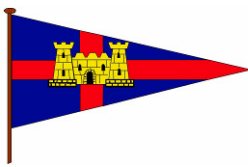


# Castle Cove Sailing Club



# March 2010 Newsletter

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MARCH

Wednesday 10th	J24 Skittle Evening
Saturday 13th	Sport Relief Challenge
Saturday 13th	Z Class Dinner
Wednesday 17th	The Race Course talk
Friday 19th	Dinghy Dinner
Tuesday 30th	WPCA Boat Jumble
Wednesday 24th	Racing Techniques talk
Sunday 28th	Working Party Lunch
Wednesday 31st	Racing Techniques talk

### APRIL

Sunday 4th	Spring series starts
Saturday 24th	RNLI Ball

Exercise group meets 1030 every Tuesday



## FROM THE COMMODORE

Another month has gone by and only 6 weeks to go until the sailing season starts. Thank you to all of you who have been turning up on Sunday mornings to get your Club ready for the new season. Nick Browning and his team have worked in all weathers to erect the new slipway gates and fencing, Peter Eustace has had teams working on the Club boats, Steve Green has masterminded the refurbishment of the upstairs toilets, Rose Spicer keeps the "gardeners" busy, Katy Roebuck has turned up week after week to cook the bacon and so the list goes on. There is still plenty to do so don't be shy in coming forward. As well as Sunday mornings many members turn up during the week and quietly get on with the jobs that need doing and, of course, I can't forget the moorings team who are out in all weathers ensuring our moorings are ready for the season. My personal thanks to you all and apologies that I can't mention everyone. At the end of the working parties the Social Committee will be laying on a lunch in the Club (not free, I'm afraid, but at a very reasonable price) and a sign up list will be in the Club in the next couple of weeks. Bring the family and enjoy a relaxed lunch before the sailing starts.

February has been a month for courses, with safety boat and level 2 powerboat courses on the water and a Food Hygiene course in the warmth of the Clubhouse. I signed up for the Food Hygiene course expecting to be thoroughly fed up stuck inside on a Saturday but we had a great day. Stuart Roebuck laid on a fantastic course which was informative and entertaining. The dreaded exam at the end wasn't as bad as expected and all of us passed. If enough people are interested Stuart will put on another course for us. Richard White is also trying to organise first aid courses before the start of the season. Check in the Clubhouse, the newsletter or your e mails for dates.

If February was the month for courses then March is the month for dinners. Both the Dinghy and Z Class Dinners are this month and there are still spaces for both. Both these dinners are good value for money and a great way to get to know your fellow sailors better. Also in March Adam Bowers will be giving three talks on Wednesday evenings to set you up for racing and anyone who has been to Adam's talks will know these will be great evenings. This year there is an added bonus of hot food being available. I look forward to seeing you at these events.

**Sara Lloyd, Commodore**

## FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

The programme complete and the most difficult decision of the winter, to decide on the front cover photo for 2010 made, my attention now transfers to the interesting exhibitions and interactive evenings being put on in the club before the sailing season gets underway.

First we have the Z Class Dinner on the 13<sup>th</sup> March with speaker Steve White, our local hero who competed in, and, unlike a lot of yachts, finished the Vendee Globe race.

Then we have the first of 3 Adam Bowers race training sessions on the 17<sup>th</sup> March. Always fun and this time very much interactive. The first one will see participants running a virtual race in the clubhouse, but using all the equipment normally used on Silver Seal to make it as realistic as possible. There is a free prize draw, but you have to be there to win. See the flyer in this news letter.

Then we have the Dinghy Dinner on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> March. If you have not applied yet, then please do (before the 13<sup>th</sup>), as it makes it so much easier for all involved in the organisation if we have some idea how many people are intending to come.

**Alison Stephens**, sailing secretary

## ADAM BOWERS RACE TRAINING SESSIONS

**17<sup>th</sup> March 2010 - Improve your skills and understanding of the race course before the season starts.**

Come and learn how a race is run from the race officer's perspective. Interactive fun evening learning how to prepare for, start, control and finish a race. If you have not been a race officer, or assistant race officer, or just need a bit of practice then this is the course for you. We will be using all the equipment normally used on Silver Seal to get as near to the real thing as possible, but in the comfort and warmth of the club house.

