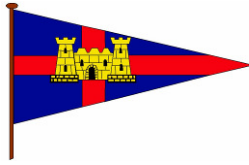


Castle Cove Sailing Club



January 2010 Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

Sunday 3rd - Working parties start

Saturday 16th - Presentation of prizes

Friday 22nd - WPNSA Ceilidh

FROM THE COMMODORE

Christmas and a very busy December are nearly over and thoughts turn to a new season in Castle Cove. After all the eating and drinking I am sure you will all be keen to turn up for working parties on Sunday 3 January to burn off some of the extra pounds we have all gained.

After the atrocious weather in November the dinghies actually managed to get some sailing in during December and once again the Clubhouse was buzzing with wet hungry sailors. Enough races were sailed to make a series and Alison was able to award prizes at the Punch Party. The Punch Party is a great way to catch up with old friends and I was pleased to see older members mixing with the newer members and enjoying the wonderful spread of food. My thanks to all who brought along contributions, and to Richard and Angie for their help with serving the punch and Christine and Graham who worked so hard in the galley.

Earlier in the month the Ladies Sailing put on an extremely successful Christmas Social which raised over £500, half of which was donated to CLIC and the remainder put into Castle Cove funds. As usual the games caused much hilarity and one of the band members was heard to say early in the evening "I'm not playing silly games" but I have a wonderful photograph of him wearing ladies tights and balloons on his head! Well done to all the "Ladies" who not only masterminded the evening but also decorated the Clubroom. We look forward to next year's Christmas Social.

Also during December the Club took part in the national Tree O'Clock event as part of a Guinness World Record attempt. I felt a bit like the Queen when I was asked to turn up and plant a tree and found that all I had to do was hold the spade and pose for a photograph after the Wilkins and Spicers had done all the hard work in digging the holes.

The Boxing Day Race was another great day, despite strong gusty winds 8 boats sailed and a number of other members turned up in fancy dress and for the hot lunch cooked and served by Hazel, Angie and my long suffering friend Ellie. As usual the sailors entered into the spirit of things and the fancy dress competition was difficult to judge but as I didn't even recognise Jan in his cowboy outfit he was the worthy winner.

As I write the New Year's Eve Supper is still to come but I am sure this will be another successful evening although unfortunately I will not be able to attend. There is also plenty going on in January so watch your e mails and the notice board for information.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Sara Lloyd, Commodore



FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

Congratulations to Jock and Andrea Fellows for their win in the Winter Series. Despite half the races being cancelled due to bad weather, they managed to keep Michael Robbins in 2nd place and Marcus Scrace in 3rd.

I must apologise as I did not announce the winner of the Laser class or the under 18 winner that should have been announced at the Punch Party; so, the winner of the Laser Winter Series is Diana Gill in "Ellex" and the under 18yrs winner of the Winter Series goes to Emily White in "Emz". Congratulations to all the winners and I hope they will come to the prize giving in January to collect their trophies.

So, don't forget the Prize giving on the 16th January. This is an informal occasion in the club to celebrate the winners of all the racing that has taken place over the previous year and brightens up a dark January evening.

Next year I would like to include in the results the names of any *regular* crew that sail in dinghies. If you would like your *regular* crew to be included in the results then please let me know before the start of a series so that I can put them in the system. I am unable to change the name of crew during a series, but I am willing to change a crew for a complete series or a cup event providing I am informed before the event, i.e. not the night before the start of the series or cup event, or on the boat park as I am preparing my boat for sailing please.

May I wish you all a very Happy New Year

Alison Stephens

REAR COMMODORE SAILING

Due to work and other commitments Nick Spicer has decided that he will not be able to fulfil his duties as Rear Commodore Sailing or attend meetings during the coming year and he has therefore decided to stand down. Alison Stephen has agreed to take on the role until the next AGM and is currently looking for a Sailing Secretary. My thanks to Alison for taking on this task and I would ask you all to support her and her successor as Sailing Secretary during the coming year.

Sara Lloyd, Commodore

HELP WANTED

Next years major project is the refurbishment of the upstairs loos, starting 3 Jan.

We need skills in floor laying, plumbing, electrics and carpentry in particular.

We also want to fit fans, so if anyone has a 4" hole cutter for brick, we would like to borrow it and its operator. We will be upgrading one at a time, so there may be some unisex loo use. I have yet to work out the details!!! Plus there are plenty of occupations for those with other skills.

Steve Green

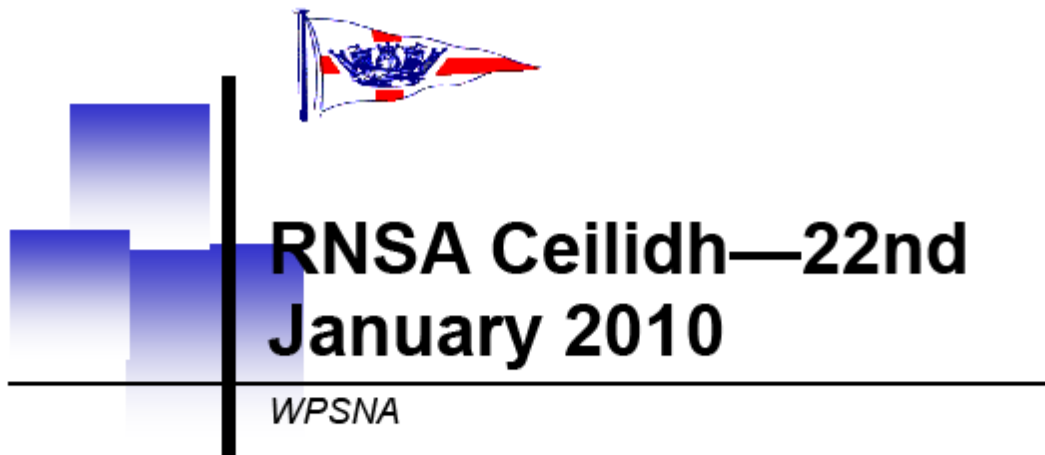
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Send contributions to the newsletter to the email address below. Please keep formatting simple as it makes the newsletter easier to compile.

Celia Rushton – newsletter@ccsc.org.uk (This will always forward to my current e-mail address) – or 07977 912407 or 01305 769489.



RNSA Portland members would like to invite you to attend our Ceilidh on the 22nd January 2010 at Weymouth & Portland Sailing Academy from 7pm to 11pm.

Dancing to music provided by The Casterbridge Band.

Join us for a night of fun and entertainment, everyone is very welcome. (informal dress)

Cost £15 per head to include a two course meal

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