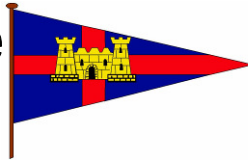


Castle Cove Sailing Club



June 2008 Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7th-8th June
Scorpion Open

14th June
Team racing

21st June
Training

22nd June
Alan Welling Cup

28th June
Big Bike Ride

5th July
Mirror training

10th-13th July
Weymouth Regatta

19th July
Cadet racing



Obstacle Course photo Richard White

FROM THE COMMODORE

Thanks to Nicola Lane for organising the "New Members Coffee Morning" enabling committee members to chat informally and answer general questions about the clubhouse, the site and sailing with the new members. The club managed a double barbeque day on Saturday 10th with "Try a J24" followed by a Cruising Supper, both well attended. It was great to see the club being used to promote its interests of racing and cruising on the same day.

The first "Open" weekend (Lasers and Contenders) of the season at the Club passed off well with the weather giving light conditions on the Saturday and stronger winds on the Sunday which suited the Contenders. Well done to Barry Grant as PRO and all the people who supported him with on the water, beach control, registration, Galley and Bar. The first weekend in June sees the Scorpion Open, so if you can offer some help in any capacity, please contact a committee member.

Your general committee has arranged an important General Meeting for the single purpose of discussing and voting on a proposal concerning the incorporation of a Company Limited by Guarantee to handle activities surrounding the 2012 Olympics. This is the product of the Forward and Olympic Planning Committees, so please read the information supplied, and come along to the Clubhouse on Friday 6th June at 8:30 pm.

In the meantime, weather willing of course, enjoy your sailing.

Paul Clarke

FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

I would like to thank Bill Barker for stepping in at the last minuet to run the last of the Monday evening training sessions. We had an excellent night with Bill shouting at everyone from the committee boat to improve sail trim, or just to make a comment because he could! Thank you Bill.

Regatta

I need an army of volunteers on the water and on shore for the Regatta on the 10th to 13th July, so if you are lucky enough not have been put down for a duty this year, or you are able to spare some time during these dates then please contact me. Areas that need covering include:-

- Late entries and shore signals at CCSC 10th – 13th
- Rescue crew for the 12th and 13th
- Beach master (at CCSC) for the 12th and 13th
- Results (at CCSC) for the 12th and 13th
- Galley for making up lunches for the rescue crew on the 12th and 13th
- Galley for doing a BBQ on the evening of the 11th

On the committee boat during the 12th and 13th I need:-

- An assistant RO for the 13th
- A time keeper for the 12th and 13th
- Someone to operate the sound signal on the 12th and 13th
- Someone to do Flags on the 12th and 13th

Please contact me if you can help.

Scorpion Open

I also need volunteers to help with the Scorpion open on the 7th and 8th June. I need a shore crew for this event i.e. Beach master, results, car parking. Please contact myself or Pete Davies if you can spare some time for this event.

Can I remind everyone that all races are run under the racing rules of sailing (RRS). Race officers aim to ensure a fair and professional race within the limits of their experience and the weather conditions on the day. Competitors must race in accordance with the rules. This means that, at times, there might be a need to protest other competitors, or the race committee to obtain a fair result or redress for an infringement.

Protests can be a positive learning experience for everyone and can enhance the enjoyment of our sport if treated as such. Our experienced race officers, who are asked to chair a protest committee, aim to make the experience a positive learning one for everyone involved. An incident might not even have to go to a full protest committee meeting if the people concerned meet with a member of the race committee, raise issues, discuss them and come to a satisfactory conclusion.

If you feel that circumstances have infringed your race or the race was unfair, please do not hesitate to put in a protest, (in accordance with the RRS), so the situation can be dealt with quickly and professionally and not left to fester after the event.

Thank you

Alison Stephens,
Hon sailing secretary

Laser Grand Prix & Contender Open

The Laser and Contender Classes at CCSC would like to say a very **BIG THANKYOU** to all those who helped with the Open on 17th & 18th May and to all those other club members who graciously made way for the 'invasion'.

Laser Grand Prix Report

Saturday dawned dull with very variable light winds. We had to relay the windward mark several times – the wind swing caused 2 general recalls. The weather did not improve much and all credit to the very competitive fleets, which remained well behaved despite these difficult conditions. The work completed on Silver Seal this winter has made her a good mobile Committee boat. Onboard, we missed Karen but Nick Grace was a good replacement Timekeeper - once he got used to wearing the headscarf! Thanks as usual to Nick for good course laying and to Paul Robbins as Safety Coordinator and to Sail Laser who sponsored the event with the 1st Prize and loaning a safety Rib.

Congratulations to Malcolm Lofts (3rd Laser Standard) and Chris Brann (1st Laser Radial).

