



Dates for your diary

Fridays

Ladies Sailing starts 6th May

14th May

Alan Welling Cup

15th May

Timbo Challenge

21st May

Laser Open

28th May

Junior cadets start

30th May

Dinghy cruise/Team racing

June 4th

Cherbourg Rally
Start Racing

June 5th

Beginners Cup



Silver Seal afloat—picture by Steve Green

From the Commodore

Finally we are off and sailing.! Not quite as smoothly as intended and we were not as ready as we wanted to be for the first busy Wednesday night. However, this was put right by a great team effort, many thanks again to those who helped with the final push on race marks, the Committee boat and other last minute tasks.

You will all have noticed the new flagstaff at the top of the steps leading down into the boat park. This is very kindly donated by Ruth Brinsden whose late husband Harry was a much loved and highly respected Club Member for over 40 years. Ruth wished for a lasting contribution of Harry's affection for the club to be created, so a flagstaff was commissioned. Very many thanks to Ruth for this very kind thought, and to Malcolm Spicer, Brian Wilkins and Mike Venning who fitted it. We are also most grateful to Rocky Wolford and Bill Barker of W. L. Bussel who provided the rigging and rigging services free of charge.

Lets hope for some fair spring weather and great sailing, and don't forget the TIMBO CHALLENGE 15 May, details of which are on the Notice Board in the Club Room.

Bob Turner

New Committee Boat

'Silver Seal was named on Wednesday 13 April by Julie Chapman with a bottle of fizz and then launched.

She will normally be moored in the same place as Silver Spray. However, she has an electric anchor winch so can be moved to provide a better start line when winds are in the North. The cabin also provides better protection for race officials.

Thanks to everyone who has made this possible. Although much work was needed this year, she will require less year-on-year maintenance'

Steve Green

New Sailing Secretary – Alison Stephens

Last month, it was announced that Alison Stephens has taken over from Ben as Sailing secretary. We congratulate Ben Evans on an exciting new challenge for a few years he will be working in Italy involved in NATO defence research. His gain is our loss, we thank him for his significant contribution as Sailing Secretary including practical and exciting new ideas.

Alison has an impressive Sailing CV to date: having sailed all legs in the 2000/1 BT Challenge. Originally a WREN, she decided to become a nurse but the Navy was unwilling to lose her so she retrained and continued to work for them for a few years. Then she moved to Martinstown, took up a post as district nurse in West Dorset where she continues to work full time. Alison narrowly missed election to the General Committee last year. She has considerable keelboat experience (obviously), is a core crew member of Iduna, and has recently turned her hand to helming dinghies, having purchased Jon Cox's Scorpion.

We send Ben and Nicola all good wishes for their venture in Italy and look forward to their return to us and, on behalf of everyone, we look forward to supporting Alison.

Managing Castle Cove

If you were to compare handbooks over the past few years, you might notice the list of volunteers who take on significant roles in the Club has increased to meet the many jobs that need to be done. If you ask why there are so many new jobs a few examples of how the Club has grown may indicate why: In the past 5 years membership has increased by 25%, we now have winter storage facilities, nationally health and safety in clubs has become a significant item and demands for varied activities on the site and Clubhouse have escalated.

Formerly the General Committee comprised everyone with a significant role but a very large committee is not efficient, it is better for smaller groups to make decisions for their areas of concern. It has become obvious to those involved in the management of the Club that the management structure needs to be revised to make sure that decisions are made and communicated effectively.

The Forward Planning Committee put a proposal to the General Committee who have in turn made recommendations on the most suitable and feasible structure. Over the next three months all Members will be invited to comment on the proposed revisions. In an effort to keep postage to a minimum there will be no mailshot. The report will be placed on the website by mid May; copies will be available in the Clubhouse.

Please do not hesitate to contact me D Gill 01305 775854, dianamgill@aol.com if you have queries or cannot get hold of a copy and to send your comments. Your views must be received by 30th June 2005 to ensure they are considered over the summer and appropriate changes presented at the AGM.

D Gill (Hon Sec)

Anyone willing to learn/share their experience of being a Beach Master and sharing this duty with others please contact the Sailing secretary.

Alison Stephens

Race Marks

The system for laying race marks has changed this year, the tackle is now heavy enough to prevent them dragging in high winds. Instead of lifting, over each winter they will be winterised. The coordinates will be promulgated shortly, in the meantime please note 8 and 9 are further away from the wall (Westward) due to the mussel farm on the Bingleaves arm, 1 has been laid to be clear of the moorings with 2, 3 and 4 at suitable distances. We will use the moorings as laid to see how they work in practice. They can be towed if it is found they are not ideal for the prevailing conditions. However, as listed in the handbook, we now have more moveable marks. Feedback will be welcome.

