



Spring 2018

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Commodore Report Spring 2018

Well now, here we go. Not done one of these before as Commodore, so I am now pondering what to say. My first few months as Commodore, wow!!! Didn't realise just how much was needed to be done and, yes, the club gets just as much junk mail as I do at home, but I have to say I am enjoying every moment of it.

So, the first thing that happened was the introduction of the new Committee; almost a complete change, and what a great committee we have. Plenty of support, and plenty of willing assistance to keep this club moving, and always looking at ways to improve.

As you have seen, we have had a huge number of things that have been done over the last six months, many of which have needed to be done so that we, as a club, comply with much new and old legislation. I am happy to report we are very much on top of this now, so roll on the sailing!!!

We have received a very nice contribution of £2,000 from the John Merrick Trust; our thanks to Emma Bishop for making initial contact with a very nicely, well-worded request. The money will be put to good use with the purchase of two new training Optis and one used Opti to enhance our fleet in the Cadet group. We look forward to them arriving soon.

The winter work parties have seen some really good numbers turn out this year. I know it's difficult juggling time/work and family commitments, but I would like to thank everyone for turning out and putting the effort in to tidy up the club. It is very much appreciated and certainly helps keep our costs down for everyone.

The moorings team have completed a huge amount of work both on and off the water, with a huge clear up around this area.

And if that's not enough, the evening functions this year have been well attended, with something for everyone. I hope you came down to a few and got involved.

So, what does belonging to a sailing club mean for me? It is about being involved, meeting new people and enjoying the company. The sailing is a big part of it. But it's not just about sailing. It includes the functions, the work parties, the volunteering for our events, learning new skills. It's about being a part of something great.

So, if I can tell you one thing for this year, it's come down and be involved. We did five years ago, when my wife and I first joined the club, and we have met some really nice people and have made many great, new, long-lasting friends.

That ticks my box !!!

Here's to the new sailing season. Have fun, sail safe, and see you on the water at some of the many events we have lined up this year.

Neil Stroud

Commodore



CCSC Sailing Programme 2018

The full programme will be available in pdf from the CCSC website and in the 2018 Club Handbook.

Amendments to the Sailing Programme will be notified by email and on the Club notice board.

Ladies Sailing, Cadets and Castle Cove Cruisers have very active programmes available separately.

Sunday 1st April 14.00 – Easter Race (dinghies)

Monday/ Tuesday 2/3 April – Lift in

Sunday 8th April races 1 + 2 of the 8 races Spring Series for dinghies 10.35 start

Sunday 8th April sees the start of the YCW Cruiser Spring Series for keelboats. All starts this year will be from the Weymouth Sailing Club start line. Castle Cove boats are very welcome. Details are in the CCSC Sailing Programme and the WSC website. Runs most Sundays with a break over the summer. Class 3 start 10.40, Class 4 start 10.45

Monday 16th April – 1st Monday Series starts

Wednesday 18th April – 1st Wednesday Series starts

Cup events and other Sailing activities

19th and 20th May Topper weekend

Cove Cup – Monday 21st May and Wednesday 23rd May for keelboats, 26th and 27th May for Dinghies

Sunday 27th May Castle Cove leg of the Dorset Triangle

1 – 3 June Wayfarer Nationals 60th Year



9/10 June Optimist weekend

Saturday 16th June sees the return of Sail 4 All, a friendly afternoon sailing activity intended to build confidence in improvers. Eight afternoons are planned to run through to August. More details to follow.

Sunday 17th June Alan Welling (for keelboats and dinghies)

Saturday 30th June – Shambles Passage Race for keelboats. We are trying two passage races this year. This is the first. Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be published.

Sunday 1st July The Barnes Cup Pursuit race for keelboats and dinghies followed by Cream Tea on the lawn. SI's will be published.

7/8 July YCW Dinghy Regatta

14/15 July Basso Cup (dinghies) with a club Barbeque on Saturday

Saturday 28th July Lulworth Passage Race for keelboats. SI's will be published.

