

December 2012

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## Upcoming Events

18/12/2012  
CCSC Original Olympics  
Christmas Party

16/12/2012  
Commodores Puch Party

26/12/2012  
Christmas Race

## From the Commodore

Welcome to the December edition of the Castle Cove sailing club newsletter. Those of you who attended the Annual General Meeting recently would have witnessed my acceptance speech being torn up. For those that were not there let me explain why. Essentially, everything I had planned to say about the Olympics, the legacy, the balcony, etc, was included very eloquently in Richard White's Commodore's report. It was so good that we are reproducing it here in full to allow the thanks and recognition of everyone's hard work over the last twelve months to reach a wider audience. I am also considering employing Richard as my speech writer in the future. Thanks again Richard and Ken for all your hard work.

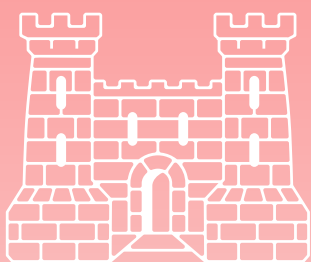


Now that the sailing season is drawing to a close and the weather is getting cold (really cold in the rescue boat today), we have several special events to look forward to. Firstly, Ladies sailing are hosting this year's Christmas party with an Elizabethan theme on Saturday the 8th. On Friday December 14th the Cadets are taking their parents to Warmwell for an evening of ringoing fun. On Sunday the 16th you are invited to the Commodore's Punch party where we will present any prizes which were not presented at the dinner dance. The party will start at noon after the last race of the Winter series. Can Jock and Andrea Fellows hold on to win the series or will the wind pickup and allow the trapeze boats to overhaul them? It's more tense than Formula 1. The final event of 2012 will be the Christmas race on Boxing day.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the punch party but if you cannot be there then I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Best Wishes

Richard Bowers



Castle Cove SC

# From the Sailing Secretary

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The weather is now turning on us but we are still sailing! And will be all through the year again...with the Australian Summer Series filling that gap in January to March – if you want to take part the sign up sheet is in the clubhouse. And if you just want to help out with a duty that would be great too!

In October we had the Contender/Fireball open which was a great event, the weather was kind, Paula K and her team produced an excellent curry on the Saturday evening, and not a single complaint about the race officer! Thanks Bill! (That does mean you're on my list for the future though ;-))

The Keelboat lift-out happened a little later than usual this year and despite the wind being against them all the boats were lifted out without a hitch – many thanks to Barry Scutt and his team.

The Dinner Dance was a great celebration of all successes our members have achieved over the year, and the odd mishap too! It was a wonderful evening and I'm looking forward to the 90th Anniversary addition next year.

The Dinghy and Keelboat AGM's have also taken place and the minutes for both are on the members section of the website if you want to know what was discussed.

## **Winter Training**

We are now planning winter training for Jan-March – if there is anything you want covered please let me know!

## **Committee Boat**

We are now ready to start work on the new committee boat! Yippee I hear you all cry!! So we need volunteers. We are not expecting anyone to take on big tasks – there are lots of little ones but anyone who wants to be involved please make themselves known!

## **Sailrocket**

I couldn't really write this newsletter without putting something in about Sailrocket could I?! I hope you have enjoyed my brief email updates and I haven't annoyed too many people! The team are now back in the UK after an incredible record session. In total 3 World Records were broken:

Outright World Record (And B-Class Record): 65.45knots!!!!

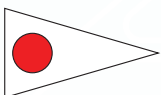
Mile Record: 55.32knots

If you haven't read the last blog post or watched the video I suggest you take 15 minutes one evening and do so. It is gripping reading, hearing how that incredible record unfolded and will cheer up a cold winter's day.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Z Class Dinner – 16th March 2013

Dinghy Dinner – 23rd March 2013



## Commodore's Report 2012

2012 has been a remarkable year and turned out to be more successful than we dared hope.