Alison Stephens

Moorings

The Club moorings are being organised as never before! Thanks to Phil Dyke we have a wonderful electronic chart - a printout is pinned up in the Chartroom - with all the Club's moorings located on it. However, the positions need to be confirmed as the current locations are approximate. The aim over this season is to collect the coordinates of all the moorings so we can correct and produce an accurate chart next season.

Please could you let me know (via D Gill if by email) if you have accurate coordinates for your mooring. If checking the position, you may find it helpful to read the revised guidance notes on mooring maintenance which give some advice on achieving an accurate position. These are available on the Club's website or in hard copy from the Clubhouse Notice Board.

Alan White

Marks M and K

Please note in your hand book that marks **K** and **M** have different top flags from last year..

Ferry services

Now that you keelboat owners are afloat and ready to sail, it's time to remind you about the ferry service.

Hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday	1730 to 2100
Saturday and Sunday	0930 to 1800

It will help the service to run well if

You collect at the pier so that a complete boat crew can be taken.

If the ferry is idle, taking a part crew is better than waiting until it is busy.

When two ferries are running, one will service one end of the trots and one the other. Please choose the best one for your mooring.

Please sit down to give the driver a clear view.

When coming alongside a boat, passengers on the port side can assist the driver by helping to hold on

Steve Green

'Tern Too

The engine stop on Tern Too has been moved to be alongside the driver, operated by pulling forward. Users must familiarise themselves with the new arrangement'

Remembering Harry Brindsden

Harry Brindsden, who had a very long and happy history with the Club, died earlier this year aged 92. He will always be remembered at Castle Cove for his huge enthusiasm for life. For newer members, a tiny typical story: When we moved site, the person (to be nameless) who was responsible for allocating offers of help had never met Harry, had no idea how old he was, but assigned him to painting the room now used as the sail locker. One day, hearing some mutterings, Steve Green looked into the room to find Harry, on his own, proud to have painted all the room, but apologising for not having not done the ceiling as his doctor would not allow him to climb ladders!

The Club has now another reason for remembering Harry with love and gratitude. In Harry's memory, Ruth has provided us the superb flagpole, to be known as 'Harry's Pole' that now adorns the steps, an inspired gift that could not have been more useful or appropriate.

Ruth has taken over Harry's Honorary Membership so she will continue to be involved. We thank her and the family and remember Harry with great fondness.

D Gill

Laser Training

On behalf of all participating laser sailors, I would like to thank Zoe Donald for organising the laser sailing training sessions. Frustratingly, light winds and fog dogged both sessions. It is hoped that the session run by Mike Robbins will be re-scheduled at a later date. In the meantime, thank you Mike for the rigging tips.

Celia Rushton

Sail Training Association

Weymouth has had a long and very successful association with the Sail Training Association (STA). The Winston Churchill and Malcolm Miller were regular visitors and their replacements, the Stavros Niachos cruises through our waters whilst the Prince William is in the Mediterranean.

Our local branch of the STA arrange for young people in Weymouth (aged 16 – 25) to enjoy an unforgettable experience of sailing, seamanship and team working on a tall ship. One couple in the Club will never forget the experience; they met on board, and despite a cold, wild week's sail in December from Weymouth to London via Cherbourg and Bruges, were married a year later.

The local branch has funds available to make significant contributions so young people in Weymouth can sail, for example, from Gran Canaria to Lisbon. If you are the right age and would like to know more about the opportunities, please contact Admiral John Croydon on 01305 833468

Avalon's 2005 Log

The launch at the club was a relief after two break ins during the last week and horrid damage done to our beloved craft. No sign of any police activity but we did get two similar letters and booklets asking if we needed counselling. However just before we were about to go through Weymouth Town bridge we received a phone call from Ann Neal saying Ken Reed and Steve Green's boat Hob Nob was badly in need of a tow back at the club as they had engine problems and it was a falling tide. A quick phone to the harbour master to rearrange the bridge lifts, then we towed Hob Nob to Weymouth and we have our first salvage of the year.

The next trip out we acted as committee Boat for the yacht Clubs of Weymouth long distance race No pressure as Robyn Abbott came to help and did all the chores. We used our new Stainless steel anchor, what a joy, most of the gluttonous mud of Weymouth bay just fell off.

