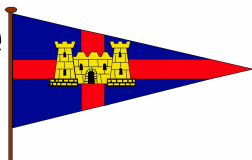


Castle Cove Sailing Club



September 2005 Newsletter

DIARY

Sunday 4th September
RNSA/YCW Pursuit race

Saturday 24th September
Cove Cup

Sunday 25th September
Cadet end of season

Monday 26th September
Dinghy wash-up

Saturday 1st October
Boat park re-organisation

Sunday 2nd October
Autumn series starts

Tuesday 4th October
Keelboat lift

FROM THE COMMODORE

The late Summer season has seen a variety of weather (too much wind or too little wind) but we have still enjoyed a busy month. As the evening racing season draws to a close I would particularly like to thank the Boats Team for enabling the move of Silver Seal out into the centre of the harbour as Committee vessel. This, backed up by some good race management from the Race Officers and Mark Layers has made the quality of racing much higher and this is reflected in some excellent turnouts.

Please note that any other ideas to improve any sphere of our activities (Racing / Cruising /Social) are always welcomed so please, if you have an inspiration, communicate it through the relevant Committee member.

As you know, I try to encourage all to look ahead to help our officials and organisers. Please be ready to fill in your Dinner and Prizegiving Applications in early October. The Forms will be distributed with next Month's Newsletter and the Rembrandt Hotel will want to know our numbers by October 15th. The Dinner itself, Prizegiving and Disco will be held on Friday 4th November.

Associated with this, please could all those who won Trophies last Year respond to Gilly Weaver's plan to recover, engrave and present the Trophies at the Dinner. It is very helpful if they are returned, polished of course!! in good time.

Do enjoy the rest of the Summer season, and plan for the Autumn.

Bob Turner

Summer dinghy parking ends on **Saturday 1st October**.
Unless you have a 'winter' space all dinghies and tenders must be removed from the site by this date

CUP WINNERS 2004

It is time to return all the many cups you won last season in order that they can be engraved ready for this year's presentation at the dinner dance in November.

Please bring them in to the club house as soon as possible. They can be left in the chart room in a carrier bag with my name on it... Gilly Weaver..and I'll collect them on Friday mornings.

Thanks.

**If necessary I can be contacted by email gilly.weaver@btinternet.com;
or phone 832387.**

Z Class Racing in September

There is a series of three races on Saturdays in September for the Z Class the details of which are a little bit sketchy in the club handbook, so I thought it would be useful to advise you of the race instructions.

Z Class all in starts

Castle Cove Start Line

Races will be a mixture of short and long distance

3 races set with 2 to count for series

Race 1	September 10 th	Short Distance (2-2.5hrs) Start Time 13.45
Race 2	September 17 th	Short Distance (2-2.5hrs) Start Time 13.45
Race 3	September 24 th	Long Distance (4.5-5hrs) Start Time 10.30 (Also Cove Cup)

I look forward to seeing you all on the start line for what should be a great late summer series for all Z Class boats.

Roy Griffiths
Z Class Capt.

Boat Park

Please note that, unless you have arranged (and paid) for a 'winter period' space, your dinghy (or yacht tender) must be removed from the boat park by **Saturday 1st October**. This rather strict deadline is necessary because, starting Tuesday 4th October, most of the eastern side of the boat park will be used for the winter storage of keelboats.

Boats that have been allocated a space for the 'winter period' will be accommodated on the western side or in a small section within the eastern side. A list showing the allocated spaces will be displayed in the clubhouse. Hopefully, it should be possible to move all/most of the boats to their new positions on Saturday 1st October. If you wish to move your own boat or you are able to help with this operation we plan to start at 09.00 and, assuming we have at least twenty people, should be finished around 11.00. Please let me know if you are able to help.

Mike Clarkson
mestclark@aol.com

CADETS

Cadets end of season races and barbeque (replaces this year's Cadet Open) will now be held on SUNDAY 25th September. (the day after the Cove Cup). Starting at 10 a.m.

For more details, contact Dave Cumber on 01305 251482.

DINGHY WASH-UP/MEETING

I propose to hold a dinghy meeting on the 26th September 2005 in the club house at 1930. I will be glad to see as many of you as possible attending, but if you are unable to come please let your class captain know any items you would like discussed at the meeting.