**24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010**

The Adam Bowers special on general racing techniques, how to go faster and how to improve your game.

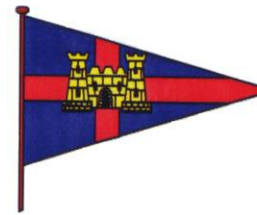
COST IS £5 PER SESSION FOR ADULTS AND £2.50 FOR CADETS (14 - 18Yrs), to include one Beer/soft drink free and a curry.

There is also the chance to win a superb prize in a free raffle, but you have to be there to win.  
ALL SESSIONS START AT 1930 IN THE CLUB HOUSE

## ***YCW SPRING SERIES***

This year's Spring Series for IRC and PYN yachts will take place on Sundays in April - 4,11,18,25 - with start times from 1030.

If you intend to enter the IRC class don't forget to get your up-to-date certificate !  
The NOR and SIs will appear at [www.ycw.org.uk](http://www.ycw.org.uk) soon or contact **Iain Jones** on 01305 769489 for more information.



**CCSC Dinghy Dinner Friday 19th March 2010**

**At 7.30pm**

**With a mystery guest entertainer**

Dress; smart casual

Please reserve me..... ticket(s) for the Dinghy Dinner at £15 each. (Cheques Made payable to CCSC).

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

Vegetarian Y/N

RSVP By the 13<sup>th</sup> March. To **Alison Stephens**. 1 Barn Court Mews, Manor Farm Court, Martinstown, Dorchester, Dorset. DT2 9JN. Tel 01305 889641

**C.C.S.C. Z CLASS DINNER 2010**

Saturday March 13

1930 CCSC Clubhouse

Dress code: Black tie or Lounge Suits and Posh Frocks!

Tickets £18. To include:

3 Course Dinner with Wine, cheese and biscuits with Port.

Speaker: Vandee Globe Hero, Steve White.

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Please reserve ..... Tickets for .....

The other members of my party are:.....

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(Please indicate if special diet required)

I enclose a cheque for £                      Payable to Castle Cove Sailing Club  
Return form to **Bill Barker**, Z Class Captain, 24a St Davids Rd, Weymouth, DT4 9LP

## ACTIVATE YOUR LASER 2010

### The problem

Too many boats on the beach, not enough out on the water.

### Objective

Improve Laser sailor attendance and participation in club events.

### Background

The RYA is keen to encourage more club sailing, partly due to 2012. There is funding available to enable this. They are starting with Lasers and as such Laser is very much on board. We are situated within reach of Sail Laser and the fleet would be irresponsible not to take advantage of any help they are offering.

### The Plan

E-mails and posters etc. have not tended to get people out. You will all be getting one on one phone calls! Beer evening probably on the 26th March. The aim is to drink and talk about the plan for the coming year. To be confirmed but on the 3rd and 10th of April we hope that Sail Laser will come over and help us repair our boats. They will show us gel coating and lots of go faster bits. If we put an order together they can also offer us discounts!

Depending on the state our boats we hope to also sail after certainly the second of these sessions. When the short course racing starts (sorry cannot remember when sitting here!) get the fleet out. My feeling is that club (social) lasers do not want big courses every weekend. These courses suit the speed merchants and olympic hopefuls, but not us. I want to show our Lasers another way, social, fun sailing. This is principally why I race on the Wessex travellers circuit. The format is generally close racing, lunch, close racing, tea and cakes, close racing, beer.

I hope this appeals to you all! This is very much a work in progress, any suggestions or ideas just e-mail me [chris.brann@btinternet.com](mailto:chris.brann@btinternet.com)  
Beware the phone ringing!!

**Chris Brann, Laser Class Captain**



Henri-Lloyd Weymouth Regatta

This year the dinghy and keelboat events will be on separate weekends:

Dinghies: 3rd/4th July    Keelboats: 9th/10th/11th July

Entries for both events will be **online only** and numbers will be limited !

Details for the Dinghy Notice of Race are currently being finalised.

The Keelboat event is now accepting online entries.

Visit [www.weymouthregatta.co.uk](http://www.weymouthregatta.co.uk) to enter and for more information

## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Thanks to everyone who has returned their forms and payments promptly this year.

