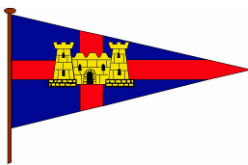


Castle Cove Sailing Club



March 2009 Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 4th March 7.30pm Talk on the RRS 2009-2012 by Barry Grant.

Friday 6th March Jazz night

Saturday 14th March Z Class Dinner

Friday 20th March Dinghy Dinner

Wednesday 25th March Officer of the day and Assistant Officer of the day talk by Derek Abbott.

Friday 27th March Moody Lecture at WPNSA

Tuesday 31st March Boat Jumble

Wednesday 1st April Basic racing talk

12th April Spring series starts

Saturday 25th April RNLI Ball



Fortunette—see story on page 9

FROM THE COMMODORE

It is with real sadness that I have to start this month's message with the passing of another Club member, Clare Oliver. Clare and Dave have been members for many years and regularly raced their Reve de Mere, Chaos. Although not racing in recent years, they continued to support the Club and Clare will be particularly missed on Tuesday mornings at Keep Fit. I am sure you will join me in offering deepest sympathy to Dave and their family.

The good news is that it is less than six weeks until the sailing season and work at the Club has been progressing well. The new doors out to the garden have received much praise and I am sure will be fully appreciated in the warmer weather. The complimentary bacon butties have been very popular with the workers and Hazel and her team, which I am delighted to say has included a number of cadets, have done a splendid job in the galley. There are still jobs to complete so please keep coming to the Club on Sunday mornings.

Thank you to all of you who returned your renewal forms promptly – this makes life so much easier for Trevor and Michael and ensures you get the duty you ask for. Unfortunately Trevor has still had to spend a considerable amount of time e mailing and telephoning those of you who have still to renew. You know who you are so return your forms now or your membership will cease.

March is going to be a busy time for social events, the first one this week is new to Castle Cove – an evening of jazz with Macey J on Friday 6 March. We also have the Z Class Dinner, the Dinghy Dinner and a Sunday lunch to round off the working parties. Check the notice boards, newsletter, year planner or diary in the Chart Room for details of all the events and come along and use your Club.

Sara Lloyd, Commodore

FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

Applications are coming in for the Dinghy Dinner; if you haven't applied already, you have until the 13th March. Cheques made payable to CCSC and posted to me please.

The first of some interesting talks start on the 4th March with Barry Grant demystifying the new rules of racing. Please come along to get set for the racing season. The bar will be open.

The Z Class dinner is on the 14th March; see posters in the club for more details.

On the 25th March Derek Abbott will once again go through the duties of the Race Officer and Assistant Race Officer. Even if you haven't got a committee boat duty, come along and learn about what the RO has to consider if they are to provide sailors with an enjoyable and safe race.

The racing season starts on the 5th April with the first Spring series race. Although P1 starts on the 1st April, the Keelboats are not going into the water until the 8th -12th April, so bear with us for that period as you may not be able to get your dinghy in its allocated place until after the 12th April. The Easter Race is on the 13th April.

Please check your handbooks, when you get them, for your duties. It is vital that you turn up for your duty so the sailing/après-sail is not spoilt for other members.

Thank you

Alison Stephens, sailing secretary

CLARE OLIVER

Members will be very sad to hear of the death of Clare Oliver. Clare was a member of the club for many years and enjoyed sailing with her family in 'Shel', 'Karwegan', and more recently 'Chaos'. She was an active participant in the Keep Fit class and always a willing helper in the club. All will miss her cheerful, caring and kindly presence; such a lovely person.

Pam Bradford

SPRING SUNDAY LUNCH - 29 MARCH

On Sunday 29 March, to celebrate the end of the winter working parties, the imminent start of the sailing season and just before we lift in the keelboats, there will be a hot lunch on offer in the Club.

Start: 1.00 pm. Price: £5.00 for two courses (simple food, similar to a club sailing supper) - main course and pudding

Book: Please put your names to the list on the social section of the noticeboard by 25th March! Or email shaw-publicity@btinternet.com or phone 01305 776659

Look forward to seeing you all there.

Hazel Shaw and **Katie Roebuck**

YCW Spring Series 2009

For yachts over 6 m LOA including
IRC Class & YCW PYN Handicap Class

Start your season by joining this short series open to any yacht.

Racing in Weymouth Bay from Committee Boat starts.
Four consecutive Sundays. One discard from 5 races.

Sunday 12 th April	One race 2 - 3 hrs	}	1st
Sunday 19 th April	Long distance 3 - 4 hrs	}	Warning
Sunday 26 th April	Two short races back/back	}	Signal
Sunday 3 rd May	One race 2 - 3 hrs	}	1040

Entry Form and Sailing Instructions available on the YCW, Castle Cove SC & Weymouth SC websites and at the Clubs from 1st March.

