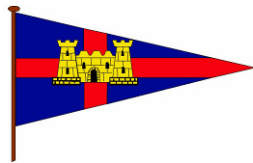


Castle Cove Sailing Club



Dec 2007 Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 8th December
Christmas Social

Sunday 16th December
Commodore's Punch Party

26th December
Boxing day race (fancy dress)

31st December
New Years Eve supper

Tuesdays 1030
Exercise and tea/coffee



Friday sailors on their walk on Portland



FROM THE COMMODORE

First of all, thanks to those who attended the AGM and supported the efforts of your main committee and the many sub committees (where the real work takes place!). It was not our intension to set a record, but business was concluded in 1½ hours which, I am reliably informed, was good going.

We are coming to the end of the sailing programme for this year, with the last race on Sunday the 16th (early start), promptly followed by the Commodore's Punch Party to which you are all cordially invited (see attached invitation). This is always a pleasant event whatever the weather, and is a good excuse to get into the festive spirit!

And of course, there is the Boxing Day race to enjoy to blow away the debilitating excesses of the previous day, and this time give the cadets a chase for the prizes!

Lastly, we are planning the work over the coming winter period, and will be looking for volunteers as usual, so keep your eyes on the notice boards and any notices from Barry Grant in this and following newsletters.

In the meantime, Andrea and I would like to wish you all a Merry Xmas and good sailing next year.

Paul Clarke

FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

A polite reminder. Please, when you check the date of your race officer, crew, driver or galley duty, please also check the race start time. At certain times of the year it is necessary to change the start time of racing for one or two races only, so please make a habit of checking the handbook before your duty.

Also, when a change of sailing instructions is published, please put the changes in your handbook straight away, so your handbook is always up to date.

I would like to welcome a few members of Sutton Bingham sailing club who are joining us for the winter series. This is because their reservoir is being partially drained for maintenance work.

Alison Stephens

Christmas Social – Saturday December 8th 7.30pm



The Friday “Ladies” Sailors invite you to join them at this year’s Christmas Social. Theme – “Alice in Wonderland” Fancy dress optional. Tickets £8.00

Please sign up on the list in the clubhouse or email cwbridehead@btinternet.com

Derek Lipington

I am sad to inform you that Derek Lipington died on 24th November.

Derek was a member of CCSC for some fifty years and cruised extensively in ‘SANCHIA’, a staunch 12 Ton Hillyard sloop, with his wife Pat and their family Jane and Tim. He knew well the Channel coasts of France and England, sailed to the Scillies and Ireland on a number of occasions and crossed the Bay of Biscay for Spain. A prudent sailor and competent pilot he was a thoroughgoing ‘cruising’ member of the club.

The funeral will be at YEOVIL Crematorium at 11am on Friday 7th December and a Memorial Service will be held in BEAMINSTER Church at 2 pm on Friday 7th December.

Dick Chadney
25.11.07



Castle Cove Sailing Club

Commodore's Punch Party

**Sunday 16th December 2007
at
12.00 noon**

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

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



New Years Eve

Supper and Celebration

7.30pm for 8.00pm at CCSC Clubhouse

Black tie and Posh Frocks

To Book a place there will be a list on noticeboard in Clubhouse from 8th December 07
or contact **Rosemary or Malcolm Spicer** - 01305-782125

ERIC ALLARD

My Grandfather Mr Eric Allard was a member of your sailing Club for many years. He moved down to Weymouth in 1974.

Sadly he died last week at the age of 96. He moved back to Tewkesbury in 1995 and became a member of Tewkesbury Sailing club where he was a member until last year. He sailed on the river Avon until he was 90.

As I child I can remember coming to the club house near to the beach and also to the new club house that was built on the opposite side of the road.

Sue Rand

WHERE IS IT NOW?

In November 1998 June Johnson the late wife of one of our Commodore's presented Castle Cove Sailing Club with a splendid book of photographs which she had spent two years collecting. It shows a lot of our club history.

Some time during the change from our old site I think someone probably took it home for safekeeping. Please could it be returned to me or our present Commodore as soon as possible.

