

Castle Cove Sailing Club



January 2005 Newsletter

DIARY

Sundays
Working Parties

Tuesdays
Easy Exercise with Relaxation
10.30 am

Saturday 22nd January
Cajun Supper
7.30 pm

Wednesday, 26th January
Should CCSC apply to become a Volvo RYA Champion Club?
7.30 pm

Saturday 12th February
Dinghy Dinner

Saturday 12th March
Z Class Dinner

19th March
Quiz Evening and Supper

16th April
RNLI Lifeboat Ball



In calmer times ...
Old pier at CCSC taken about 1979/80 - shows the hut where racing was timed
Photo by Peter Nickless

FROM THE COMMODORE

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and my thanks again for all the help decorating the Clubhouse and supporting the Punch Party. As we look ahead to next season I will make no apology for repeating some of the points that I mentioned either at the AGM, the Annual Dinner, the Punch Party or all 3!!!

My main message is that by this Newsletter and the papers sent out by either Diana Gill or Peter Davies, there is all the information available to ensure that our Annual Handbook and the CCSC database are accurate. This in turn will help all members to get the facilities they wish for next season, and hopefully match the right people to the right duties. This will lead to Sarah Winterton's co-ordination task being easier than last year and Judy Kemmis-Betty will also receive the monies on time to assist in the Club cash flow.

All the above is very straightforward with no surprises. Please therefore, ensure that you really do spend the time to do your small individual part in helping all our officials to do their jobs efficiently and on time.

The next few months are again very important for annual maintenance. Have you returned Barry Grant's form yet? If not, see last month's Newsletter. There is also a full Social and Training programme to take us out of the dark days to the Spring, so let's get involved and derive the most from all the events which are going on.

Have a very happy New Year and good sailing.

Bob Turner

MEMBERSHIP

- Please fill in your membership form carefully
- Complete all details as fully as possible to keep our database up to date – and the duty rota
- Let your Class Captain know of boat changes so that the Handbook can be up to date
- If you get your form and fee in by 1st February you may deduct £10

A combined CLUB SUPPER and NAUTICAL QUIZ EVENING

Saturday 19th MARCH

Please add your names to the List
on the Club Notice Board

**Sorry to announce that the
Valentine's Supper has had to be
cancelled**

NOTICE OF CLASS DINNERS

Dinghy Dinner is 12th February

Z Class Dinner is 12th March

*Order forms at the end of this
Newsletter*

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

PORTLAND HARBOUR AUTHORITY – PORT AND HARBOUR DUES

Included in this list of charges for 2005 is a special rate for Castle Cove Members who keep their boats in Weymouth but who sail in the Harbour.

Concessionary Port and Harbour Dues for small vessels from 1st January 2005

TARIFF

The following Port and Harbour Dues are applicable to recreational vessels, workboats, fishing vessels, floating pontoons and pleasure craft for hire, less than 24 metres in length (small vessels).

A separate charging regime will apply to commercial and trading vessels and those which are not small vessels and Personal Water Craft (PWC).

Overall Length	Annual	Weekly	Daily
Metres	£ Including VAT	£ Including VAT	£ Including VAT
Up to 3.05 10' (Notes 1 & 2)	16.50	5.75	2.00
Up to 6.10 20'	24.75	9.00	3.40
Up to 9.15 30'	48.50	13.50	4.80
Up to 12.20 40'	73.25	17.50	6.20
Up to 15.25 50'	98.00	21.75	7.60
Up to 18.30 60'	122.75	25.75	9.00
Below 24.00 79'	170.00	32.00	11.00
Floating Pontoons	(Per Berthing side) £3.00 per metre per year		

Note 1: Includes paddle canoes and windsurfers

Note 2: Payment of vessels Port and Harbour Dues include the use of a tender of up to 3.05m. Tenders are to be clearly marked with the mother vessel's name.

Portland Harbour Radio operates on CHANNEL 74.

