



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 2nd April

Evening talk

Sunday 6th April

Spring series starts

Saturday 12th April

Rig tuning day

Monday 14th, 21st, 28th April

On-water training

Wednesday 23rd April

Wednesday sailing starts

Friday 2nd May

Ladies sailing starts

Saturday 3rd May

Poole Race

Monday 5th May

Obstacle race

Wednesday Evening Talk

2nd April, 7.30

The last before the season starts

Speakers

Anya de longh on Team Racing
Richard Bowers on Compass Work

FROM THE COMMODORE

As some of you have spotted, lampposts have mysteriously sprouted up at the top of the site. These are the first of a set to take very low-level intensity lights and a few special low light cameras to increase the security of the site during hours of darkness. Police advice has been sought on the type of equipment that will give adequate black and white images for identification of intruders, and the installation is following their recommendations. The system will come on-line during the summer as the wiring is completed and the equipment installed. Thanks go to Bob Ward and Richard Butler for continuing

with the project from last year and a bevy of helpers, including Ian Cheke and his mini digger.

Alongside the lampposts is a new line of posts delineating the edge of the parking area, increasing the space available and improving the overall appearance of the club site. The work was overseen by Nick Browning with a team of workers who got thoroughly wet two weeks ago!

Bob Richardson as our Bosun has been well supported by an industrious team of volunteers who have succeeded in preparing the club boats for the coming season – well done to all. The opening to the middle room on the ground floor has been increased to give access to club boats for painting/varnishing etc., and to function as additional space for sailing related activities during the summer months, including our cadets.

The pontoons have been given wooden tops – much safer to walk on, and the expanded mesh on the pier has been replaced with concrete tops. Handrails are to be fitted to the pontoons after they have been launched.

The Sunday working parties have ended, and the appearance of the site continues to improve with more space being created for members cars and dinghies. Thanks to all who came and gave time to the working parties, with special thanks to the Bacon Butties work force; it has made the worst Sunday mornings bearable! Some work will continue on Saturdays during April, so please contact Barry Grant if you have some spare time.

And it's round the corner – the sailing season! I hope all your final preparations are completed in time to enjoy a good season in 2008 (it's got to be better than last year – hasn't it?) whether in club, local events or cruising further a field.

Paul Clarke

FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

The sailing/racing season (for those of us who have not been out during the winter months) is upon us again. The keelboats will be going in between the 6th and 10th April. The spring series starts on the 6th April so a little cooperation and patience is needed from all please.

Richard Bowers is on hand on the 12th of April for rig tuning, but the boat park is to be cleared and rolled that day, so the rig tuning will take place in the afternoon. However, we need as many people as possible during the morning, to help with moving boats and clearing the ground.

We had a small group of people for Richard's first winter talk. On the 2nd April Anya Delongh will talk about team racing and Richard Bowers will guide us through using a compass for racing. Come along, have a beer and size up the opposition for the season.

We have a volunteer who will sail with any member, (on a Monday evening), to help boost confidence around the race course, give advice on boat speed and advise on how to look at the race course in a tactical way. If you would like someone to sail with you for one or two races let me know.

Alison Stephens

Castle Cove Sailing Club

**Sunday 6th April 2008
at 1.00 p.m.**

**Start of Sailing Season
Special Hot Lunch**

**Cooked Chicken and Salad
with French Bread
Apple Crumble and Ice cream**

(Bar will be open)

SPRING CHICKEN ~ SPRING LUNCH

Come and join us

(Please sign up on list on club notice board)

From the Membership Secretary

This year's handbooks, together with Portland Port stickers and membership cards, will be ready for collection from the clubhouse from Tuesday morning onwards. They will be available in the clubhouse until the end of April.

