

# Castle Cove Sailing Club



# March 2007 Newsletter

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 3rd March  
Skittles Evening

Friday 9th March (1900)  
Cadets Open Evening

Wednesday 14th March  
1st race training session

Wednesday 21st March  
2nd race training session

Wednesday 28th March  
2nd race training session

Saturday 31st March  
Cadets 2007 starts  
Lifeboat Ball

Wednesday 4th April  
OD/AOD talk

Tuesdays—exercise group



Wayfarer Nationals 2006, courtesy **Simon Vines**

## FROM THE COMMODORE

Work around the Club Site is continuing at a steady pace, with teams making steady progress with the new gate installation, clearing the approaches to the club, shoring up the stonework around the shore side, preparing the club boats for the season, tiling the showers, modifying the fuel store, maintaining the garden, and generally clearing the site of unwanted items! The Site will be much improved by Easter. Well done to all those who have turned up and put in the hours (and enjoyed the bacon butties!). Just a few more weekends should see the majority of the planned work completed, so please keep turning up during the next few weekends.

Unfortunately, we've had the first, and I hope only, occurrence of damage to club boats this winter. The site is definitely more secure than it was last winter, and we are seeking a permanent solution to the whole question rather than any interim measures. A system of continuous monitoring is being pursued, but this will only be achieved at a price, but your committee will keep you informed of both the system and its costs as details become available.

Please read the note from Richard Butler entitled "How do I get my gate token", which outlines the cost and availability of the gate token (or key fob) that will operate the new gate.

Again, I look forward to the planned training evenings with Derek Abbott and those with Rick and Adam Bowers - always instructive and entertaining, so get yourselves booked in for the events!

**Paul Clarke.**

## FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

Shore based race training commences on the 14<sup>th</sup> March (£15 for six sessions). This will be fun and very informative with excellent training from Richard and Adam Bowers and, if last year is anything to go by, some hot tips from the assembled company. There will be hot snacks available. The other dates are the 21<sup>st</sup> March and the 28<sup>th</sup> March. The on water training starts on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April and the following consecutive Mondays. Application form in last month's newsletter.

Derek Abbott will present his excellent OD/AOD talk on the 4<sup>th</sup> April. Please put this date in your diary.

Please let me know if you have changed your boat, got a new one, or have just sold one and not replaced it, so I can keep Hals race results and fleet lists up-to-date. I will then let the Hon membership secretary and Hon secretary know for their records. (Those who have already sent me details ignore this, thank you).

The NOR and Entry forms for Henri LLoyd Weymouth regatta and the Dinghy Regatta are on the YCW website and hopefully, on CCSC website very shortly.

**Alison Stephens**

## CADETS 2007

Cadet Website. The new CCSC Cadets website (<http://www.cadets.ccsc.org.uk/>) has much useful information - Cadets and their parents are encouraged to check the site, particularly the 'What's New' area (a link is available through the CCSC website)

Training and Courses. The Cadets Training programme will be published on the website shortly. Details of courses available during the school holidays are also available.

Cadet Registration. A Cadet Registration Form will be available on the website by Mon 5 Mar 07. 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. 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. 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. All offers of assistance will be gratefully received.

Imminent 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
1 April	P1 starts
Every Saturday	Weekly Cadets (timings on the website).

What next

Don't forget the Cadets Open Evening, registration and induction on Fri 9 Mar (7pm). Food will be available - see you all there.

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



## Congratulations

To Robin and Mike Abbott  
On the birth of Seren Rose Abbott  
Weighing in at 6 lb 5 oz

### CLUB GARDEN REQUESTS

Is anyone inspired to make a wooden Planter, large enough to hold 3 pots side-by-side (each pot approximately 12" in diameter)?

Or

Has anyone got a redundant working lawnmower which they are willing to donate to the Club. Please contact **Rosemary Spicer** if you can help with either of these requests.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

Become part of CCSC ferry driving team

Drivers needed for weekends and evenings

Applicants must be 16 years and over but not necessarily a club member

Possible job share

Training can be given

For further details contact **Nick Spicer** 01305 767118

### EXERCISE GROUP

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March work is being carried out on Club ceiling, so instead of the usual exercise activity in the Clubhouse, we shall be meeting for a walk and pub lunch. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Details from **Rosemary Spicer**

### Skittles evening

Saturday 3rd March at 7.30  
At the Belvedere Pub, Boot Hill

This is to replace the Dinghy Dinner which has been cancelled.  
For further information, contact **Alison Stephens**

### CLUB HOUSE CEILING

A suspended ceiling will be fitted to the club room starting 12 March and it is hoped that it will be finished by the 14th. This means that Rosemary's exercise class will not be held on 13th, but the training class will go ahead on evening of 14th. Only wall lights will be usable until new ceiling light are fitted a few days later.