Please consider;

1. Special events i.e. training events/ fun events—would you like more or less of them.
2. Weymouth regatta.
3. How can we encourage more dinghies on the water at weekends?
4. What would you like changed, or not changed, what was good and not so good this year?

I would also like to know what you feel about preferred classes, a subject the RYA is obtaining views on at the moment www.rya.org.uk/racingcharter

Please let your class captains know your views on these subjects and anything else you would like discussed by the 19th September. This meeting is not a decision making meeting, but your views will be taken seriously by the sailing committee for next years calendar. Thank you

Alison Stephens
Sailing secretary

WEYMOUTH REGATTA - The view from 'Madrigal'

By the time you read this the regatta will seem a far distant memory but I thought I'd just jot down a few reminiscences now that a haze has settled on to some of our more painful and embarrassing moments.

Day 1. We arrived on Friday morning full of childlike enthusiasm on a bright sunny morning with a bit of wind and were greeted by the smell of bacon cooking in the galley and vowed that tomorrow we would abandon breakfast of sawdust and weak tea in Bridport in the wee small hours and would arrive at CCSC early for bacon butties (the smell lingered in our nostrils all day!)

Having pored over tide tables, weather forecasts and racing strategy (yes Diana, we remembered everything we learnt at the 'improve racing' evening!), all of the marks were on the GPS, we were confident that we could cross the line with our favoured bias and we knew which end of the cloud had the most wind! The wind died 2 minutes before the race, it took us 4 minutes to cross the line and we then proceeded to cross back over it again as the wind changed direction 180 degrees. Having eventually rounded the first mark the wind improved and we enjoyed the 'long distance' race down to 'G', meeting the rest of the fleet who were returning! Various wind shifts during the day worked to our advantage and following an ignominious start we made up some lost ground.

Day 2. The bacon butties were superb but did not improve our performance. The following race we put down to experience (my way of interpreting Robin's expletives!) Having got a bit muddled over the start line we were astonished to see the IRC boats bearing down on us at speed shouting some of the expletives Robin later used- sorry guys! We then hid somewhere near the back of the fleet but managed quite a good start by creeping up inside the leading boats. The first round was great but then we got muddled again over the start/finish line with the ultimate result of being last, quite rightly so.

The afternoon saw us in a better mindset having had a good lunch (avoiding the IRC fleet's withering glares) and had another team briefing to again identify our start. A good race highlighted by listening to the fast class 'encouraging' their crews to do slightly better (so that's the nautical word for 'please'), having witnessed the downwind luffing match between Shamrock and Excalibur and seeing the alarm on the faces of the safety boat crew who were marking the port end of the foreshortened race at the following mark as these boats and ourselves came down abreast under spinnaker. The narrow finish line was rapidly extended.

The après sail in WSC was very sociable and it was great to see crews from the other clubs there and to renew old acquaintances.

Day 3. We awoke to pouring rain and found the start was postponed until lunchtime so the galley crew did a good trade in bacon butties. The sun came out and the wind got up much to Madrigal's delight and we proceeded to have a cracking race in exactly the right conditions for us. Sadly it was not the right conditions for the committee boat were having difficulty maintaining her position and so the 2nd race was abandoned.

Despite the cock ups we managed a surprising 3rd overall in our class and learnt a few lessons:

1. All the tidal streams, forecasts and improve racing knowledge is programmed to be wiped from memory as the class flag is raised.
2. Corporate clothing is the way to improve crew performance and Steve has the knitting needles ready for next year's bobble hats.
3. Crossing the IRC start at right angles is not the way to get to know them better.

Our thanks to Peter, Steve and Simon for being loyal crew and to Bob and to Charlotte Murless for helping us on Saturday.

We are grateful to all who helped to make the regatta such an enjoyable event but would like to especially mention Derek Abbott and the race committee for doing an unenviable job and the smiling galley teams for greeting us all so early each morning.

Sue Carter

The future for Castle Cove: PRIORITIES FOR IMPROVEMENTS

What improvements do you think the Club should be investing in?
How do you think the Club should develop in the future?

Now that the Club is well established after the move 3 years ago, and with our sailing waters becoming an Olympic venue, it seems the right time to seek members' views on the future.