Brian N Wilkins

REGARDING MOVING DINGHIES WHEN THE OWNER IS NOT PRESENT.

Our Fireball was moved from where it was tied down to another part of the dinghy park, it was not tied down and was left in such a position that it filled with water. Dinghy insurance in most cases states that a dinghy MUST be tied down. The bottom of our dinghy was also placed such that the stern was rubbing on the ground. Those moving boats have 'a duty of care' and should be reminder of that duty. This has happen often, normally when keel boats are being moved.

Bob Green

Castle Cove Sailing Club

Minutes: Z Class Meeting 17 October 2007

Z Class Captain Roy Griffiths (Chair)
Asst. Class Captain Nick Massey

Matters Arising: Last year's actions have all been fulfilled

No response this year to scheduling of some cruises to coincide with long distance races programme however weather disrupted sailing during much of the season

J&K classes were realigned successfully according to PY handicaps as few race under IRC

Z class dinner was successful with a good speaker

Security during winter storage: Owners' actions: Most have ensured ladders are chained or put away.

Dorset Marine Watch: Supported by Councillor Farrell however there has been little progress on the initiative in Weymouth; well established in Poole.

Lifts have been conducted according to schedule

Previous minutes accepted unanimously

Z Class Captain's report

Security: Advice unchanged - boats should be emptied including cushions; some leave shut but not locked as this avoids damage through breaking and entering. (Slogan: "Shift it or Lose it"). Any protective devices must be clearly advertised

Action 1: Roy Griffiths to remind owners of obligations to others by email

Racing turnouts: Little overall variation from previous season. Increased turnout for Monday series but poor participation in Sunday racing and little effort to support special cup races, little progress made towards improving post-sailing social gatherings. The late summer series was particularly popular, total 28 boats, average turnout 21.5; races need to be kept short to avoid finishing in the dark; earlier starts remain problematic due to normal working hours.

Action: N Spicer, R Griffiths, A Stevens: Increased liaison with social committee & emphasis on 'specials' eg Basso

2008 Programme

Increased interest in 'Round the Island' (RI) so may reschedule Poole race and introduce RI feeder.

Long distance races: Overnight race to be considered eg to Dartmouth and return. May consider feeder race to Dartmouth or Torbay regattas. PYRA arrange sponsored beer in Weymouth for their race here.

Weymouth Regatta: Normal turnout, good racing, successful event (see below - 2008)

Single handed: Inclement wind. Owners may wish to check insurance cover for this event; may introduce two-handed races

If the programme is disrupted by 'wrong' wind, cup races may be rescheduled, eg replacing an evening race.

Where possible, trophies not awarded (due to race cancellation) may be reallocated eg awarded to 2nd place rather than left in store

Sponsor prizes to be sought for same-day presentation to encourage participation

Newsletter: Some concern that the shift to electronic from paper dissemination has resulted in fewer members reading it. More encouragement to enter races needed. Laser class emailing appears to work, also sign-up lists on notice boards with reminders on Wednesdays etc may encourage commitment.

Action: Nick Massey to post entry lists

Ferry Service: Thanks to the Boats Committee for running an effective service

Bar & Social: Excellent service, sincere thanks to the new bar team and to galley for Wednesday evenings' meals. Hot suppers on Mondays may encourage more participation and socialising post racing; the scale of Wednesday evenings is not envisaged, but something more than sandwiches and cake would be welcomed.

Boat Storage: Thanks to Malcolm Spicer and team for a successful lift out. Owners whose boats are lifted are expected to be present. Clearer communications regarding January payment of deposits and need to pay storage by September would be helpful eg notices in December newsletter to this effect. Lift outs are influenced by the tides so all parties in club to work together to ensure keelboat storage and dinghy usage operate side-by-side.

Entrance Gates & Road: Work on access by fob through pedestrian gate is planned for this winter together with communication channel for visitor access. Yellow lines will be painted this winter as car parking on narrow road prevents emergency services' access to club.

Z Class Dinner: March 08 exact date tbc; speaker suggestions welcomed please. A lady supertanker skipper living in Bridport was suggested (name forgotten).

