



THIS MONTH'S DIARY



Tuesdays
1030 am to 1200 noon
Easy Exercise with Relaxation

Friday 5th December
RNLI Weymouth Ladies Guild
"Christmas Evening at
Brewers Quay"

Saturday 6th December
7.30 pm
Casino Evening

Sunday 21st December
Commodore's Punch Party

Friday 26th December
Boxing Day Fun Race
1030 Fancy Dress
1100 Race

Wednesday 31st December
New Year Eve's Party
1930 for 2000

Sunday 4th January
Winter Work Parties begin

FROM THE COMMODORE

In the last month we have enjoyed a very busy time with the Annual Dinner and Prize Giving, the AGM and the New Members coffee morning. All were well attended and I would like to express my thanks again to all those who contributed to the detailed planning and organisation which made each event, in its own way, a most valuable part of our Club life.

From the AGM itself, there were several useful points arising, which will be addressed by the General Committee and other Groups. Please find the opportunity to check on the Minutes, so that you can see how we plan to move forward as a Club over the next year. It will also enable you to see how best to volunteer your personal skills as we enter the working party season.

I hope to see as many members as possible at the Punch Party 21 December, but for those who are unable to attend, have a Very Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year.

Bob Turner



No... Not a job for the Winter Work Parties!
Picture from the past - Beginnings of the Sailing Centre
Photo contributed by Michael Venning

WINTER WORK PARTIES

Winter work parties will be starting early in the New Year - Sunday 4th January will be the first, kick-off at about 09:30am. As well as the outdoor jobs that need doing, this year we are going to have a big effort into improving the showers in both sets of changing rooms.

Please contact me before 4th January if you are going to be available to help so that we can make some sort of work plan. It would also be nice to know if you have any particular skills we can make full use of i.e. tiling, plumbing etc.

Sunday is the 'traditional' work party day but if you cannot make Sundays then please let me know if you can help on another day of the week. It may be possible to organise a midweek team.

Remember, our Club is only as good as we make it. Everyone will benefit from the work done - so please do not feel that you cannot help.

Have a good Christmas and be refreshed for the onslaught in the New Year.

Peter Davies - 01305 852817 - holvalcots@aol.com

FROM THE DUTY COORDINATOR

It is time to let me know –

- 1) Any blocks of time when you won't be around to do duties.
- 2) Name crew you would like to do a duty on the same day with.

Serena Shone (retiring)

CCSC RISK ASSESSMENT

As we are now getting to the end of the year and various things at the Club need to be renewed, one of the major items is the Club Insurance. The Risk Assessment that is being undertaken will substantially help in showing the Insurers that we are serious in REDUCING RISKS TO A MINIMUM OR PREVENTING THEM ALTOGETHER. It is now time for me to submit all the Risk Assessments that have been submitted throughout the year. I would appreciate it if ALL MEMBERS could have a think about the risks at the Club, both on land and out on the water, so I can submit as comprehensive a document as possible. If we can 'CRACK' it this year then future years will be easier for us all.

Please submit your thoughts by email or phone me.

Thank you.

Charlie Watson - charliewatson@btopenworld.com

01305 777485 or mobile 0709 225 3520

CLUB BOAT EXPENDITURE

Following questions at the AGM regarding expenditure on Club boats, this may help explain the large increase between 2001/2 and 2002/3.

Average expenditure over the last 4 yrs was £8800, so 2001/2 was low. In 2002/3, Tern Too was fitted with a new (used) engine, which, with fitting and controls, cost approx £4500. Also, the move resulted in many more hours running which caused more maintenance, and it was decided to have professional work done on Beaver and Don's Choice at a cost of £4800.

We expect this year to be slightly above the past average if the cost of the new rib is excluded.

Stephen Green

SCORPIONS - YOUR CLASS NEEDS YOU

After 16 years of being a loyal Castle Cove member, I finally got a chance to sit at a Committee meeting as your new Class Captain!!... Shock horror I hear some of you say. Don't despair. I have a lot ideas both racing and cruising related!

Since the Club's move I fear the Scorpion has been left behind. Our faces are not known and our boats are rarely seen. This is such a shame for a class that has helped to lay the foundations enabling the Club to reach its' current thriving position and is enjoying such National accolades.