Could members please arrange to collect their own handbook and, if possible, arrange with others who might live near them to pick theirs up as well. We will be trying, as usual, to avoid posting the envelopes because of the cost involved - but for those who are unable to collect their handbooks by the end of April could they please email the membership secretary, Trevor Bevins, as soon as possible, giving their name and address (as a double check) – trevor.bevins@virgin.net

There is no list of members' details being published this year because of the Data Protection Act. However, a list of members and their telephone numbers will be kept in the club and a database maintained by the membership secretary. Members will be asked during the coming year if they would agree to their name and telephone number (or other means of contact) being made available to other club members.

Included in the membership pack this year will be log-on details for a section of the club website where members can view and update of duty rotas. Duties dates are also included in the handbook and members are asked to look at these and note them in their diaries.

There will be a "new members" coffee morning at the club on Saturday 26 April from 10.30am when the Membership Secretary will be available for those who still wish to have keys and/or fobs.

Thanks to Ron and Nichola Lane for their hard work on Easter Sunday in printing the envelopes, cards and other items included in this year's handbook envelope.

And thanks also to all of those who promptly paid their subscriptions and fees.

Trevor Bevins
Membership Secretary

RNSA & RDYC Friday Evenings

We (David Lloyd and Diana Gill, respective Hon Sailing Secs of the above) cordially invite CCSC members to join our Friday Evening series.

Classes will include a non-spinnaker event - **eminently suitable for short handed boats** + fast and slow handicap boats using YCW PY handicaps (subject to sufficient entries).
2 series (a total of 11 races) - start **2 May, last race 1 August**

One start from CCSC Committee Boat: 1st warning signal 18.40, start 18.45.

Supper served at RDYC immediately after sailing (c 21.00hrs).

Full SIs will follow shortly.

For more information contact D Gill: Diana@hamiltonhouse.demon.co.uk or
David Lloyd: david@spinnakerhouse.com

Copies of the newsletter are kindly printed by
Mike Jenkins at

Poundbury Systems Ltd
01305 259849
<http://www.poundbury.com/>

List of members duties on the club website

A list of members duties for the new season can now be found on the club website (<http://www.cpsc.org.uk/>). It is in the members 'pass worded' area under the 'handbook' heading in the top menu.

To access this page you will be prompted to put in a user name and password which should have been sent out to you with your new handbook. If you have not received this information please contact me by e-mail.

Having this information on our website will provide members with more accurate and up to date information on OD's, safety boat drivers etc. When any swaps or alterations to duty allocations are notified to the Duties Coordinator (Michael Dillistone) he will then make the necessary changes to the list.

Please remember that if the date allocated for your duty is not convenient, it is your responsibility to arrange a replacement and then notify the Duties Coordinator.

Mike Clarkson
mestclark@aol.com

Boat Park Notes

The boat park will be rolled on Saturday 12th April. Help would be appreciated moving boats and tidying the site in the morning and in the afternoon moving boats to their P1 positions. To facilitate this please could all cradles be removed before 12/4 and unless you intend to sail between 01/04 and 12/04 could dinghy owners delay bringing your boat to the club until the 12th.

Boat park allocations will be posted in the Club and on the website under the members passworded section. Allocated spaces are also marked on your Portland Port sticker. It is very important that these stickers are placed on your boats as soon as possible in a place that is visible or easily accessible. I use them to identify boats that belong to the club and as confirmation that the correct fee has been paid.

If your sail number is missing that is because it has not been provided. Please let me have your sail number as soon as possible. Sail numbers are the main way you are identified on the water and this is matter of safety as much as anything else.

If you cannot find your boat on the list and you think you should have a space please contact me. Dinghy positions have been arranged this year to reduce the number of boats that have to be moved at change-over, particularly in the Autumn. I will be looking for feedback to see how well this works.

I have included a schematic plan of the Hard to give some idea of where the different rows and racks are located to help identify where your boat should be placed. Your boat should not be stored anywhere else, and in particular if you have paid for and been allocated a rack space your boat should not be kept in a ground space.

