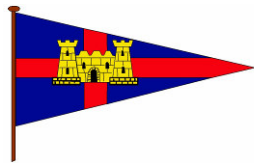


Castle Cove Sailing Club



January 2007 Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 7th January
Working parties start

Saturday 13th January
Dinghy One design meeting

Saturday 20th January
Burns night supper

Sunday 28th January
Race Officer's course

Every Tuesday
Exercise & relaxation



The Boxing Day race winners

FROM THE COMMODORE

It was pleasing to see so many members at the Punch Party on the 17th December, time flew by following the last of the winter series racing in near perfect weather, a fitting end to an otherwise rather windy series.

The important item that slipped my mind at the Punch Party was the Boxing Day race. Sara had kindly agreed to attend and the format was changed to include a balloon recovery at the leeward mark and a question to be answered that was fixed to the windward mark. I lapsed back to my more familiar role in the rescue boat as well as starting the proceedings from the pier.

Two cadets sailing their Toppers took the honours, George Bell for the fancy dress and Harrison Reid the overall prize as he knew the answer to the question 'name Santa's Reindeers' and returned with the statutory balloon! Many congratulations to them, Brian Shaw and John Budd in the Wayfarer, Jan in his Enterprize, and a batch of Shones in a Laser and two skiffs!

The winter programme of work starts on 7th January, 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.

And the good news about the working parties on Sundays will be the return of the bacon butties!

A swipe card gate system will also be installed over this period, to be commissioned in the spring at the start of the season. An outline of the proposed operation is included in a separate article in this newsletter.

Andie and I wish you all a happy new year.

P.S. Please check your halliards if you have a boat on the club site – it's better to keep them silent before we get complaints from the neighbours!

Paul Clarke.

FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

The winners of the Winter series were:-
Laser. S Green: Liquid Asset 126403

Class 9. M Scrace: Contender 634

The winner of the under 18 cup: Phillip de longh

Congratulations to them all.

Next years programme is being finalised and can be viewed on the YCW web site.

If there are any changes to ownership of boats, sail numbers and handicaps, please let me and the membership secretary know, so we can keep our records up-to-date.

Please come along to the preferred class meeting on the 13th January and sign up for the Race Officers course on the 27th January.

Alison Stephens, sailing secretary

One Design Meeting

13th January at 2.30

To discuss potential one design dinghy racing within the club
Please attend if you have an opinion

BOAT PARK

A reminder that, unless you have paid for 'P3' storage, all dinghies must be removed from the Boat Park by January 1st.

Thank you

Mike Clarkson, Boat Park Administrator

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
Cost £15

Please contact: **Simon Vines 01300 320084**, simon@vines.clara.net

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The Friday morning "Ladies" sailors undertook the arrangements for the "Christmas Social" on Saturday December 9th. Mulled wine and an excellent meal were produced, and Christmas Carols, Charades and "Pin the Nose on the Reindeer" were amongst the entertainments enjoyed by us all. A profit of £550.00 was raised which will be shared between CLIC (Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood) and Breakthrough Breast Cancer. Many thanks to the musicians, to those who supported the event, and to all who helped in producing this excellent result.

Cathie Williams, Ladies Sailing

CLUB BOATS WEB PAGE

Just a reminder for you all to check the [boats page](http://www.ccsc.org.uk/boats) (<http://www.ccsc.org.uk/boats>) on the club web site, to see how you can best use your duties time. Whether you are a dab hand with a paintbrush or a fully-fledged crafts person, you are most welcome. We will keep the page updated with work in progress and work outstanding on our extensive fleet of fine motorboats.

From the buzzy buz buz...of the Jennies to the friendly chugging of Beaver and the reassuring thrum of Old Don's choice, to the satisfying Throb, Throb...Throb! of Idler herself....Sorry; got a bit carried away there. Anyway you know I mean...we will need your help to get them all in shape for the new seasons racing.

Also coming soon is a fuel page. Quite important in order to keep us safe and legal. On the fuel page you will find information on decanting, purchasing and transporting petrol.

Happy New Year

CCSC Boats committee

Reply to **Bob Richardson**, 01305 832518 bobrichardson@bobrichardson.org.uk

Burns' Night Supper

Saturday 20th January

Sign up on the notice board in the club or contact
Andrea Clarke, 782220

RACE OFFICERS COURSE

Simon Vines has organised is a RYA Club Race Officers course on Sunday the 28 January to be run by Mike Pearson (IRO RRMCM RMG)

The course fee is only £15 which is fantastic value. There is no assessment but a certificate of attendance is issued.

There will be food available for lunch. These courses are very informative and fun. They will help us all be more competent and less stressed. This can be the first step on the ladder for sailors who want to put something back into racing by joining in the race management teams or a valuable upgrade for those who are already involved.