We started the year bravely on two fronts; for the first time we ran a dinghy race series from January to March. Encouragingly named the Australian Summer Series it proved to be a great success upholding the self help ethos of the club with those participating, taking turns to run it. The weather lived up to its name providing some splendid sailing. We also bravely moved our renewals process online with a system developed entirely by Keith Ellis: Marusa. Over 40% of the renewals were completed online without a significant hitch. We now have a database in which all members can view and update their own details throughout the year giving us a directory with up-to-date contact information available to everyone via the members area of the website. I should like to thank Keith Ellis for the long hours he put into developing the system and congratulate him on its success.

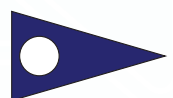
Winter work parties were again productive and enjoyable with the clubhouse, grounds and gardens being made ready for the Olympic year. The perimeter fencing project reached completion, the slipways repaired, pontoons serviced and training room decorated. Coinciding with the start of the season we replaced both Jennys with Loafer, an Avon Searider 5.4m RIB that has become a key part of the safety fleet and well liked by all that have driven her. It is worth mentioning the boats committee who have worked extremely hard keeping our safety fleet operational all season as well as providing valuable guidance on the regeneration of the fleet.

By the end of April stage 1 and significant parts of stage 2 of the clubhouse extension were completed on time and within budget giving us an enviable balcony in time for the arrival of the Olympic Teams. In addition to all the many people who have contributed so much time over the years planning the project, Brody Forbes, Lawrays and D & R White for turning it into reality, I also wish to thank the generosity of everyone who contributed to providing the tables and chairs that have allowed us to sit out and soak up the sun and enjoy the view from the balcony while drinking and eating under the parasols provided by Palmers Brewery.

The final count of Olympic Teams who paid to train from the club reached 24 countries. The teams not only found CCSC a great place to prepare and train for the games, but enjoyed their time with us; they enjoyed being part of a sailing club, they enjoyed our hospitality, our friendship and our support - being part of the Castle Cove family. And we enjoyed having them here. Sara Lloyd, Graham Kington and Martin Lee did an outstanding job of running the club, looking after their needs and ensuring everything went smoothly in the run-up to the games. A quite miraculous job was performed by Ian Green who remained always positive and finding seemingly non-existent spaces to put additional teams in while ensuring any members who wanted boat spaces were not sacrificed.

Before the Olympics finally arrived we braced ourselves for the Weymouth Dinghy Regatta which had been set on the last weekend before the teams were allowed into the Academy, and was potentially going to be the weekend on which I was going to have to fall back on saying "well you did say you were happy to accept maximum disruption in 2012...". As it turned out it was another Castle Cove 2012 success story - with the Laser 2000 fleet housed on the beach and the OK fleet finding room at Weymouth S.C.; we hosted over a hundred dinghies, a great social and a good racing.

The Olympics finally arrived, along with the 60 inch TV on which to watch it. The corporate hospitality never materialised leaving us full use of our club. Once the fear of traffic congestion was dispelled, the club became busier and busier with a great atmosphere reaching a high point on Sunday 5th August with the Finn Medal Race and Cream Teas on the balcony. The excitement of watching Ben Ainslie win gold was topped only by the dash to get to the RIBs to cheer him back from the medal course to the academy. The fleet of boats arriving at the edge of the field of play with whooping and cheering adults and children was enough to ensure Ben changed course to come and greet his supporters who escorted him back to the Academy gate cheering all the way; memories were certainly made that day. The



sun shone, the balcony and garden were packed to overflowing with members, families and friends enjoying a truly Olympic cream tea. This is the picture that people described those years earlier at the visioning meetings in the early stages of how we should plan for the Olympics.

As the Olympics drew to a close the teams started to depart and it was with increasing sadness that we said goodbye to sailors who had become friends and the realisation that a genuine gap was being left in their place. It was best described by one member who said there is a real feeling of bereavement in watching them go. We need not have worried as little did we know that the Paralympics would soon more than fill the gap that the Olympians left. Castle Cove was lucky enough to host the families and friends of not only many of the nations who had Olympic teams with us, but also the families, friends and supporters of Team GBR. Those members who worked tirelessly over the Paralympics hosting and looking after our visitors were rewarded by a wonderful week and a sense of being part of something even more inspiring than the Olympics.