Roy was thanked for his excellent contribution to the Club as Z Class Captain

J24 Report

An excellent season's racing, closer than last year although Bob Turner has, as for the last six years, won every series. Thanks to the Club for supporting the class. J24s National Championship at Poole a success and in 2008 the championship will be held at a similar time to Weymouth Regatta

Had hoped to establish a pattern of racing 1 weekend per month but was undermined by poor weather through May and June.

'Try a J24 Day' was extremely successful with 7 fully crewed boats participating and many young sailors introduced to the class.

MG27 Report: Cracking racing this season with 4 or 5 boats every Wednesday and 7-10 boats in Regatta with Poole boats participating. Bill Barker's demasting was resolved; Merrywake is for sale but it is hoped will stay in the Club to continue to maintain the good fleet. Thanks to Roy for his support.

Cruising report: Disappointing that cruising group less well represented at the meeting. Start-the-season BBQ very successful and many boats have cruised extensively despite the poor weather. It is hoped to establish a system of advertising individuals' cruising plans so that boats are able to meet up or sail in company. Monthly Friday evening suppers in the Club are proposed with simple food. WPCA meets in RDYC on Tuesday evenings; talks, open to all, are held fortnightly.

Handicap Committee: Roy and Nick have joined Paul Elson to review handicaps regularly. Hals Race Results has facility to report on season's results which is used to report to RYA for annual PY review. Crew skill factor was successfully incorporated into CCSC handicaps.

Classes: 2007 sequence has worked well. New handicap split to be considered for regular use by CCSC with a view to achieving an even number of boats and acceptable differentials between fastest and slowest, possibly 999 and below and 1000 and above. The inclusion of very fast boats (eg Melges) distorts the handicap system; CCSC to consider capping entry at a minimum of 850.

Weymouth and Portland Marine Festival (title unconfirmed) 4 days 10-13 July 2008: Weymouth Regatta has remained unchanged for many years in terms of participation and ability to attract visiting boats. Dartmouth, Fowey etc have proved enduringly popular because of the range of racing + shoreside activities. The Academy (Rosie Julian) will lead on a major event to put Weymouth on the map for all sailors (not only Olympic hopefuls) to aim at establishing a Kiel week style event. YCW will continue to run racing with dinghies operating from CCSC. In 2007 commercial stands on the dockside were very successful and will be repeated. Event to include keelboats, dinghies, model boats, seafood festival, schools regatta (run by Sail Laser), Moth championship, concerts/events on The Nothe & Portland and beach sports. A steering committee including Roy Griffiths, Jacqui Griffiths, Peter Hopford are in discussion with SWRDA and LoCog to secure financial support as part of the Olympic legacy. Members expressed some concerns: a) Possible domination by the Academy who have a profit motive, b) Local emphasis cherished by some, c) whether a four day event would be acceptable as little consultation has taken place. It was accepted that professional sailors could be excluded by the use of ISAF ratings and the event is still at early planning stage.

Windward/leeward courses were discussed and may be considered for Sunday morning racing

Dean and Reddyhoff Marina at Osprey Quay is likely to affect sailing in Weymouth not least as boats will be able to sail throughout the year.

Team Trophy: John Croydon WSC has offered a trophy for a series of 3 – 4 races (eg IRC Spring series) + a Long Distance race to be awarded to the best team - comprising 3 boats - from the main Weymouth clubs.

CCSC AGM 23 November 7.30 pm. Any issues to be notified to the Hon Sec by 26 October together with recommendations for a new Z Class captain.

*Confirmed-Roy Griffiths
Diana Gill 4 November 2007*

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 - 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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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

Storage wanted for dinghy on a trailer.

Can be under cover or outside. Ideally as close as possible to castle cove with good road access. If you have a spare corner that isn't being used, this is the chance to make it earn some money. At the moment, it is in my garage in Yeovil and I can't move around in there. Would prefer it to be closer to the water. Would pay a monthly rent.

Chris Stuttard
07766866109

TO RENT - situated at Weymouth

Longterm let of Unfurnished, Centrally heated, Double-glazed Two bedroomed bungalow, with off-road parking. Available from mid-December 07

Malcolm Spicer
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