(Ghost written for Barry Grant – Race Officer)

Contender Report

15 visiting Contenders joined 3 local boats for the Castle Cove leg of the British Contender Association 2008 Travellers Trophy. Despite the wind shifting around and struggling to make 10 knots, RO Barry Grant still managed to run 3 excellent races on the Saturday. The racing was close and hard fought and with 3 different winners, the series was still up for grabs at the end of Day 1.

Sunday dawned a whole new ball game – sunshine and breeze. With the wind averaging 15 knots, the Contender Class rule came into play that enabled the suspension of Rule 42 (in English: you can pump like a madman on all the down-wind legs!). This led to some very fast, if exhausting reaches and runs. With 3 more races run on the Sunday and all to play for, boats were being sailed right on the edge which resulted in some spectacular capsizes right across the fleet (Marcus Scrace was the best capsize of the weekend.....).

In the end, the event was won by visiting sailor Graham Scott. Top CCSC boat was Andy Young who also won the Bronze fleet.

A big thanks to all the volunteers involved in running the event. As in previous years there were loads of compliments from the competitors so we must be getting something right! See you on the water (when I'm fit again!)

Nick Grace – Contender GBR 700

TEAM RACING 14 June 2.00pm ish

Those who attended Anya de longh's talk on team racing, you can stay at home! This is a fun event.

Make a team of three or make new friends on the day. We will be using Toppers in a series of knock-out races.

Let's see keelboat sailors showing their prowess to cadets, or maybe the reverse. Prizes for those who win honestly.

Some tips are at http://www.boating.co.nz/sailing/teams_racing_tactics.shtml followed by starting, upwind, reaching or finishing, or look at the June 2007 newsletter. See you there

Steve Green



Cadets

The Cadet season is well underway, we're now at week 11 out of 28, but there's still time to join in. If you're new (to Cadets) or we haven't seen you yet this year, come along any Saturday morning - registration 0900hrs-0930hrs. Check out the new wet briefing room downstairs, thanks to the boat committee we can now meet whatever else is happening in the clubhouse.

Important diary dates for 2008:

Saturday 5th July Mirror training:

A free day of Mirror coaching is on offer! All we have to do is get ten Mirror on the water, any age and any level. **IF YOU HAVE A MIRROR PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW.**

Saturday 19th July - Cadet race day with Barbecue and prizegiving. Open to all young sailors, aged (8-18).

RYA Courses: Stage 1 and 2, Mon. -Fri. 27th-30th May, 12 children are booked, but there are still 3 spaces on the stage 2 (Thurs/Fri only).

Stage 3 or 4, Mon 21st -Thurs 24th July, 6 children booked, opportunity to book another 6, possibly at stage 1 -2.

Big Bike Ride: Saturday 28th June.

Come and join the cycle from CCSC to Portland Castle and return via the front of the Sailing Academy, its 10K. **'Sailors cycling for Children'** all proceeds to NSPCC.

Course /training bookings to Mairi Kershaw, Cadet Officer, by e-mail co@cadets.ccsc.org.uk or via the post box.

Also, visit the cadet web pages of the CCSC website www.ccsc.org.uk for more details of the Saturday sessions.

Mairi Kershaw
078 075 3829

Slipway Cleaning

The new resin coating on the centre section of the slipways has greatly reduced the growth of weed on the surface and created a generally safer environment. However, the slipways do still require regular cleaning although, fortunately, the weed does seem to lift more easily from the coated sections.

Dave Farmer has offered to co-ordinate the cleaning programme again this year so if any member can spare an hour or so to help with this task please contact Dave via phone (771344) or by e-mail (dave@tech4u.co.uk)

Thanks,
Mike Clarkson

Club Support Boats

A big thank you to all the club volunteers who helped maintain our support boats over the winter period.

Needless to say, some members did more than others, and some actually did more than most! When I joined the club, I knew I would have friends, but I didn't expect them to become part of my extended family (Well it feels like that at times).

Seriously, though, for the benefit of new members, and as a reminder to others: the club owns and maintains **eight** motorboats, and it's safe to say, the club could not run without them.

So...if you are stuck on your boat (or on the jetty) a bit longer than usual because there is only one ferry running, give a thought to the trusty band of volunteers who fix them, organise the drivers and, in some cases, drive them as well!

If you think this is an appeal for help, you are spot on. In essence, a big thriving club such as ours should be able to knock off a few repairs on a few boats quite easily.

BUT! For whatever reason the numbers of volunteers coming forward have diminished.

We have identified a couple of key factors which are:

- Lack of knowledge and experience of working on boats.

- Lack of tools (we currently rely on the volunteers having their own tools).

Good news! We have a plethora of experts in the club (Did I say that out loud?), but the club only has a few old tools.

