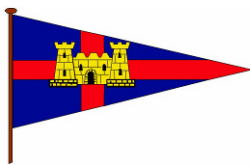


Castle Cove Sailing Club



March 2011 Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

Wednesday 2nd - Winter talk, Alison Stephens

Wednesday 9th - Winter talk

Sunday 13th 11:30 Club & Olympic boat park usage in 2012

Wednesday 16th - Winter talk

Saturday 19th - Z Class Dinner

Wednesday 23rd - Winter talk

Saturday 26th - Dinghy Dinner

Monday 28th - On the water training

Tuesday 29th 19:30 WPCA Boat Jumble

Wednesday 30th - defibrillator training

April

Monday 4th - On the water training

Monday 11th - On the water training

Tuesday mornings - Exercise Group



FROM THE COMMODORE

It is with great sadness that I must advise you that Past Commodore Ian Johnstone has passed away peacefully in his sleep. Long-time members, or anyone who has read the club history, will know that Ian founded the Cruising Section of the club in 1965 and from that came the popularity of passage races such as the Cherbourg race we still enjoy today. Ian was Commodore for Castle Cove's Jubilee celebrations in 1983 presiding over the splendid sight of a turn-out of eighty-two boats and much celebratory merriment. Ian's funeral will be on Thursday 3 March at 1200 (noon) in Langton Herring Church. Wake afterwards at Ian and Beryl's house. All our thoughts are with his wife Beryl and family.

Progress with the club development continues to move at a steady pace. Work on the first stage of the mooring store is expected to take place between 7th March and 7th April. This will create a 5m x 10m compound to store moorings items and chain by the northern beach slipway. This will allow the removal of the garage and clearing of the area in front of the clubhouse. The team working on the Laser rack project have put together such a compelling cost/benefit case that improved racks are now planned for the start of this season and expect to create up to 16 additional Olympic spaces on the boat park this summer.

Although we are continuing to close the funding gap needed to start the main extension project, we now need to discuss what further actions we can take in 2012 to raise additional money. We are holding a meeting to gauge your views on the ideas put forward and to listen to any other ideas you may have to raise funds in 2012. The meeting will be held on Sunday 13th March during the work party. Details of some of the ideas that have been suggested are included elsewhere in the newsletter.

Richard White

FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

The new sailing season is approaching fast so I'd like to bring your attention to a few things we have changed this year. We now have an extra series on the first 5 Sundays of the calendar – The Spring PM race. This will start no earlier than 1200. We decided two races would be a lot better than on these first 5 Sundays, but did not want to put people off by only having one series – so Spring PM was born. We have also moved the start of the first race for this series only back to 1100. This is to allow us to have a bit more time before racing to get together, have a cuppa and a bacon butty, meet other people in our classes and help those who are not as confident about racing. More info on this will be sent out in the April newsletter.

Other exciting changes include Tinker Fridays – watch this space for more information from Richard Bowers. The J24 class are organising some J24 class training pre-nationals. And we will be extending the Ferry times slightly this year in the summer months as a trial – details will be available soon.

We have a growing number of class reps to help the Sailing Committee encourage for participation on and off the water – Keith Ellis for the Laser 4000's and Richard Bowers for the Scorpions. We will be putting a plan in place for the beginning of the sailing season for these supported classes – if you would like to get involved and help your class get active and see more class racing come and see me!

Thank you to those who have already donated old masts for flag poles – if anyone else has any hiding a few more would be great.

And a quick reminder of all the events coming up...

Wednesday 2nd March, 7.30pm - Alison Stephens is kicking off the Winter Talks – an evening on exploring the Antarctic by Tall Ship. The Bar will be open and there will be a light supper available – (apologies for the confusion about Moules and Frites night!)

Wednesday 9th, 16th, 23rd March and Monday 28th March, 4th, 11th April – Winter Series Talks and on the water training with Adam Bowers. See details later in the Newsletter – a great chance to hone your skills ready for a great season on the water.

Z-Class Dinner – 19th March – see booking form – celebrated speaker Lord Mendoza will be entertaining us, it'll be a great evening – not to be missed!

Dinghy Dinner – 26th March – see booking form – your speaker for the evening is...Dick Batt – Sailmaker and ex-Womble!

Defib training – 30th March at 7.30pm – Alison is organising a training session – more details will follow shortly.

