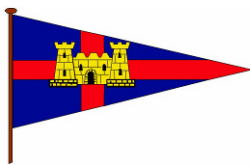


Castle Cove Sailing Club



January 2011 Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

Working parties start
Sunday 9th Winter Working Party
Planning Meeting

Wednesday 12th - Special General
Meeting

Saturday 22nd - Prize Giving



Childrens' Christmas Party

FROM THE COMMODORE

I should like to thank everyone who braved the snow to come to the Punch Party and brought food – it was fun to meet yet more new faces. The Christmas Social organised by the ladies sailing group was a fantastic evening with a delicious meal and produced some of the most spectacular contraptions built to compete in a gutter race I have ever seen!

One of the great things about being Commodore is people tell you what they think; and it's by no means all bad either. There is one re-occurring theme though: 'the club is not as good here as it was at the old site'. I find this interesting as I didn't know the old site as a member, just a visitor. To an outsider our new site knocks spots of the old one: ease of use, size of the boat park, facilities, potential... the list goes on. But it's not the site that seems to be the problem; it's us, our use of it, our interaction with each other, and our participation (both on and off the water).

I had an interesting meeting with the Sailing Committee in mid December; we had a healthy discussion and it became clear that one aspect of the club that has been lost is the benefits brought by class dinghy racing where enthusiastic classes interacted with each other, shared knowledge and enthused about their sailing. From this enthusiasm of sailing came the social events and a vibrant club where everyone was keen to muck in do duties and help with jobs. There was a desire to encourage the re-introduction of single class racing, not at the expense of handicap racing, but to supplement it. For this to work we need to find some enthusiasts to encourage their class and to make it the envy of others.

Looking ahead, working parties start in January - please do come along to help or contact Barry Grant for a task you can do in your own time. We are also expecting a full house for the Special General Meeting to approve the building of the clubhouse extension and moorings compound on Wednesday 12th January 2011 at 7pm.

Happy New Year!

Richard White



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NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The General Committee and Extension Group are calling a Special General Meeting to be held at Castle Cove Sailing Club on Wednesday 12 January 2011 at 7.00 pm.

The General Committee is seeking approval of their recommendation that *the club starts construction of the extension to the club house and moorings compound.*

As a result of the concerns expressed at the special meeting on 26th November 2010, the Extension Group and General Committee have undertaken a review of the project. In consultation with the architects and structural engineers we have concluded that the stairs could be removed to make a substantial saving and provide a more useful space. The whole plan, with the stairs removed, is being submitted for building regulations approval. Furthermore, the planners have approved construction of the moorings compound in two stages; it is planned to construct the first 10m x 5m slab as soon as possible.

Without doubt, further fund raising will be required to deliver the other projects on the master plan. We still have great opportunity to do this; through the increase of Olympic activity, corporate hospitality and internal club fund-raising. New enquiries from Olympic Teams continue to come in, but at present a STOP has been put on all enquiries pending the outcome of this meeting.

The General Committee and Extension Group will be presenting the project review, addressing the concerns raised. There will be a further opportunity for questions and answers from members before the vote is taken.

POST CHRISTMAS WEIGHT PROBLEM? LOSING YOUR SAILING FITNESS? WANT TO MEET NEW FRIENDS?

It's Winter Working Party time. Open the club website ccsc.org.uk, click on 'Site' and look at the work programmes for grounds and house, or under 'Support Boats' for the boat maintenance programme. You will have received a form with your renewal invitation asking what skills and time you can bring to the club. Fill it in and attend the planning meeting to be held at the club on 9th January at 10.00, or sent it to Barry Grant, 75 Clearmount Rd, Weymouth, DT4 9LE. Work parties start the following week, alternating between half and full days to suit everybody, from 9.30- 12.30 and 9.30- 4.00. There will be bacon butties on half days and hot food at lunchtime on full days.

CCSC Byelaw 3.7 states that members are expected to volunteer beyond their designated duties; sailing next year will be more enjoyable for all if members contributed a target 10 hours each .

It's also a great way to meet other members.

