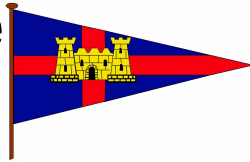


# Castle Cove Sailing Club



# May 2006 Newsletter

## DIARY

### Monday 1st, 8th and 15th May

Dinghy race training

### Friday 5th May

Ladies sailing starts

### Saturday 6th May

Cadets start

### Friday 12th May

Cruising BBQ/dinner

### Sunday 14th May

RNSA Timbo Challenge

Novice Cup

### Saturday 20th May

Allen Welling Cup

### Friday 26th May

YCW Poole Regatta feeder



New moorings boat. See page 6

## FROM THE COMMODORE

April has been a busy month; work continuing on the site, club and keelboats being launched and the racing starting at last!

There has been small dedicated group, working on the construction and finishing of the ramp at the end of the pier, just needing the handrail to complete task. The fencing has been extended down both sides of the site, with the construction of new gates on to the beaches to the north and west, extending the security of all club members' boats. Thanks are due to many but especially Tom Regan, Bob Ward, Phil Male, Sally and Martin Fielding, who seemed to be there each Sunday, and Malcolm Spicer and Nick Browning who have overseen the design and installation of the ramp and fences.

This work to secure the site for all is being compromised by the annual problem of members leaving the site without checking if they are the last out. Already this year, the clubhouse has been left unlocked on two occasions and the main gate on one. We all expect the Police to respond to cases of vandalism and attempted break-ins while some of our members are making it too easy for the criminally minded. Think of it as leaving your car unlocked and expecting the police and insurance company to feel sorry for you. PLEASE CHECK THE SITE ON EXIT – IF IN DOUBLT LOCK UP. After all, we all have keys don't we?

All the club boats have been launched and are working with a slight electrical hiccup on Don's Choice. Thanks to Robin Carter and Bob Richardson, with help from David Lloyd and many volunteers.

Malcolm Spicer has performed his annual trick of launching the members' boats in a two day window, with a little help from a low pressure weather system! The pontoons were also launched successfully and are now in place. Thanks to Malcolm, Alan White and all the club members who supported the preparation work and the lift.

Finally, we are now sailing and the programme put together by your sailing secretary and her team has started rolling, so lets get the boats out on the water and do our thing, whether it is racing or cruising in either keelboats or dinghies, and enjoy the best sailing waters on the south coast (or even further!).

**Paul Clarke.**

**Site Clearance and Tidy Up**  
**Saturday Morning 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Final Working Party**

**Where are you all?**

During the Summer the boat park reverts to a dinghy parking area. Places are available to those members who participate regularly in the sport of sailing. It is not just a parking space for boats. So far the sailing season has got off to a rather shaky start. The first race had to be cancelled but since then there have been regular dinghy races. There has been a moderate turn-out of lasers but hardly any boats of other classes. I know it has been a long cold Winter but I would have thought that should make everyone even keener to get out there.

This is a reminder to you all that we have a lot of personnel tied up with rescue/race management duties and they feel rather under valued when only a handful turn up to race. Also remember that we review places on the dinghy park on June 1<sup>st</sup> and places are subject to boats being used. Come on - get out on the water.

**Sally Fielding**

**Cruising Supper new date - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 7pm**

This supper is for all the Cruising members of Castle Cove to come along for an evening of eating, possibly a barbecue weather permitting, 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 (Andrea Clarke) to put your names down) and enjoy the evening.

**Mike Carter**

**RYA Racing Charter**

The RYA have drawn up a charter under which it has established best practices for many aspects of race management.

This may all sound a bit obscure to the average club member but it will involve everyone who competes at whatever level because the club is not only signing a commitment to follow best practice for race management but also that all competitors at whatever level will compete in accordance with the rules. For anyone who wants to find out more about it there is information on the website [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter)

In addition they are also introducing alternative methods for dispute resolution involving consultation and mediation and a stringent rule (69) for anyone found bringing the sport into disrepute (e.g. by cheating, fighting, using inappropriate language etc.)

