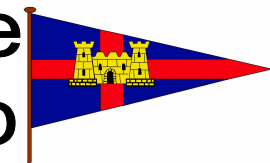


Castle Cove Sailing Club



January 2006 Newsletter

DIARY

Sunday 8th January
Working parties begin

Saturday 14th January
Club supper with Belly Dancing

Wednesday 18th January
Weather talk

Saturday 11th February
Valentine Supper

Saturday 25th February
Dinghy Dinner (invite included
in this newsletter)

18th March
Z Class Dinner

8th April
Cruising Supper



Boxing day fancy dress

FROM THE COMMODORE

The jet lagged condition of yours truly did not dampen the pleasure of seeing so many members at the Punch Party on the 18th December, in fact the general noise and bonhomie was the major reason Andie and I survived the day! And congratulations to Diana Gill, Jock Fellows and Anjya De longh who were the winners of the Laser, Handicap and Cadet prizes for the Winter series.

It was rare pleasure to oversee the Boxing Day race from the shore this time, rather than my normal role of driving the rescue boat. As can be seen, there was a limited number of enthusiasts prepared to risk the conditions which turned out to be around a F3 and occasionally threatening sunshine! The only people who were cold were Joe Isaacs with his crew Thomas Davidson in Beaver, and Alison and myself. John Shone was the eighth competitor and they all completed a simple triangle with the odd bit of reversing between buoys following a start from the beach.

Celia (Ma Simpson) won the fancy dress closely followed by Peter Barfoot and Jane Burden in joint second place and Sally Fielding in third. Celia also showed the way to the finish line, so took the Boxing Day Race as well, with all competitors enjoying a mars bar and some bubble and squeak after the event. So next year, more fancy dress, more sailors and more help to consume the Xmas leftovers!

Now the club will be starting its winter programme of work, with Barry Grant taking the lead, so let's see many volunteers forming groups to address the workload in and around the club house and the grounds.

Andie and I wish you all a happy new year.

Paul Clarke.



Belly Dancing Display and Middle Eastern Supper

Saturday January 14th, 2006

7:30pm for 8:00pm in the Clubhouse

£ 8.50

Come along to be entertained by Danse du Ventre and sample some Middle Eastern delights. Participation and dress is optional !!!!

Put your name on the list on the Social Notice Board in the Clubhouse or Call Jane Davies on 01305 852817

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

You will be getting your membership renewal information in the post in early January - you may have already had it!

We transferred all the membership information to a new database this year so could you please check through all of your contact details etc to make sure that they are correct. The form has a different format this year which I hope will be fairly easy to understand. Also, please make sure that we have the correct details for all your boats.

Could I remind Family memberships who have children who were 18 this year that they need to renew their 'Cadet' as a Junior member. Similarly, any Junior member who was 25 this year needs to renew as an 'Ordinary Member'.

The all time good deal of £10 off your membership fees can be had by renewing (received by me) before 1st Feb 2006. After this date, the full membership rates apply up to Feb 28th. If you have not renewed by then, you will have to re-apply for your membership. ie. you will no longer be a member and will have to remove any boats and belongings from the site - so, just renew by 28th Feb - you know it makes sense!!

We would like to send out duty reminders by e-mail to save postage—so please supply this if possible to the membership secretary on the form.

Best Wishes and good sailing in 2006

Peter Davies, Membership Sec (for a little while longer)

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DUTIES

Just to reiterate, please send in your requests for duties on your membership forms as soon as possible, please, and tell Pete Davies if you are likely to resign.

Happy New Year
Sarah Winterton
Duty Coordinator

Fiona Campbell—Weather talk

8pm, Wednesday 18th January
At Castle Cove Sailing Club
Cost only £5—no need to book

This is a fascinating talk based on David Houghton's book, *Wind Strategy*. Fiona advises our country's top sailors on meteorological matters, and is currently working with the GBR team in preparation for the 2008 Olympics. She also has extensive local knowledge of Weymouth Bay

The talk will also give an insight into the world of Olympic & America's Cup sailing with an update on the Volvo Ocean Race as the teams will be sailing from Cape Town to Melbourne

All questions are welcome, if you have any specific questions you'd like to ask, you are welcome to email Fiona prior to the talk. fiona@skyeweather.com

http://homepages.rya-online.net/weather/fiona_campbell.htm

FINAL DEMAND

If you have left your child's shorty wetsuit and school shirt, your yellow XM trousers, or if you are one of the three people to have left a fleece jacket in the changing rooms, now is the time to collect them!

