

Castle Cove Sailing Club



February 2007 Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 10th February
Valentine's Dinner

3rd March
Dinghy dinner

Friday 9th March at 7pm
Cadet open evening/registration

17th March
Z class dinner

Saturday 31st March
Cadets start

Every Tuesday
Exercise & relaxation



FROM THE COMMODORE

The January club supper became a Burns Night this year, with fine speeches to Robbie Burns, the Ladies and the Reply on behalf of the Ladies supplied by Hazel Shaw, Bob Ward and Nichola Lane respectively. A surprise dance group appeared at the last moment and performed a wee reel for us – thanks to The MacBag Ladies who from the left are Miss McShy, MissMcInjured and Miss McQuiet!

The only event to take the edge off the evening was the continual interruptions to the proceedings by the so-called Master of Ceremonies! Zoe Wright (nee Lloyd) had compiled a testing "Scottish" Quiz of 50 questions, the best score being in the low 30's, which raise a tidy sum for a charity of Zoe's choice.

The winter working parties are underway, covering the grounds, house, and the club boats. As you will have seen from your membership renewal forms, we are asking members for some additional hours, which can be spread throughout the year rather than the traditional first three months of each year. A significant amount of the work involves maintenance throughout the club year and often requires the warmer conditions found later in the season. The idea is that those who would rather assist the club with voluntary effort outside of the winter work period can do so, and by informing us of your preference of activity and availability, we can put groups together with a specific task in mind. The principle of self-help was so well supported at the last AGM that I'm sure you will appreciate the value of organising the voluntary work by knowing peoples' preferences.

Yet again, a club member found the site completely open one morning last week, and although we are installing additional electrically operated gates, security is the responsibility of ALL CLUB MEMBERS, specifically the last one to leave the site.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you at your club with the working parties, Valentine Supper, the Dinghy and Z Class Dinners, and the course executed by that entertaining and informed duo Rick and Adam Bowers, all taking place during the next two months.

Finally, I'm pleased to announce that Mike Clarkson has agreed to become Rear Commodore Shore.

Paul Clarke.

FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

Please sign up for the Valentines supper on the 10th February, a list is on the notice board. This always proves to be a good evening.

The Dinghy Dinner is on the 3rd March, 7.30pm. Payment forms are in this newsletter; please return to me by the 24th February. Cheques made payable to CCSC.

Derek Abbott is giving his excellent talk on race management on the 4th April. Please put this date in your diary now. This informative talk is not only for ODs and AODs, it is for everyone to help you understand and appreciate the intricacies of race management. The more you understand, the more you will enjoy your racing and OD/AOD duty.

Richard and Adam Bowers are giving their excellent instructional talks starting on the 14th March. There will be 3 shore based instruction evenings and two on the water instruction days. See the flyer in this newsletter.

Alison Stephens

OLYMPIC UPDATE

The Club was approached by Team GB immediately after the announcement that the UK was to host the Games with a request that they could base their dinghy class boats at Castle Cove for periods immediately before the Olympic races and the two test events in the proceeding years. During these periods the Sailing Academy will be closed to prepare for running the events. This would involve periods of 3-8 weeks and we have been in negotiation to determine what facilities we could make available and what financial contribution would be appropriate. No agreement has been reached as yet as work on the use of facilities and the implications for Club sailing is continuing.

In addition, the Club has teamed with Weymouth College to register as a possible Training Centre. This is in accordance with the Olympic Committee's procedure and the College facilities plus our waterfront access meet most of the requirements. Registering before the 31 Jan 07 deadline preserves our options and we will now be drawing up a detailed project plan to list the work that must be done to draw up a proposal for the extent of the Club's involvement for consultation with the members.

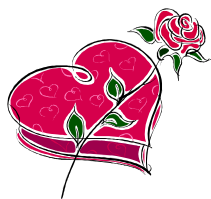
Geoff Armstrong

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The Commodore 'presided' (should it be 'commodored'?) over the New Year's Eve party, even though one of the evening's events was to compose a light-hearted "tribute" to him . All the results were suitable for the most delicate ears, and some were even complimentary!

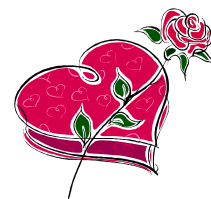
48 members enjoyed many courses of good food and drink prepared and served by the families White, Wilkins, Spicer, Shaw and Gardner. A nautical flavour menu included egg boats, fish and pheasant, with a choice of puddings and cheese accompanied by a selection of liquid refreshments. 2007 was welcomed in with champagne, squealing balloons and music orchestrated by Ron Lane.