**Sally Fielding**

## FLARE RECALL

PRODUCT RECALL

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

WHITE COLLISION WARNING (MK7) HAND FLARE

LOT NUMBER: 2045 and 2046

PRODUCT NUMBER: 52651

EXPIRY DATE: 12/08

It has come to our attention that a batch of this product could malfunction with a risk of personal injury. As a responsible company Pains Wessex are recalling a number of their White Collision Warning (MK7) Hand Flares. The Lot Numbers of the batches we wish to recall are 2045 and 2046. This number can be found ink-jetted on the tube of the flare.

No other Pains Wessex products are being recalled.

The Pains Wessex White Collision Warning (MK 7) Hand Flare is sold on its own and are also contained as a part of the Collision Warn-Off Kit and the ORC RORC Distress Kit.

Please check if you have a flare with either Lot Number. If so, do not use it but return it immediately to the place of purchase where it will be replaced.

If you are unable to return to it to the place of purchase, please take to your nearest chandler, or telephone Pains Wessex + 44(0)2392 623962 or e-mail [recall@pwss.com](mailto:recall@pwss.com)

Collision Warn Off Kit ORC RORC Distress Kit

Pains Wessex MK7 White Handflare Incident (issued 12th April 2006 - 1600 hrs)

Pains Wessex can confirm that a member of the public was injured when using the above product on 5 April 2006.

Our thoughts are with the injured party and their family and we wish them a speedy recovery.

An investigation has commenced in co-operation with the Health & Safety Executive and Trading Standards.

The company is also conducting an internal investigation into the incident and has acted immediately to suspend new shipments of the product and to recall other MK7 flares from the same production batches as the flare involved in this incident (Product Number 52651, Lot Number 2045 and 2046, expiry Date 12/08).

For further details of the incident, go to the following link.

<http://www.ybw.com/auto/newsdesk/20060312162826ywnews.html>

There is also further information available from the CCSC website homepage

Steve Woolford from Bussells has said that if anyone has a flare detailed above, they may be taken there to be returned.

## **Safety boat sessions.**

We have had some very positive feedback from members who attended the safety boat familiarisation sessions. If you would like some more help or you are due to do a safety boat driving duty and need to become familiar with the boats and the procedures for signing them out please contact Bob Richardson on [bobrichardson@bobrichardson.org.uk](mailto:bobrichardson@bobrichardson.org.uk) to arrange a date.

**Bob Richardson**

## **TIMBO CHALLENGE**

Ron and I put up the Notice of Race for the Timbo Challenge, together with the Sailing Instructions, on notice boards at WSC, CCSC and RDYC. The race is on the 14th May, with the BarBQ afterwards at WSC, by kind permission of Peter Hopford and his team.

There are also links for the notice of race, SI's and entry form on the CCSC website homepage.

I look forward to seeing some of you out on the water on the day.

**Nicola Lane**

## **Boat Park - Help Required**

Any offers of help to clean the slipways over the next few weeks would be appreciated.

**Mike Clarkson, 01305 853966**  
[mestclark@aol.com](mailto:mestclark@aol.com)

## **Unsung Heroes**

Praise and Thanks should be given to the "Unsung Heroes who devised and" under Malcolm's guidance (and ably assisted by Alan, Clive and Co.) constructed the new ramp leading to the pontoons at the end of the pier.

Many Club Members will be unaware of all the hours of hard uncomfortable physical labour that went into making this improvement.

Rarely was the weather kind when they were doing this work. They mostly suffered appalling icy bitter winds, rain and hail and were still hard at work when most people had gone home.

This effort largely gone unnoticed but resulting in something that will increase ease and safety when transporting gear or going to and from Ferry and Safety boats.

