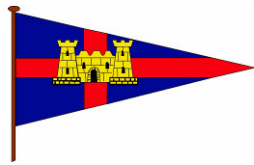


Castle Cove Sailing Club



November 2006 Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 3rd November

Annual dinner dance

Sunday 5th November

Winter series starts

Friday 17th November

AGM

Saturday 9th December

Christmas social

FROM THE COMMODORE

The Annual Dinner Dance and Prize Giving is imminent and the AGM is upon us. You will have received the papers for the AGM, and I would ask you to read it all, and raise any questions well in advance so they can be answered accurately. The new Club Structure is still settling down, but we are finding it difficult to find willing volunteers for some of the positions. All these positions are vitally important, the size of the cog is irrelevant to the smooth running of the Club. So please think long and hard concerning the possibility of employing specialist staff to assist with the administration of the Club rather than relying on voluntary help. CCSC as we know it could change for ever.

Serco Defence (known as Headcase in Castle Cove) achieved 2nd place in the J24 Europeans at Poole with a day to spare, so congratulations to Bob Turner and his team.

On the social side, a great Autumn Supper was held on the 30th September (after the October newsletter was published), where all the produce originated in Dorset – congratulations to Jane and Peter Davies and their team for a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Please note that there is a Cruising Supper planned for the 11th of November, so names on the list in the Club as soon as possible.

As we approach winter, the number of boats stored on the club site increases, and it is important that halliards and covers etc. are lashed and checked regularly, thereby not disturbing to the local residents and reducing the chance of damage to the boats and their equipment. The weather will not be on your side!

See you at the Annual Dinner and the AGM.

Paul Clarke.

Harrison Reid

Harrison Reid (our son) Castle Cove Cadet member has been selected for the South Zone Regional Squad, he received his letter from Chris Atherton RYA Performance Manager.

Regional training will occur across the Winter involving two RYA Youth Training camps at WPNSA in November and again in March. The remaining events will be across the Region.

Jane Reid

KEEL BOAT SAILORS

If your boat is ashore, continue your sailing by hiring one of the club Lasers and competing in the races until the end of the year. For £5 per race, you can maintain your fitness ready for April and have fun in the process.

Steve Green

FALMOUTH DINGHY WEEK

12th—17th August.

The Notice of Race is posted on the Restronguet website (www.mysailingclub.org) or http://www.mysailingclub.org/file_store/Events/2007/Henri%20Lloyd%20Falmouth%20Dinghy%20Week/FDWM%202007%20NOR%20and%20Entry%20Form.pdf

RNLI Christmas Social at Brewers Quay

8th December

Tickets from the RNLI

Talk - The “Gipsy Moth IV” Adventure

Gipsy Moth IV is circling the world again
illustrated talk by Andrew Eccleston Project Meteorologist

Friday 8 December 7.00 pm

Weymouth College
Cranford Avenue 01305 761100
Tickets in advance £3.50/on the door £4

Further to Laser Class meeting and AGM papers, we are delighted that John Shone continues as Laser Class Captain next year.

D Gill

A big thankyou to all of you who helped to make the Laser Open last w/e such a success. It was a super event – great sailing and on-shore hospitality. This would not be possible without our volunteers and racers. Thankyou.

It was good to see so many of you racing (13 from CCSC) – after all, this is an opportunity for you to participate in a 6-race Open Meeting on your doorstep!

Congratulations to Keith Stevens in coming 4th in the Radials just pipping Malcolm Lofts. Anya and Jemma came midfleet in very challenging weather

John Shone

BOATS COMMITTEE - COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS

The club now has a six strong boats committee, and will be contacting members regarding: boat maintenance, safety boat driving, ferry driving.

Can all members check their email addresses are up to date. Also please make sure the following email addresses will be accepted by your mail server as some e-mails are not being delivered.

robinandsuecarter@tiscali.co.uk (Committee chair)
bill@bridevalley.net (Out board maintenance)
ritoddsac@aol.com (Safety kits, Radio's, and boat batteries)
PeterVEustace@aol.com (Paid driver coordinator)
chapman@beeb.net (Volunteer driver coordinator)
bobrichardson@bobrichardson.org.uk ((Paid and volunteer boat maintenance
Co-ordinator)

Plus of course, all of the committee pitch in where and when needed, so please let's get our communications right.

