

Castle Cove Sailing Club



April 2007 Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 2nd April
On water training

Wednesday 4th April
OD/AOD Talk

Sunday 8th April
YCW racing starts

Monday 9th April
On water training Easter Race

17th-19th April
Keelboat lift in

Saturday 28th
Advanced Dinghy cruise

Wednesday 2nd May
1st Wednesday

Friday 4th May
Ladies Sailing starts



Members have been asking how big the new key fobs are. I hope this picture of Richard Butler standing by his gives some indication.

FROM THE COMMODORE

It is reassuring to see Idler, Beaver and Terntoo on the pontoons in Weymouth Marina (thanks as ever to Dean & Reddyhoff) when travelling to the Club during the week. It confirms my impression that spring is round the corner and the sailing season is upon us!

Some work is still progressing, especially on the new gate system and the refurbishment of the pontoons, with site clearance progressing as work is completed on the various jobs. The work put in by the boats committee (which includes the fuel store) has been impressive and congratulations go to Robin Carter and Bob Richardson for organising the programme and to the stream of volunteers who turned up.

It seems that we have only suffered the single occurrence of damage to club boats this winter, probably due to the fact that the site is becoming more secure. We have been in contact with Weymouth and Portland Council and viewed the permanently manned monitoring system with a view to attaching ourselves to their system. The price was not as much as we were lead to believe, but needs proper costing and design work to integrate it into the club building and gate security system.

This leads me back to the gates again and the availability of "tokens" which are available as mentioned by Richard Butler in last months newsletter. Please ensure you get yours as the plan is still on course to commission them during April.

In the meantime, polish your bottoms or slap on the antifouling as your boat requires, and see on the water soon. Have a great season!

Paul Clarke

FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

The sailing season is almost upon us. On water race training starts on the 2nd April and the rest of the programme is again packed with activities.

Firstly, I am very sorry but the handbook has some corrections to be made to it on page 35, Please see the notice boards in the club house, this newsletter and your emails for the details. The changes are as follows:-

1. Under Class Add; K Non IRC keelboats Wednesday evening.
2. Wednesday series, remove "(inc IRC)" after J: 18.45
3. Castle cup; Add, L: 14.00 before 9: 14.05
4. Winter series; remove "2nd race back-to-back"
5. The best points for W class will include Spring, 1,2,3 Wed, and Late Summer
6. Remove best points 2 Sunday 1,2,3, Wed 1,2,3; and add; 1+2 Sun 1,2,3, Spring, Wed 1,2,3, and Late Summer

Add to the programme:-

Lulworth race on the 10th June

Shambles race on the 5th Aug

This year we are trying Sunday morning racing/sailing. Please come along and have a sail, a bite to eat and a drink at the bar.

The Dinghy regatta (2nd and 3rd June) planning is well underway. I need **volunteers** for **rescue crew**. The drivers are willing to help newly qualified powerboat 2 members to get some experience if time and conditions allow, so please volunteer and get some excellent practice in for your log book. Please contact me to let me know your availability. We also need a **beach master and assistant beach master**. Both these jobs are interesting and worth getting experienced in. Again, please let me know if you are interested and what your availability is.

Alison Stephens

Page 35 should appear thus:

