

Castle Cove Sailing Club



May 2007 Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 4th May

Ladies sailing starts

Monday 7th May (BH)

Obstacle course

Saturday 12th May

Introduction to dinghy cruising

Weekend 20th-21st May

Topper Open

Friday 25th May

Cherbourg race

Sunday 27th May

1st Sunday series starts

Monday 28th May (BH)

Team racing



Getting the pontoons into position - Richard White

FROM THE COMMODORE

April has, yet again, been a busy month with the annual transformation of the club facility from winter keel-boat storage to that of a dinghy park.

Fortunately the weather was kind and the lift-in proceeded smoothly with a large group of enthusiastic members from across all parts of the club joining in with work, including the assembly of the inshore element of the pontoon. Due to the launch date for the lift-in, the start of dinghy sailing was impeded for the first two weekends, and the committee will be looking into the start arrangements to avoid such a conflict next year.

I must repeat a statement from last years' newsletter re club members leaving the site open. The work to further improve site security, namely the electric gates, is being compromised by the problem of members leaving the site without checking if they are the last out. "We all expect the Police to respond to cases of vandalism and attempted break-ins while some of our members are making it too easy for the criminally minded. Think of it as leaving your car unlocked and expecting the police and insurance company to feel sorry for you. PLEASE CHECK THE SITE ON EXIT – IF IN DOUBT LOCK UP." The last statement applies even with the new gates, so please lock the outer original gates.

Thanks to Malcolm Spicer, Alan White, Nick Browning and a host of club members who regularly support them, the boats are launched, the dinghies are in place, and we can now look forward to the sailing season and enjoy the racing and cruising in and around the Dorset coast.

Paul Clarke

FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

Please look at the notice boards, the club house window and this newsletter for the 2nd change in sailing instructions that were the result of a protest meeting held on the 28th April.

The Dinghy regatta is still in need of volunteers for rescue crew, beach master and 2 assistant beach masters for the two days 2nd and 3rd June. Please contact me for details. Likewise, the Keelboat regatta needs rescue crew for the three days of the 10th, 11th and 12th August.

Alison Stephens

CHANGE TO SAILING PROGRAMME WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

CLASSES AFFECTED J, K, J IRC

With effect from Wednesday 2nd May 2007, Keelboats will race in 2 PYN classes as follows:

J Class PYN 850-1020 Start time 1845

K Class PYN 1021-1150 Start time 1850

There will be no IRC class.

REASONS FOR CHANGE

1. Sailing programme as published, **judged to be ambiguous at protest meeting.**

Only 2 boats elected to race under IRC. Both have agreed to race under PYN.

COMMENTS

Following this change and recommendation from the protest committee, average points will be given to 3 boats (Seraphim, Iduna, Snow Goose) for race 1 to ensure a fair result for all boats.

Signed: Alison Stephens Hon Sailing Secretary

Dated: 28th April 2007

CLUB BOATS

TRAINING SESSIONS FOR VOLUNTEER DRIVERS AND CREWS.

The third Sunday of every month - 27 May, 24 June, 22 July, 19 August after morning racing.

It is hoped all safety boat drivers and crew will attend (Please check the web site for exceptions) familiarisation and practice sessions ideally for the month preceding their duties.

We are particularly keen for crew persons to attend, so they can train with the drivers they are rostered with.

On Sunday 22 April 16 people went out- 4 in Idler with Nick Spicer for rescue practice, mark laying, and Idler specific instruction and driving practice; 4 more went with Joe Isaacs in Beaver, for full displacement boat driving practice, coming along side, ferrying, etc. and Bob Richardson took 7 out in TernToo.

Everyone took part in the pre-start engine and boat checks on displacement and outboard craft. All the drivers had a drive, the crew persons practiced keeping a look out, using fixed and handheld VHF, singling up and casting off, throwing a line, and man overboard drill at speed, which also doubles for 'Picking up a buoy', with or without a boathook. with the 'Ferry glide' technique thrown in for good measure. We discussed anchoring, recovering a fit or injured person from the water (Displacement and RIB), and righting a capsized dinghy. We will not be able to practice this 'Live' until we get a suitable boat for the purpose. We are working on that one, unless anyone has an old dinghy lying around that would do.

We would ask the May people who were unable to come- please make sure you are fully conversant with the key, fuel(<http://www.ccsc.org.uk/boats/fuel.shtml>), and safety kit procedures, and the crew people especially are aware of the dress code (http://www.ccsc.org.uk/page.php?id=boat_training#dress).

Also please read the signs posted around the club on mooring RIB's and Jennies (<http://www.ccsc.org.uk/boats/rib.shtml>).