At the time of writing, with less than 10 days to the 28 February deadline, the club still has in excess of 60 members who have not paid – those who have email have already been sent one reminder. I'm afraid that I am not proposing to send another.

To date 12 members have resigned and a couple have asked for their membership to be suspended because of work/study commitments.

In round figures the club has 450 membership 'units', amounting to getting on for 1,000 people - from babies to those well into their 80s. This figure has generally been considered to be the ceiling because of constraints on the site itself and, specifically, the boatpark which, as we know, now has Olympic sailors jostling for space along with our members.

I would say that the number of resignations, so far, seems low which will have a knock-on effect on our ability to bring new members into the club. Our waiting list currently has in excess of thirty on it and on recent Sundays a handful of committee members and myself have been meeting prospective members with a view to the General Committee making a decision in early March on who we invite to come and join us. I suspect we won't be able to please everyone.

I will shortly be putting a printed summary of prospective new members on the noticeboard – if you know any of the individuals please feel free to let me, or club secretary, Hazel Shaw, have any comments, positive, or negative!

Let's hope for a good season ahead.

**Trevor Bevins**, Membership Secretary

PS - If people want club keys we now have a fresh supply. Fobs are also available. There is a £12 deposit for keys and £10 for fobs, returnable when the items are given back to the club.

It's at this point I have to confess that I've lost the piece of paper I used to write down who wants either a key or fob...I can remember Chris Booth and Ted Woodbury, but nobody else – so if you do want one please contact me!

## RACING

Members sometimes complain that there is no result for their boat. The most common reason is that the boat has not been registered. If you get a new boat, although it might have a space in the dinghy park or a mooring, it will not automatically go onto HALS which we use to enter our race results. Please email me the name of the helm, crew (dinghies only - if applicable), sail number, boat name and boat type so that it can be entered into HALS. You must have your Portland Port sticker on the boat to race in club races. If you don't have email, ask someone to do it for you or leave a note in the club house and call me to let me know.

Dinghies - If you would like to race but can't find crew or a boat, I will try and match you up with someone. I need details such as experience, what you want to race or what boat you have and contact details.

**Celia Rushton**, newsletter@ccsc.org.uk, 07977 912407

## **RYA FIRST AID COURSE MON-TUES 8/9 MARCH 7PM AT CCSC**

There are a few places left on the first aid course – please contact Richard White on 01305 260765 or 07976352059 if you wish to join the course.

Course cost is £35.

Richard White

## **WPCA BOAT JUMBLE**

### **To Members of RDYC, CCSC, RNSA and WSC**

The Weymouth and Portland Cruising Association are having their annual boat jumble and social evening at Castle Cove Sailing Club on Tuesday 30th March 2010 to which all members of the Weymouth and Portland sailing community are invited. Another reminder will be sent out nearer the time, but I need to know as soon as possible whether anyone would like to have a table to sell their wares. Entrance is free for buyers and sellers but there will be a collection box in aid of the RNLI should anyone feel they did well either selling or buying. If you would like a table, will you please send me an email stating whether you would like a small table or a larger one (specific dimensions not available yet!). I will be away until the 4th March so please don't expect a reply before then, but I will acknowledge any emails as soon as I return.

**Michael Gregory**, WPCA Membership Secretary

Please reply to: [michael.gregory@theiet.org](mailto:michael.gregory@theiet.org) or 01305 889165

## **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

David Campbell-James, Competitions Manager of the RYA, has asked me to see whether there are any local people who would like to volunteer as helpers for the RYA Volvo Youth National Championship (4 to 9 April 2010) or the Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta (8 to 14 August 2010). Both are being held at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.

He is looking for “non-technical” helpers for such duties as reception staff, measurement assistants, messengers, the beach master’s team and car park attendants. There are no inducements, I am afraid, apart from being part of the team at these exciting events, a tee shirt and free lunch.

If you are interested please contact me, saying when you would be available and any preference as to what you would like to do. I will pass the names to David Campbell-James.

**Peter Hopford**, 01305 263524

## **J24 UPDATE**

### **Skittles evening Wednesday 10th March**

All are welcome at an open J24 skittles evening at the Belvedere Inn (behind Weymouth Fire Station) on Wednesday 10th March, starting at 8pm. Cost £1/ person to cover the alley and post-match nibbles!