CLASS	ELIGIBLE	PY RANGE	FLAG CODE/NOTES
1	Slow handicap dinghies	1115-1165 including Mirror, Topper, Optimist	1
2	Fast handicap dinghies	950-1090 Plus Wayfarers	2
9	All Dinghies not racing in own class		9
L	Lasers. Laser radial, Laser 4.7		White Laser symbol on red
A	Asymmetrics	TBC	Red A on Black
3	J24s		3
J	Fast Keelboats	850 - 1020	J
K	Slow Keelboats	1021 - 1150	K
J	IRC Keelboats Wed evenings		J
Z	All Keelboats (Flag E)		E
K	Non IRC Keelboats, Wed evening		K
SERIES	DATES	CLASSES AND TIMES	
Easter Mon		9 1030	
Spring		9 1030 L 1035	
Mon series	April - September	Z 1845 L 1850 9 1855 A 1900	
Wed series	April - August	J 1845 K 1850 L 1855 9 1900 3 1905	
Sun Series	May - September Dinghies 2 races Z 1	2 1030 L 1035 A 1040 1 1045 Z 1050 2nd race back to back	
Ladies		9 1400 Z 1405	
Novice		9 1400	
Castle	3 races	L 1100 9 1105 L 1400 9 1405 2nd and 3rd race back to back	
Cove Cup	Allen Welling Keelboats 1 race dinghies 3	Z 1050 9 1055 L 1100 9 1400 L 1405 2nd/3rd races back to back	
Basso Cup	Keelboats 2 races, dinghies 5 races	Sat Z 1400 9 1405 L 1410 2nd race back to back	
		Sun Z 1050 9 1055 L 1100 9 1400 L 1405 4th/5th races back to back	
Pursuit,		Z + 9 1100	
Obstacle and	Team races	9 1100	
Late Summer	August - September	Z 1845 L 1850 9 1855	
Autumn	September - October	2 1030 L 1035 1 1040 2nd Race back to back	
Winter		9 1030 L 1035 (11th Nov 1400, 16th Dec 1000)	
Boxing day		9 1030	
BEST POINTS	A - MON & SUN		
	L- SPRING, 1,2,3 WED, AUT		
	J & K- 1,2,3 WED		
	W - SPRING, 1,2,3 WED, Late Summer		
	1+2 - Spring, Sun 1,2,3, WED 1,2,3, Late Summer		
	Z LD Cherbourg, Shambles, Lulworth	Summer	
		Poole, Alderney, Basso, Cove, Allen Welling	

BOAT PARK – INFORMATION FOR ALL DINGHY AND KEELBOAT SAILORS

Maintenance of boat park – Saturday 21st April

Over the weekend of April 21st and 22nd essential remedial work is to be carried within the boat park area. The main activity will be in-filling and levelling of the surfaces on the seaward edges and the area adjacent to the western and beach slipways.

It is anticipated that, with an early start (i.e. 08.30) and sufficient volunteer labour, that all the work can be completed on the Saturday. In the event of bad weather or any changes in the keelboat boat lift-in (scheduled for April 17th – 20th) the work will be postponed to the following weekend (April 28th)

Members are required to assist with this work. Please contact Barry Grant (Telephone 01 305 785192 or barry@grants.force9.co.uk) if you are able to help for all or part of the day

To ensure that this work can proceed safely, on schedule and with minimal disruption to club activities please would all members take note of the following:

Although we do not wish to restrict sailing it would be appreciated that if you do not plan to sail during April please would you consider delaying bringing your boat to the club until after the 29th April.

Please remove all keelboat cradles from the boat park by Saturday 21st April.

Launching of dinghies from the site will not be permitted on Saturday 21st April. Unfortunately this is necessary because the operation will involve the use of relatively large construction plant and, furthermore, it will be necessary to shuffle dinghies around the boat park as/when the work progresses.

Movement of dinghies to allocated positions

Assuming that both the lift-in programme and the boat park maintenance work proceed on schedule we should be able to fully open the boat park on **Saturday 5th May**. Dinghies will then be able to take up their allocated positions in the east or west sides of the boat park. We plan to start at 09.30 and with a team of around 20 we should be able to complete the move within 2-3 hours. Please contact Ian Green (Boat Park Administrator) on 01305 788793 or i.greens@virgin.net if you are able to help with this task.

Mike Clarkson
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GATE KEY FOBS

The key fobs for the new electric gates at the club are now being issued.

They can be collected from the club on the following occasions:

Wednesday 4th April Before and after Derek Abbot's Race Management talk
Monday 9th April after Easter Monday Race
Monday 16th April after On Water Training

(Note that these dates have changed slightly from what was published in the March newsletter.)
If you possibly can, please pick up your key fob on one of the above occasions, in exchange for £10 cash or a cheque payable to 'CCSC'.