Steve Green



VALENTINE SUPPER

Saturday 10th February 2007 - 7.30pm for 8.00pm
Please book your place with names on notice board in Clubhouse



SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

At this relatively quiet time of the year we thought that it might be useful to update members on the Social Committee's thoughts and plans for this year. We have met and discussed all the input from members, and have tried to make sure that we do the best we can with our resources.

With the Volunteers who have come forward since the AGM , we can continue to take the lead on the specific events in the Handbook such as the Dinghy and Z Class Dinners and Open Meetings. We also provide the team leaders for the Wednesday evening post race suppers. It is regretted that we cannot initiate more ourselves, but we can still help to enable others, such as Class Captains, to use the Club facilities. This can be very successful, as most recently demonstrated by the New Year's Eve and Burns night suppers. There is certainly scope for BBQ events in the summer. Please do keep a close eye on all CCSC Newsletters and the Club Noticeboard for additional events and support needed for them throughout the season.

We request that as soon as the Club Handbook comes out, Members check very closely to see when their duties are and immediately make a note in their diaries. If a swap is needed, the earlier the attempt, the more likely will be success. Also, for those who have a duty on a Sunday or Monday, please consider providing hot food such as soup, pizzas, hot dogs or a pasta bake. The sailors will be grateful, particularly in the colder start to the season.

The Club Social Committee members are always available for advice, so if you are in any doubt about your duty and responsibility do contact one of us.

One specific point to note is that after 3 years of holding the same prices, the cost of the Wednesday evening suppers will be raised, to £4 for supper and £1 for the pudding. The reasons for the rise are driven by the increases in gas and water costs, and the added burden of health and safety compliance. However, we have studied prices from many other Clubs on the South Coast and are still very good value.

Your Social Committee for this Year is:

Immy Turner, Andrea Clarke , Martin Lee, Nichola Lane, Karen Horlock, Serena Shone, HazelShaw, Kate Roebuck, Jo Way, Marian Arnott- Weeks

We always welcome new faces and ideas in the Social Committee, do come and join us !! in the meantime, could I please have volunteers from the Z Class to help with the dinghy dinner on Saturday 3rd March. For information, the Z Class dinner is on Saturday 17th March.

Immy Turner, 01305 786863, robert@meadows 24.freeserve.co.uk

DISCUSSION GROUP

We have a massive total of 10 members in the Club Discussion Group which is not very good out of a total of 480! Please join... all you have to do is to click the link at the top right hand of the web page and follow the instructions... If you have problems send me your e mail address and I will send a return e mail inviting you to join. Communication within the club is so important..... this group will give you the chance to have your say. Please give it a try!

Pictures for front of handbook

Thanks for those who have sent pictures.... but I still have not found the one I am looking for ideally a group of boats racing. Or a boat pic with some historic club significance. i.e a Birthday this year.... time is getting very short the deadline for the printer is the 12th February so please E mail me pictures early February.

Thanks

Martin Lee, honorary secretary

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Scottish Quiz prepared by Zoe for the Club Supper in January. £76 was raised which Zoe and Stephen will donate to a charity that provides training for midwives and mothercraft education for underdeveloped areas of Africa.

Thank you also for all the cards and messages of sympathy we have received from Castle Cove members. Once again you have shown that Castle Cove really is a family club and in times of crisis and tragedy support is always there.

Sara and David Lloyd

Z Class Dinner

Saturday 17th March
7.30pm in Clubhouse

Dress Code – Black Tie & Evening Dress

Tickets £18.00

Includes;
3 Course Dinner
Wine
Cheese & Biscuits with Port

The application form can be found at the end of this newsletter

WEYMOUTH YOUTH SEA AND BEACH FESTIVAL

A multi-sports water based festival for the 11-18 age range is being planned by the council in partnership with local sailing providers for the weekend of Sat 19th-Sunday 20th May 2007, based at the pavilion end of Weymouth beach. Castle Cove Cadets will be organising a limited Topper training session for children on the Saturday morning. The event organisers are seeking a wide range of volunteers from all clubs and centres in the area, for duties from administration through to safety and transport, as well as for offers to run water based activities. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Mairi Kershaw before 15th Feb. Tel: 01305 782490 e-mail ker-shaws@talktalk.net mob: 0787564 2550

CADETS 2007

We had a great season last year and the enthusiasm, goodwill and spirit within Cadets and their parent supporters is being harnessed. Much work has been completed over the recent winter months and the forthcoming season is taking shape. So what has been done?