Sunday 5th August CCSC Pursuit Race for keelboats and dinghies

10/12 August Musto Performance Skiff Nationals

Castle Cup Monday 13 August and Wednesday 15 August for Keelboats, Sunday 26th August for dinghies

Basso Cup for keelboats 4 Monday evenings starting 20th August

1/2 September Merlin Rocket and International Canoe Open

8/9 September Weymouth Keelboat Regatta

Saturday 8th September Cadet Regatta

Sunday 9th September Lyme Regis leg of the Dorset Triangle

Saturday 15th September Bart's Bash

Sunday 30th September start of the Autumn Series

10/11/12 October Lift out

Notes to help you enjoy the sailing programme at Castle Cove

Racing

The Sailing programme has races for dinghies and for keelboats. Boats are split into different classes to help with organisation and to try to ensure everyone has the chance to experience competitive racing. **The Dinghy Classes** are:

- Asymmetric dinghies: It is the sail that is asymmetric (not the boat!), specifically the foresail and this class includes dinghies like the 2000 and Musto Performance Skiff
- Class 1 dinghies: generally, dinghies that are slower and the Class includes dinghies like Mirrors and Toppers
- Class 2 dinghies: generally faster dinghies and the Class includes dinghies like Scorpions and Contenders
- Some dinghies may sail in a class of their own, like the Laser, and although they start with another class (the Lasers share a start with Class 1 dinghies) most of the time they have their own set of trophies to race for
- Class 9 is for when all of the separate classes of dinghy sail together.

You can find the details of classes and boats, the individual race starts, and the trophies available in the Club handbook.

At Castle Cove, because we have few one class fleets, dinghies race using Portsmouth Yardstick Numbers (PYN) which, in theory, means any boat has the chance to win a race if it is sailed well enough. The PYN is used as a multiplication factor to change the actual time taken to complete a race to a 'corrected time'. The boat with the shortest 'corrected time' wins the race and is given 1 point for the race. The boat with the second shortest 'corrected time' is given 2 points, and so on. The points are added up during a series of races to produce the series winner.

We have the following Race Series for dinghies:

Sunday mornings at around 10.30 (two races back to back - see the handbook for dates and actual start times)

Spring Series (8 races), 1st Sunday Series (6 races), 2nd Sunday Series (6 races), 3rd Sunday Series (6 races)

Monday evenings at around 18.30 (see handbook for details)

1st Monday (6 races), 2nd Monday (6 races), 3rd Monday (6 races) and Late Summer Monday Series (4 Races)

Wednesday evenings at around 18.30 (see handbook for details)

1st Wednesday (6 races), 2nd Wednesday (6 races), 3rd Wednesday (6 Races) and Late Summer Wednesday (4 races)

The Race Officer will set a shorter course (usually a shorter beat) whenever there is a Class 1 or Laser start.

The Keelboat Classes are:

- Class 3 for faster keelboats
- Class 4 for slower Keelboats
- When all of the keelboats race together they are known as Z Class

Currently we have no individual keelboat classes (types of boat) that have enough numbers to have a start on their own.

Keelboat racing takes place on Monday and Wednesday evenings at about the same time as the dinghy races but they have their own start times. (See the Club handbook for details)

Sunday morning keelboat racing takes place in Weymouth Bay together with boats from Weymouth Sailing Club. There is self-organised cruiser racing on Friday evenings when this is arranged. (Look out for notices by email and on the club notice boards)

Results for keelboats are calculated in the same way as they are for dinghies. Corrected times are calculated by multiplying the actual (elapsed) time by a 'rating' or a 'handicap' number to find who has the shortest 'corrected' time. This year we are trying a handicap system based on the National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC), though we have changed it to produce 'club numbers' for each boat that will only change at the end of each series (not after each race as required by NHC). Keelboats may also race under the IRC rating system, which assigns an absolute rating to each boat. An annual certificate is required to race under IRC and must be provided to the Sailing Committee Results Officer before the start of any series.

Cup Races

Through the sailing season there are occasional Cup and other race events which are often short series in their own right. Details can be found in the handbook and some events, such as the Pursuit and Passage Races, will have their own set of Sailing Instructions issued closer to the time.

Cruising

Our keelboats have a very active sailing programme that should suit beginners and the more experienced alike. The cruising programme is outlined in the Club handbook and a separate booklet is available in the club house.

Improving and gaining confidence

One of the benefits of being part of a sailing club is the opportunity to improve skills by taking part in organised events and learn from those with more experience, and by being able to learn from mistakes made in a safe environment. This happens over time through taking part in the racing programme, going cruising, helping on race teams and just pottering around the club.

We have 8 Saturday afternoons planned through June, July and August, which will provide specific opportunities to gain confidence on the water in dinghies and on keelboats in a safe and friendly environment. The Sail4All programme is being developed, so look out for more information and details of who to contact.

Just messing about

We encourage free sailing (i.e. without safety boat cover), sailing in small groups, sailing as a family, and all the on-water activities available because of our access to the harbour and bay. Club events are overseen by experienced members who are able to call on even more experienced members if there is any doubt about conditions and whether an event should go ahead. When making these decisions for yourself you must take just as much care.