The gates will be operational from Mid April. If you are unable to collect a fob on one of the above occasions, please contact me on 01305 835705 or at ccsc@boozeroo.org after Easter.

Richard Butler

Don't forget the OD/AOD talk on Wednesday 4th April at 7.30

CASTLE COVE AND THE OLYMPICS

Progress is slow but I am mindful of the fact that members are keen to know how Castle Cove will become involved in the Olympics and how our sailing and Club life will be affected.

The position at the moment is as follows. We have joined with Weymouth College in an application to become a Training Camp for 2012. Venues throughout the country apply to become a Training Camp for various disciplines and, if accepted, are entered in the official LOCOG brochure due to be published in 2008. Before being accepted venues are inspected and assessed. In the South West Area Guy Lavender from SWRDA has been appointed to take responsibility for Training Camps.

Standing alone we cannot provide all the facilities that are required to become a Training Camp and by joining with Weymouth College we would be able to offer teams a complete package. Guy Lavender has visited both Castle Cove and Weymouth College and we had the opportunity to explain the difficulties of raising the necessary finance to upgrade our facilities to the standard expected from Olympic teams. Teaming up with Weymouth College does not exclude us from entering into separate agreements with teams or using our facilities for media, corporate entertaining etc. if we consider that to be a better option.

We have not entered into any formal agreement with either the college or any teams individually and are unlikely to do so until after the Beijing Olympics as until then teams will not know their budgets for 2012. Also no further progress has been made with Team GB as again their budget will be reflected by their results in Beijing.

Initially Geoff Armstrong and I were asked by the Commodore and Committee to explore the options that may be open to Castle Cove. As yet no formal Committee/Group has been set up to manage our involvement in 2012 although Geoff and I have had discussions with a number of people who not only have a good knowledge of sailing activities locally and sailing event management but are also long standing Club members with a feel for the Club ethos. It is likely that a formal Group, possibly headed by a paid manager, will be required in the future. However for the time being Geoff and I are continuing to look at the various ways Castle Cove can benefit from 2012. We are well aware that there will be some disruption to Club life from the Test Events in 2010 and 2011 as well 2012 itself and, whilst much of this will be outside our control, we will stay close to the planning to ensure that the needs of Members and all who use these waters will be taken fully into account.

It is our intention that once we have sufficient information and are in a position to present possible options Club members will be fully informed and consulted before the Club is committed in any way.

Sara Lloyd Vice Commodore

GARDEN NEWS

Mick Venning certainly amazed and pleased me by turning up with a superb wooden planter that he had constructed just three days after reading my request in Newsletter. Hopefully it will safely sit by front door enhancing the approach with a splash of colour. At the moment it is sporting tubs of daffodils

We also had a good response to our request for a lawnmower. John Elliott has already delivered one to the Club, Andy Williams has promised to deliver one, (plus offering to cut Club lawns occasionally) and we were in the fortunate position to be able to turn down one from Mary and Alan Sampson.

Phil Male has cemented slabs against grass bank making the area more usable and tidy. Cadets Michael Male and Jedd Spicer then made themselves useful by moving soil and transporting rocks to construct a bit of a rockery next to the slabs, so tidying area near the fence.

Rosemary Spicer

CADETS NEWS FOR APRIL 2007

The 2007 cadets season has already started with a very busy registration evening on the 9th March. We are now looking forward to the first cadets Saturday morning on the 31st March.

Cadet Registration Forms

If you missed the registration evening please download a form from the website at www.cadets.ccsc.org.uk/forms. We must have a completed and signed form before you can join in with any cadet activities. Also remember to bring your RYA logbooks with you.

Cadets Training Programme

The training programme for the season is now on the website and can be found at www.cadets.ccsc.org.uk/training. Please remember Saturday Cadets now starts promptly at 9am.

Cadet Dates for your Diary

April looks set to be a busy month for the cadets with an RYA Stage 1 course arranged for beginners to join and time spent covering the basics of sailing..