Roy Griffiths

COVE CUP CONTENDERS – CLASS 9

It was Contenders first, second and third in class 9 at the Cove Cup on Saturday 25th September. The fleet was greeted by a cold and gusty wind and the prospect of three back-to-back races with a 10.30 am start and overcast skies. We had the interesting addition of sailing with the Cadets who had missed out on their Open the weekend before. Two Contenders made the first start soon to be joined by a third – Dave "I've got a new carbon rig" Murley, Marcus "I need the practice " Scrace and Alex "do I sail this like a 14 or a Scorpion" Green. Other regulars Nick "I think I have run out of Brownie points" Grace and Paul "football is life" Horlock certainly missed a great day's sailing.

DUTY ROTA

If you have not sent in your membership form by 1st February, please e-mail/phone me with your preferences for duties, including dates not available, etc.

Sarah Winterton – OD Coordinator
 01305 813000 - sarah.winterton@talk21.com

The Club and race officer put on a great day with some excellent racing and we were certainly very confident with the amount of rescue cover on offer. In the good breeze David dominated proceedings and despite a couple of inspections of his hull Marcus could not catch him although he got close on a couple of occasions. Alex, who was in a borrowed boat, performed very well in the conditions and let's hope we can persuade him to join the fleet. We even had a photographer on the committee boat who took some great shots of all the action.

This article is being prepared on the way to the Datchet Open meeting. It is windy and Dave says he has just seen an old boot fly by! We are apprehensive and looking forward to the weekend. The fleet is also looking forward to the Inland championships at Rutland at the end of October and the winter series. If you are interested in finding out more about this versatile high performance dinghy contact any one of us in the dinghy park.

Marcus Scrace - GBR 634 (28th October 2004)

Apologies to Marcus for overlooking this article last month – Ed.

LADIES SAILING SUPPER AND AUCTION OF PROMISES

This is Sara and Diana’s HUGE thanks to EVERYONE who made the Club Supper and Auction of Promises on 11 December such a wonderful success. It really was a question of be there or be square! The Ladies who Sail gave so gracefully of their time, effort and skills. The puddings were **delicious** and the catering and clearing up SO efficient.

The Auction of Promises was **amazing**, Roy made it hugely entertaining and Jess’s thanks go to him and to many others - she was overwhelmed with the wonderful support she received. Competition was **hot**, the fly fishing went to a telephone bidder calling from Senegal! (Honest). We feel privileged to members of such a wonderful Club.

The Auction raised marginally over £1,800 for the Breast Cancer Campaign thanks to the huge generosity of those who offered promises and those who bid for them. The supper raised just short of £600 for CLIC. As I said, a Club of which to be proud.

Sadly, just before Christmas Jess heard that she does not have a place in the London Marathon. However she immediately contacted the Edinburgh marathon (21 June) and has her place confirmed. Of course the money raised will still go to BCC as promised and she is continuing to train as hard as ever.

AUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL PROMISE

Rupert Fowke has made an exceptional donation; he has promised a year’s tuition at Thornlow worth £600 to support the Breast Cancer Campaign. We felt this should be offered more widely in the Club and thus are auctioning it through the Newsletter.

To bid for this promise, please either email D Gill at dianamgill@aol.com or post a sealed bid (snail mail) to Hamilton House, 38 Chamberlaine Road Wyke Regis DT4 9EY.

The aim is to ‘open’ the bids (emails will be printed out and kept confidential) at the Dinghy Dinner so **MAKE SURE YOUR BIDS ARE IN BY THEN.**

Please note there is a reserve on this promise.

With the Lloyd and Gill Families, thanks once again.

D. Gill and Sara Lloyd

SAFETY BOAT TRAINING

It is proving increasingly difficult to provide sufficient safety cover during races and we need to enlarge the pool of qualified members.

Training is provided by the Sea Cadets, it runs over two days over a weekend and has a maximum of four delegates per course. The cost is £70 of which the Club pays £35, providing you make yourself available for safety boat cover, sometimes at short notice.

To do the RYA Safety Boat Course, you must be an experienced driver and have the RYA Level 2 Powerboat Certificate. It can be physically demanding so you must be fit.

