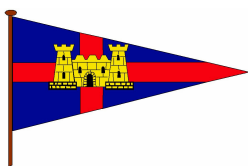


# Castle Cove Sailing Club



# April 2005 Newsletter

## DIARY

3rd April  
Spring series starts

8th—17th April  
Keelboat lifts

9th-10th April  
Cherub weekend

13th April  
Improve racing evening

16th April  
RNLI Lifeboat ball

20th April  
1st Wednesday series starts

7th May  
New members' coffee morning

## FROM THE COMMODORE

As we begin to get out on the water once more, I would like to thank all those members who yet again have shown so much commitment in getting everything ready for the sailing season. A huge amount of administration, planning and sheer hard work has once again resulted in the steady improvement of our facilities, whether indoor or outdoor. In addition, we have also enjoyed a number of most enjoyable social occasions and useful training, all part of Club Life in the off season.

My message now is simply, get out on the water and enjoy it. Also, please note from your programmes in the Club handbook those special weekend events which combine sailing and social activities, surely the way to go.

Some members will know that our Sailing Secretary, Ben Evans, and his wife Nicola are moving to Italy next month as Ben has accepted a new job there. Again, I would like to thank Ben and Nicola on all our behalves for their great contributions in all Club Sailing and social activities. We wish them every good fortune and hope that they will rejoin the Club on their return sometime in the future. Very kindly, Alison Stephens has taken over as Sailing Secretary, so please give her your support as she takes over the ropes. I look to the Class Captains in particular to make her job easier initially. Finally, and before Peter Davies and Sarah Winterton remind you, **HAVE YOU CHECKED THE CLUB HANDBOOK** so you know what is going on and when, **THE YELLOW PAGES** can save you embarrassment later !!!!!

Good Sailing

**Bob Turner**

Apologies to Julie Chapman. I failed to mention last month that it was Julie who suggested the Silver Seal as the committee boat name.

**Steve Green**

All those who joined the 'Start Racing' talk on 9 March would like to give a BIG vote of thanks to Nick Grace. Nick is a top Contender sailor and races nationally as well as regularly at Castle Cove. His particularly clear explanation of the critical points (eg starts, rights of way, the marks and the finish); gave us the principles of how to get to the front of the pack AND (reassuringly) how to stay out of trouble. It was also reassuring to think that everyone has started (and finished) at the back at some stage! Despite a few feelings of trepidation, he left us with huge enthusiasm to get out there and have a go.

Diana Gill

If you are proposing a new member, don't forget that the form should be fully completed including signature, briefing etc.

## **NEW MEMBERS COFFEE MORNING**

**SATURDAY 7 MAY 2005 10.30 a.m.**

We would like to invite everyone who has joined the club in the last year to join us for a Coffee Morning on Saturday 7 May. This is a very informal occasion which will give you the chance to meet some members of the Committee, Class Captains and Trustees. It will also give you chance to ask any questions you may have with regards to your duties and for you to learn more about the winter working parties. If you attended the New Members Evening last year we would still like to see you. The cadets will be on the water (weather permitting) and will provide toasties for lunch for a small fee if you wish to stay. As always it is very important to know how many people are planning to attend therefore, please give me a call by 1 May if you intend to come along.

***Karen Horlock — New Members Co-ordinator***

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS**

The Committee welcomes feedback on the events held and also what you would like from us, so please do contact Immy on 01305 786863 or Andy on 01305 782220 with your ideas and particularly if you can help in however small or large a capacity. We will be holding more events than mentioned here and will publicise them through the Newsletter. Because dates do sometimes have to change to accommodate competitions **please read your Newsletter if you want to know what is happening.**

***Nichola Lane – 01305 772305 – nichola@timbo.ltd.uk***

## **HANDBOOK CORRECTIONS**

With huge apologies, there are the usual sprinkling of mistakes in this year's handbook plus the inevitable updates since it went to print. Please could you amend your handbooks as follows:

### **Page 4**

Hon. Sailing Sec: Alison Stephens  
Class Captains: Add J24 Andy Gaunt  
Replace Y Class with 'Wayfarer Class'  
Replace 'Fast & Contender' with Class 2  
Replace 'C Class' with 'Class 1'  
(No change in the names of Class Captains)

### **Page 5**

Change OD Coordinator to Duty Rota Coordinator  
Z Class Fleet List Please add Sail No. 3774, Ruby Tuesday, Trapper 500, John & Stephen Beresford & Andrew Farrow

### **Page 76**

Junior Cadets starts on 28 May, (two dates is confusing!)  
June needs to be beside 4 Sat Start racing coaching  
Nov 5th is a Saturday

Please note we are working on producing a sensible chart next year. Let D (Gill) know your views on whether 2 charts, 1 of Portland Harbour, 1 of Weymouth Bay would be preferable.