The Castle Cove S.C. was not only touched by the Olympics in and around the club - our members were volunteering in all aspects around Weymouth, whether part of the race teams on the water, at the Academy or on the Seafront, we were at the forefront of making the games the success it became. Our volunteers did not go unnoticed and were acknowledged as great ambassadors for the club.

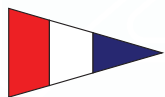
It is easy to assume that with all the Olympic and Paralympic activity that we sacrificed our sailing programme this year - this was not the case at all. We have run a complete sailing programme, shoe-horning in a special Olympic Series and continued to sail every Monday and Wednesday evening throughout the entire games period. The Cup races were well supported and the two day format of the Basso Cup with Social on the Saturday evening proved especially popular. Where we feared that we would have to rebuild our sailing activity in 2013 after the disruption of 2012, we have proved that the combination of good sailing events coupled with good social events have maintained club enthusiasm this year. I would therefore like to thank the sailing and social committees and all the volunteers who have helped make our sailing season as successful as ever.

As the season draws to a close we have one final success to celebrate - the winning of a lottery grant to help fund the acquisition of a new and mobile committee boat. This will transform our racing by allowing us to position the start line in the best possible place in the harbour. It also opens possibilities of racing in the bay, and long distance dinghy cruises and racing. The new boat is an Offshore 105 named Imogen and is currently at Richard Woof's yard in Castletown awaiting volunteers to start the fitting out the flags and boards to turn her into a committee boat - volunteers make yourselves known!

There are two officers in the club that are frequently overlooked yet perform the huge tasks of Membership and Duties, their roles are large and this year they have had to deal with the changes brought about by moving the database to Marusa. I should like us all to thank Trevor Bevins and Michael Dillstone for the vital job they do.

As with every year, this year sees some changes on committees and I should like to draw your attention to Alan White who is stepping down as Moorings Officer after 14 years in the role. His dedication and commitment to improving our moorings both in terms of their quality and the process of inspecting and maintaining them has been outstanding. We are also having a change of Social Secretary and Cadet Officer as Richard Bowers is standing for Commodore in 2013. He has transformed the Cadets from being a group that met (albeit very successfully) largely in isolation on Saturday mornings to now being integrated at the heart of the Friday evening social barbeques enjoyed by members right across the club; something I know he will be building on next year. Hugh De Longh is retiring from the Forward Planning Committee on which he has served for many years and has provided the continuity from when the move to the present site until today. He has maintained and guided us with the creation of the site master plan and has been instrumental in ensuring we planned early enough for the Olympics to decide how the club wanted to engage with it. This planning has contributed significantly to the achievement of projects we have seen over the last couple of years and to the overall success of the Olympics and Paralympics at the club.

Both Ken Barfoot as Vice Commodore and I are also standing down. Ken has been an outstanding Vice Commodore managing the build programme of the balcony, leading the Forward Planning Com-



mittee to develop rigorous processes for planning capital spending and supporting me and the rest of the committee with some of the more difficult decisions we have had to make over the last couple of years. I should also like to applaud our Treasurer Val Graves for her professionalism both in her day to day running of the club's finances but especially in identifying and working with our accountant John Tate of Albert Goodman to manage the Olympic Team Members income so effectively.

As for me, it has been both an honour and a very great pleasure to have been Commodore over the last two years and I should finally like to thank not just the General Committee for supporting me, humouring me and their patience, and everyone who has makes Castle Cove the wonderful Sailing Club and supremely friendly place it is.

Enjoy the 90th Anniversary of the club in 2013.

**Richard White**

Commodore

23 November 2012

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## **AGM Treasurer's Report 2011/12**

### **Introduction**

I am pleased to present the CCSC accounts for the year 2011/12. The profit and loss and the balance sheet were on the website with the other papers. I have had a small number of questions which I will incorporate into my report. The accounts have been reviewed and prepared by Jon Tate at Albert Goodman who has been a great help in supporting the club through the finances of the Olympics.