We have a number of Open and Training events this year to accommodate and currently there are very few spaces left available for dinghies. It will help greatly if boats that have not paid for P1 are removed promptly by their owners as none of us really want the hassle of having to dispose of them for you.

We have a challenge with the Tender Racks again this year as we do not have enough rack space for everyone. I have discussed this situation with Paul Elson and we suggest those of you who had rack spaces last year occupy them again this year. As I identify any vacancies I will notify tender owners of rack spaces they can use, those of you who applied earliest will be contacted first. In time it is intended that there will be a rack space for everyone. An overspill storage area for tenders is marked on the Hard plan. If there are severe problems with this or any questions please let me know.

Finally we are filling up for winter storage for keelboats. If you want to keep your keelboat at Castle Cove over winter and have not yet paid your deposit please send this to Trevor Bevins Membership Secretary as soon as possible. Again this is a first come first served basis.

Ian Green, Boat Park Administrator
i.greens@virgin.net Tel. 01305 788793

Safety Boat Training Program

We are continuing our training program the same as last year: Every third Saturday of the month April through September, 12:00 PM. Plus two extra days in April 5th & 12th., and one on May the 10th. All boats will be available for members to train/practice, familiarise. An opportunity to refresh or gain knowledge of: **KEYS-SAFETY KITS-RADIOS-FUEL-MOORING RIB's & JENNIES**. Training will include responsibilities of the drivers and crew, dinghy righting, and recovery of sailors from the water.

QUALIFIED DRIVERS (Exemption scheme)

Will find an 'E' next to their name on the calendar/roster, to denote exemption from training. Obviously we would like to see everyone attend their session. However if you are qualified, and experienced, and you are confident enough to take out an unknown crew person, then check the web site ([www.ccsc/Site&Boats/Support Boats/Driver crew Training](http://www.ccsc/Site&Boats/Support%20Boats/Driver%20crew%20Training)) to see if you already have exemption. I apologise if you have been missed, but I could not put faces to a number of names. Please let us know if you do not intend to come to the training sessions, or indeed if you would like attend in a training capacity. In this respect the qualified and experienced are most welcome!

NON-DRIVING CREW. New for this year: 'Rescue Assistant' (A unique in house qualification)

Please check the web site ([www.ccsc/Site&Boats/Support Boats/Driver crew Training](http://www.ccsc/Site&Boats/Support%20Boats/Driver%20crew%20Training)) to see your training/practice/familiarisation day. Once again if you are confident enough to go on duty with out prior preparation, then let us know. Naturally, if we know you and the extent of your experience, your name will be marked accordingly. In certain circumstances we may ask you to illuminate your claim. In any case, please ensure you are fit for duty, observe the dress code, and be aware of your responsibilities as rescue boat crew.

For those who would like to learn more and get recognition on a club register, the 'Rescue Assistant' course is on offer this season. As I have said above, it's unique. It's also specific to club classes, club events, and club boats.

Any Comments, problems or queries, contact me or Nick Spicer. Most of the answers are on the web site, so check that first ([www.ccsc/Site&Boats/Support Boats/Driver crew Training](http://www.ccsc/Site&Boats/Support%20Boats/Driver%20crew%20Training)).

I look forward to seeing you all on the water, that's if you have any energy left after getting the boats, site, pontoons ready.

Regards.

Bob Richardson.

Safety Boat Bookings

Do you need to book a safety boat for your forthcoming event? Would it help to know whether it is available or already booked for something else?

John Pym, webmaster, has kindly set up a Safety Boat Data site which we hope will help.

To find it from the Homepage go Handbook-*Members Passworded* then put in the user name and password that members will be given> and choose View Safety Boat Data.

As boats are promised to various events I will fill in dates and details as I am given them. The Flag Officers will be the only people who can confirm a booking.

I am on email at chapman@beeb.net or phone 01305 812170.

This year is a trial run!