Thank you

CCSC Boats committee
Reply to bobrichardson@bobrichardson.org.uk
or phone 01305 832518

CLUB SUPPORT BOATS MAINTENANCE PROGRAM 2006/7

We are getting off to an early start this year.

You may have noticed the boats are slowly amassing around the boat store at the bottom of the steps. We intent to erect the tent there which will make it easier to organise the operation.

For those members without email, Don's Choice and Beaver, need repairs to seating etc.

Specialist VOLUNTEERS (Two please)
Members with carpentry skills to undertake repairs to both Don's Choice and Beaver.

DON'S CHOICE: Drivers Console

1. A substantial repair to the seats and the drivers console on the port side
2. Floorboards need re-fixing and possibly some new bearers made, and maybe a couple of planks replaced.

BEAVER: Seating

Repairs or possible replacement of slat seating.

Anyone who feels up to this call me and we can meet to discuss a work plan. We will need to order the teak or whatever timber is deemed suitable, and get the repairs under way before the main working parties descend.

Thank You.

Ccsc Boats committee
Reply to bobrichardson@bobrichardson.org.uk
Or phone 01305 832518

CLUB RACE OFFICER COURSE: 1 DAY Sunday 28th January in Weymouth

Regional Race Officer Course
by **Mike Pearson** of the RYA

These are really useful if you want to know a bit more about what makes for good Club racing

Please contact: **Simon Vines** 01300 320084, simon@vines.clara.net

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AGM 2006 Moorings Report

Introduction to the moorings officer's report

The background to current moorings management is that Alan and his committee have set about a total renovation of the Club's moorings in terms of locating old, sunk moorings, realignment for accessibility to the new clubhouse and rigorous checking of members' property to make sure those with less experience of moorings are not putting other members' boats in danger. Boats come off their moorings in Portland Harbour every year but through Alan's skill and conscientiousness, Castle Cove's record is good.

In previous years Alan has contracted Apex Divers and/or Fathoms and Blues, initially to carry out the inspections but increasingly he and his committee have carried out the inspections themselves. The purchase of a designated moorings boat by a syndicate of moorings holders has enabled Alan to act both as moorings officer for the club and continue to carry out the inspections without being dependent upon outside boat providers.

Moorings Officer's Report

Boats continue to break from their moorings, in other areas of Portland Harbour. The "Bob Alan" from the Royal Dorset and a succession from the Academy.

Our mooring area has been incident free. We must continue to use only Tested & Certified chain and shackles, follow the best practise in all operations. Extra caution must be taken with all boats where the riser does not come up onto the deck. This is an area of risk and must have a regular check.

The acquisition of the mooring boat has transformed our grouping. 90% of all mooring holders have become shareholders in the boat; many are helping with maintenance and working on moorings. All this in the very best tradition of our self-help club.

The boat itself is a major asset that will keep our costs down and enable us to keep the moorings safe.

We have arranged for the boat to be in Weymouth Harbour from October until March and will be able to winterise moorings, continue the five-year cycle of lifting moorings, which will be brought ashore to repair and relay.

Inspections of the riser will be made by lifting down to the ground chain, and if needed replaced at that time. Should a member require a dive inspection, then this will not take place until the member's boat is on the mooring.

For maintenance, we plan to lift the boat out during March for four weeks to antifoul and paint the topsides.

It has been a real team effort, a vote of thanks to Clive Pakenham and Malcom Spicer, who have jointly helped us to reach our present position. The three of us thank Neil Howard, Julian Scott-Foxwell, Keith Wright, Bob Todd, Alan Bradford, Dave Symonds and all the other members who have given help and support.

Alan White: Chair Moorings Committee.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for contributions for the next Newsletter is the **24th of November**. 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 – newsletter@ccsc.org.uk – or 07977 912407 or 01305 769489..