- Always wear adequate clothing including a buoyancy aid if you are dinghy sailing
- Make sure your boat is in good shape
- Have a means of communication and keep within your limits
- Do not rely on others coming to your rescue
- Consult <http://www.rya.org.uk/knowledge-advice/safe-boating/Pages/hub.aspx> for more information

Offshore winds (northerly/north westerly from the club) can be deceptive; calm close the shore but they may become strong and blow you away from the club as you pass through the moorings.

Exonerate, Exonerate, Exonerate - The Daleks are coming

Rules are usually not much fun but it is also not much fun (for someone) when we don't keep to them. When sailing we have the Collision Regs, which apply whenever we are on the water, and the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) which apply when we race. Failing to keep to the Collision Regs can have severe consequences. Failing to keep to the RRS can now have less severe consequences thanks to the introduction of the Exoneration Penalty.

In brief, incidents that might have led to a full protest hearing can now be resolved by the boat realising they are in the wrong accepting the 'Exoneration Penalty', which is less than disqualification, and settles the matter. This would not be available to a boat causing injury or serious damage.

When there is an incident that will not result in the lodging of a protest, or a request for redress, a boat may request an advisory hearing and notify any boat involved in the incident. An Advisor will then call a hearing to learn what may have happened and will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat. As a result, a boat may accept an Exoneration Penalty when it applies to the incident, or may choose to retire.

This is a new process for the Club and we hope that it will be one way in which we all better understand the rules and improve the quality of our racing.

Being an Advisor is open to all Club members with a reasonable grasp of the RRS. Please contact the Sailing Secretary if you are interested in learning more about being an Advisor.

Full details of the Exoneration/Advisory Hearing process will be available on the Club Notice board.

Ian Green Sailing Secretary



Photo Ian Green

CCSC Cadets Season 2018

It is that time of year already!

We are starting to think about this year's Cadet Sailing programme.

Well done to all our sailors who have braved the cold temperatures and strong winds and have continued sailing throughout the winter.

The main thing to note is that due to the high numbers of cadets signed up last year, we have decided that sign up will be available at our Land Day only Saturday 14th April - 10.30 hrs - Land Day.

CCSC Cadets

CCSC Cadets is available to all children covered by a family membership.

We meet every Friday night from 5.30 p.m. The length of the session is weather-dependent, but we aim to be launched by 6.30 p.m. and back in by 8 p.m. Generally, members bring food and use the bbq or kitchen facilities for meals after.

We do please ask that parents are at the club for the duration of the session and are available to help with launching and recovery of the sailors.

Cadets cater for sailors aged 8 to 17.

We have a CCSC Cadet Facebook group where we also post information. If you are not already a member and would like to be please contact us via ccsccadets@gmail.com. The Facebook group is closed as we regularly post photos of the groups.

Land Day

This year we are asking that all potential cadets please come to Land Day to sign up. Due to the popularity of CCSC Cadets, only cadets who are signed up, and on our register, will be able to sail on Friday nights. For safety reasons there is a limit to the number of children we can take on the water. Once we are full, we are full and we will not be able to accommodate any more. So, to ensure you have a place, please make sure you are at the club for land day on

14th April at 10.30am

in addition to registration, there will be activities and the opportunity to speak with us about the coming season.

Friday Nights

Sessions start with Registration from 5.30 p.m.

Following this will be a short briefing from the sailors' coaches with their groups.

Launching will start from 6.15 p.m. and will be in specific group order.

Recovery will then commence in reverse order, with the idea being that trolleys are all in the right place! We hope!

Once all boats are derigged and away, there will be the opportunity for coaches to

have a quick word with their group if needed, then they will be able to get changed and eat!

Coaching groups will be designated either at or following Land Day and will be based on a mix of ability and age.

Optimist Training

We are once again running our successful Optimist Training sessions.

- These are for children aged 7 and above of all abilities
- Club boats are available to hire for these sessions and can be booked in advance
- More information about these sessions will be available later
- This year we will be asking for sailors to please sign up to the course of sessions at Land Day
 - There will be a small fee for the 6 sessions of £40 per sailor
 - Session dates are in the diary dates section here

Sail4All

CCSC are running Sail4All again this year. Sail4All is run on Saturday afternoons and is a great opportunity for members to get out on the water as a family or individually with safety cover.

CCSC club boats are also available to hire for these sessions. These are available to sailors of any age, adults and children alike. There is no need to reserve places. More information will be available at Land Day.

