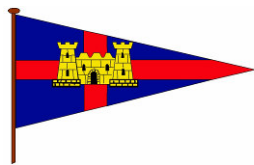


# Castle Cove Sailing Club



# December 2006 Newsletter

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday 9th December**  
Christmas social

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
Commodore's Punch Party

**Tuesday 26th December**  
Boxing day dinghy race (fancy dress)

**Sunday 31st December**  
New Year's Eve party

**Every Tuesday**  
Exercise & relaxation



## Commodore's Punch Party

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at Noon**

Request for a small donation of a plate of either savoury or sweet finger food

Just bring it along to the Club on Sunday mid-day where we look forward to meeting you all.

**The Commodore and his Lady**



## FROM THE COMMODORE

It was a pleasure to be back at The Prince Regent again for our Annual Dinner Dance and Prize Giving – the atmosphere was great in the redecorated Ball Room and we look forward to seeing more members and guests at the same venue next year.

Many thanks to those of you who attended the AGM on the 17<sup>th</sup> November – the voice just held out – and I must take the opportunity to thank Sally Fielding, Pater Davies, Diana Gill, Judy Kemis-Betty, Sarah Winter-ton, Celia Rushton and Michael Abbott who have all stepped down from sterling service to across the Club. Special thanks goes to Margaret Mursell who has also retired after ten years as a Trustee of the Club. For those not present at the AGM, I have appended a list of those volunteers elected on the night.

It has been a pleasure to observe (from the comfort of Sea Envoy) the early part of the winter series, with 16 boats enjoying brisk conditions. Lets hope the weather holds for the remaining Sundays up to the Commodore's Punch Party on the 17<sup>th</sup> December!

As just mentioned, the 17<sup>th</sup> December is the Commodores Punch Party to which you are all cordially invited, and Andrea (or Grandma as she is now called) reminds me to say that a small plate of something savoury or sweet finger food would be very welcome.

The notice board contains other eating options; the Christmas Social on the 9<sup>th</sup> December, organised by Sara and Diana, with help from many of the 'Friday' sailors, and a Near Years Eve Supper, so get your names on the lists asap!

In the mean time, Andie and I wish you all a Merry Xmas and another great sailing season in 2007!

**Paul Clarke.**

## FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

At the Dinner and Dance many trophies were presented, my congratulations to everyone who won a trophy. I hate standing up and speaking, so in my nervous state I omitted to thank Serena for the hard work and skill she puts into painting the keep-sakes every year, thank you Serena.

Anyone not collected their trophy and keep-sake, please get in contact with me and I will arrange to get them to you.

I was re-elected at the AGM, and it was emphasised at this meeting the need for volunteers to help run the club activities, some jobs being more arduous than others. On the sailing committee we have had a few class captains standing down this year; Dave Cumber, Nick Grace and Nick Browning, but I am pleased to announce that new members have stepped in to volunteer for the posts left vacant. The sailing committee for 2007 consist of:-

Class 1, **Richard Bowers**  
Class 2, **Marcus Scrace**  
Asymmetric, **Pete Davies**  
Wayfarer, **Hugh de longh**  
Laser, **John Shone**, (assistant **Malcolm Lofts**)  
Z Class, **Roy Griffiths**, (assistant **Nick Massey**)  
J/24, **Andy Gaunt**  
Cadets, **Henry Merewether**

We have also appointed, within the sailing committee, a small race committee to deal with racing issues as they arise i.e. protests or change of SIs. The members to contact should a problem arise are:-

**Alison Stephens**  
**Richard Bowers**  
**Roy Griffiths**

Thank you to the members standing down for their hard work and support, and a warm welcome to the new members joining. I hope we will provide an interesting programme for next year.

We have been looking at the notes made at the dinghy meeting and hope to implement some of the ideas that came out of that meeting that had the most support.

Please let the Regatta committee know your suggestions for next years regatta, (Keel boat regatta). We are interested to know your thoughts about the racing, the social events and any idea you have for expanding the regatta by attracting new entries and better events on shore. If you were unable to get the RDYC on the 29<sup>th</sup> Nov, then please let myself, or Roy Griffiths know any ideas you have.

**Alison Stephens**  
Hon Sailing Secretary

### VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Saturday 9 December 7.30 pm

3 course meal and entertainment  
£7.50

Please sign up on the Club's notice board or email  
[diana@hamiltonhouse.demon.co.uk](mailto:diana@hamiltonhouse.demon.co.uk)  
Numbers are limited so don't delay!