Date	Details
31 March	Cadets First Saturday Morning Please bring your registration forms and RYA log books. We will be looking at sailing in the harbour, marks and use of the site and facilities.
7 April	Rigging Instruction We will be looking at the rigging the cadet's boats, learning how to improve our set-up and practicing getting ready to go afloat.
12 th-13th April	RYA Stage 1 WOEC Course at CCSC
14 April	Get afloat safely Including 5 points of sailing and coming ashore safely
21 April	Cadets Parents Working Party All parents need to come prepared to lend a hand with work around the site, so wear old clothes.
21 April	Group 1: Sailing to windward, tacking on whistle Group 2: Sailing round courses
28 April	Group1: Downwind Sailing, Gybing on whistle Group2: Starts and Finishes

Henry Merewether
Cadet Officer
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WORKING PARTIES

The main assault is over and although there is some ongoing work the next major push is Sat 21 April after the keelboat lift in.

Thanks to those who have contributed to date, the usual core of perennial regulars and some new faces. If you haven't done your bit yet there is still time.

Barry Grant

DINGHY CRUISE, SATURDAY 28TH APRIL

Every year, we have a couple of dingy cruises, the first one, more advanced, normally to Lulworth Cove, and the second, as more of an introduction, across the bay or similar.

The advanced dinghy cruise is on Saturday 28th April, for seaworthy dinghies only (e.g. Wayfarers and similar). You also need to be reasonably experienced, as it is a good distance and can be exposed. Two years ago, we had very strong winds, last year we ended up being towed back as the wind was so light, so need to be prepared for anything! Reefable mainsails strongly recommended. Boats rigged ready for briefing at 9.30am, with departure planned for 10.00am.

If you want to come, or want to know more, please contact me. We can try and match up more and less experienced sailors if people want to give it a go.

We also plan to have a safety boat with us, so if you wanted to be a safety boat crew for a trip to Lulworth, or are qualified safety boat driver, it would enable us to be more flexible with helms/crews.

Hugh de longh, Wayfarer Class Captain
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CRUISING DINNER

Spring launch is nearly here and by popular request we are planning another Cruising Barbeque. Last year it proved a very nice way to start the season, and with 68 members taking part it was great fun with a very relaxed atmosphere. It was a good effort by everyone involved, so lets do it again.

The date is Sat. 5th May at 7.00 and if the weather is unkind we will have to divert to " a secondary port," the club kitchen !

Please let me know if you wish to come by phoning me on 01305 771488. Once again any articles of interest would be very welcome. Happy launching and good sailing during the coming season.

Mike Carter

CASTLE COVE DISCUSSION GROUP

The webmaster has improved the help file to be able to join the discussion group. So give it a try. We really would like to improve communication within the club and this is the ideal opportunity.. We may also be able to use it in the future for duty swaps etc but this is only possible when the majority of the club have joined.

Martin Lee

QUILTING DEMONSTRATION / COURSE

Would you like to learn how to quilt or improve your ability? If yes either phone Andrea on 782220 for further details or just come along to the club on Thursday 19th April at 2.00 p.m. until 4.00 p.m.

Ruth Brinsden will give a demonstration and a short talk, and is willing to run a short course to enable those of us who wish 'to have a go'.

Andrea Clarke

Learn from the Cream of British Sailing Neilson Offers Elite Dinghy Sailing Clinic with Olympic Star Hugh Styles

Neilson Active Holidays is offering sailing enthusiasts a unique opportunity to learn from the best with the **Hugh Styles High Performance Dinghy Week**. Olympian sailor and RYA Senior National Racing Coach Hugh will be leading a week of expert dinghy tuition alongside Neilson's owned highly qualified and experienced instructors.

The dedicated week takes place on **2 – 9 June 2007 at the Nautica Bay Beachclub in Porto Heli, Greece**. The resort has long been a favourite amongst Neilson guests for its reliable winds and extensive range of top notch equipment.