Helen Rollinson, Sailing Secretary



WOOD WANTED

I am asking for members to give me any lengths of 3"x3" or 3"x2" wood that they may have so that I can make posts for delineating the areas for the Olympic Teams plus sheets of 5 Ply Plywood that I cut into 6"x6" and 14"x14" squares as tops and bases of these posts so that I can put the identification label on the Tops and have bases that are stable enough to stay upright under continuous use for the next two years. I will probably need at least 100 posts in addition to what I have already made. If there are Members who have the equipment to cut the posts and plywood and are prepared to help me I would be very grateful for their help.

Brian Shaw

STOP PRESS!

Speaker for the Z Class Dinner now confirmed as Lord Mendoza, the celebrated Forensic speaker.

Bill Barker

VHF INSTRUCTIONS

We require to locate instructions for the chartroom VHF type -COMPACT SX-25 MARINE VHF RT in order to prepare simple guide for members who need to use this RT. which will then be kept handy adjacent to the RT

If any member holds or knows where they are or perhaps have instructions for their own RT please advise Peter Yelland 01305 772180 or m.c.yelland@homecall.co.uk

KEEL BOAT LIFT-IN 2011

This years spring launch will be on:

Sunday 3 rd April	starting at	06.00h
Monday 4 th April	"	06.30h
Tuesday 5 th April	"	06.30h

A list of boat names for each day's lift-out will be displayed, facing outwards, on the office window. The list will not necessarily be the running order for the day, this will be dependant on a number of meteorological factors, so all boat owners please ensure that you make yourselves available at the start time to assist in the preparation for launch of your own boat plus assisting with other peoples.

As we are working with a lower tide height than we would wish for during this period vessels with greater drafts may well be postponed until the next spring tide which is on 19th April

We will have the crane available on Saturday 2nd April so will all boat owners wanting their masts stepped please make themselves available for this day and have their masts ready for lifting.

Launch Team

Weymouth Lifeboat Ball

Saturday 16th April 2011

At Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

Why not make up a table of 10 or 12 to enjoy this superb evening including a delicious two course meal, the full sound of **Big Bertie's Band** providing music for all types of dancing plus **An Excellent Raffle** Numbers are strictly limited this year so our advice is, in anticipation of the invitation/application form which will be mailed out on 17th February, start getting your table together so you can respond immediately. Tickets, costing £35 per person, will be issued on receipt of full payment from **1st March 2011**. The closing date is **1st April**.

Contact Nichola Lane on 01305 772305 or nichola@timbo.ltd.uk for more details



Winter Talks and Training with our very own guru -Adam Bowers

This year we have a great schedule of talks and on the water sessions scheduled with Adam Bowers. These sessions are not just for dinghy sailors, there will be something for everyone, as has been proved in the past the on the water sessions can really help keel-boat sailors with certain techniques and transform your racing. Come and join us and find out for yourselves!

All 6 sessions are the bargain price of £30 (£15 for cadets), one beer on each evening is included (soft drink for cadets!) and food will be available.

Wednesday 9th March – 7.30pm – Starting and the Windward Mark – focusing on the thought processes behind the start and touching on speed

Wednesday 16th March – 7.30pm – Downwind and the Leeward Mark – looking at the tactical side of downwind plus techniques that will improve boatspeed, eg. Putting up the spinnaker fast – working together.

Wednesday 23rd March – 7.30pm – Speed – How do you know if you're going fast? Looking at VMG and techniques on the water.

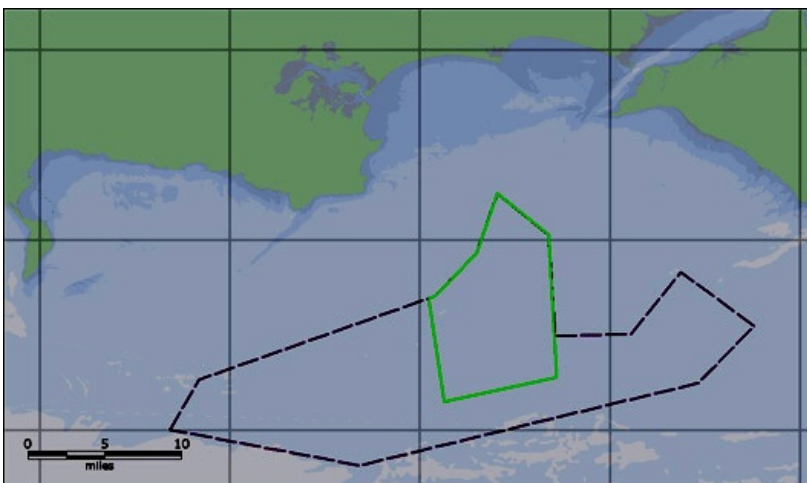
Monday 28th March, 4th, 11th April – Briefing 6.00pm – The three Monday sessions will then follow the same pattern as the shore based sessions putting everything into practice.