## **WINTER BOAT MAINTENANCE**

### **DON'S CHOICE**

We are off to a cracking start with major repairs, thanks to Chris Forrester who has replaced the broken seats, repaired and re-fixed the gunwales, and part of the rubbing strake. A superb job, (Thanks Chris).

We still need volunteers to repair the floorboards, and the rest of the boat will need the usual TLC. This means a lot of sanding, varnishing and painting, A LOT!

She is a lovely looking, safe, and extremely reliable boat, but keeping her looking lovely don't come cheap. Fortunately, as a self-help club we can mitigate the potentially high cost of keeping this type of traditional boat on the water.

### **SILVER SEAL MINI RE-FIT**

Well it's more of a middling to major re-fit. We need a small team to work on Silver Seal. The usual suspects will be around, but we need few more to make it a team.

The jobs include:

- Replacement of the windscreen frames
- Coach roof repairs
- Flag gantry needs beefing up
- A mooring cleat fitted to the bow
- A latch on the heads door and a look at the sea cocks in there
- A staysail fitted to the stern

Yes, that's right a stay sail, this means a mizzenmast, and a yard, etc. Unless anyone has a better idea to keep her wind rode.

She is also having Navigation lights, a solar panel battery top up charger, and a venting system to aspirate the engine.

We hope this will make her more comfortable and functional for race committees and keep her in shape for a few more years.

### **BEAVER**

She needs work on broken seats plus the usual TLC. We'll know more when she is out of the water just after Christmas. We would like to get the seat repairs underway ASAP after Christmas.

### **PETROL PURCHASE**

We also need up to ten members to become signatories for the collection of petrol from the Wyke Texaco service station.

We have arranged club account, and the more we have involved, the easier it will be to keep the cans full. We are geared up to do this within current regulations, so any member collecting petrol for the boats will not be compromised or put at risk.

### **VOLUNTEERS PLEASE, FOR THE ABOVE JOBS.**

If you would like to make a contribution you are most welcome.

Your boats committee wishes you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Reply to **Bob Richardson**

Tel 01305 832518 or e-mail [bobrichardson@bobrichardson.org.uk](mailto:bobrichardson@bobrichardson.org.uk)

## HALYARD SLAPPING

If you haven't tied up your halyards and such , please do so ASAP, so that we don't annoy our neighbours.

**Steve Green**

**CLUB RACE OFFICER COURSE:  
1 DAY Sunday 28th January in Weymouth**

Regional Race Officer Course  
by **Mike Pearson** of the RYA

These are really useful if you want to know a bit more about what makes for good Club racing

Please contact: **Simon Vines 01300 320084**, [simon@vines.clara.net](mailto:simon@vines.clara.net)

## PREFERRED CLASSES – THE WAY FORWARD.

At last year's AGM the subject of preferred classes and improving dinghy racing was discussed. We have not actually reported back to members yet and although no firm decisions have been made there has been a considerable amount of discussion amongst the Sailing committee.

Jock looked at the problem in January and came up with an excellent paper which went a long way to establishing the criteria that would be the basis for a choice of preferred class. He eventually concluded that the Scorpion would fit the bill. However, probably because they are already present in the club but not finding a great following at present the committee felt they could not whole-heartedly endorse that.

Paul Robbins then had a fresh look in the summer. He came up with a different approach which was to start by narrowing the handicap bands. His proposals made a lot of sense and a list of about 12 boats was drawn up which fell into 3 handicap bands. This would certainly be a useful starting point for any new members. We could recommend that they could only be allowed to bring one of these boats into the club. One problem with this scheme was that in the mid range 2 of the boats were asymmetrics and at present, although they cover a wide handicap spread the asymmetrics are quite happy to sail as a class because of their preferred windward/leeward courses.

I would like to explore whether there is actually enough strength of feeling for class racing so that people would be prepared to compromise on their choice of boat for the sake of one design racing. The idea would be that whilst you might sail something else in special cup races or keep a boat at home to take to Open meetings, for everyday series races at the club you would be prepared to buy into a specific class.

There will be a meeting at the club on Sat Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm for anyone with a serious commitment to class racing so that we can try and come to some conclusion. If you fancy the idea of one design racing come along with an open mind to discuss it.

