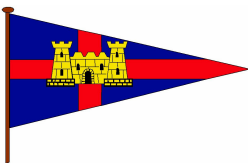


Castle Cove Sailing Club



March 2006 Newsletter

DIARY

8th March

OD/AOD talk—Derek Abbot

18th March

Z Class Dinner

2nd April

Start of the Spring series

8th April

RNLI Ball

17th April

Easter Monday race

22nd April

Cruising Supper

Tuesday mornings

10.30 - 12.00

Easy Exercise/Relaxation session



See bottom of page 5 for story

FROM THE COMMODORE

February has shown an improvement in the security situation, and a continuation in the entertainment put on by the club members for the club members. The Valentine Supper maintained the theme of dancers performing unusual routines not normally seen in such select company. Thanks to Malcolm, Alan, Simon, Brian and the erstwhile "CCSC Dancers"!

The security situation has been held in check, mainly due a combination of a regular visit from a security firm and a falling off of interest by the offending vandals. We have received written confirmation on the construction of a substantial fence to the Rodwell Trail side of the club site, which will cut off the easy entry and improve the appearance of the site. Additional permission to extend the fencing down the bank beside the main gates to the entrance to the beach is being pursued, with every indication that this will also be supported by the WPBC Planning Department.

The working parties on Sundays continue to show progress on all fronts; boat preparation, site clearance, a new gate across the north western slipway and the building of new retaining walls on each side of the slip. Well done to all those who have turned up and put in the hours (and enjoyed the bacon butties!). Just a few more weekends should see the back of the work broken with the exception of the fencing work. Please contact Barry Grant at the Club on Sunday morning if you are able to help outside the normal working party sessions, informal groups are just as effective and help the club preserve its self help ethos.

The series of three evenings with Rick and Adam Bowers will be over by the time you read the newsletter, with everyone looking forward to the on-water sessions.

Only five weeks to the start of the season – perish the thought (I must be getting old!).

Paul Clarke.

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU.....AGAIN !

Calling all volunteer boat drivers, safety boat drivers and safety boat crew.

This season the club is asking those members with qualifications or experience in boat driving to help out by being rostered in as a Ferry Boat or Rescue Boat Driver as one of their duties. If you have declared an interest or have a qualification we might be calling on YOU!

For those of you who would like an *exciting evening* and then an *exhilarating day on the water* brushing up on all their Rescue Boat , Safety, and general Boat Driving skills as well as having an introduction on how this volunteer system will work, please don't miss the following events....

WEDNESDAY 29th March 7.30

“Safety Boats. or just an illusion”

An evening in three parts, presented by four Golden Geeses, with the aid of magic lantern slides and pyrotechnical devices.

If you are not sure how to start Dons Choice, or the best way to right a trimaran,

Or why the temperature of one's rectum is important, or you just haven't driven a motorboat with a shifting cargo for a while; this is an evening you mustn't miss.

SATURDAY 8th April 10.00 – 16.00

“Practical Boat Driving refresher day - join the expert(s)”

This is your chance to familiarise yourself with all the clubs boats, improve your hovering skills, improve your chance of doing it well and reduce the insurance claims!

If you would like to join in please call:

Robin Carter - 01308 459860 or Bob Richardson - 01305 832518

Cruising Supper - Saturday 22nd April

This supper is for all the Cruising members of Castle Cove to come along for an evening of eating (sausage casserole and apple pie – a vegetarian dish will also be on offer), drinking, a chat, and reminisces of those wonderful hot summer days on board your boat!

For those who are new to cruising i.e. your Commodore it would be a nice idea if you brought Log Books and photographs of your last cruise or the one that was just that bit special to you for us all to see and enjoy. Perhaps a few of you would like to give a short talk on some of the highs and lows you encountered during the cruise, whether it was just a short weekend break or a 3 month expedition and of course anything in between!

I have put a programme of cruises together for this year which can be discussed during the evening and those of you who are 'old hands' at this cruising lark could encourage those who are a little trepid at doing longer trips.

This is the first time we have done anything like this so please come along and support the cruising section (a list for names is on the Club Notice Board OR you can phone 771488 (Mike Carter) or 782220 (Paul Clarke) to put your names down) and enjoy the evening.

Mike Carter

VERY MANY THANKS

Following the death of my father Frank Turner, a former Commodore of Castle Cove Sailing Club in November we have received many kind letters and tributes from members past and present. These, and the marvelous support given to the family at his Cremation and since have been hugely appreciated by us all. Thank you all very much indeed.

Bob Turner, Immy, Lucy, Georgina and Hermione

WORKING PARTIES 2006

PROGRESS

Working parties.

Work is on going, still plenty to do, there is still time to make your contribution!. It looks as if it will be a few weeks before delivery of the fencing for the Grounds but in the meantime there is still plenty of preparation work. On the 5 March we start reassembling the pontoons. Work on the Clubhouse, preparation of Race equipment, Gardens and Club boats is in full swing.