We aim to build up a club tool kit, so if you have spare tools lying around we would like them, please. With the tools for the job, and the mixing and matching of experts, tools and volunteers, we might have a recipe for success. Then, the subscriptions can remain reasonable. The alternative is to have the work done commercially – which has financial implications which will affect all our wallets.

Take a look at the club website (Support Boats/Boats Working Parties) to see the impressive amount of work we did this winter – which, sadly, still wasn't enough to get ALL of the boats back in the water and operational on schedule.

Just few points and reminders for boat drivers on use of related club equipment:

VHF Radios.

- Check the battery indicator to see if the set has taken a charge.

- Try to ROTATE set use (The Jenny sets get the least use, and are most likely to be charged).

- Replace the set firmly into the charging cradle, and wiggle it around to make contact (There are

 - THREE pins to engage with the contacts). A RED LIGHT means the set is being trickle charged.

 - A GREEN LIGHT means the set is fully charged.

The batteries have a maximum recommended charging time of six hours. We initially set the timers for six hours nightly, but this meant that no lights would show when the sets were being replaced at the end of racing sessions.

The timers are now set for charging, ONE HOUR BEFORE the end of racing.

This means all cradles will be showing a GREEN LIGHT, when the set is returned. Please make sure the set is located on all three pins. A belt and braces approach is to ease the set forward from the top, or push it back in at the bottom, to obtain a RED charging light. We are currently checking the status and age of all sets to see if any batteries need replacing.

Petrol Store

Please make sure all (red plastic) "Petrol Afloat" cans are returned to the store.

Please return the large steel funnel to the yellow accessory box on the shelf in the store.

Also a timely reminder about decanting of petrol from the green "Petrol Ashore" jerry cans into boat tanks and the afloat cans:

Summer is the time to study the safety procedures more closely. Remember petrol is nasty stuff, and the higher the ambient temperatures, the higher the risk of a flash fire.

Once again, check the web site (Support Boats/Fuel Safety) for chapter and verse.

"We still need a couple of locally based members to help with the collection of petrol from the Wyke (Texaco) service station".

Boats and moorings

Please return the boat to the correct mooring when you have finished using it. The moorings are marked with the first letter of the boat's name. The order of boats from West to East is: Don's Choice, the Jennies, Beaver, Camelot, TernToo. Idler is on a different trot further East. Silver Seal is further out, off Bin-cleaves.

TernToo, Beaver, and Don's Choice, are all on moorings without a support float. The mooring chain has a loop, which attaches directly to the boat. (A cleat on TernToo, and samson posts on Beaver and Don's Choice).

The RIBS and Jennies have support floats, and the mooring rope has to be tied on the boat. These boats also have an UNDERWATER BOW-LINE which terminates with a stainless steel carabiner clip. This is clipped to the soft eye strop, which in turn is attached permanently to the support float. Detailed drawings of this arrangement are in the petrol store, the boat store, and the notice board in the clubhouse. Yet again! Check the web site to see how it's done (Support Boats/Rib Moorings) DON'T GET CAUGHT OUT!

Finally, please remember to leave the Elephant's Trunk (Self bailers) on TernToo, and Camelot, in the UP position.

Bob Richardson

Club Boats Maintenance Coordinator.

And Now A Load Of Rubbish

As the bin is always overflowing, we are having to pay for additional collections.

It would reduce costs if you took your rubbish home, particularly if it contains the empties from your last party aboard.

These should be recycled, and shame on you if you don't.

If the bin is still full, please don't leave it for the birds to spread rubbish and food waste around the site. Take it home.

Steve Green

NEXT NEWSLETTER

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

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5 Berth, 18HP Volvo 2002.

Liferaft, Chart Plotter,

DSC Radio, Hull epoxied 2004, £27,000

For more details contact Jolyon Lomax jolyon@on-tap.co.uk

Mobile 07970 060707

Chaos – 1973 Reve de Mere For Sale

Designed by Groupe Finot. Builders Chantiers Mallard, La Rochelle.

Length 23 feet, Beam 8 foot, Weight 1 ton

Full survey April 2005

Main sail and No. 2 new 1999 (plus originals)

Tri-radial genoa, 2 spinnakers (one large, one small)

No 3 and storm jib

New mast and standing rigging 2002. Hull painted 2002.

Four berth. SL400 toilet.

Wintered ashore, own cradle.

Yamaha Malta outboard 2 stroke, 2 Hp.

Stowe Navigator 2 - functional but needs upgrading

£3,500 o.n.o.

Dave Oliver – 01305 852523 for more information or test drive!

WANTED .. accommodation

If anyone knows of an unfurnished 2/3 bedroomed flat or small house in the Wyke to Portland area, available for long let from early July , at around £500 per month, please let me know ...

Roger Chapman 01305 812170