Julie Chapman (Boats' Committee) _____

Roger and Julie Chapman

usual email: chapman@beeb.net

alternative email: rjchapman@gmail.com

FRIDAY "LADIES" SAILING
1st session Friday May 2nd 2008

Are your sailing skills a bit rusty?



Have you done sailing courses but need to build up your confidence?

Come sailing on Friday mornings with the "Ladies sailing" group.

Ladies or "honorary ladies" all very welcome

Meet at 9 - 9.15, to be on the water by 10am, finishing by about noon.

Come especially early if you need to hire a club boat or have help with rigging.

Coffee in the clubhouse afterwards for debrief and chat.

For further information please contact
Cathie Williams
Ladies Sailing Coordinator
Tel: 01308 482232
Email: cwbridehead@btinternet.com



I have today picked up a set of keys outside the club on the path to Rylands Lane. They are 2 keys, a CCSC marked fob and the auto lock front gate fob, all on a red piece of string. I am available on 770677 to arrange their return

Steve Rose

I am researching the history of the Mursell family. I see Castle Cove Sailing Club has an Andy Mursell Trophy. Does anyone know the origins of this?

Barry Mursell
bmursell@tiscali.co.uk

Keelboat members who venture further afield may be interested to read this MCA Marine Guidance Note and its correction concerning the use of VHF and AIS.

https://mcanet.mcga.gov.uk/public/c4/solas/m_notice/mgn/mgn324.pdf
<http://www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/324corr.pdf>

Julian Scott-Foxwell

Lost G Cramp

During the working party held on Sunday 9 March a large G cramp borrowed from Malcolm Spicer went missing. It was being used by the pontoon gang, but had disappeared by the end of the morning. It has probably been placed in somebody's toolkit inadvertently. If you find that you have it could you please contact John Surowiec on 01305 871649. Thank you.

John Surowiec

NEXT NEWSLETTER

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

PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS and I can send you a link to the Newsletter as soon as it is out (instead of waiting for printing and the post). E-MAILS ARE SENT AS BLIND COPIES SO YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS WILL NOT BE SEEN BY ANY OTHER RECIPIENTS. It usually only takes a couple of minutes to download. The fewer paper copies we send out the more money we can save for the Club – you will be aware from the accounts that it is expensive to produce. And, of course, if you read it on screen, it saves trees.

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

Wanted Laser 4.7 sail and mast base

Do you have a Laser 4.7 sail and mast base sitting unused in your garage? Any reasonable condition and price considered.

Please contact Cathie Williams on 01308 482232 or email cwbridehead@btinternet.com

FOR SALE - SAILING GEAR FOR CHILDREN

CSR Sport 50N **Buoyancy Aid** Size small/medium– brand new still packaged - £17
Musto Amara **fingerless gloves** size JL – brand new and still packaged - £8
Musto **dinghy boots** size JL (4/5), used but in very good condition - £20
Musto **dinghy boots** size S (6/7), used but in good condition - £15
GUL pro **knee pads**, size medium, new and unused, still packaged - £18
GUL full length **wetsuit** size JL (chest 74cm) - £30
Alder shortie **wetsuit**, suit age 9/10, worn bottom with small hole (could be patched) £2
Gill **spray top**, size 8/9, used but in very good condition - £30
Spray **trousers**, size approx 9/10, used in good condition - £5
Crewsaver child's **buoyancy aid**, reasonable condition, no thigh straps - £10
Crewsaver child's **buoyancy aid**, reasonable condition, no thigh straps - £10
Neil Pryde Next Generation 50N **lifejacket**, size Junior (30 – 40kg), good condition, complete with thigh straps - £20
Crewsaver 100N **lifejacket**, size Junior (30 – 40kg), good condition, complete with thigh straps - £20
Musto **rash vest**, black, size JM, in good condition - £7

Delighted to haggle! Contact Henry or Susanna Merewether 01305 835462 (or most Saturday am with Cadets), themerewethers@hotmail.com