Throughout the sessions we will also look be looking at the crews role – just as important as the helm! And the communication within the boat.

PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR WIND FARM BETWEEN ST ALBANS AND NEEDLES BY 2018
Public information day in Weymouth on Wednesday 16 March



Part of the scenery on the way to the Solent? – it could be by 2018.



The proposed development area (outlined in green). The northern tip of the area is at position 50.35.22N 1.45.18W. Will this be a no-go zone for three seasons?

With surprisingly little razzamataz, Dutch energy company Eneco announced just over a week ago that it has chosen to build a wind farm in the western approaches to the Solent, just a couple of nautical miles south-east of the rhumb line between St Albans and the Needles Fairway.

The announcement follows a year-long investigation by Eneco of a 279 square mile area of seabed (the pecked outline on the map) awarded to the company by The Crown Estate to identify the most suitable place to locate the wind farm.

The RYA has said it is “concerned that the preferred development area as confirmed by Eneco is poorly located from a wider navigational perspective,” and is seeking meetings with Eneco. In an article sent to members on Friday (25.2), the RYA said: “At this stage, Eneco has not produced any detailed plans as to how many turbines are proposed or how they might be laid out within this area.

“We had met with Eneco last May to discuss concerns about the West of Wight Zone, explain the importance of the area for recreational boating and emphasise how busy this area is for both recreational and commercial vessel traffic.

“We are now in the process of arranging a further meeting in the light of this announcement to re-emphasise these concerns.”

While the RYA accepts that “navigation through any operational windfarm should not create significant additional risks for recreational boaters”, Eneco states on its website that “For safety reasons during the construction phase all vessel traffic will be prohibited from the wind park site.” At present, construction is scheduled to last between 2016 and 2018, during which time (three sailing seasons, possibly), all vessels will presumably be barred from the area outlined on the map. This could pose a substantial problem for yachts beating down Channel from the Solent, or heading from the Weymouth area towards the Western Solent, especially if forced to stand clear of Lulworth Ranges in easterly conditions.

Eneco is holding a series of “Public Information Days” at locations along the coast directly affected by the development. The first is at the Pavilion Theatre Weymouth on Wednesday March 16th. Strangely, Eneco seems to have omitted to tell anyone at what time of day this will be, but by calling the RYA, I discovered it will run from 1400hrs to 2000hrs with “no need to book in advance”. Cruising Members of CCSC should attend if at all possible, both to discover the implications of the development for yachting in the region and to signal our right to be included in the consultation process. Hands up those of you who were aware of the similar “consultation exercise” held back in early November! Hmmm, I thought so...

It is particularly important that we use this opportunity as, so far, Eneco seems rather elusive. When I spoke to Alison Stephens, CCSC Rear Commodore Sailing, on Sunday, she had received no information from them, and neither, to the best of her knowledge, had any other club officers. Attempts to call Eneco’s UK offices on Monday morning (28.2) met with an unanswered phone (on the number in the BT directory) and an invitation to leave a message for a call back (on the number eventually found on their website). I was still waiting for their response at close of business on Monday. According to my contact at the RYA, Eneco’s phones do not appear to work!

Peter Eustace
“Scherzo”

Eneco press release: <http://www.enecowindoffshore.co.uk/news-detail.aspx?newsID=311>
Note that the “miles” in this document appear to be land miles, not NM.

RYA article: <http://www.rya.org.uk/cruising/current-issues/Pages/RYAconcernsoverWestofWightwindfarmsite.aspx>
Also seems to use land miles – I have alerted them by e-mail.

Dorset Echo article (which understandably focuses on job implications for the area):
http://www.dorsetecho.co.uk/news/localnews/8862306.Dorset_coast_site_for_wind_farm_chosen/

Courses & Training

I am looking for someone to take over the arranging of First Aid, Power Boat and other Club Training Courses and to liaise with the Sea Cadets, WOEC, SailLaser and others. It is not a big task and we have very good relationships with the local organisations that help us to be better trained and qualified. If you think you can help administer this aspect of club life, please give me a call (01305 260765 or 07976352059) or email me at commodore@ccsc.org.uk

In the mean time -

Safety boat Courses

SailLaser have offered places on a safetyboat course at a special rate for CCSC members. If you are interested please contact Hannah at SailLaser on 0845 337 3214 or email her at Hannah.Burywood@sail-laser.com

CCSC Safety Boat Practice

Bob Richardson with his band of helpers will be running powerboat practice sessions on various Saturday mornings throughout the season. You will get the opportunity to refresh your driving skills and practice and learn safetyboat techniques. The dates for these sessions will be confirmed as the season gets underway.