Then came the 14th April a special day for which I had prayed for fair weather. Through the 1000 bridge, with our flags at half mast, with crew Jo Ruth Brinsden and Harry's two daughters Margaret and Jenny for the solemn occasion of completing one of his last wishes. That his ashes should be cast over the waters of Portland Harbour. Which was what was done as Avalon sailed gently over my good friend Harry's old mooring position. In sight of his fine new flag pole that Ruth was to present to our commodore Bob later that day.

15th April dawned bright and sunny, as the day before had been, sad but perfect, I suggested to Joan it would be good to go for a shakedown sail to check the rig and see if I could remember how to drive the electronics. So through the 1000 bridge in warm sunshine with a light easterly and a fair tide, coats off and cushions in the cockpit. Very few boats about. We anchored in Lulworth Cove for lunch. Ah! A dark cloud appeared and the wind went North West, the temperature dropped like a stone so we had to put the heater on, and we motored towards Portland Harbour. During this passage I saw some flashes of lightning but as Joan was reading she did not see them which was good as since Pam and Alan Bradford awful nasty incident when Cari's mast was struck and all their electrics destroyed she has become more concerned about this part of nature's blessing. Because we were early for the bridge we went to look for Avalon's mooring. But when we got to the Cove there was a huge clap of thunder, the heavens opened and the decks were soon white with hail. As visibility was reduced to very poor we put on navigation lights and we needed the radar to find the northern entrance, The view on the radar of the storm was most spectacular. We put Oil-skins and sea boots on. Last year they stayed in the locker the whole season. We were most happy when Avalon was again tucked up in pontoon berth in Weymouth harbour. Some shake down sail! Wow it's only mid April. This could be an amazing season.

Brian and Joan Wilkins

DINGHY CRUISE 30th MAY

The Dinghy cruise on the 30th May is being organised by Hugh de longh, contact number 01305 251190 deiongh@btinternet.com and Nick Browning 01305 268298. It will start with a briefing at 0930 with a plan to start sailing at 1000am. There will be rescue boat cover for the smaller dinghies. Please contact Hugh or Nick if you are thinking of going and/or need further information.

CADET NEWS UPDATE

May 2005



Hey, just a note for all the Cadets to keep you eager and informed! Senior Cadets has begun and it's only a few weeks until the juniors hit the water.

So yes, you need to find your boat, kit and what ever else you need on Saturday mornings (alarm clocks? Always useful – especially as you need to be registered by 9:30 and rigged, and looking ready by 9:45)

A little reminder of the really important dates this year – you should have received a copy of these plus other dates with a letter from Dave Cumber;

28 th May	Junior Cadets begins
4 th June	Family Sailing
11 th June	Picnic sail (maybe?)
2 nd July	Family Sailing
8 th Aug	Family sailing
3 rd Sept	Junior Open
24 th Sept	Cadets last day

You need to contact Maria Ellison (01305 854042) if you want to do any of the courses WOEC are running at CCSC;

Tues 31st May – Fri 3rd June
Mon 1st Aug – Fri 5th Aug

These are always great fun and you'll improve loads over the days, whatever course you are on! They run several of the RYA levels so you can choose which level would suit you best.

So, all that said, we'll see you on the 27th May for the Junior Cadet Evening and then early on the Saturday morning! Looking forward to a great new season (once the water has warmed up a bit).

Any questions contact Dave Cumber (01305 251482)

See you soon,

The Cadet Committee

Many thanks to Diana for organising an extremely enjoyable evening on the 13th April in place of the "Improve racing" evening. Those who turned up had to use the grey matter to share their knowledge of racing. Some very useful tips and strategies were generously shared. Thank you D

Alison Stephens

Ladies Sailing starts this Friday 6th May. For further details, go to the link on the diary page on the website.

I would like to thank Cathy and Andy Ledger for all their hard work in putting the newsletter together over the past few years. Having taken over this job, I appreciate how much time it takes, but also how much people appreciate it. They are a tough act to follow, but I am open to suggestions and criticisms as well as contributions.

Celia Rushton

JUNE NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the next Newsletter, which will be out in June, is 1st June 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. Please proof read any articles you send. I will attempt to correct any grammar or spelling but this may result in mis-construing what was meant to be said. I would like to limit the newsletter to 8 pages of A4 for postage, so please don't be too disappointed if your contribution doesn't get included.

Read this Newsletter on the website 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.

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

I had the following link sent to me from Chris Forrest. It has a wonderful sequence of photographs of a yacht getting into difficulties with tidal surge under the Golden Gate bridge.

<http://www.sfsurvey.com/photos/sailH/imagepages/image1.htm>

You may have a few problems getting to the photographs and you may be asked to register, but the effort is well worth it. You will probably want broadband for this – there are over 100 photos

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