As I looked through the Handbook I saw we had 15 boats registered, but when I read the names of the owners I realised that I don't know whom a lot of you are!! Then at the X Class AGM it became apparent that not many Scorpions had actually been sailing (myself included!).

So I asked myself why is this so? We've had a good summer, so it wasn't the weather. There's plenty of racing to choose from, and lots of friendly people to chat to at the Club. Then it came to me. If I don't know who you are, you probably don't know who I am. In fact I wonder just how many of us Scorpion sailors have actually met! From what I know, there are about 6 boats that travel the county competing on the open meeting circuit, a few who enjoy Club racing, and others who just like a relaxing sail.

So how do we move forward as a Class? This is where I need your help. Please contact me to let me know your sailing aspirations for next summer. Or just to let me know which boat you own. Then hopefully with this information I can compile a Scorpion program that is suited to all our needs.

Finally I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and I look forward to meeting everyone in 2004.

Gavin Poulloin - Scorpion Class Captain

Casino Evening
December 6th
7.30 pm
Tickets £5 each
Includes Food and
Gaming Chips
Please either sign up on the list
in the Clubhouse or phone
Andrea on 01305 782220

Does anyone
have any old sails
that we can use
as covers for
Beaver and Don's
Choice?

Stephen Green

HARBOUR USERS' CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Earlier this year I took over from John Bainbridge as the CCSC Rep on the Harbour Users' Consultation Group to represent our members who berth their yachts on the Council berths in the Inner Harbour. So far this year I have attended three meetings and the main item under discussion has been the Council's proposal to increase the berth fees on the Council berths in the Inner Harbour to 75% of those of Weymouth Marina and also to do away with the current residents discount. All to be achieved over a five-year period.

Following a large increase in fees last year the Council are planning next year to:

- Increase residents charges on the pontoons by 17%
- Increase non-residents charges on the pontoons by 10%

Representation has been made at the various meetings that the Inner Harbour already makes a profit of about £400,000 a year and the facilities on the Council Pontoons no way compare with those of Weymouth Marina, with no parking, toilets, showers etc.

It has been somewhat frustrating attending and speaking at these meetings as the Council has a complex arrangement of different Committees which appear to take absolutely no notice of what has been decided at another Committee. The Committees concerned are:

- Harbour Users' Consultation Group
- Task and Finish Group
- Management Committee
- Economy and Regeneration

The final decision on Inner Harbour Council pontoon charges will be taken at the full Council Meeting in the Guildhall at 7pm on 18th December 2003 and I would ask as many Castle Cove Sailing Club members as possible to attend and before the meeting to lobby their Councillors and say that:

- The increase in pontoon charges, way above the rate of inflation, will cause hardship to the many pensioners who have boats in the Inner Harbour.
- The facilities on the Council pontoons in no way compare with Weymouth Marina and increasing to 75% of their berth fees is unreasonable.
- The Inner Harbour already makes a major profit for the Town. It is the Pavilion and Swimming Pool that makes a loss.

I have also raised with the Harbour Master the poor state of cleaning on the Council Pontoons, especially on A Pontoon. He says that there are plans to erect an additional bird alarm there.

If any CCSC members have any other points they wish me to raise please e-mail them to me.

Mark Kemmis Betty – CCSC Representative - mark@kemmisbetty.co.uk.

WEYMOUTH HARBOUR CHARGES - THE WAY AHEAD

If you are concerned that harbour charges in Weymouth are increasing at an unacceptable rate per annum then please write to your Councillors and also as many others as you can (email is possible via Webmaster at Council offices) and also turn up at the full Council Meeting at the Guildhall 18 December 03 at 7PM (Check closer to the date), with notice you may speak if you wish.

A 17.5% PA increase is proposed for 03-04 and large public attendance indicating against often does wonders to focus the minds of Councillors with elections coming soon.

Please remember it is normal for others to follow the lead when charges in an area increase so, whether your craft is and will be kept in Portland or indeed whether at the moment you sail dinghies off the Club site, or if at some time in the future you may wish to use your town harbour, then action now is required or it may be too late or all charges in the area will be looked at as easy pickings.

Good sailing.