More details from iain.jones@bigfoot.com



CCSC Dinghy Dinner Friday 20th March 2009
 At 7.30pm
 Speaker
 Sarah Dempsey (Nee Ayton)
 Plus an auction of branded clothing for charity



Dress; smart casual

Please reserve me..... ticket(s) for the Dinghy Dinner at £12 each.

Name..... Telephone contact.....

Vegetarian Y/N

RSVP By the 13th March. To

Alison Stephens.

1 Barn Court Mews, Manor Farm Court, Martinstown, Dorchester, Dorset. DT2 9JN.

Tel 01305 889641

Z Class Dinner

Saturday 14th March
 7.30pm in Clubhouse

Dress Code – Black Tie & Evening Dress

Tickets £18.00

Includes;

3 Course Dinner

Wine

Cheese & Biscuits with Port

Please reserve me places for the Z-class dinner at £18 each

How many vegetarian meals required.....

Name.....Telephone.....

Enter names of all people you have paid for below

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Please return this from with a cheque made payable to CCSC by the 7th March to:
 Z Class Capt, Bill Barker, 24a St Davids Rd, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 9LP

TRAINING REMINDER: NOVICE DINGHY SAILING & RACING

The Basics of Racing (Club House Talk)

Wednesday 1st April 7:30pm:

Talk by Nick Grace and Marcus.

This talk is aimed at people who have either done no racing at all or a little and wish to improve. Nick and Marcus will talk you through the various stages of a race including: the all important start, sailing the various legs of the course, mark rounding and knowing when you've finished! Also included will be the basic rules so you know your rights and obligations and a few hints and tips on sailing better and faster.

The evening is a light hearted affair with plenty of opportunity for questions so why not come along. The bar will be open!

The Basics of Racing (On Water Session)

Saturday 25th April 1:30pm:

On the water session to put into practice the basics that were discussed on the Wednesday evening talk.

Regular Saturday Afternoon Training Sessions in 2009:

From the beginning of May we will be running regular training sessions for both sailing and safety boat operation.

Safety Boat training with Bob Richardson will be run to help both safety boat crews and drivers gain experience and try out different techniques of assisting and righting dinghies, recovering sailors from the water in varying conditions.

Dinghy Sailing - we have had some response from people telling us what training they would like, but we are still interested in hearing from anyone who would like to join in with training sessions though-out the summer to know what you want. Whether it be refreshing the absolute basics, leaving and returning from the beach or slipway or gaining enough confidence to start racing. Let us know.

Do you want regular Saturday afternoons devoted to general sailing skills?

Do you want a series of race coaching sessions to build on the Start Racing sessions described above?

Do you want something else?

Are you willing to help run such sessions?

Please email **Richard White** with your requests and interest: Richard@azurelogo.co.uk or call me on 07976 352059

GET READY FOR THE 09 SAILING SEASON

As the new sailing season approaches, its time to get kitted out with Club gear for your boat and yourself. The following items will be on sale in the bar from now on - or contact Hazel Shaw on phone or email (01305 776659 shawpublicity@btinternet.com)

BURGEES	£25.00
TIES	£ 7.00
PINS	£ 2.00
STICKERS (for car or boat!)	£ 1.00

Thanks

Hazel Shaw



Weymouth & Portland Cruising Association



Annual Boat Jumble and Social Evening

All members of Weymouth Sailing and Boating Clubs are Invited to join us for our Annual Boat Jumble and Social Evening

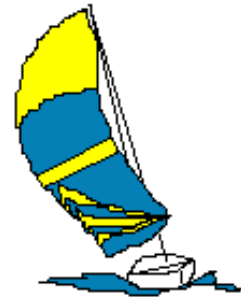
At

The Castle Cove Sailing Club
(At the end of Old Castle Road)

On

Tuesday 31st March 2009

Starting at 19:30



Come along and find that piece of chandlery you have been looking for, or that spare part for the obsolete piece of kit on your boat.



Or . . . use this as an opportunity to clear out the boat jumble from your garage; old books and almanacs from your bookcase; or empty that locker on your boat and turn it into cash - at the same time as making new friends in our boating community.

Entry is free for visitors and sellers. If you would like to book a table to display your wares please contact Michael Gregory on 01-305 889165
or

email michael.gregory@bigfoot.com.

Free parking, free entry

The bar will be open

THE BALL IS BACK!

The Weymouth Lifeboat Ball is back after a break – its on Saturday 25th April 2009 at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.