Abandoned boat covers and sails in the end store will follow the unclaimed clothing into the bin.

Steve Green, House

SECURITY

Vandalism and theft at the Club has reached alarming levels. Your help is essential so that the Police give us the support these crimes warrant.

EVERY TIME you note damage, theft or other antisocial behaviour at the Club it is ESSENTIAL you;

FILL IN THE INCIDENT LOG which a large black book with a red spine in the Chart Room

Please don't confuse this with the ACCIDENT BOOK (Red) beside bar - for injuries etc or the SUGGESTIONS BOOK - for your good ideas (also black with a red spine)

Please don't forget - everyone's help is needed to fight crime

Winter Working Parties

These are on Sundays, starting on the 8th January. There are a lot of jobs that need doing including clearing up the site, working on the club boats and cleaning the changing rooms to name but a few.

Please turn up at 9.30 am and report to **Barry Grant** (outside work co-ordinator).
If you need further information about jobs that need doing and how you might help he can be contacted on 785192.

A few points that emerged from the AGM:

Social/Open events income

It was stressed that the preferred classes are the 'centre of gravity' for the Club. Their Open events promote enthusiasm but also need volunteer support. Fewer 2 day events has had a negative impact on bar and social income. Whilst not wanting to overload the Club, a return to former practices (eg mutual assistance between classes etc) will be an aim for next year.

Site maintenance expenditure and winter working parties

Site maintenance and security are major issues but the Club is currently in deficit. Winter working parties are essential and members will be required in future to contribute some hours (eg 4-5) to these. For Jan 2006 your willingness to join will be much appreciated. The Committee would like to avoid having to put more pressure on members in 2007.

Members who find it impossible to contribute to working parties give a donation and should remember that, through Gift Aid, tax-paying members increase the value of donations by 28p per £.

AGM Minutes will be available in the Chartroom

Diana Gill

LASER CLASS

Winter series

Congratulations to Diana Gill (radial) on narrowly beating Alec Asker (standard) to becoming the overall winner on handicap of the Winter series. It has been good to see so many of you sailing with nineteen helms participating in the series though disappointingly the numbers declined, in proportion to the wind strength, as the series progressed with three boats sailing the full series.

Standard

1st Alec Asker, 2nd Ben Lashbrooke, 3rd Dave Cumber.

Radial

1st Diana Gill, 2nd Mike Clark.

4.7

1st Celia Rushton

Training

Lookout for the details of pre-season training.

SW Training are holding training weekends on January 21/22 Roadford Lake, February 11/12 Roadford Lake, February 18/19 Falmouth and March 18/19 Falmouth. Also, the class association is arranging additional training events starting in March. Further details can be found on the Laser Class Association web site or on the club notice board.

Boat park

With the winter series having drawn to a close you are reminded that you should remove your laser from the boat park, unless you have subscribed to store the boat on the boat park over period 3. Lasers stored on the beach racks must be moved to the west end of the boat park because of limited access due to work parties.

JOHN SHONE LASER CLASS CAPTAIN (jhnshon4@aol.com)

URGENT
DINGHY SAILORS

WEYMOUTH REGATTA 2006

Because of the low turnout of dinghies over the past few years, the current Regatta Committee are considering whether it is worth holding a dinghy event at all. This is because the cost of facilities, plus the time given up by others to support the event (rescue boats, committee boat, catering, social, beachmasters etc. etc.) is disproportionate to the number of sailors who have been turning out.

This is a great pity: as we know from our selection as the sailing venue for the 2012 Olympics as well as the RYA's decision to use Portland Harbour and Weymouth Bay as its primary training water, we have some of the best dinghy sailing waters in Europe! And yet, when the time comes to hold one of our own major events in the area, our own dinghies don't turn out.

Ten years ago or so (I'm getting very old!) we used to have significant dinghy turnouts from Weymouth Sailing Club and Castle Cove Sailing Club for our annual regatta. We had three days on the water, two in Weymouth Bay, and one in Portland Harbour, with a single race in the morning and one in the afternoon on each day. We came into Weymouth Sailing Club for a very sociable lunch when sailing in the Bay, and into Castle Cove when sailing in the harbour.