**Sally Fielding**

## EXERCISE & RELAXATION

The Exercise group will be ending this years get-togethers by having a "Christmas" session on Tuesday 12th December 10.30-11.30am, finishing with mince pies and a cuppa. We will restart again on Tuesday 9th January 2007. New faces always welcome of course. We're a friendly group!

**Rosemary Spicer**

## LASER CLASS

The winter series has been blighted with bad weather so we have not had as many races as hoped. Still, it is provided some good sailing and an opportunity to sail before the close of the season at the club. Look forward to seeing you on the water.

The Laser 'AGM' meeting held at the club on 22nd October after racing and was well attended. Thank you to those who came and contributed to the valuable discussion.

We are following up the matters discussed with a view to improved sailing during 2007 and ways to encourage more of the 57 laser owners out to race. The notes of the meeting are on the club notice board but I can send you them electronically if you are interested. Let me know if you have any further thoughts. Feedback on laser sailing at the club is welcomed.

The South West Laser Association has published details of its Winter Training Program. See Club notice board. An alternative is the Stokes Bay SC winter series run during January and February. This is usually very well attended and offers good racing. Please let me know if you are interested in participating in any of these events.

Finally, we are updating our email list – let me know if you are not currently receiving monthly bulletins and would like to. There are also some emails being returned – please let me know if you change your email address.

**John Shone, Laser class captain.**

### 'THE SPIRIT OF WEYMOUTH'

I am putting together a trip to Cherbourg on the 9th / 10th of December, and wondered if anyone would be interested in taking a space? I have potentially three people at this stage, and could do with a couple more. The price is £200 per head.

**Steve White** [www.whiteoceanracing.com](http://www.whiteoceanracing.com), 07931 642994  
**Vendee Globe 2008**

## SUTTON BINGHAM OPEN HANDICAP

Sutton Bingham SC are hosting an Open handicap race meeting in support of the RNLI on 10th December. The details are still being firmed up, (usually a mix of handicap and pursuit) but the sooner sailors know the more chance they have to make arrangements. I hope Castle Cove members who fancy a bit of pond sailing during the winter and who want to stock up on RNLI Christmas cards etc. may like to come.

The event is a bit delayed because the tide went out in August and has just come back in!

Go to the SBSC website to get the latest on this

**Mike Riley, SBSC**

## RNLI Christmas Social at Brewers Quay

8th December

Tickets from the RNLI

### HOW TO WRITE MINUTES

**Here are the minutes to the 2nd MG C27 meeting which was held on Saturday 11 November at 'Nick's' (according to Joan)**

Right here goes.....

Everyone's here...plus a few extras who I have not met before, which included Alan Smith, Kev's wife, Kenny, Darren and ( I think) his wife.

The regulars, being obviously Nick, Roy, Jacqui, Rick, Andy, Kev, Bill, (actually Bill was not at the first meeting as I believe he was on holiday) Mark.. & Steve was noticeably absent...where was he...I heard you all ask...and of course ME!

Time now is 10.10 pm, everyone is well fed & watered (I think) except for Roy & Jacqui who only arrived about 10 mins ago....but that's another story.

Nick opens the meeting in good humour ( well it is his house). Apparently, Dave Murdoch is not here (whoever he is) OH!!!! and my mistake I forgot to bring the minutes to the first meeting but I did remember to bring the wine so 1 out of 2 isn't bad.

Item 1 Sub Committee Reports

Jacqui takes over saying how well it all went & in her words "It was a ball" went to Poole, then she went chattering on...& on.....& yawn!! sorry...on...

Back to Nick & Andy & Andy is pleased to announce that we have secured 3 sponsors which are:  
NDM Electrical, Creative Solutions and Jigsaw Financial.  
HOORAY!!! we now have funds....!!!!

Andy again...Point 3, ( there seems to be some confusion over points 1&2) & we are now at point 4 ( look, I know this doesn't make much sense but a lot of beer & wine had been consumed at this point, so please bear with me). Anyway Point 4 is Racing...Roy interrupts, arguments commence over the 2006 racing but overall, all was superb. Credit was given for competitiveness and we are all looking forward to 2007...time now is 10.30 & we pause for a comfort break, well, plus break for drinks top up...which is flowing VERY freely.