All standards of sailor are welcome from beginners to advanced, though the week is best suited to those looking to build on existing skills or begin competing. The programme will comprise practical sessions on the water as well as on shore theory sessions and will include steering, sail trimming, boat balance plus work on racing skills such as tactics, strategy and how to get the best racing start. There will also be plenty of time to enjoy the wealth of other activities on offer such as windsurfing, scuba diving, snorkelling, water-skiing, wakeboarding, tennis and mountain biking – or to just relax on the beach.

Hugh's illustrious career has seen him represent Great Britain at the Olympic Games in Sydney and win medals in both World and European Championships. He was listed second in the ISAF (International Sailing Federation) Tornado world rankings for two years, has been a Laser European Champion and is currently an RYA Senior National Racing Coach.

This year, Neilson is offering more for sailors of all levels than ever before. This summer, it has expanded its sailing fleet with a one million pound investment in 14 new yachts across the Peloponnese and Aeolian resorts. The additions include the award-winning Dufour 34, which was voted European Yacht of the Year when it launched.

Other developments include the roll out of the Stay and Sail product to four locations: Nidri, Sivota and Porto Heli in Greece and Lumbarda in Croatia and well as the introduction of skippered day yachts at The Retreat in Sivota.

The **Hugh Styles High Performance Dinghy Week** costs £725 per adult and £609 per child, departing on 2 June 2007. The price includes flights from London Heathrow, Club Board accommodation, transfers, sailing and tuition with Hugh Styles, windsurfing, tennis, mountain biking and children's clubs for children aged 2 -12 years.

Places are limited so for more information and to book, contact Neilson on **0870 333 3356** or visit **www.neilson.co.uk** <<http://www.neilson.co.uk>> .

BAR VOLUNTEERS

"The training session for happy volunteers for the bar is planned for Tuesday 3 April at 7.00pm, when master sommelier Michael Abbott will attend to impart the wisdom accumulated over seven years of service to Castle Cove drinking. All those who wish to add to the sum of human happiness by helping to serve drinks to members should please attend at the clubhouse then. If you wish also to communicate your intention to attend to one of the tyro members of the bar committee (Brian Shaw -- shawpublicity@btinternet.com - or Joel Clompus -- joelclompus@supanet.com -- then that would be appreciated."

Joel Clompus, Bar

*Lets hear it for...

*all those who have contributed to sourcing parts and working on the various house projects this Winter. For those who have not witnessed these events, they include a clubhouse suspended ceiling, new changing room floors, a soft water supply, a new cooker installed, exterior decoration, reorganisation of the larder, the fitting of a safe for bar and serverly takings, additional insulation for the bar store, a hot water switch in the changing rooms and all those little jobs which make things run smoothly.

Steve Green, house

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for contributions for the next Newsletter is the **24th of April**. Read this Newsletter on the website 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.

PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS and I can send you a link to the Newsletter as soon as it is out (instead of waiting for printing and the post). E-MAILS ARE SENT AS BLIND COPIES SO YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS WILL NOT BE SEEN BY ANY OTHER RECIPIENTS. It usually only takes a couple of minutes to download. The fewer paper copies we send out the more money we can save for the Club – you will be aware from the accounts that it is expensive to produce. And, of course, if you read it on screen, it saves trees.

Celia Rushton – newsletter@ccsc.org.uk (This will always forward to my current e-mail address) – or **07977 912407 or 01305 769489.**

FOR SALE/WANTED

For sale:

Laser 163508 complete with covers, combi trailer and launching trolley, and Full, Radial and 4.7 Rigs.
This boat has been little used and is in excellent condition.
Contact Bob Turner on 01305 786863

For sale

International Moth GBR 4058

Good condition, built in 2003 with Holt fittings throughout.
Carbon mast, two booms, t-foil rudder, comes with launching trolley.
In addition, a road trailer is available.
Great first boat to get into this exciting class!
£1150, based in Weymouth

Chris Ward 07817 084594