As you can see as requested from last year we now have a comparison from 11/12 to 10/11 although because the last two years have been unusual for the club comparisons don't necessarily help.

**The profit and loss sheet** shows an income of £260,000 and an expenditure of £175,000 resulting in a profit of just under £85,000. That is an unusual level of profit for the club skewed by the Olympic income (thanks again to Brian Shaw for that).

The bar income is slightly down approx. £4000 but still a sterling job done by Joel and Brian. A small group of the committee are looking at how we can maximise our income from the bar based on some of the learning from having a barman during the Olympics.

The social committee has done really well this year raising about £4700 thanks to Rick and Debbie Bowers and the very active social committee team.

The galley income is skewed by the income from the Olympic catering without that it made a small profit thanks to all those who do their turn in the galley.

The Olympic catering was an interesting experiment the GC recognised that this and opening the bar more in the Olympic period was important to provide members including our Olympic team visitors with those facilities. Thanks to Martin Lee for the catering. It was an unknown quantity and we accepted that it was likely that the club would bear some expenditure about £2000. However the overall event was very positive.

On the expenditure side employee costs are higher as we employed two stewards during the Olympics and Paralympics to look after the site which they did really well thanks to Sarah Lloyd and Graham Knighton keeping the club spick and span and every one in order.



The outstanding payments for the members loans was paid off completely in June 2011. The repairs and maintenance was approx. £20,000 slightly down on last year due to reduced activity because of the Olympics thanks to Peter Eustace for being very organised with the boats and Barry Grant and Steve Green for being very organised on the site and house .

We have purchased in year a new TV and a new rib and of course the balcony was built and paid for in year all as capital spend. Included in this capital expenditure were professional fees.

### **Balance sheet**

You will see that the fixed asset base has increased because of the balcony and the cash in hand decreased accordingly. We are ensuring that we keep a good cash flow by following up debtors and paying our bills in a timely fashion.

We have moved the long term liabilities to capital and reserves. We have a long term liability of the loan which stands at approx. £117k in the accounts.

Albert Goodman advises the club that there is no requirement for corporation tax as our trading profits from non-members fell well below the limit of £30k so no provision has been made for that.

We have now planned the budget for the next three years (thanks to Hugh for his help on that). We need to recognise that the club is now back to its normal budget without any major additional income so the new GC will need to be cautious in their expenditure but most of them are well trained now! (note although Helen Rollinson has done a great job at getting a grant for 50% of the new committee boat although that falls in 12/13 finances.)

The forward planning committee has made recommendations for this years expenditure as part of that we will be building up an account which will enable the club to pay the loan off early.

It has been another extremely busy year for the treasurer and I would like to thank all those who have made it easier for me Richard/Ken and members of the GC.

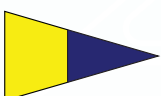
Thank you  
November 23rd 2012

### **Val Graves**

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### **New Honorary Members**

Photo of Brian Shaw, Rosemary and Malcolm Spicer and Alan White who were all made Honorary Members of the Club at the AGM along with our new Commodore Richard Bowers.



## Sailing in Hong Kong

Club member Alan Jenkins recently took part in the 12th World Police Sailing Championships in Hong Kong, (21 - 27 October 2012). Alan was a member of the 'England 1 Team' made up of Dorset Police Officers. The Class fleet were J80's and 13 other teams/nations took part. England 1 came a very credible 7th overall after sailing at some fantastic venues in warm waters (and resident sharks!). Many of the other teams, notably the Dutch, German and Swiss were basically semi-professional and not keen on post race drinking at the same level as the plucky Brits!

The Team were made temp members of the RoyalHKYC which has membership fees of over £6,000 pa ( sterling) for family membership! It did have a very nice pool and bar so maybe we could start saving now for CCSC ?

If your going to visit or sail in HK then please don't hesitate to contact me for the snippets of wisdom I accrued and sailing contacts.

Alan Jenkins 6.11.12



Castle Cove Sailing Club Members are invited to the  
**Commodore's Punch Party**

Sunday 16th December  
from midday (after racing)



*(Please bring a plate of food to share)*