Improvements on the Western slipway seems to have appeared as if by magic. However, its thanks to Phil Male beavering away between tides and bad weather to make the slip functional and secure.

On a lesser note, another group of mostly ladies (but not all) slipped and slithered in oozy mud and drizzle to plant prickly shrubs to increase security around the Club.

Then when it wasn't raining but jolly cold and windy, they stoically painted the fence, both sides. However, it was satisfying and friends were made – a bonus for taking part in a Working party.

**Rosemary Spicer**

## **CLUB WORK**

I often feel a little guilty at not doing much "manual" work at the club.... but I have a back problem which means that manual Saturday/Sunday work is not an option. With Richard, I have been involved in a great many winterised mooring liftings which I must admit is a bit of a manual challenge in itself!

I only think you should feel guilty if you make no effort into club life although I really don't think that Malcolm, Clive, Alan etc etc get the credit that they deserve.

However, I thought it would be interesting to look how others of us contribute to the club..... Hence the Dinghy Dinner saga.....

Planning is the key to successful catering, planning is based on menu choice which is dependent on the equipment available to you. We decided to choose smoked mackerel pate, followed by a breast of chicken wrapped in smoked bacon and stuffed with mozzarella cheese finishing with a shortbread, apple and cream sweet.

The Chicken is a matter of preparing in advance an incision is used in the chicken breast and the cheese stuffed and wrapped in the bacon... these are placed on a baking tray and cooked in a rather temperamental oven when the "guests" arrive. The advantage of this main course is that after covering with foil can be kept in the hot cupboard until required without any obvious reduction in moistness.

The smoked mackerel pate was made in advance, at home using smoked mackerel from the Bridport smokery Bridfish.... one major problem melba toast... you make this by toasting medium sliced bread and then taking off the crusts and slicing in half horizontally you then rub off the dough and brown under a hot grill to produce a crisp melba toast... we started these in the afternoon and decided to store them in a plastic box on top of the fridge... however they were not pushed quite far enough back and when we next opened the fridge the inevitable happened the whole box ended on the floor so that one box of melba toast had to be re started!

Shortbread was made in advance at home and was finished on the evening .

This year I was "let off" the Z class Dinner by an expert chef from the Mock Turtle in Dorchester quite a relief !

I enjoy our 3-4 Wednesday evenings doing the racing suppers .

So perhaps we should not feel too guilty in not providing manual... Saturday and Sunday work parties... it is only those who don't contribute who should feel guilty!

Perhaps we should all appreciate that members contribute in different ways to our wonderful club

**Martin and Alison Lee**

## **CADETS**

Junior Cadet evening 7.30 - 9.30 Friday 26th May in the clubhouse - for everyone new to Cadets and our young people in school year 9 or below an evening of nautical fun, games and food as the Junior season starts. Come along to meet and make new friends.

Junior Cadets start sailing Saturday 27th May.

For further details contact

**Ian Green 01305 788793**

**Mairi Kershaw 01305 782490**

## DINGHY CRUISING

We have a couple of dinghy cruises in the sailing calendar, with an advanced cruise on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, and an introductory cruise on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

For the advanced dinghy cruise, we hope to go to Lulworth Cove, weather permitting, although we will make the final decision on the day. Relevant points are:

- This cruise is for Wayfarer and equivalent dinghies only (it makes it very difficult to cover a group of boats on a long trip when they are all different speeds). Also competent helms.
  - If you wish to bring an alternative dinghy other than a Wayfarer, please ring me to check.
  - Please contact me beforehand, with boat name and no. of people, if you want to come, as it helps planning.
  - If you want to come but don't have a boat, let me know and I will see if there is a boat you can crew on.
  - We will have rescue cover, but will need volunteer drivers (qualified Safety Boat driver) and crew. It would be best if we had volunteers from the cruising fleet, so people could, say, crew on a dinghy for one leg, and swap over to be on the rescue boat for another leg.
  - We will have a briefing at 9.30am, then be rigged and ready to go for 10.15am.
- If you want an ice cream at Lulworth, you must either be prepared to pull your boat up on the shingle, or bring an anchor and wade!