**Steve Green** (House)

## HOW DO I GET MY GATE TOKEN?



The new electric gates will become operational on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April. From that date, a token like the one above will be required to get in or out via either the vehicle gate or the adjacent pedestrian gate. Pedestrian access will continue to be available using a Club key via the gate on the path near the clubhouse. As with the Club keys, there will be a deposit payable on the tokens of £10. This will be repayable on return of the token. In order to simplify the process of handing out the tokens, they will be available to collect from the Club on a number of days towards the end of March and beginning of April. Dates and times are:

Date	Time	Occasion
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	10 00 to 13 00	Working Party
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Before and after talk	Race training talk
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	09 00 to 10 00 12 00 to 13 00	First cadet sailing
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	11 30 to 13 00	First Sunday racing
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Before and after talk	Derek's Race Management talk
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	11 30 to 13 00	Second Sunday Racing

If you possibly can, please pick up your token (s) on one of the above occasions. Tokens will be provided, to current members, in exchange for £10 cash or a cheque payable to 'CCSC'.

The (less convenient) arrangements for obtaining tokens after 8<sup>th</sup> April will be published in the April Newsletter.

With your token, you will also get a simple guide which explains the operation of the gates and procedure to be followed in case of any problems.

**Richard Butler**

### 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

Guest Speaker—Mark Rodaway, District Officer, HM Coastguard, RCC Manager Portland Coastguard

Mark joined the HM Coastguard in 1989 and has a wealth of experiences to tell us about – in what promises to be a very entertaining way.

The application form can be found at the end of last month's newsletter

## THE GATES PROJECT

Anyone who has been to the club in the past few weeks will have seen the dramatic progress made with installing the new club gates. Work started back at the beginning of January, with the team laying out the posts and panels, working out how it would fit together. Over the weeks since then, the posts have been welded to a massive RSJ, the assembly lifted in to position and concreted in to place. Several tonnes of concrete later, the civil engineering part of the job is virtually complete and the gates are mechanically operational.



The next part of the job is to install all the electrics, motor, token readers, control gear so that the gates automatically open and close. To enable this, ducts have been put in place to feed all the cables back from the posts to the control box. This photo shows where the control box will go:



Now then, can anyone remember which duct went where?

**Richard Butler**



# Lifeboats

Registered Charity No. 209603

It's Lifeboat Ball time again! Dig out the Dinner Jacket, dust off the dancing shoes – go shopping for a ball gown?? You must be ready for 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007.

Start: 7.30pm., Finish: 1am. , Venue: Weymouth Pavilion.  
Band: "Howling at the Moon". Cost: £27.50 each.  
Good dinner, Everyone will be there! Keep our Lifeboats afloat.

Here's your application form:

WEYMOUTH LIFEBOAT BALL,  
SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2007

## APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE TICKETS

I enclose £ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ £27.50 each

I am unable to come but have pleasure in enclosing a donation of

£.....

Please make cheques payable to: RNLI WEYMOUTH LADIES GUILD

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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POST CODE.....

TELEPHONE .....

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope and send this form with your remittance to:  
Mrs Nichola Lane,  
37 All Saints Road, Wyke Regis,  
Weymouth, DT4 9EZ Tel: 772305  
By Monday 19th March 2007.

When making up a party, please either return full payment on one booking form and list the names of the party on the back of the form, or say which party you are joining.

Tickets Limited and Vegetarian Buffet Available

## SLIPWAY CLEANING

I have taken responsibility for the slipway cleaning rota and would welcome a number of volunteers to help with the task. If you could spare a couple of hours on a couple of weekends during the summer then your help would be much appreciated, As I am sure you are only too well aware the slipways are extremely difficult, not to mention dangerous, when slippery and it is an ongoing task throughout the year to keep them clean. Please volunteer to help this important with this important task by calling me on 07766021359 or by email at [dave@tripseast.co.uk](mailto:dave@tripseast.co.uk). Thanks,

**Dave Farmer**

## SAT. 6<sup>TH</sup>. JAN. 07. ANOTHER TRUSTY DAY

Raining.