Andy Gaunt, Training Officer andy@bambooblack.co.uk

Winter Storage – All Boats

In order to make the best use of the boat parking area while allowing sufficient space for dinghies to continue racing and to carry out any work needed during the winter months it has been decided that members wanting spaces for their boats from the end of September to the end of March will be required to apply for space at renewal. Spaces will be allocated in March and there may be a waiting list. Any boats on the waiting list will be notified immediately to give members sufficient time to make alternative arrangements.

As at present dinghies will pay the full fee for P2 and P3 spaces at renewal. Keelboats will now be required to pay a £50 deposit to secure a place. Invoices will be sent out in July for payment of the balance by 15 September. No boat, either keelboat or dinghy will be permitted to stay on the Club premises if payment has not been made.

Only in very exceptional circumstances will boats be accepted after renewal.

Mike Clarkson, Boat park administrator

SPIRIT OF WEYMOUTH

I've always wanted a sail on an Open 60 so when Steve Wight advertised cross-channel trips on 'Spirit of Weymouth' (ex 'Gartmore') I seized my chance, even though it was December. And so early one Saturday a few weeks ago I set off for Gosport to join the crew. Spirit of Weymouth is now kept in Gosport because while in Weymouth she was broken into 3 nights in a row and a significant quantity of kit was stolen.

Following a safety briefing we left Gosport at about 10:30 in a NW 2. It took three of us to hoist the main and kite (how do they manage single-handed?), and once clear of the lea of the Isle of Wight, and with several tons of water ballast to starboard, we picked up to about 12 knots. The wind slowly increased so the kite was snuffed (three crew) and replaced by a large jib. We reached Cherbourg in a F6 at about 16:30 having averaged about 14 knots and occasionally surfed at 18. Steering was easy provided the boat was kept on track, because as I discovered, allowing the boat to luff resulted in a lot of speed, a lot of helm, loss of footing and a broach.

A rain squall coincided with our arrival in the marina and it took several attempts to get alongside because of the strength of the wind. We enjoyed an excellent meal ashore and five of us returned to sleep on the boat, the sixth pleaded that his snoring would keep us all awake and stayed ashore. Although Spirit of Weymouth is very spartan down below and 'open-plan', the berths are comfortable, although I doubt I would have noticed otherwise.

After a leisurely breakfast ashore we sailed at 10:30 in a SW 2 with SW 8 forecast. At 17:00, after three sail changes, three reefs and several gybes we sailed up the Portsmouth narrows at 12 knots in a wet and windy SW 8. At times on the way back we touched 20 knots. Gybing was quite an evolution involving water ballast, main reefing, jib furling and great care with the running backstays. The main fear seemed to be an unplanned gybe because of the risk of broken battens, if not a broken mast. Excitement was provided by two container ships, coincidentally from the same line, that wouldn't give way. The first was avoided by snuffing the kite, but avoiding the second resulted in a broach, spectacular even by Sigma standards. Luckily everyone managed to hang on and nothing was broken.

I was surprised by how civilised it all was when going downwind, even in a F8. No spray, comfortable motion and very little wind, deckchair stuff. Steve stayed calm and patient throughout, taking a cross channel trip in a F8 about as seriously we take going to Lulworth. I hope he finds a sponsor for the Vendee 2008 and I think he deserves all the support we can provide.

Simon Vines

WORKING PARTIES

The working parties start on Sunday 7th January at 9.30. Please be prompt so that the organisers know who is available. Bacon sandwiches proved so popular last year that they will again be on sale during the coffee break.

On the next two pages are the lists of jobs that need to be done in the next 3 months. Please contact Barry Grant (external) or Steve Green (house) if you have any further queries or just turn up. If neither of these options floats your boat, then contact Bob Richardson on the boats' committee to help out with the excellent work they have been doing over the past year.

Barry Grant, 785192

Steve Green, 789191

VOLUNTEERS

It was heartening at the AGM to get the positive response regarding the choice between paid and voluntary effort. Most of the jobs have now been addressed, with the notable and rather critical activity of managing the bar. We have three or four willing people to support the activity, but CCSC needs a willing volunteer to oversee the management. So a plea from your commodore; I would be pleased to receive a call from a club member to take over the roll from Michael Abbott – we must share the responsibilities of managing the club and not just enjoy the benefits.

Paul Clarke.