Barry Grant - Work party coordinator

The **NEW SEASON'S HANDBOOK** should be posted to you shortly.

Take a look at Pages 30 and 31 as there are a few changes worth noting relating to **cruising** as well as **racing and duties**.

PLEASE - MAKE SURE YOU **CHECK YOUR DUTY DATES IMMEDIATELY**, don't forget there is likely to be more than one!

For queries - there are a host of contact numbers on pages 4 & 5.

D Gill

The Weymouth Lifeboat Ball

Saturday 8^h April 2006
7-30 pm until 1-00am

At the Weymouth Pavilion "Ocean Room"

Dancing from 9-30pm to
"Howling at the Moon" and Ken Watkins
Superior Buffet from 8-30pm Black tie/Lounge Suit -- Tickets £24

Please contact either: Rose. Abbott Tel. 788994 or Di. Ludlow Tel. 813446

If you would like join the Castle Cove SC table you would be very welcome.
OR possibly organise your own table of up to a party of 18 or 24.

All profits to the Lifeboats - RNLI

Z Class Dinner

**Saturday 18th March
7.30pm in Clubhouse
Dress Code – Black Tie & Evening Dress**

**March “After Dinner speaker Steve White
Local Sailor - OSTAR Winner and 2008 Vendee Globe Entrant**

There are still a few places left for the Z Class Dinner, please make sure you book before the 10th March.

The application form can be found at the end of this newsletter’

Z Class Racing

Not long now before the racing season gets under way, and when you see the programme in your handbook you will notice that we have evening racing right up to the 13th September.

This is also a reminder that you will need to fly a class flag for all in CCSC Z Class races, this is the red & blue code E flag. This should give a clear indication to others that your boat is in fact racing and hopefully they will stay out of your way – however that cannot of course be guaranteed!

I also need up to date copies of IRC Certificates in order to enter your boat into the correct class, boats without a certificate will automatically be entered into the K Class.

The first racing to get underway is the YCW IRC Spring Series which starts on the Sunday 2nd April

If any new members would like to find out about the Z Class Racing Programme including the gentler Monday Night series then please give me a call and we can have a chat.

See you at the Z Class Dinner

Roy Griffiths

Castle Cove Recipe Book

Due to popular demand there is going to be a reprint of the Recipe Book which was first printed in 2002. This will be on sale at the beginning of the Sailing season.

It has also been decided to produce a new recipe book entitled ‘Club Suppers’. The format for this is for all those favourite recipes you have in your repertoire that you use for family dinners/suppers (not Dinner Party recipes) and could possibly be increased to actually be used at one of the Club Suppers although this is not a requirement. Starters and Puddings are also to be included.

You can send your recipes to the Commodore by either e-mail or post them to his home address or leave them down at the Club in an envelope marked ‘recipes’ - the choice is yours!

Hoping to receive lots and lots of recipes to make this book as successful as the first one.

So Ladies and Gentlemen please don’t hesitate to let me have those recipes so as we can produce the new book in time for Christmas (what better Xmas present could you wish for)!

Paul Clarke - paulc@twizell45.fsnet.co.uk

WPCA and CCSC Boat Jumble Evening

in the Clubhouse
Tuesday 28 March 7.30 - 9.30 pm

If you want to set up a table, please contact
Philip Walker of WPCA or D Gill

philip@pmkw.wanadoo.co.uk

We have been approached by the parent of some lads sailing in the Youth Nationals in April. He would like to make contact with anyone willing to take some of the parents out for the day to watch. If anyone would like to do this please contact Sally Fielding for his e-mail address.

Sally Fielding

New Heating and Hot Water Controls

New heating and hot water controls are fitted just inside the servery door which replace the time clock in the boiler room.

Heating is set 'on' for regular club activities on Tuesdays and Sundays, and for a short time on other evenings. If you need heating at othertimes, press the 'extra hour' button up to three times for up to three hours heating. Alternatively, press the 'override' button but remember to press it again to turn the heating off when you have finished.

Similarly, hot water is set to come on for 90mins every evening, although this will change when there are regular sailing activities. If you wish to sail outside these times, again press the 'extra hour' button to ensure enough water for showers.

These times will change as we learn the needs.

Steve Green.

CCSC Alarm Extension

The club building alarm has been extended to cover all of the lower floor except the garage. As with the upper floor, the alarm is activated by locking doors, but with one exception.

The alarm for the changing room and large storeroom are switched on and off by the deadlock on the changing room door. Opening the changing room door will switch off the alarm to the changing room and the large store. It is important that the changing room is not deadlocked while the large storeroom is open; you must check that it is pad-locked before deadlocking.

In addition, those having keys to the east end boat store must ensure that the door is fully locked when leaving the site since this is the master alarm switch for the lower floor.

Steve Green

Story behind the picture from page 1.