If you are interested or require more details please contact me.

Celia Rushton – celia.rushton@wdgh.nhs.uk – 01305 777511

FOR SALE

4 wheel road trailer
Ideal for 27 to 25ft Yacht

Price £1,250

**Contact: Mark Kemmis Betty
Tel: 01305 813895**

FOR SALE

4.0 horse Yamaha Outboard
Regularly serviced
Good condition
£200

**Contact: Barry Grant
01305 785192**

**TENDERS ON
CASTLE COVE BEACH**

If you have a tender at Castle Cove Beach, you must keep it in the tender rack

NEW COMMITTEE BOAT NAME

Silver Spray is no more, but the Tornado is nameless. Make your suggestion in the box on the serving counter, together with a £1 for Breast Cancer and CLIC.

Don't forget, if you are choosing rescue boat duty, you must have personal buoyancy

DINGHY SHOW
Alexandra Palace

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th March 2005

Tel. 0845 345 0424

www.rya.org.uk

LOST AT FIRST WORKING PARTY

If you picked up my lump hammer by mistake I would be pleased to get it back. It has the initials SLF on the handle together with a bit of black tape.

Sally Fielding - 01305 871403

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

In the last Newsletter we reported there would be three Club events early in 2005. However, due to a shortage of free weekends even at this time of the year, the 12th February will now be the date for the Dinghy Dinner – so gentlemen you might have to make other arrangements to entertain your best beloveds for Valentines Night, but then perhaps it was not appropriate to bring them to the Club anyway! The first event of 2005 is the Cajun Evening on **22nd January** (see advert), followed by a Quiz and informal Supper on the **19th March**. As already mentioned, the Dinghy Class Dinner will be on **12th February** and the Z Class Dinner will be a month later on **12th March**.

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.**

Lastly don't forget there are always hot drinks available to the Sunday working parties during the winter, which is also the opportunity to catch up on all the latest news on the notice boards.

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

THE DINGHY EXPERIENCE BY NAOMI FOWKE

The 'dinghy experience' for the ungainly housewife has never quite been welcomed as the opportunity for 'challenge and adventure', that it should have been. On the contrary, it is thought to have been responsible for a considerable amount of 'nautical neurosis.

Was it ...

... Capsizing in the surf in Worbarrow Bay?

... Slowly sinking on the Beaulieu River as dusk fell and the tide rose, and water poured through a two-inch tear in the floor?

... Finding an adder coiled around the outboard in Salcombe, attracted apparently by the languishing rubbish?

... Or was it that occasion when encumbered with oilskins, sea boots and life jacket; carefully negotiating the stern of the yacht (inevitably cluttered with 'sailing jumble'), in order to get into the dinghy, that the life jacket inflated, impaling its wearer on the flag pole?

Overall the lasting impression of the 'dinghy experience' is that of sitting in a higher nervous state, ankle deep in water, with wet knickers. To counter the effect of this rapidly advancing neurosis, this year a 'new' dinghy had been purchased.

With the new dinghy, tubes now firmly pumped, dry underfoot, lifejacket abandoned, the nervous housewife was finally lured into a state of perfect confidence and relaxation. Fingers trailing in the water, drinking in the tranquillity of the River L'Aberwach on a glorious August day, now what had all the fuss been about?

It was on the return trip from the shore, laden with supplies, halfway through the moorings, heading for 'home', anchored as ever, the furthest out and up steam, that tranquillity was suddenly disturbed by a strange, tearing sound. At first it could have been mistaken for the 'yak, yak' of the Terns which circled excitedly overhead. No, it was a definite sound of tearing. Daylight was appearing between the tubes and the transom; water was rushing into the dinghy; all the rubber that attached the transom to the tubes was hastily disengaging itself. Momentarily one considers that all that is between you and your God is a lot of swimming and a rapidly flowing spring tide.

We did make it ... just ... the "new" dinghy is unusable, as is the new found confidence in the 'dinghy experience'.

