques. Course approved by RYA Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

The cost of the course is £90.00 (which includes refreshments, course material and certificate) but there are limited number of places available.

Send cheques payable to Purbeck District Council, with contact name, address and telephone number to Purbeck Sports Centre, Worgret Road, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 4PH. Or call the Centre on 01929 556454 for further information.

LOST
PLEASE RE-UNITE ME WITH MY GARDEN RAKE

This was my last year's birthday present and is under a year old and considered a treasure. Would the person who either borrowed it or mistakenly collected it in with their own tools please return to:

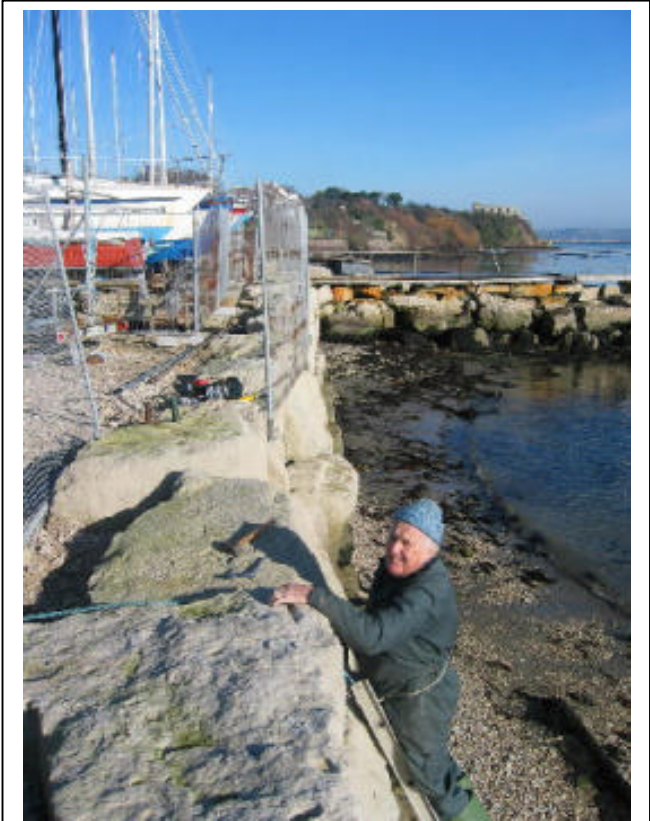
Rosemary Spicer – it could be just returned to the storeroom under the Clubhouse

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



"Could do with a few more hands on Sundays"
 Photo by Peter Yelland

We have had a lot of contributions this month so sorry if yours is not included – they will be held for inclusion at a later date. Do keep them coming in.

APRIL NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the April 2004 Newsletter will be 25th March 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!

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

**Dinghy Dinner
Saturday 13 March 2004
7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.
in the Clubhouse**

**Guest Speaker
Grahame Forshaw**
(RYA Instructor and Dinghy Magazine contributor)

£12.50 a head including wine

Applications to Jane Davies, Holcombe Valley Cottages, Chalky Road, Broadmayne, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 8PW by Friday 5 March 2004. Cheques to be made out to CCSC

Dinghy Dinner Saturday 13 March 2004

Please reserve me.....seats at £12.50 each

Names

.....

Telephone number

Please indicate if vegetarian meal required

I enclose cheque for.....

**Z Class Supper
Friday 26 March 2004
7.30 p.m.
in the Clubhouse**

£5.50 per person for fork supper and desert

Applications to Roy Griffiths, 4 Birch Way, Preston, Weymouth, DT3 6HZ by Friday 19 March 2004. Cheques to be made out to CCSC

Z Class Supper Friday 26 March 2004

Please reserve me.....tickets at £5.50 each.

Names

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Please indicate if vegetarian meal required

I enclose cheque for.....