Peter Yelland

SEA-SICKNESS CURE

Spotted in a letter to the Daily Telegraph:-

Found in a Boys Yearly Book of 1837 a recipe for sea-sickness that requires "crude opium; 2oz extract of henbane; 2 drachms powdered mace; 10 grains and 2oz hard mottled soap; all boiled in 60oz of soft water for half an hour. When cold add 1 quart of spirits of wine at 60 per cent above proof and 3 drachms of spirit of ammonia. Any druggist will compound this mixture."

The letter writer could not get his pharmacist to make it up

Stephen Green



PAINTING PONTOONS

Ladies - please come and keep me company - starting **Saturday 6th December** but there after following the weather and camaraderie. **Ring me to say when you can help.**

Thank you!

Serena Shone - 01305 261559

GREEN OASIS HOLDERS FOR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

These green dishes with candle holders used for flower arrangements on the tables have yet to be returned after our last dinner. They are marked CCSC on the bottom and are needed for Christmas. Please could they be returned to the Bar Washing Up Area.

Rose Abbott



EASY EXERCISE WITH RELAXATION

"Get-togethers" for an hour of "Easy Exercise with Relaxation" (any age, any gender, any condition!) followed by Coffee/Tea and Chat on Tuesday mornings 10.30am-12.00

Wear comfortable clothing allowing for layer to be removed during exercise
Bare feet or non-slip soles
Bring mat blanket or sleeping bag to lie on during relaxation

**Rosemary Spicer
Tel 01305 782125**

Z CLASS NEWS

Christmas is nearly upon us and the real end of the 2003 sailing season. There is no rest for your Class Captains though and over the next few weeks the Sailing Secretary and his Committee will be frantically trying to please everyone with next year's sailing programme, writing amendments to sailing instructions, fleet lists etc. I have a fairly comprehensive Z Class list but if you have got a new boat during 2003 or are new members and haven't told the Club your details please get in touch before Christmas so I can ensure you are listed in next year's Handbook.

Included with next month's Newsletter will be the application form for the Z Class Dinner which won't be in March, as stated in last month's Newsletter, but on Saturday 28 February. Due to other commitments I was unable to organise it in March and the dinghies kindly agreed to swap months so their dinner will now be in March. An informal supper for the Z Class will be held on Friday 26 March just before the first boats are put back in the water and the sailing season starts again.

With little sailing news to report all that remains is for me to wish all the Z Class a very Happy Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing you at Club social events during the winter.

Sara Lloyd - Z Class Captain

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 2003

December 31st at the Clubhouse 1930 for 2000

Dress Code: Black Tie/Posh Frocks

Tickets £17.50 per person

Eat, Drink and Be Merry with Friends

All the food you can eat and all the wine you can drink!

Places are limited to 50 people and tickets will only be available until 10 December 2003, so please book early to avoid disappointment!

Please complete the form below and send with your cheque (payable to Castle Cove Social Club) to Robyn Abbott, 36 Osprey Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth, DT4 9BU. Tel 01305 787484

Number of tickets required

Party-goers' names
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Total amount enclosed
(Cheques payable to Castle Cove Social Club)

Name and address to send tickets to
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DINNER DANCE

What did you think? - Your comments (good or bad) please on the venue, meal and music.

I thought the room looked very welcoming but the bar was overcrowded.

I didn't like the fact that the Mayor had his back to the members.

I felt we could have started more on time and therefore have greater time after the speeches.

I thought the draw a much better arrangement but still too many prizes and wrongly sited and didn't catch enough of you!!!

Didn't like the music much – it was a shame in a way that we had to have the 'in house' band who took 'play 60's music and you can't go wrong and some Rolling Stones' much too literally. They also completely forgot our more senior members (me included) who maybe would like a mixture of music.

Perhaps we will give a 'play list' to any future bands – I'm already on the look out for someone for next year. We can't go too mad as the cost is something we have to keep our eyes on.

Lastly, where was 'Ring o' Roses'?

Your comments please.

Gill Watkin - watkinplumbing@bun.com



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the January 2004 Newsletter will be 23rd December 2003.

If you can, have your Newsletter by e-mail – usually I just send a link to the website so you can download the Newsletter when you wish - see www.ccsc.org.uk and click on Social. If you also print it out you will get a vastly superior copy to the one sent through the post and it will be in colour!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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