OUTDOOR WORKING PARTIES

Grouping code: Pier/pontoons =1, Site services-water/electric =2, Security:-fences/gates =3, General = 4, Site access =5
Boats/race Equipment =6, Garden/landscape =7

GROUP	TASK	SPONSOR/ TASK LEADER	ACTION
1	Tender rack East end T off		New foundations in place. Review position and complete installation
1	Pontoons Fit handrail Dismantle and galvanise	Malcolm Spicer	Various See note 4
1	Pier Finish Access ramp Re-align concrete sections	Malcolm Spicer	Various See note 3
2	Car park/Boat park lighting		Review and implement
3	Barrier for boat park ramp		No barrier but mark out as No parking area
3	Instal Electric gates	Richard Butler	Bob Ward (Electrics) Nick Browning/Phil male. (Instal)
3	Bank build up to increase parking/ boat storage		Estimates complete at approx6k task on hold due to cost.
4	Tie down points for dinghies	Mike Clarkeson	Trial solution in place. Review and extend
4	Petrol storage		Storage for larger quantities of petrol
4	Site rainwater drains		Review
4	Slipways	Nick Browning	Maintenance. Survey and repair
4	Slipways Single hander tether	Nick Browning	Single hander tether for launch/recovery
4	Seawall voids, boatpark and verti- cal surface	Nick Browning	Survey and sandbag/cement
4	Beach bank infill	Nick Browning	Beach bank infill. Subcontract
4	Slipway winch	Sara Lloyd	Safety review, remedial work and test!
4	Turning area in front of clubhouse	Nick Browning	Mark out. Include disability car parking areas
4	Diesel store		Old tank gone. New base installed.at pier Being used in current position. Review requirements. for scheme for an electric pumped system.
4	Club signs		Inspect/repair
5	Site approach area	Bob Turner	Cut back growth. Clear water gully. Note 2
5	Site tidy 1 Area for Mooring chains etc		Discuss with AW,MS, Area for mooring sinkers/chain? Clear in front of store.
5	Site tidy 2 East end metalwork pile		Discuss with AW,MS, Dispose of unused/unwanted items
6	Club Boats	Bob Richardson	Various
6	Silver Seal refit	Bob Richardson	Various
6	Race Equipment	Allison Stevens	Overhaul
7	Landscape railway bank		Shrubs planted. review
7	Garden	Rose Spicer	Maintenance--Various

HOUSE WORK

Task	Leader	Tools /Equip't	Cost
Paint garage walls and woodwork		Paint etc	40
Clubhouse ceiling Lower lights+fan in clubhouse Fit ceiling	I Matthews? Contractor		1700
Changing room floor- Trim seat legs Clean off paint Tile showers Lay other floor	WP Contractor WP ?		
Bar store, organise cooling and insulation	M Abbott?		200
Clear loft			
Descale shower thermostats			
Clear bricks off roof/ apply antiburglar paint	WP		
Sand and refinish floor	?		
Replace polycarb on door	SG		
Connect water heating switch	SG		
Dispose of old chairs, spare water heater, security door, loft valuables etc	Ken Reed		

NEW CLUB GATES

Leaning against the outer fence is a set of gates collected last year from London. A team of volunteers (that word again) are putting together the installation plan with the objective of having the gate system operational for the beginning of the season. The intension is to leave the current padlocked gates as they are, and install the new electronic gate system inside them. The operating principle is based on the padlock gates being opened and closed at the beginning and end of the day that the club is in use, with the electronic gate being used while the club is in use. A swipe card will be issued (at a price yet to be determined) to each member requiring car access to the site – a normal pedestrian gate using the current club key will be included in the installation to those arriving under their own steam!

The swipe key will be activated on an annual basis, as part of a member's normal membership renewal, thus maintaining control of those members who leave the club but don't return their key (or the swipe key in the future) for the refund. This aspect will be come critical as 2012 approaches, so we might as well get used to the idea for our own sakes as well as improving the general security of the site.

A refined statement on the operation of the gate system will be forthcoming from work group being headed by Richard Butler, who has agreed to oversee the planning and installation of the gates.

Paul Clarke

Exercise Group

The Exercise Group will start new term Tuesday mornings from 9th January 10.30 - 11.30am followed by coffee/tea and chat,

Rosemary Spicer

HALF PRICE IRC CERTIFICATES

RORC are now promoting a Club IRC incentive scheme, which is open to boats which have not held a valid IRC certificate in the past 5 years.

If ten or more boats register at the same time for a 2007 IRC certificate and they have never held one before or if their latest certificate is 2001 or older they will be eligible.

All the applications must be made together and individual certificates are returned to each boat owner as usual.

IRC ratings are based on boat and sail dimensions which are fed into a closely guarded formula to produce a handicap number. Currently RORC have a database of over 1140 boat hull/keel/rudder configurations which they have accumulated to produce the formula.

Paul Barford will be offering his sail measuring services in March for those boats that wish to apply.

Please contact iain.jones@bigfoot.com / 01305 769489 for further information.

The 2007 Club new application fee costs **£4.20** per metre (per boat per year!) instead of **£8.40** per metre.

Revalidation costs £7.25 per metre which would be done by individuals.

Have a look at www.rorcrating.com for further information.

Iain Jones

NEXT NEWSLETTER

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

Quayside offshore sailing boots.
Purchased in error (I have two left feet)



Genuine surplus to requirements
Brand-new in box. Date stamped by Quayside Nov 06. £58
Bob Richardson 01305 832518