Please email Julie with the date you hope to attend.

Bob Richardson/Julie Chapman chapman@beeb.net or phone 01305 812170
On behalf of CCSC Boats Committee

BOAT PARK

Thanks to the efforts of everyone on Saturday 21st April, and those launching keelboats during the preceding week, the boat park has been transformed and it is now possible for most dinghies to take up their allocated P1 positions. There is a 2007 boat list and last year's plan in the Chart room for guidance. Please contact me if there is a problem. I will be relying on seeing a current Portland Port Sticker for identification and confirmation that a boat should be on the dinghy park so please make sure that the sticker is visible, usually on your transom, and that your boat is placed in the correct space. Boats must not be placed on the dinghy park without a current Portland Port sticker and if there is a delay in receiving stickers, or delay in getting your new sticker put on your boat, please let me know. Boats and tenders that cannot be identified will be moved from the ranks and disposed of. Boats should not be left on road trailers, this takes up extra space, presents a security risk and the club has no capacity to store member's road trailers.

Ian Green
Boat Park Administrator
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LIFEBOAT PLANT SALE.

It is the day no self respecting gardener would miss – all those lovely plants waiting to be bought and planted in your own garden! And it should be a good day out as well: the garden to look round; coffee to be drunk; raffle tickets to buy for some very tempting prizes; must get to the cake stall before all the most yummy ones go; don't forget Sue's jams and marmalade! lots of friends to chat to; light lunches to enjoy; and they did even mention a drink in the garden.

Tuesday 15th May is the day, starting at 10.30am and going on until 2pm. Friar Waddon Farmhouse is the venue, and there is lots of parking in the farmyard courtesy of Yuill Farms.

We very much hope to see you on the day, and all the profits will go to Weymouth Lifeboats.

Bill & Di Ludlow 813446.

FRIDAY MORNING SAILING / LADIES' (& HONORARY LADIES') SAILING

All sailors, (male as well as female) are invited to join our group of regular dinghy sailors for this series of Friday morning sessions, run throughout the summer by Sara Lloyd, Diana Gill, and Jo Isaacs. Two hours on the water gives an excellent opportunity to improve your sailing skills in a non-competitive setting. Complete beginners are advised to do a Level 1 RYA course before joining.

The first session will take place on Friday May 4th 2007. Please arrive in time to rig your boat ready to start sailing at 10am. Several club boats are available for hire if you do not own your own.

Please phone Cathie Williams (Ladies' Sailing Coordinator) on 01308 482 232 or email me at bridehead@worldonline.co.uk for further details.

Cathie Williams, Ladies Sailing Coordinator

bridehead@worldonline.co.uk.

PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP YEAR CHANGE

After completion of my first handbook, I have realised how difficult it is to get accurate members lists, fleet lists, duty rotas ready for the handbook (which needs to go to the printers end of February) when are membership renewal ends at the end of January. So I have a proposal up for discussion (please e mail me your thoughts) "Would it be better to change our membership year to the end of October".

Apart from all the reasons above the following thoughts have been mentioned:

No pressure of post Christmas bills to be paid

Sailing is still fresh in members minds (as the season has only just finished)

Decisions cannot be made on the above until an AGM so please think and come back to me... these thoughts will be brought before the general committee to see if a proposal can be made.

Thanks and lets all look forward to an enjoyable season!

Martin Lee, Honorary secretary

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CADETS NEWS FOR MAY 2007



We had a fabulous turn-out for the first day on the water with 3 lasers, 11 toppers, a Mirror, a Pico, 3 Optimists, a 420 & an RS Feva with 31 Cadets and 2 Dads and 1 Mum! The sun made up for the lack of wind, and fun was had by all. It was great to get back on the water.

Prior to the first Saturday on the water cadets enjoyed 2 sessions of shore based training; checking the rigging of most of the club boats and practising some basic seamanship and knot work.

Date	COD	SAFETY BOAT 1	SAFETY BOAT 2	SUPPORT BOAT 3	SUPPORT BOAT 4	REGISTRATION / BEACHMASTER
05-May	H de longh ? A Harris	N HOLLIS M Kennedey	A Harris? M Kennedy H Llewellyn	J Wilson P Mortimore	R White S Rankin	L de longh
12-May	I Green	N HOLLIS R White	M Kennedy P Male	A Harris J Senior	J Wilson R Spicer	S Burdon-Jones
19-May	H Merewether	M REID P Jones	M Widman C Bratchell	M Kennedy P Male	N Hollis A Mindona	J Walker
26-May	H Merewether	A HARRIS M Kennedy	N Hollis T Bracegirdle	M Kennedy A Riddoch	J Wilson J Shears	S Ruddick
02-Jun	A Harris	H MERE-WETHER J Walker	P Male M Healy	N Hollis J Brock	T Bracegirdle S Hollis	S Livings

Cadets Work Party

Cadets and parents turned out on Saturday 21st to help with the re-organisation and tidying the boat park. Although the 31 cadets that went afloat on the previous Saturday had dwindled to 16, those that were there enjoyed a full training morning including a very well received and informative session on racing rules with Andy Gaunt.