Winter development

The thoughts/ideas of the Cadets and their parents were sought through completion of a questionnaire at the end of last season with proposals for the 2007 season discussed at a meeting (that involved both cadets and their parents) in November 2006. The CCSC Cadets Committee was established following this meeting with the remit to support development and act in the best interests of the cadets. The aim is to be:

“A thriving and self-sustaining subset of Castle Cove Sailing Club that fully participates in wider club activities and furthers the sport of sailing in the local area (30 mile radius) through its links and partnership with other organisations.”

The CCSC Cadet Committee will do this by providing:

“A safe, structured, efficient, friendly, enjoyable and sustainable environment in which Cadets may develop their skills and conduct affordable sailing.”

With objectives of:

“Our younger members learning about sailing and the sea under the guidance of parents, instructors and other experienced sailors; encouraging further integration in other club activities; promoting club membership and building upon the fantastic club spirit; developing children through skills based learning, and, above all, to have fun!!”

Cadet Website

Details of the CCSC Cadet Committee and the future of Cadets can be found at the new CCSC Cadets website (www.ccsc-cadets.org.uk). Please bear in mind that this site is still under development and detail will be added as it becomes available. Cadets and their parents are encouraged to regularly check this site, particularly the 'What's New' area (a link will soon be available from CCSC website).

Training and Courses

Training. A carefully structured training programme with progression across the season has been devised by Mairi Kershaw and will be published on the website. Race training and racing will also be provided (in addition to Club racing) to those interested: more detail will emerge in due course.

Courses. Learn to sail with RYA Instruction – at affordable prices! The Club is running sailing courses for young people (11-18) during the school holidays. Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre (WOEC) will provide the Instructors and we hope to be able to offer RYA young sailors the following levels:

Stage 1 – For beginners (under 10), any child that wants to crew **safely** with the CCSC Cadets.

Stage 2 – Needed by all young sailors wishing to helm a boat as a CCSC Cadet.

Stage 3 – The Stage 3 qualification is roughly equal to the adult level 2.

Stage 4 – Covering double-handed sailing and seamanship in more detail.

Instructors work with up to 6 participants and will be brought in depending on total number of course applicants. Courses can run with less than six, but only if financially viable. If a course cannot be filled a full refund, or a place on an equivalent course run at the WOEC premises will be offered, provided spaces are available. If you have to cancel a refund will be available, provided another child can fill the space.

Course number/date	RYA level	Course length	Cost
1a 12 th /13 th April 2007	Stage 1	2 days	£50
2a 29 th /30 th May 2007	Stage 1	2 days	£50
2b 31 st May/1 st June 2007	Stage 2	2 days	£50
3 23 rd – 26 th July 2007	Stage 3 or 4	4 days	£100

Please note:

The courses are intended for CCSC members only.

Optibats and Toppers will be available for hire if a child does not have their own boat (£10 per day).

I would be grateful for offers of help from parents who can be around the club at the start and end of the day to help support the courses.

All children should bring their own packed lunch, drinks, wet gear, and warm clothing and buoyancy aid.

Please contact Mairi Kershaw if you have any questions: Tel: 01305 782490 Mob: 0787 4562550

Booking deadlines. Completed application forms and a completed Cadet Registration Form (available in due course on the website) for each child must be received and full payment made by the following dates.

Friday 9 March/Cadets Open/Registration/Induction day deadline for course 1 (stage 1). A course for children wanting to crew for cadets from April.

Saturday 31 March deadline for course 2a (stage 1) and 2b (stage 2). Children are welcome to attend all 4 days and achieve stages 1&2, enabling them to join the Cadets.

Friday 1 June deadline for course 3/4 (stage 3 or 4). Course level will be determined by the sailing ability of the young people attending

Please return all forms and payments by appropriate deadlines to:

Mairi Kershaw, 14 Icen Road, Weymouth, Dorset DT3 5JL

Details of these sailing courses provided for CCSC Cadets by Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre will be

available on the website and also at the Cadets Open/Registration evening (9 March) where booking forms will also be available.

Cadet Registration

A Cadet Registration Form will be available on the CCSC Cadets website in due course. Those wishing to register as Cadets for the 2007 season should download a copy, complete the detail and bring it to the Open/Registration evening. Those unable to attend should send the form to me at the Club (snail mail) or email it to me at the address below (we also require a hand signed version). Cadet parents should also register their details in the relevant section of the form.