So what has gone wrong? The format of the event is no longer as it was: some objected to having to sail back from Weymouth Bay into the harbour after sailing had finished; we used the same committee boat and sometimes the same courses as the keel boats, and with today's safety considerations in mind there were those who thought that keel boats and dinghies mixing in the vicinity of the start line was too dangerous. A number of changes have been implemented to try and improve the situation, but the number of boats involved has become progressively less.

Or is it just that we don't want to sail in a local weekend regatta any more? There seems to be precedent for this in that numbers turning out at weekends for club races have dwindled over past years. Perhaps we are all too pressurised into doing other things to consider giving precious weekend time to sailing.

I personally have always enjoyed the regatta, both for the sailing and for the social. The keel boat fleets continue to flourish and get good turn-outs for the regatta weekend, but are we going to lose the dinghy fleets – I, for one, hope not.

So I thought that for this year I would represent dinghies on the Regatta Committee and see if there is any enthusiasm left for such an event in our local club fleets. I have prepared a brief questionnaire which I hope can be appended to the newsletters of both Weymouth and Castle Cove Sailing Clubs, so that all racing dinghy sailors can make their feelings known to me.

I really do need this feedback as soon as possible. It is straight forward and won't take many minutes of that precious time we all need these days, but without it I shan't know how best to represent your feelings about whether we should have a dinghy regatta at all or if we do want one, what format it should take.

I look forward to receiving your replies!

Rick Pegrum

Dinghy Regatta Questionnaire

I have tried to keep this as simple as possible so that it doesn't become too much of an irritant! If you decide to elaborate on your answers could you please do so at the end of the questionnaire, and bear in mind that, at the moment, I am seeking general consensus rather than detailed planning information. I may be back to you for the latter at a later date depending on the results!!

Please return the questionnaires to me preferably by email (rickpegum@aol.com) (you will not be able to amend on-line so I suggest you list your responses 1 to 8) or by post (Rick Pegum, 21 Icen Road, Radipole, Weymouth DT3 5JL) or by hand (if you bump into me), or drop it into your club and hopefully it will find its way to me. I am quite happy to receive anonymous answers if you prefer.

I would really appreciate it if you could get answers back to me by 13 January 2006 in time for the next Regatta Committee meeting.

Thankyou!

Would you like the dinghies to compete in the next Weymouth Regatta (2006)?

YES		NO		NOT SURE	
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If it looks like a good event, will you compete?

YES		NO		NOT SURE	
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Is a three day event a good idea or is time too precious?

YES		NO		NOT SURE	
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Would you prefer to sail in Weymouth Bay for some of the races?

YES		NO		NOT SURE	
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Is having one race in the morning, coming in to the sailing clubs for lunch and then a second race in the afternoon a good idea?

YES		NO		NOT SURE	
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Would you like to see the dinghy and keel boat fleets have joint prize giving events?

YES		NO		NOT SURE	
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Is a small open class event (eg a Contender or Wayfarer or Cherub open - not a national event!) held within the confines of the regatta a good idea?

YES		NO		NOT SURE	
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If you don't compete in the regatta, would you be prepared to help out afloat or ashore?

YES		NO		NOT SURE	
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Any comments/further suggestions you wish to make?

CCSC DINGHY DINNER

25TH FEBRUARY 2006

At 1930

SPEAKER

SIMON HISCOCKS

Please reserve me.....places for the dinghy dinner at £12.50 each.
Vegetarian menu Y/N.

Name.....Telephone.....

Please send checks made payable to CCSC by the 15th February to:-

Alison Stephens
1 Barn Court Mews
Manor Farm Court
Martinstown
Dorchester
Dorset
DT2 9JN

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Every time I send out e-mails to club members, I get some returned due to problems with the e-mail addresses. If you change your e-mail, please let me know so I can keep my list updated. The information is shared with the membership secretary.

Also bear in mind that if I have your e-mail, you will receive notices on club matters, amendments to events and reminders at short notice.

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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the next Newsletter, which will be out in February, is **25th January 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 – or 07977 912407