First Aid Course

We have had several request to run a First Aid Course again this year, but need 10 people to make it viable. Please let me know if you are interested to attend.

Laser 2000 Training Weekend at SailLaser

SailLaser are running a Laser2000 Training weekend on 26 – 27 March with Clive Grant and Simon Horsefield running the coaching. Clive is the Army Sailing Association Coach and races the Laser 2000 himself so it will undoubtedly be an informative weekend of tips, tricks and training. Cost is £99 for Class Association Members or £130 if not. Phone SailLaser on 0845 337 3214 to book.

Laser 2000 class membership costs £15 which also gives you discount on insurance and access to their tuning guides and website www.laser2000.org.uk

Maritime and Coastguard Agency

MCA ANNOUNCE PUBLIC MEETINGS TO DISCUSS COASTGUARD MODERNISATION PROPOSALS

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency today have announced a series of public meetings concerning the proposed Coastguard modernisation programme. The dates and venues for these meetings are listed at <http://www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/press-releases>

Security

A gentle reminder that we must take care with the security of the site and building. If you are last to leave please check the clubhouse is locked up and alarm set by locking the middle lock on the front door and listening for the rising tone. Also the check that the slipway gates are closed and the main car park gate is closed and pad-locked.

Five moorings inspected, but not a moule in sight

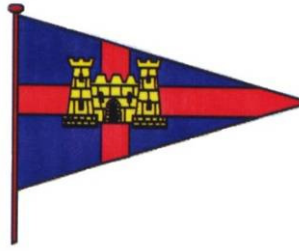
Moules & Frites with freshly caught moules free from each mooring we will help to inspect...

I joined the Hunter-Gatherers Richard and Adam Bowers for a day in Grafter with moorings team Malcolm Spicer and Julian Scott-Foxwell.

Moules & Frites night was a great success with large and succulent Moules cooked to perfection by an unsuspecting Jock Fellows who was roped in having taken his contender for its first mid-life crisis spin.

A really fun social with everyone mucking in to make it a great success. A big thanks to everyone that came, helped and had fun!.... and to Weyfish ;-)

Richard White



CCSC Dinghy Dinner Saturday 26th March 2011

At 7.30pm

Talk from Dick Batt – Sailmaker and Ex-Womble!

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 19th March. To Richard Bowers, 8 Gypsy La, Weymouth, DT4 0BZ.



C.C.S.C. Z Class Dinner 2011

Saturday March 19th
1930 CCSC Clubhouse

Speaker – Celebrated Forensic speaker Lord Mendoza

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

Tickets £20. To include:

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

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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 by 5th March.



**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 29th March 2011
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@theiet.org

Free parking. free entry.

The bar will be open

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

WANTED / FOR SALE

FOR SALE- MOORING NO. 461 New 20m chain riser, galvanised link and pick-up buoy winter 2009. Sinker is Paul Horlock type plate. Next 5 yr inspection due 2014. Position is 50 35.506N, 002 27.390W. £700 o.n.o. Contact Phil Smith (01305) 246892 evenings (at other times please leave contact details and I'll get back to you).

FOR SALE- CONTESSA 26 1969 Built by Jeremy Rogers at Lymington. Recent overhaul, the following replaced 2008-2010: standing rigging; running rigging; Harken winches (inc 2x ST); VHF DSC; liferaft (next service 2013); Tacktick instruments; all sails (roller genoa, jib, mainsail, spinnaker); navigation lights and wiring; cooker; toilet; autohelm; radio and cockpit speakers. Ready to sail. Full inventory, maintenance history, recent photos and 2010 full survey report available. Can be viewed at Portland marina. £16,500 o.n.o. Phone Phil on 01305 264892 or email philipsmith999@hotmail.com

FOR SALE

1) Mirror dinghy complete. Wood. Includes launching trolley. Built 1979. Very good condition. £500 also

2) Small dinghy launching trolley. Quite new. Suitable for Mirror or other. £130

Both - contact 07747776580

Guy Dickinson

FOR SALE

Quicksilver 2.7m inflatable dinghy with air-deck £440

Mariner 3.3HP 2-stroke outboard motor £310

Both items 3 years old and in very good condition; £700 if sold together.

Nick Hollis 01305 257240