Volunteers

As with the rest of CCSC, Cadets relies entirely on volunteers: without a band of willing people, we cannot provide the infrastructure, safety and ultimately the fun on the water that we would wish. Several have stepped forward to comprise the Cadet Committee and more are needed to support our weekly activities. The roles are:

- Cadet OOD
- Duty Instructor
- Safety coordinator
- Rescue boat drivers/crews
- Registration and Beachmaster
- Galley

Parents of Cadets will be expected to volunteer to help on a weekly basis and similarly, volunteers are needed to support the events that Cadets will be sponsoring/supporting over the course of the season (see diary dates below – those wishing to volunteer their services (Race Officers/Rescue Boat drivers & crews/Galley/Beachmaster etc) should contact me at the email address below). More detail will be available on the website (in due course) and at the Open/registration evening.

Keelboat sailing

The Cadet Committee would welcome contact from keelboat sailors who would be willing to offer 'taster' sessions (or perhaps some racing) to Cadets during the season.

Key dates for Cadet diaries

9 March (1900)	Cadets Open Evening, registration and induction – all Cadets (new and old) and their parents will be welcome and are encouraged to attend.
31 March	Cadets 2007 starts (detail of the training plan will be available on the CCSC Cadets website)
1 April	P1 starts
Every Saturday	Weekly Cadets. Registration 0900 – 0930 (registration book closes 0930), 0945 brief, 1000 – 1200 afloat/ashore as determined by the training plan, 1230 debrief. Full details of the training plan will be published/updated on the CCSC Cadets website. More detail on the Saturday schedule will be published soon.
Club racing	As advertised in the Club Handbook. Cadets are strongly encouraged to participate
7 May	Obstacle Race
19 – 20 May	Topper Class Association SW Traveller Series at CCSC with Weymouth Youth, Sea and Beach Festival incorporated.
28 July	Cadet Open (Mirror SW Traveller Open Event incorporated)
22 September	Cadets 2007 last day.

What next

The season looks particularly exciting for both Cadets and their parents – commitment and participation will ensure fun and enjoyment for all!!! See you at the Open Evening.

Henry Merewether
Cadet Officer
co@ccsc-cadets.org.uk

CCSC DINGHY DINNER

3rd March 2007
at 7:30 pm
in the Clubhouse

Guest Speaker
TBC

Please reserve me places for the Dinghy Dinner at £12.50 each
How many Vegetarian meals required

Name Telephone
Dress Smart Casual

Please return this form with a cheque made payable to CCSC by the 24th February to:

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

CCSC Z CLASS DINNER

17th March, 2007
At 7.30
In the clubhouse

Please reserve me places for the Z-class dinner at £18 each
How many vegetarian meals required.....

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

Enter names of all people you have paid for below

Please return this from with a cheque made payable to CCSC by the 9th March to:

Roy Griffiths, 4 Birch Way, Weymouth, Dorset, DT3 6HZ



Can you afford to let the competition get away?

A series of lectures and practical sessions.

For Dinghy and Keelboat racers of all levels.

Wednesday 14th March 7:30pm

An All Points Bulletin.
10 questions about compasses that you were too afraid to ask.

Wednesday 21st March 7:30pm

The Time Line
How did the leader get away?

Wednesday 28th March 7:30pm

The Critical element "Boat speed" what 'Johnny did next'.
Delving deeper into the mysteries of your rig!!!!

Followed by three evening coaching sessions in April, which will reflect the content of the talks.

£15.00 per head covers all six sessions. Please Reserve ___ Spaces for

Name Class Phone number

I enclose £

Return to: Alison Stephens: 1, Barn Court Mews, Manor Farm Court, Martinstown. DT2 9JN



How pleasing to see the two Cadets Jedd and Sam working well with Julian at the Sunday working party. CCSC not only making good use of their youthful energy but benefitting from their labours. Hopefully the lads have gained some knowledge of "patio" construction and enjoyment of team work. They should also feel justified satisfaction when they see the barbecue being used on an improved base.

Rosemary Spicer

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for contributions for the next Newsletter is the **24th of February**. 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

For Sale 'Jan'

Much –loved family dayboat.
Large, safe cockpit, cuddy, 2 cotbunks.
20' wooden clinker-built, fin keel, racing green.
Purpose-built road trailer included.
CCSC mooring transfer subject to club approval

WANTED

If anyone has a Laser Road trailer for sale,
please contact **Gemma Spicer**,

E-mail: email@malcrose.fsnet.co.uk