Diary Dates to note

Saturday 14th April - 10.30am - Land Day

Saturday 21 April - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Optimist Training

Friday 4th May - 5.30 p.m. - First Cadets Session

Saturday 5 May - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Optimist Training

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th May - Topper Open & Traveller Weekend

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th June - Optimist SW Open

Saturday 16 June - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Optimist Training

Friday 27th July - Currently Last Cadet Session (May be subject to change)

Saturday 28 July - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Optimist Training

Saturday 18 August - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Optimist Training

Saturday 25th August - CCSC Novice Race

Saturday 25 August - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Optimist Training

Saturday 8th September - Cadet Regatta

There will be more information on all of these events nearer the time.

Finally, we hope that all sailors have a great time, and enjoy sailing as much as we do!

Jeni, Mark, Lucy & Emma



Photo Ian Green

Duties and Volunteers

Members' duties

Please ensure you take your share of duties to help keep the club going. Contact Gareth on dutyman@ccsc.org.uk to make arrangements if you have not already done so.

Extra duties vacancies

Anyone willing to accept some extra duties in the bar/galley, especially during the Wayfarer Nationals on 1st to 3rd June, the Weymouth Dinghy Regatta 7th and 8th July and the Musto Performance Skiff competition on the 10th to 12th August, please contact dutyman@ccsc.org.uk. There are a number of vacancies that require filling.

Open Day

Last year's Open Day was a great success with several new members joining and a great deal of interest in the club and its activities. This year the Open Day is on Saturday 5th May from 10.30 to 14.00. Please come along to chat to visitors and generally help with welcoming people.



Push the Boat Out 2018
Saturday 5th May

Castle Cove Sailing Club
Old Castle Road
Weymouth
Dorset
DT4 8QE
10.30am—2.00pm



**TRY SAILING
IN MAY**



Editor's Notes

This is the first Newsletter I have produced for our Club. You may notice that it is not quite up to the same high standard or length previously achieved by Neil but, nevertheless, I hope you find it interesting and informative.

I would like to thank all the contributors for their timely contributions and special thanks to Ian Green for many of the photos I have used. Ian also introduced Daleks into this edition which gives me an excuse to recommend you take a look at the hilarious Dalek Relaxation clip; just the job for “winding down” after a race or other activity <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e59guruVL4o>.

I would really be pleased to have any feedback or thoughts about future editions. Please tell me in person or email me, tonyjdobbs@gmail.com. Messages in bottles are also acceptable but may take longer to arrive!



Photo Ian Green - Marie Celeste 2 sighted off the Club

For Sale

1978 SOFT ANVIL DUFOUR 2800

Very comfortable and easy to sail with main, 2 jibs, genoa, storm sail running and reaching spinnakers.

Volvo Penta 13hp MD7A engine, shallow fin keel, 1.2m draft (ideal for french canals), two bladed prop, boarding ladder, log, depth sounder, 2 speed winches, DSC radio, auto pilot, navigation instruments, full set of flags, charts and many other spares and useful things.

Moulded fibreglass lined lockers (copied by Sadler) with gimbled 2 gas burner cooker, large icebox with drain, forw'd water stowage under double bed in the pointed end! Handbasin and Seaclos loo in heads compartment.

Lots of potential and safe for a learner or more experienced sailor.

Soft Anvil has won Weymouth regatta in the slow boat class, crossed the channel and visited many places along the coast.

A sailors' boat

Lying ashore in Buckland Newton near Dorchester

£7,500 ono with many extras including beaching legs

Please contact Graham Watkin 01300 345257 0797 682 5546

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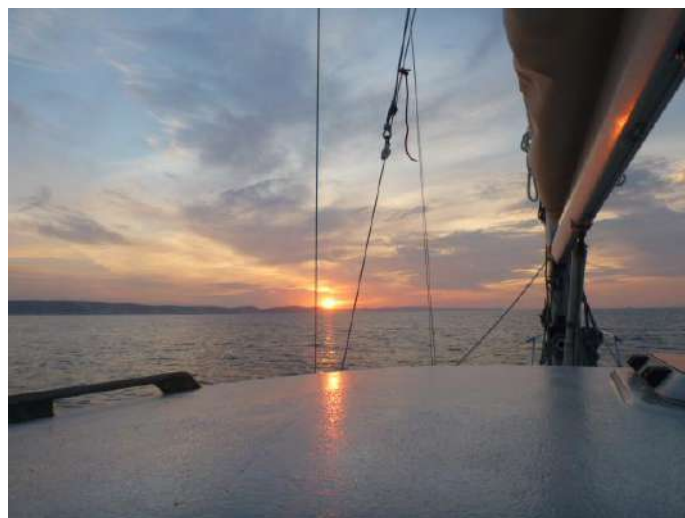


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