Any other confusions, please let D know.

Diana Gill - Hon Secretary

## **DUTY ROTA 2005**

You will receive your handbook soon, including this year's duty rota and list of all members phone numbers. Everyone who returned their application forms by 1st Feb, I have included your requests. I hope therefore, there will be less need to swap. If you do need to, please arrange this yourself, and LET ME KNOW! I have ensured that every member has a duty, in an attempt to keep them to a minimum. Please, please read the rota NOW and make a note in your diary.

It is not acceptable to say that you did not know when your duty is. For those of you who only have one duty, please be generous with your time if I need to request help. I hope to fill resigned members gaps with new members but it may not always be possible.

Please read the letters I will send you about your duty, particularly the safety info. NB Bouyancy Aids are compulsory for rescue boat helpers.

I have posted a duty rota in the clubroom as well as a list of names and duties so PLEASE LOOK at it. I know this sounds a bit " heavy", but if we commit to the rota and to each other, we should have a good season that runs smoothly.

Thank you very much for reading this and for giving your time and support.  
Happy sailing

***Sarah Winterton 01305 813000 sarah.winterton@talk21.com***  
***Duty Co-ordinator***

## **SOFTWARE HELP NEEDED**

I am trying to reduce the load on Sarah Winterton by using a computer programme to generate duty reminder letters.

Using Mail Merge and the duty rota, I can produce a standard letter containing name, address, duty and date and one paragraph pertinent to the duty. The problem is, I need more than one paragraph; can anyone help???

***Carol Green, carol@shcagreen.fsnet.co.uk***

## **BOAT PARK - NOTICE TO ALL DINGHY SAILORS**

Unfortunately the winter work programme is running behind schedule and most of the space on the western side of the boat park is still required for maintenance of the pontoons and club boats.

If you are therefore planning to bring your dinghy down to the Club over the Easter weekend please would you temporarily park your boat in the designated area on the upper level car park.

The boat park should be clear of all keelboats and pontoons by Sunday 17th April so it will then be possible for all dinghies to be transferred to their normal positions on the boat park.

Thank you for your help.

***Mike Clarkson***  
***Boat Park Coordinator***

# TRAINING

## Learning to Sail

If you are a non-sailing member of the club or have only been on one of those big dinghy squashers pulling bits of string, maybe you would be interested in learning to sail a dinghy. WOEC offer sailing courses for adults keen to take the first step.

There are two levels of training course RYA level 1 and RYA Level 2. Level 1 courses are on Mondays or Wednesday evenings or weekends. Level 2 courses are weekend courses. CCSC members can join these courses as individuals. The other option is that WOEC runs a closed course for CCSC members only.

Go to the following link for dates of available courses and more details. <http://www.dorsetcc.gov.uk/index.jsp?article1f>. NB, WOEC do courses for children as well.

WOEC has also mentioned the possibility of running an introduction to racing course for adults. This would comprise of 2 - 3 sessions practice and then 2 - 3 sessions on a race night to coach in a real race situation. The aim of the course would be to give sailors new to racing the confidence on the start line and rounding marks.

## First aid

The Sea Cadet Training Centre can conduct first aid courses for us.

They can run a refresher course at the club for £10 per head. ALL must have an in date RYA First Aid to do this and it should be in its third year of issue, it can then be extended to five years. If we can get about 6 people together they can provide a trainer to do it at the club one morning or afternoon, It takes about 2 hours to complete. Cost £10 per head. (Min 6 max 12).

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If it is not an RYA certificate then we can not do the update.

The full course is a 7 hour course and these cost £30, minimum of 6 max of 12. They usually run these at the centre as they have all the equipment there.

***If you are interested in doing either of the above courses, or want further information, contact the training co-ordinator - [celia.rushton@wdgh.nhs.uk](mailto:celia.rushton@wdgh.nhs.uk) or 777511).***

John Emmett is running a laser coaching session on 30th April. He has written an extremely interesting article on upwind sailing which will be posted on the laser page of the club website. The principles apply to non-laser boats as well.

## Improve Racing Evening

7.30 Wednesday, 13th April

By Adam Bowers

Learn how to beat the opposition by having a good start, overtaking them on the upwind leg and maintaining that lead.