This glorious fundraising event starts the sailing season in style. As well as being beside the waters of the 2012 Games at the Academy, one of the best bands in the South West is headlining the event – dance to BEN WATERS and his BAND. The fun does not finish there; a French-style floor show from the lovelies of PZAZZ sets the atmosphere; magicians tour the tables to dazzle guests with tricks and sleight of hand; guests will be encouraged to try their luck in a top of the range raffle or in a quick fire, speed-booze raffle. The supper and dancing is in a beautifully bedecked indoor marquee complete with dance floor; and side rooms serve as licensed bar, wine room, quiet room for relaxation and cloakroom. The evening starts at 6.30 pm, with dinner served at 7.30 pm, carriages - or boats - to be summoned at 1.00 pm.

Tickets are £27.50 each and early booking is advisable. To apply for tickets, contact Hazel Shaw on 01305 776659.

In an innovative move, it is possible to arrive at the ball by boat. Not only can you stay aboard overnight, the Academy' Restaurant will open in the morning for breakfast. To book your berth, contact Reception at WPNSA on 01305 866000 - all berthing fees to be donated to the RNLI.

Hazel Shaw

ABANDONED ITEMS

These have been left in the club for months, please retrieve them before 12th April or they will be disposed of or sold

Wetline boots, size 5 / 38

Berghaus Freeflow 25 backpack, containing Thermos flask, waterproof trousers and other items

Boat hook

Holt spinnaker pole, 2m long

Wooden spinnaker/whisker pole, 2m long.

Gold Anodised boom and spinnaker pole, both 3.2m long

Steve Green, 01305 789191



CASTLE COVE 2012

Pictures of CCSC

We are looking to improve the look of the website advertising CCSC as a training camp. Do you have any pictures of the club either inside or out showing either activities, socials or just picturesque shots? If you do we would love to have a look and use them if possible, John Pym our webmaster, has put a section on the site to upload any pictures.

click on:

<http://www.ccsc.org.uk/hidden/index.shtml>

There is a link to the new page near the top of the page where you can upload the pictures.

Sailing Legacy

Part of having the training treams on site is the unique opportunity of having elite sailors at our club. From our members meeting in October 2008 we looked at the legacy, that holding the games here in Weymouth, would bring to club. Part of that is a 'sailing legacy' for CCSC. Richard White would like to know if any members are interested in helping him define the legacy for the Club. Please contact Richard on 01305 260765 or email richard@azurelogo.co.uk. We will be meeting to discuss the Sailing Legacy at midday on 22 March – please feel free to join us.

Teams visiting in 2009

We still have no confirmation from teams wishing to visit, but we will let you know the minute there is news!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me on 01305 812107 or andreafellows@orange.net

Andrea Fellows

THE MOODY LEGACY

A talk by David Moody "The Moody Legacy" has been arranged by the RNSA for Friday 27th March 2009 at the Weymouth Sailing Academy.

The evening will begin at 7.00pm, with the talk scheduled for 8pm, a one course meal of lasagna and salad has been arranged. The cost of the meal will be £6 per head, please pay me on the night with either cash or a cheque.

Please can you confirm attendance by Sunday 22nd March 09 to allow me to give final catering numbers to the kitchen. r.m.hasker@talk21.com

Rachel Hasker

JAZZ AT CCSC

Friday 6 March 2009
7.30 p.m.

Macey 'J' are members of Dorchester Big Band who have formed their own small group. They have kindly offered to provide an evening of gentle jazz at Castle Cove. Come and along and enjoy their playing or if you would like to join in bring your own instrument and play with them—you would be most welcome

The Bar will be open and pizzas provided during the break

£2.50 a head or £5.00 for two!

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Thanks to everyone who renewed their memberships promptly this year. It makes a great deal of difference to others like Ian who organised the boat park and to Michael, who arranges the rotas.

At the deadline on 28 February we still had more than thirty who, despite emails and in some cases, telephone calls, had not told the club of their intentions.

To those who may have found me a little tetchy as the deadline approached – sorry. I'm tasked with getting everyone to pay on time and that's what I try and do!

However the good news is that you now have the chance to get rid of me. If anyone is interested in taking of the role please get in touch.

This year has, generally, been fairly smooth and we now have an excellent and accurate database and a system which is functional and causes few problems. I've worked out that it takes an average of 9 minutes to deal with each renewal. This includes opening the post, adding the details to the database, any queries, sending acknowledgements, filling in the Excel for banking, sorting the bank paying in book and banking the cheques, not to mention passing the details to the treasurer and to Ian and Michael for boatpark and duties. We have around 450 membership 'units' (ie single or family) – so you can do the maths yourself! On top of this is the keys and fobs and dealing with new membership applications, a relatively minor part of the job in comparison, probably taking up no more than 20 hours or so on top of the other duties. I can promise support and help for anyone who fancies the job. If you have basic computer skills, a thick skin and a calculator you should be able to cope.