The evenings are getting later so the sailing season must be getting closer. We've got 5 boats signed up for our group crane in at a cost of only £24/ boat at the WPNSA on April 17th- please get in touch for more info. Boats are being antifouled (or not as the case may be- no names Andy G.) and work being done- let's not leave it to the last minute and have to launch late.

Finally, for those not yet converted we have a Try-a-J-day on Saturday 8th May at the club, keep an eye out for more details and a list to sign up. This will involve some training, time on the water in various positions in the boat and followed by food and drink (equally important as the sailing).

**Nathan Batchelor**

## JAMES BISHOP IN THE ECHO

To view the story - go to the following link.

[http://www.dorsetecho.co.uk/sport/afloat2012/afloatnews/5030664.O Three sponsors Portland s young sailor James Bishop/](http://www.dorsetecho.co.uk/sport/afloat2012/afloatnews/5030664.O%20Three%20sponsors%20Portland%20s%20young%20sailor%20James%20Bishop/)

**Richard White**

## CALLING CADETS TO REPRESENT CCSC IN THE SPORT RELIEF TRI-MILE CHALLENGE

On Saturday 13 March you are invited to represent CCSC and help raise money for Sport Relief. Your challenge is to start from the Sailing Academy,

- Run along Chesilbeach to Blue Water Horizons,
- Swim out to a waiting dinghy,
- Sail back to the academy.

Details are attached for how to enter or visit [www.sail-laser.com/weymouth](http://www.sail-laser.com/weymouth) .  
See you there!

**Richard White**

## Dinghy Skills Evenings

Improve your skills and understanding before hitting the water this season!

Evening sessions aimed at helping  
Local sailors new to racing get ahead start

Sessions are on the following dates:

- o18<sup>th</sup> Feb – Boat setup (Dynamic and Static sail controls
- o25<sup>th</sup> Feb – Dinghy Cornering – Tacking and Gybing
- o4<sup>th</sup> Mar – Spinnaker Skills
- o11<sup>th</sup> Mar – Racing Rules: What do Club racers really need to know?
- o18<sup>th</sup> Mar - The Sailboat Race, Discussed from start to finish

VENUE:

Sea Cadet Training Centre  
Barrack Road  
Weymouth  
Dorset  
DT4 8TZ

Costs £1 donation per evening

Starts 7pm till 8pm with the onsite bar open afterwards.

Limited number of places so contact Tony Elgar on 07811250691  
or email: [tonyelgar@rya-online.net](mailto:tonyelgar@rya-online.net) or James Shuttleworth on 07813797813 email  
[jws4sailing@hotmail.com](mailto:jws4sailing@hotmail.com) to book a space.





## 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](http://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](mailto:newsletter@ccsc.org.uk)** (This will always forward to my current e-mail address) – **or 07977 912407 or 01305 769489.**

Copies of the newsletter are kindly printed by Mike Jenkins at

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

## FOR SALE / WANTED

### FOR SALE

Fireball dinghy No 13990 built by Guy Winder. The boat is in good condition and ready to sail. Everything necessary to go on the water, with a couple of suits of sails, cover, lifting rudder and a excellent mast.

There is a launching trolley but no road trailer - we can deliver locally.

The F/B is for sale as we have a newer one.

We would like the dinghy to stay at the club and we have priced it low if a club member is interested and wants to compete at Castle Cove, if not it will go on the Fireball Association site at a higher price.

Can be seen at Cerne Abbas.

PRICE TO A CASTLE COVE MEMBER £550.

**Alex Green**, 01300341734

### FOR SALE, Laser sails & rigs

Radial Sails & Rig:

1 Radial rig (mast bottom section) with 2 Radial sails (one good Club racing, and one excellent condition)  
£400

Full Sail & Rig:

1 Full rig (mast bottom section) with 1 Full sail (good Club racing condition)  
£220

All sails without battens

**Hugh de longh**

Tel: 01305 251190

Email: [deiongh@btinternet.com](mailto:deiongh@btinternet.com)

### FOR SALE

LASER (72402) with Standard and Radial rigs.

Some "Rooster" upgrades,

£650 o.n.o.

Tel. **Phil** 01305 264892/ 07805 637 601