Up early get to the club by 0745. Still dark yet Malc. Spicer already in the yard with the crane. We move boats to make room for three others that are coming in before we take out the club boats. Good turn out off members despite the hour and the weather. Far be it for me to complain of how the crane came without its support pads and how its leg made a horrid hole in our boat yard, the long wait while pads were brought from Portland or how Bill Barker's boat nearly got lifted out three times or how some cradles did not fit. Because I was somewhere else.

About 0900 Bob Richardson arrived to take a team of members to the Weymouth Marina to bring Idler, Tern Too Camelot and Beaver back to be laid up at the club. "You drive Camelot" said Bob R. Well never mind, Beaver is now my sort of boat but Bob Turner wants her so that he can look at his mooring. Steve Green to captain Tern Too and Our Rear Commodore Nick to take our special boat Idler.

Camelot is part full of water and her bow looks like a half deflated barrage balloon. Ever keen Bob R. and my crew Peter Eustace soon hop in and bail and blow. Joy. Engine starts easy as did the other boats. Off the fleet goes in convoy. But before we are out of the harbour a radio message said there was a search going on for a small white boat. In the bay we see two lifeboats and a helicopter. Very reassuring to have so much safety cover. (The shout turned out to be a hoax. What a cost of time and effort)

Because of the crane cock up. Bob R. and Robin Carter radioed and said" Go to the Western slip and we will take Camelot out there" Ah! Western slip with S. W. wind is a bit floppy and Camelot is steering like a tank as she needs some T. L. C. A delay as trailer is got into position. While some of Portland harbour water has hopped over in to the stern. I am used to getting motor boats onto trailers but not quite like this. Three tries to line up but stern swings each time I refuse to go in fast because more damage to Camelot would be sad. But on the third turn away I manage to attack the wall on the side of the slip with her prop. SOD. Peter paddles Bob R. throws a rope. But no way will we get her on the trailer in this flop without someone in the water. Dam whose the stupid wettest. So in up to my waist and soon she is on the trailer. A very wet and cold trustee creeps up to the club. No Hazel and Andrea with wonderful Bacon Butties today Cos tomorrow is the proper work party day. Strip to underpants in club doorway so car is not messed up. Rush Home for bath and dry clothes. But first wash salty kit.

However **DO NOT PUT LIFE JACKET IN WATER IF IT BLOWS UP AUTOMATICALLY.** Whoops

**Brian Wilkins**

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

## J24 WORLDS

Club members might wish to know that 2 CCSC J24 crews ( Serco Defence Clarke/Turner and J Whizz Chalmers/Robinson) and their teams will be sailing in the J24 World Championships in Vallarta Mexico from March 5 to 9. What is unique about this is that for the first time in keelboat Fleet racing history, each boat will be fitted with a tracking device throughout all the races. It will update each boat's position every minute and display the whole fleet on a chart format. Mexico is 7 hours behind us and the races start at 1300 local time , that is 2000 in UK. If anyone is interested in following the racing real time, all they need to do is:

Log on to the International J24 Web site [www.j24class.org](http://www.j24class.org)

Click on Events

Click on World Championships Mexico 2007

Click on the GlobalStar Logo

Click on UBS J24 World Championships 2007

Click on launch and Play

It could provide some amusement during a winter's evening, and a knowledge of Spanish might be useful.. The Fleet of 70 boats is again from all around the World and it will be quite an event, based in Vallarta Mexico, Bay of Banderas

**Bob Turner**

## NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for contributions for the next Newsletter is the **24th of March**. Read this Newsletter on the website [www.ccsc.org.uk](http://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](mailto:newsletter@ccsc.org.uk) (This will always forward to my current e-mail address) – or 07977 912407 or 01305 769489.**

## FOR SALE/WANTED

### Wanted

Baby sitter for Adam for evenings or weekends so we can go sailing.

Please contact **Celia Rushton** (see above)

### For Sale

Attica, (Leisure 22) surprising large for her size, sale includes, 2 outboard motors (one for tender), inflatable tender, life jackets, harness, ropes, warps, boat hooks, fenders, charts, depth log, radio...every thing needed to go sailing on this great small yacht. £3,000 call 01305 852012

### For Sale

Pandora International 21 4 berth sailing cruiser. Fin keel, reasonable inventory, road trailer. £2000. Long shaft engine negotiable as an extra.

**Clive Pakenham**, 01935 813137

### 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  
£ 4,750 Tel 01305 815161 for more details