Contact anyone in the Sailing Committee (eg Class Captains, Training Co-ordinator) or the Hon Sec for more information.

### **Ladies sailing**

Ladies sailing will be sometime towards the end of this month. For more details go to the link from the CCSC website or contact Sara Lloyd.

### **Cadet Sailing Courses**

It is time to book your course.

These courses are run by Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre from Castle Cove, so nice and handy!

The dates for the Half Term course are:

#### Stage 1 and 2;

31st May and 1st June (2 days). The cost is £65 per child for the two days.

#### Stage 3 and Red;

31st May - 3rd June (4 days). The cost is £130 per child for the 4 days.

August course dates are:

#### Stage 1 and 2;

1st and 2nd August (2 days). This cost is £65 for the 2 days.

#### Stage 3 and Red;

1st - 4th August (4 days). This cost is £130 for the 4 days.

There is an additional cost of £10 per day if you need to borrow a CCSC boat.

Please complete the Booking Form, found on the website, and send it to me, together with your cheque.

Early booking is advisable.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please ring me if you have any questions.

Mrs Maria Ellison, 7 Woodlands Crescent, Poundbury. Tel 260403.

### SECURITY

This is a continuing concern and the Committee are looking at a range of options

Please remember to  
LOCK UP EVERYWHERE

### **Moorings Guidance Notes: Update now available for all Members**

Following a very successful meeting last Autumn, Alan White has produced particularly useful moorings guidance notes for anyone thinking about becoming a mooring owner. They also include advice on general maintenance so are likely to be of interest to existing mooring owners. The notes are too long for the news-letter but can be found on the CCSC website plus hard copies are available for Members to help themselves from the Cruising Notice-board

### **CHERUB BLASTING WEEKEND 9th - 10th April**

The UK Cherub Association has organised an informal blasting weekend @ CCSC.

There will hopefully be 6-8 visiting Cherubs, so if there are any CCSC members who are interested in an affordable ballistic asymmetric dinghy - you are welcome to join us for a test sail, chat or to see us in action.

For further info contact: Mark Grant - 0796 8021503 - sales@realityflorida.co.uk or just turn up on Saturday or Sunday.

Informal social @ Red Lion in Brewer Quay on Saturday from 2000 hrs

## APRIL NEWSLETTER

Last month after sending out the newsletter, I received a number of undelivered e-mails – the addresses being invalid. If you did not receive the newsletter by e-mail or post, please inform me of your correct e-mail address. It may have been that handwritten e-mail addresses were mis-read.

The deadline for the next Newsletter, which will be out in May, is 1st May 2005. There is no need to use special formatting – simple text is much easier to work with and any photographs are preferable as separate files (or send the prints for scanning (leave in an envelope for me at the club). A few notes about the photograph or a suggested caption are helpful as well as the photographer's name.

Read this Newsletter on the website [www.ccsc.org.uk](http://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.

**PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS and I can send you a link to the Newsletter as soon as it is out (instead of waiting for printing and the post). E-MAILS ARE SENT AS BLIND COPIES SO YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS WILL NOT BE SEEN BY ANY OTHER RECIPIENTS. *It usually only takes a couple of minutes to download.*** The fewer paper copies we send out the more money we can save for the Club – you will be aware from the accounts that it is expensive to produce. And, of course, if you read it on screen, it saves trees.

**Celia Rushton – [celia.rushton@wdgh.nhs.uk](mailto:celia.rushton@wdgh.nhs.uk) – (01305) 777511**

## FOR SALE / WANTED

### FOR SALE—TRI-RADIAL SPINNAKER

Luff 8.2m , 28ft 11in  
Foot 4.3m , 14ft 1in  
Suitable for yacht around 25ft  
Very little used - excellent condition  
£200  
E.J.Clabburn 01300345371 'ELLA'

### HOBNOB NEEDS CREW

One or two crew are needed to race on Hobnob on Wednesday and Friday evenings, and Saturday. Younger members are preferred to offset the existing pensioners ages. This is an equal opportunities boat and most crew have a go at helming on occasion.

Contact Ken Reed 01305 772654 or Carol/Steve Green on 01305 789191

### MOORING FOR SALE

Substantial deep-water mooring available.  
Half ton sinker lifted and photographed in 2004 by the CCSC mooring team.  
Relaid with 6 metres of new 38mm ( 1.5 inch ) ground chain.  
15 metres of half inch riser fitted previous season.  
Good position .... Ready for 2005. Price £550.  
Please phone Roger or Julie Chapman 01305 812170