There are many suggestions about the way forward and before making decisions the General Committee would like your views.

Please take a little time to complete the questionnaire below AND attend a meeting on Saturday 1 October 11.00 am.

Questionnaire

Below are the suggestions received so far; we want your views on what your priorities would be. Cost and time-scales are important, as is funding, but we first want an overall view on members' priorities.

Please rate the priority you think each item has, with a Y or a tick (whichever easier).

If there is more than one member at an address, each member can fill in a separate questionnaire; the more views the better!

Note

1. Club Boats: A replacement programme for Club boat engines, and for the boats themselves, is essential, and so is not given as an option. However comments and ideas on Club boats welcome.
2. Disability facilities: (e.g. access & toilet) have to be provided by law, so these are not given as an option.

MEETING

We are also holding a meeting on Saturday 1st October, 11.00 am start, at the Clubhouse (coinciding with the Boat park reorganisation, so make a morning of it!). We intend this to be a focused meeting, and will finish at 12.30pm at the latest.

We will discuss:

- Future improvements
- Future direction of the Club (e.g. what mix of volunteer, paid staff, business; implications of the Olympics)
- Other ideas for improving the Club

Come along and contribute, **your views are important**.

CCSC Questionnaire

IMPROVEMENT	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Do not want	No opinion
CLUBHOUSE					
Covered work area for Club boats, with possible veranda					
Insulation for sound & heat, Club roof in main room					
Clubhouse extension (car park end) for Lobby/Office/sailing kit					
New chairs for Clubroom					
New tables for Clubroom					
Other ideas?					
Other ideas?					

IMPROVEMENT	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Do not want	No opinion
Security fencing, west & south sides of boat park					
Security fencing, north end by footpath					
Long term replacement for pontoons/extended pier					
Regrading & resurfacing of slipways					
Filling in western slipway to provide more Boat Park space					
Improved Laser racks/deck					
Improved Topper/Oppy racks					
More tender racks					
Improved boat park surface					
Dinghy tie-down system					
Electric gate at main entrance					
Electric winch, Island Slipway					
Other ideas?					
Other ideas?					
THE CLUB ITSELF Part-time staff eg:	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Do not want	No opinion
Caretaker					
Administrator/co-ordinator					
Bosun (care of all Club boats)					
Caterers					
Other ideas?					

Funding

If we want to look at significant improvements, extra funding will be needed. Rank (1 being most preferred option) how you prefer to raise funds for future developments? If you disagree with an option, put 'No'.

Increase the membership		Increase borrowing	
Increase membership fees		Run more Open events	
Increase entry fees		Hire out facilities	
Increase facilities fees		Life memberships	
Other: Please specify			

Comments (use a separate sheet if necessary)

Please return by Sunday 25th September, by:

- Emailing to deiongh@btinternet.com
 - Posting to Hugh: 42 South Court Avenue, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 2BZ
 - A copy of the form is available on the website
- Putting the form in the box in the Clubhouse

Are you a:

Keelboat sailor		Dinghy sailor	
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This questionnaire is anonymous, but if you want to give your name, it may help us to follow up points that emerge from the questionnaires

Name:.....

Preferred means of contact

Hugh de longh
Forward Planning Committee

SECURITY—still an issue

Please remember to
LOCK UP EVERYWHERE

This means slipways, changing rooms, store rooms, the
main building and the gates

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the next Newsletter, which will be out in October, is **27th September 2005**. There is no need to use special formatting – simple text is much easier to work with and any photographs are preferable as separate files. A few notes about the photograph or a suggested caption are helpful as well as the photographer's name.

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Celia Rushton – newsletter@ccsc.org.uk – (01305) 777511

FOR SALE / WANTED

FOR SALE – J24 - 4170 – TIGER!

Well set up boat with all Harkin fittings and race tuned, 2 mains (2004), 3 genoas (2005), 2 jibs (2005), 2 spinnakers (2004), new tohatsu 3.5hp long shaft, road trailer, new winches, faired hull and keel.

£6500 - with 2004/2005 sails and carbon spinnaker pole.

£5500 - without.

Contact: Barry Grant, for a test sail: 01305 785192