OK, 10.36pm and we reach the serious bit..whatever that means..as not much really happened here!!!

As no-one had much else to say, we come to AOB. which includes results & prizegiving.

Apparently, the AGM at Castle Cove is next week.

The discussion now continues onto boats & tides etc..Bigger boats, Roys name, Moorings...put all this together & what have you got...(Don't really understand what that meant but it seemed like everyone else did)...Lots of discussion now about moorings, dinghies etc and it's getting a bit political. Roy's talking a lot! ..but he can't he???

Mark now interjects, and mentions about MG handicaps...

OK, Handicaps now seems to be the main conversation piece and the club are not sending returns in..PY systems are mentioned..whatever they are...and Castle Cove IRC ratings. Roy is now talking again about IRC certificates & a lot of debating now going on about this. Fast PY class is hugely dominated by MG boats or slow PY class...!!!!???...Bill & Mark join in this debate concerning PY class...but the bottom line is that next year things are going to be different so don't raise IRC. At this point Bill has words with Darren ( I

mentioned him earlier...not quite sure who he is though). Andy is now raising his voice and is actually blaspheming...not like him....HORN is blown and we all shut up.

Still on AOB & Poole is mentioned. There are 4 MG's in Weymouth next week and it is proposed that an international or maybe just a regional MG link be made. Roy has been voted in as the man for contacts as he is the better man for the job. HUH!!! is that so Jacqui???

Time now is 11.00. and Jacqui has the floor, Roy is snoozing...what can this mean..???

The Spring series is suggested but is totally dismissed by Andy, however, is open for discussion with Derek...Who??

Roy is talking to Kevin about his MG and I think we are straying now..

Next meeting...to be held at Mark's.The 17th February has been put forward as to the date and we now come to the prizegiving.

Prizes are supplied by Kevin and what a nice job he has done. Well done Kevin for your artwork and creativity.

The final Wednesday night race (courtesy of Creative Solutions) easy result, boat & helm position. Equal in 3rd position are Nick & Bill on Primetime and Tearaway. 2nd position is Mark on Merriwake and in 1st position is Roy on Mistress...Roy now throws beer over himself and Nicks furniture obviously in jubilation in winning the competition..Well done Roy...and what a lovely prize...round of applause....

Final presentation...is for crews...

In 4th position it's the crew from Tearaway, In 3rd the crew from Merriwake.they get a nice prize...a sausage...NO I'm not completely wasted , they got a sausage..!!!!.Ok it's 11.26 and we're having another break...CHRIST...how much more can we all endure???

We're back...In 2nd place it's the crew from Mistress and their prize is a BOWL of sausages.

O.K. drum roll please....for in 1st place it's the crew from Primetime...Hooray!!!! 3 cheers!!! Well done Nick, Rick and who else....Nick says a big thank-you and draws the meeting to a close...PHEW..!!!! time now is hic! sorry, either 11.45 or is that 12.45 Hic! not quite sure but I'm tired.

Cheers everyone..see you 17th Feb 2007 at Mark's ( The Manor Coachhouse, Stottingway St. Upwey) I hope that's right.

Joan  
X

In my opinion these are the best minutes I have ever read

**Roy Griffiths,**  
Z Class Captain  
MG C27 Owner - Mistress

## HOUSE CHANGES

The double door store now has a club key lock, instead of padlock. It is no longer necessary to unlock the changing room door before opening the double door store. However, as with the small store, do not operate the lock with the door open, otherwise the alarm will sound.

For those sailing at times other than club scheduled events, there is now a hot water switch inside the changing room foyer on the right. Press the button when you go sailing and you can have a hot shower when you return.

**Steve Green,**  
House

## LASERS

Laser sailors may be interested in [www.laserforum.org](http://www.laserforum.org) which has input from around the world on many aspects of Laser sailing. You might find discussion on bailer springs, which members can buy from me at £3 set.

**Steve Green**

### Talk - The "Gipsy Moth IV" Adventure

Gipsy Moth IV is circling the world again  
Illustrated talk by Andrew Eccleston Project Meteorologist

Friday 8 December 7.00 pm

Weymouth College  
Cranford Avenue 01305 761100  
Tickets in advance £3.50/on the door £4

## NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for contributions for the next Newsletter is the **24th of December**. Read this Newsletter on the website [www.ccsc.org.uk](http://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.

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