Trevor Bevins

Membership Secretary (outgoing – hopefully)

On a different subject – would anyone like to suggest a charity I could send the used postage stamps from this year's envelopes to?

For either please email me trevor.bevins@virgin.net

A TALE ABOUT OUR FIRST LADY COMMODORE MRS. G. WINGFIELD-DIGBY

By Brian Wilkins

In the early 1950` s I was the young assistant secretary to our founder Mr A. D. Hownam – Meek. He told me that The Commodore wanted a crew to sail her Boat “Fortunette” from St. Mawes. Mrs Gwendoline Wingfield-Digby was a rather imposing lady. Her son was first Lord to the Admiralty. However unlike Sara our present very active Commodore, she was seldom seen at the club. She had a cabin alongside our clubhouse which then nestled under the Old Castle below the present caravan site, Hownam considered her a fine figurehead for the club because she did not interfere with his running of things.

I duly reported to this formidable lady. She drove us down to St. Mawes where we used a tiny folding dinghy to get out to “Fortunette” which was a small pretty centre board ketch about 19 feet long. The accommodation was quite restricted. I had little experience of such a craft having only sailed dinghies. The loo was a bucket and chuck it. I had to be outside when the owner needed relief, but I was allowed to go over the stern.

Early the next morning we set off along the coast towards Fowey. It was a splendid sail in a fine breeze and calm sea. Now I know it must have been NW. The raising of the DODMAN was to be a lasting memory which was a most useful aid for me on more than one future occasion before the magic of GPS. Took over the mystery of not knowing where one was.

At Fowey we picked up a swinging buoy in the river. I rowed her ashore and she told me that she had to go to London.

The next day I talked to an old salt on a fine ship moored fore and aft, near our mooring. She was The “Jeanne D`Arc” a 40 foot wishbone ketch belonging to Lt.Gen. Sir.F.A.M. Browning. He was an Aide de camp to our Royal family and was married to Daphne Du Maurier who lived nearby. The old salt turned out to be the ships professional skipper. He suggested that I should lay Fortunette along side of Jeanne D`Arc. Also to use double bed cabin, the loo and the big dinghy. The weather became horrid so the use of this craft was wonderful.

My evenings were spent ashore. The Royal Fowey Y. C. was a bit grand so I spent my time at The Fowey Gallants sailing club. This eventually led to an annual match race between them and Castle Cove which continued for several years.

I then had a couple days of panic worrying that Mrs. W-D would get back before I could mend the bit of her Stuart Turner engine that I had wrecked when trying to fix a spring. A great lesson of if it aint broke don't mend it.

Of course now Mike Venning (Mick will fix it) does all mending of my disasters and has done for over 55 years.

Mrs. Wingfield-Digby made contact and I was informed that she was sending me a crew who would join me the next day. At the appointed hour I rowed in and picked this rather small gentleman called Arnold Wright who turned out to be 72 and had only sailed a little.

We cast off directly and sped out of the river. Suddenly we had an all mighty gybe The little boat went over on its side the sea came in the cockpit. I managed to get out onto the centre board and she came back upright. Good little ship. Not a drop of water in the cabin but a lot of broken crockery.

Twas a rather subdued crew that tore off towards the east. Questions then about weather, tide and should we go on to The Yealm. All things that should have been considered before setting sail. What a steep learning curve. For several years after the event my Christmas card from Arnold. “just said “There She Gybes”

Our arrival at the River Yealm was tidy as Arnold knew the leading marks. Good job as I did not have a clue. In the river at Newton Ferrers we were boarded by Customs “Who is master” They asked. My crew pointed at me. So that was my first command. How lucky I was to have survived it. Arnold lived in a little cottage opposite the village of Noss Mayo. We parked Fortunette at the bottom of his garden where his wife cooked the nicest chips I had ever tasted.

When Mrs Wingfield- Digby was phoned, maybe the whole truth was not told. The rest of the voyage is another Yarn

Brian Wilkins

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 - 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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Send contributions to the newsletter to the email address below. Please keep formatting simple as it makes the newsletter easier to compile.

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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Laser single number 147655. Sound hull.
Comes with Harken deck kit fitted, a Harken kicker, radial and 4.7 rigs and a launching trolley.

£1200

Can be seen at Castle Cove Sailing Club.

Call on 07977 912407 or
newsletter@ccsc.org.uk