CCSC to the rescue, French yacht Margeline, converted fishing boat parted her cable and came ashore towards Bingleaves, believed to be late 1950's, slid back to the water with planks and rollers but before patch could be fitted gale came back and she floated off. Owners were onboard and kept her afloat by bailing with buckets, I swam ashore, ran to Hownam Meek's house and he called the lifeboat which towed her to Weymouth, she was hauled out on the British Rail slip, now Curtis's and repaired by Eddy Wright. Those were the days when I was fit. Print obtained from old slide on loan from Arthur Meech.

Mike Venning

SECURITY

Grateful thanks from all Club Members should be given to Simon Brody (of keelboat "Rimfire") who, frustrated with the many break-ins has initiated nightly random security check-visits to our Club-site by "Real World Services Ltd". He spent time contacting a number of boat owners, and consequently 19 keelboat owners have shared the cost to cover 40 nights from 30th January up to 15th March. So far these visits seem to have been successful. Thank you Simon for all your worthwhile effort and time.

Obviously the Club as a whole, benefits from this service, so it would be gratifying if another group of Club Members/Users took responsibility to sponsor further cover.

To provide cover up to the start of season, it would cost a further £310.00, and of course it would be even better if cover could be extended for longer, until hopefully more secure fences etc., are put in place.

Malcolm Spicer

Laser News

The new season is here once again and its time to chisel the ice off the blocks and fill in the cracks in time for what will be a great season for laser sailing, racing and training.

Before the club racing commences there are still training opportunities to hone your skills, which could help you to get more out of the forthcoming season. These training sessions are well organised and are open to anyone who wishes to participate - they are..

- Laser class association training at the W & P Sailing Academy 4th & 5th March
- SW laser training at Torpoint Mosquito (Plymouth) March 18th & 19th March

When I was at a training weekend at Torpoint recently, we joined in with the local Sunday club race.....and I was astonished to be sitting on the line with around 70 other lasers!! It appears most were keel-boaters who swap their big boats for little ones from January to March. I think we would struggle to get that number out! But lets all try and participate in the club racing (starting 2nd April) and keep the Race Officer happy. Senior Cadets starts on the 15th April.

This year CCSC will be hosting the laser CLUB Championships on 17th & 18th June. There are 8 places available for CCSC laser sailors - let me know if you want to compete - an exciting and challenging experience. If more than 8 wish to compete then we will run a qualification series (details to be confirmed) so let me know soon.

There is a huge demand for volunteers and it would be especially good to see our laser group supporting lasers coming to sail at the club -

- managing arriving competitors
- registration
- launching - de-launching - beach
- on-water safety

off-water feeding & drinking

Check your diary now - are you able to spare a 1/2 day or a few hours ??

Email me to say what and when. Thanks.

A big 'thank you' to those who have returned their Questionnaires. The answers are highly informative and will help plan the future for the lasers at CCSC. We intend to hold a pre-season meeting in the near future, in which all matters arising from the Q can be discussed.

Contact me for further details on training opportunities, club championship entries and anything regarding lasers.

John Shone (sershn@aol.com)

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Every time I send out e-mails to club members, I get some returned due to problems with the e-mail addresses. If you change your e-mail, please let me know so I can keep my list updated.

Also bear in mind that if I have your e-mail, you will receive notices on club matters, amendments to events and reminders at short notice.

Celia Rushton
newsletter@ccsc.org.uk

APRIL NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the next Newsletter is the **24th of this month**. There is no need to use special formatting – simple text is much easier to work with and any photographs are preferable as separate files. 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** - 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 – newsletter@ccsc.org.uk – or 07977 912407

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FOR SALE

Pandora, International 21
4 berth sailing cruiser. Fin keel,
reasonable inventory, road trailer,
£2000
Long shaft engine negotiable as
an extra

Clive Pakenham
01935 813137

J24 westerly, 'Second Wind Watersports'

- 1 North Genoa + 1 North main + 1 North kite (regatta sails)
- 1 Mouse kite (down wind only, really full kite)
- 2 mains + 1 jib + 1 Genoa + 1 old kite (club racing + training sails)
- Johnson 4.0 hp outboard

- Much more!!

Dry stored each winter, . Local boat for many years, previous owners loved the boat as well. The boat is out of the water, sitting on its trailer, all polished and clean, out side my house. Trailer is road worthy.

Please phone Christian 07868648097 or Nicerdesigns@gmail.com, for more details.

Asking £5250 ono

For full specification and images—see CCSC noticeboard in the club.

CCSC Z-Class Dinner

18th March. 2006

at 7:30 pm

in the Clubhouse

Please reserve me places for the Z-Class Dinner at £17.50 each

How many Vegetarian meals required

Name Telephone

(Enter names of all people you have paid for below)

Please return this form with a cheque made payable to CCSC by the 10th March to:

Roy Griffiths
4 Birch Way
Weymouth
Dorset
DT3 6HZ