Naomi Fowke

Cajun Supper Evening

22nd January 2005

7.30 pm

£7

You've heard the song, now come and eat the food!

"Jambalaya and a crawfish pie and fillet gumbo
 'Cause tonight I'm gonna see my ma cher a mi-o
 Pick guitar, fill fruit jar and be gay-o
 Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou"

An informal introduction to the food and music of 'New Awlins', both being a blend of African, French, Spanish and Native American flavours and rhythms – an evening to warm the taste buds and the soul, just right for January.

Food produced by Nichola and Ron Lane
 Graduates of the New Orleans School of Cookery!

Contact

Nichola Lane - 01305 772305 - nichola@timbo.ltd.uk

LIVING WITH INFLATION ...

I was astonished to see the advert for a 3—4 year old Mirror advertised at £2500. In 1964 I built an Enterprise dinghy from a kit, which cost £75 including the mast, fittings and sails extra. At that time the Mirror kit cost £25. Mind you, I thought I was doing well earning £1800 a year paying £220 income tax. I really have not got used to living with inflation!!

Tony Miller

NOLI CALIGRAM IN ROTAM NAVIS MEI ADFIGURE*

Having arrived, altruistically, 25 hours late for the last race of the season, the crew of Madrigal decided on a gentle sail before laying up. A pleasant reach over to Castletown was followed by some (rather late) practice at rounding marks whilst admiring the Dorset coastline.

Off Ringstead we became aware of a nice new shiny blue fender, floating freely in the water. Natural acquisitiveness rapidly prompted a man overboard procedure. Crash-tack and approach the victim on a controlled broad reach - a manoeuvre that we achieved with astonishing imprecision. After a total miss at the first attempt, and a slightly less than total miss on the second, our boathook engaged with a line trailing sloppily from the fender. But we were a little disappointed to find that it was attached to something, and boat momentum forced us to let go.

Now, we may not be accurate sailors but we are determined and never ones to look a gift horse in the mouth, or whatever the expression is. So back again; we needed the practice, and this time in a manner resembling control. A really good tug and heave failed to free the bugger, and so we shrugged and decided against cutting it free, just in case it really was a Millionaires Lobsterpot marker.

Looking back after about fifty metres, we observed a diver, surfacing. Roughly interpreting his hand-signals to mean that he was perfectly "OK", we sailed on!

There might have been a little motorboat in the vicinity, and there might have been a partially obscured white and blue flag in the stern, but we certainly didn't see it. Sorry mate.

*Don't clamp my boat. (Please)

Anonymous and unfaithful crew member of Madrigal

SECURITY

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

Please remember to

LOCK UP EVERYWHERE

MARCH NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the next Newsletter, which will be out in March, is 1st March 2005. There is a general committee meeting on 8th March 2005 so it should be out shortly after that. 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). A few notes about the photograph or a suggested caption are helpful as well as the photographer's name.

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Celia Rushton will be producing the Newsletter from March – for personal reasons I have asked Celia to take over a little sooner than I had intended – contributions for the next Newsletter will all be forwarded on to her. Thank you for all your contributions over the last couple of years or so. Thank you also for all your compliments on the Newsletter.

Cathy Ledger – 51 Whitecross Drive Weymouth DT4 9PA – Cathy@ledger01.fsnet.co.uk – (01305) 777568

Dinghy Dinner – Saturday 12th February 2005

Order Form

Cost is £12.50 per person

Please reserve me (name).....

For people at £12.50 per person. I enclose a cheque for £.....

Please state the number of vegetarian meals required:

Send this form and payment to :-

Ben Evans, Spring Cottage, 22 East Street, Weymouth. DT3 4DT

Cheques made out to :- CCSC

Z Class Dinner – Saturday 12th March 2005

Order Form

Cost is £16.50 per person

Please reserve me (name).....

For people at £16.50 per person. I enclose a cheque for £.....

Please state the number of vegetarian meals required:

Send this form and payment to :-

Roy Griffiths, 4 Birch Way, Weymouth. DT3 6HZ

Cheques out to :- CCSC