Safety Boat Drivers & Duty Rota

All parents registered with cadets as safety boat drivers and crews are encouraged to join the safety boat training organised by Bob Richardson each month.

The duty rota is now posted on the cadet website www.cadets.ccsc.org.uk/duties .

CCSC-Cadetware

The cadets committee have arranged for t-shirts, polo shirts and baseball caps with the CCSC Cadets logo and are now available to order. Orders should be placed with Angie White.

Cadet Dates for your Diary

May will be a packed month for the cadets with the training programme in full swing and the Topper open, Topper training and Weymouth beach festival taking place on the 19 & 20 May. Added to this there are further WOEC courses taking place at the beginning of June.

Note: Cadets wishing to join the WOEC stage 3 or 4 courses in July must register by the 1st of June.

co@ccsc-cadets.org.uk

Date	Details
5 May	Group 1: Controlling Speed Group 2: Precision Sailing
12 May	Group 1: Controlling direction Group 2: Advanced boat handling, spinnakers & trapeze
19 & 20 May	Topper sessions & topper regional in conjunction with Weymouth beach festival
26 May	Capsize drills & safety at sea:
29 May – 1 June	WOEC Courses – run at CCSC
2 & 3 June	Group 1: Short races with prizes Group 2: Races with prizes

Good luck to all our Topper sailors in the forthcoming open event!

Henry Merewether

Cadet Officer

Wanted: Old 3-4 metre sailing dinghy, for capsize practice, etc.

Reply to Bob Richardson, bobrichardson@beer.com

Boats committee

The following link leads to the recently issued Maritime and Coastguard Agency Marine Guidance Note on the servicing of inflatable boats, liferafts, lifejackets & hydrostatic releases

http://www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/mnet_ssb_cd_mgn_339_m-f.pdf

Julian Scott-Foxwell

Read about and follow our race to the Azores and Back in June 2007 at <http://scherzogbr8879t.spaces.live.com/>

Peter Eustace

DINGHY CRUISE

The next dinghy cruise is on Saturday 12th May, and is an introductory cruise, to give people a taste for dinghy cruising. We hope to go across the bay to the Bowlease area, and then maybe make our way along the coast a little, depending on the weather and timing.

Relevant points are:

- This cruise is open to all seaworthy dinghies, with reasonably competent helms. If you can reef your sails in any way, this can be useful
- Please let me know that you want to come, what boat you will be in and how many people
- If you want to come but don't have a boat, or likewise have a boat but no crew, let me know, and I will see what I can sort out.
- We want to encourage people to try a simple passage. However, it is coastal sailing, and if for any reason we don't think the boat or helm is up to the standard needed, we do have the right to say no, for safety reasons
- We plan to have safety cover
- Briefing will be at 9.30 am, then rig and change to depart by 10.30 am

If you want to go ashore in the Bowlease area, you must either be prepared to pull your boat up the beach, or bring an anchor and swim/wade!

Hugh de longh

Tel: 01305 251190 email:deiongh@btinternet.com

WANTED

Shower Tray

Does anyone have an old shower tray which can be placed outside the changing rooms for foot washing. Fibreglass preferred, and I draw the line at Avocado or Pink. Alternatively, if you see one in a skip or at the dump, grab it!

Steve Green

Garden Umbrellas

During the unseasonably warm weather over the last few weeks, I was admiring all the hard work done by Rosemary Spicer and her helpers (sorry, can't name them all), in the garden. It looks fantastic. I wondered if anyone had some unwanted sun umbrellas of the type that fit in picnic tables as there is not much shade due to it's south facing aspect. If you can help, please contact **Rosemary Spicer**.

Celia Rushton

CRECHE

I am thinking of setting up a crèche in the club with parents taking it in turns to look after the children. I was thinking of it running on a Sunday for racing and/or Friday morning to allow parents to go to Ladies Sailing.

If anyone is interested please contact me so I can get some names together.

Celia Rushton
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NEXT NEWSLETTER

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