Steve Green , Rear Commodore - Shore

OLYMPIC LEGACY

Along with many other members I attended the special meeting on 26 November to discuss the planned extension to the club house. What surprised me was the project cost, which was disclosed at the meeting to be £299,000. This significantly exceeds the projected Olympic income of £238,000 and once corporation tax is paid on profits in excess of £30,000 in years 2010, 2011 and 2012 there is the potential for a **deficit** approaching £100,000. Deficits are very topical these days and we all know that they result in higher taxes and reduced expenditure. If the clubhouse extension goes ahead in its current format then another Olympic legacy will be higher membership fees and reduced on-the-water expenditure. As an active dinghy sailor that is not a very appealing prospect.

Jeremy Beling

LOST PROPERTY

Amongst the usual abandoned towels, under and outer wear and sailing gear are a small red case containing childrens books and a camera and a small black shiny handbag with shoulder strap.

Uncollected items will be donated to charity. It helps us and you if names are written into lifejackets and other sailing gear. I sometimes wonder how some cadets get home in a state of partial undress.

Steve Green

BOATS AND BIRDS TALK

Castle Cove turned out on an icy evening to enjoy a talk put together with sailors in mind. Prepared by Luke Phillips of the RSPB but given at very short notice by Tom Clarke who bravely stood in for him, we heard of the use of seabirds (when dead) as oil lamps or as your supper, and what birds to look out for locally. The bar was open, there were mince pies, it was warm and sociable. But for those of you who missed it, or would like to hear Luke give his own talk we plan to arrange another such evening. Have your questions ready and your extra knowledge of local birds to share.

Polly Clompus and Julie Chapman

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 18TH DECEMBER

Braving the icy cold, snowy conditions and a head on car crash in Old Castle Road the children of the club showed their determination to celebrate Christmas with an good old fashioned children's party.

After an excellent response to the prize draw and guess the length of the Commodore's speech, at the Annual Prizegiving & Dinner Dance, £150 was raised to spend on prizes & entertainment. Unfortunately the Bouncy Castle had to be cancelled because of the weather but the traditional games like musical chairs & pass the parcel were well supported. The brave kids donned their coats and ventured outside in search of 26 alphabetically named reindeer and later a chocolate santa hunt. Many thanks to Stuart Riches for the loan of the disco equipment which added to the excitable atmosphere. The Club's new screen and projector were put to good use with karaoke ranging from 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas' to the 'Bear Necessities'. An obvious highlight of the afternoon was, after a high tea, a surprise visit from Santa Claus armed with a sack of presents for all the children. Following this the Mums & Dads just couldn't contain themselves and donned antlers & a red flashing nose in a Rudolph Relay. More Party games & excitement, the children went home exhausted with party bags full of goodies.

A big thank you to all who supported this event especially Katie Roebuck & Josie Prince (galley slaves) and those at the Dinner Dance.
Looking forward to next year.

Too many pictures to fit into an email, I have uploaded them to www.fotofinity.com/skateboardkay - there are 5 albums at the bottom of the page.

Happy New Year to all

Kay Stibbs

KEELBOAT LIFT-OUT - OCTOBER 2010

Because being High-Spring Tide and Weather dependent, it is a huge relief when all the keel-boats, pontoons and Club boats are all safely ashore.

The first intended date had to be abandoned because of high winds, so arrangements had to be cancelled and re-organised. Thankfully the lift-out went ahead a fortnight later, although on the fourth day the wind was stronger than we would have liked.

This is always an extremely busy time, and so it is particularly pleasing when Members (not only those with boats being lifted) turn up at unearthly hours to share the work. Many coming on more than one day to help.

Although it was four days of early mornings and serious physical effort, there is always quite a social atmosphere with plenty of good natured humour to enjoy.

Each day there was also a bevy of ladies serving bacon butties and hot drinks non-stop. This of course is very welcome and popular, resulting in over £100.00 being passed to our Treasurer to swell Clubs funds.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way and to say how much we appreciate it.

Rosemary and Malcolm Spicer

NEXT NEWSLETTER

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