The Cruise on 11<sup>th</sup> June will be for a much wider range of boats as an introduction, and we are unlikely to go as far as Lulworth Cove. I will give more info in the June newsletter.

**Hugh de longh**  
Tel 01305 251190 email [deiongh@btinternet.com](mailto:deiongh@btinternet.com)

## MOORINGS

2005 was a difficult year for chartering *Sea Otter* from Apex to work on our moorings due to their ever increasing work load with the MOD. This January they advised us to go and buy our own boat.

The cost to charter *Sea Otter* each year averages £6000 to £7000 and we pay Fathoms and Blues £4000 each year for due inspections. These costs increase every year. In Cornwall and some other areas, moorings are being lifted every year for inspection. It is only a matter of time before we would have to meet these requirements. The cost of buying a boat at the right price and its operation over a two year period would give a saving of 25% on the above costs.

In my A&M report I stated we needed a dedicated mooring boat.

We located an 11m steel harbour launch at Babcocks, Southampton. On 6<sup>th</sup> February, Malcolm, Clive and myself went to view the boat. Their usual price for this type of boat being £17000. They said the engine was seized and would need to be lifted out and because of this we could have the boat for £7050.

A fully costed report was placed before the management team. Though it had the full support of the commodore they would not say proceed.

I returned home from work at 1830 hours on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March to an urgent message from Babcocks to telephone them immediately. Two other parties wanted to buy the boat. I said we would buy the boat. They said a pro forma invoice would be sent to be paid by Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March.

We decided to proceed by share issue to the mooring holders at £150 a share. Malcolm, Clive and myself lobbied at the Z class dinner and phoned members on the Sunday. By Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> March we had enough promises to pay for the boat. Until all the cheques were in hand, Rose and Malcolm Spicer loaned the money and the boat became the property of the shareholders on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March and was transported by road to Portland Ports on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Thanks to the help of Alan Baker of Portland Ports, we have been able to keep the boat out of the water whilst Danny Stuttle worked on the engine which is now running but awaits sea trials. All it needed was Danny Stuttle's knowledge and know how and the correct starter motor and stand off ring.

Alan Bradford, Tom Regan, Dave Symonds, Malcolm Spicer, Clive Pakenham and myself have been cleaning the bottom and priming prior to anti-fouling and fitting new anodes.

Dave Symonds has been searching the internet trying to obtain line drawings to negate the naval architect's costs to fitting the Grove crane. What he did find was an identical boat built one year earlier for sale at £29000. Colin Veale has been making similar searches with his contact.

We have not been able to contact all of the mooring holders or new members joining the club to advise them of this project. The share issue will be limited to 100 shares. We have received just over 70 cheques. If you have not yet sent your cheque or are only just learning of the project, make your cheque out to:

C.C. Moorings  
and send to

Malcolm Spicer  
49 Goldcroft Avenue  
Weymouth  
Dorset

All shareholders will benefit from reduced costs. All other work undertaken will have to be at its commercial cost.

I would like to thank the mooring holders for their support in this project and the many many offers of help all of which have been noted.

**Alan White**  
**Mooring Office**

### **Suzuki Marine**

New dealer: Yellow Penguin Ltd (also Mercury, Mercruisers, Yanmar, Quicksilver)  
Mitchell's Yard, Turks Lane, Parkstone, BH14 8EW 01202 710449

Current offers on Suzuki 4 strokes outboards  
More details in the file

Don't forget - Advertisers' Red Level Arch File - in the bookcase (by the rear fire door) - various information

**D Gill**

## 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**

## JUNE 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.

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**Celia Rushton – newsletter@ccsc.org.uk – or 07977 912407**

## FOR SALE/WANTED

### 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**