

Castle Cove Sailing Club



August 2007 Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 28th July
Cadet Open

Fri 10th—Sun 12th August
Keelboat regatta

Sun 19th August
Alan Welling

Sat 25th August
Alderney race

Sun 26th August
Novice race

Mon 27th Aug
Pursuit race

Monday 10 sep
Monday evening ends



Weymouth Regatta 2006

FROM THE COMMODORE

The weather continues to dominate the sailing, especially cruising and the long distance races that have become a test rather than a pleasure! But I'm glad to see a good turnout for the Basso Cup while Andy and I were trying (and failing) to cruise to France and other places south of here. We did manage to encounter two CCSC members in Oban (as you do), as Bill and Di Ludlow had battled the elements in Foxtrot of Rhu!

Rumour has it the summer holidays are upon us, and I suspect we will be subject to the invasion of unwanted youngsters on the pier. By bringing the notices on the pontoons, access gate and pier to their attention, we can then politely ask them to leave. As I mentioned last year, if the behaviour and / or language becomes offensive, please phone the police, let the people causing the offence know you are doing it, and finally enter the facts in the Incident Logbook in the Chart Room.

Anyway, August brings us to the Weymouth Regatta from the 10th to the 12th, the Allan Welling Cup on Sunday 19th, the Alderney Race on 25th and finally the CCSC Pursuit Race on Bank Holiday Monday 27th. Plenty of events to enjoy as well the Monday and Wednesday series!

As the weather is bound to improve (I hope), enjoy the remainder of the sailing season.

Paul Clarke

FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

Congratulations to the following winners of the series.

1 st Wednesday	J	E Clabburn
	K	N Massy
	L	A Criswick
	9	P Davies
	3	R Turner
2 nd Wednesday	J	M Conroy
	K	S Green
	L	M Lofts
	9	P Davies
	3	R Turner
1 st Monday	Z	R Clabburn
	L	J Spicer
	9	S Barker
1 st Sunday	A	P Davies
	2	S Barker
	L	D Gill
	A	P Davies
	1	J Belling

Light winds hampered the Dinghy regatta. There were 3 races on the Saturday, but only one race was sailed on the Sunday. Thank you to all the volunteers both on the shore and on the water.

Congratulations to J. Wood for his convincing win in the Poole Race.

The Basso cup was hampered by high winds and a very unfavourable forecast. Despite that, Richard Bowers managed to start and finish all the five races. Congratulations to M. Scrace for his win in the dinghy fleet. There were only 3 yachts on the Saturday and only one yacht turned out for the Sunday racing therefore there was no race for the keelboats on the Sunday. I would be very interested to know if keelboat sailors want to sail on a Sunday. Please discuss with me.

The Laser open was a great success thanks to Serena for her organisation and Barry Grant who managed to hold all the races despite the atrocious weather. It was not very interesting for the spectators on shore because the boats were lost in the mist most of the time. A big thank you to all the volunteers again who gave up their time to assist with this event. The Cadets also had a very successful day.

I know it is still summer!!! But the sailing committee would like to know what subjects' members would like for the winter talks. We need subjects that are of interest to keelboats and dinghies. The talks will be on a Wednesday night in the clubhouse. There will be a poster up on the notice board for you to put down your ideas, alternatively please email me. Thank you.

Alison Stephens

Laser South Coast Grand Prix Sat 30th June 2007

35 Lasers took part in the South.Coast Grand Prix in Portland Harbour Sat 30th June hosted by Castle Cove Sailing Club. We had 11 club sailors and 24 visitors – 2 coming over from Sail Laser with a Safety Rib.

The day started with rain lashing down and no visibility but the boats snatched a good days racing from the elements when visibility lifted with the SW wind a blustery 4.

Barry Grant set 3 excellent Olympic and Trapezoid courses and had 3 keen starts with all the boats along the line....only one OCS on Race 3 trying a port tack flyer.

His team on Silver Spray sent back some very soggy results!

The Safety boats were boosted by one of our cadets who donned fresh gear and went out again! Thankyou Ben.

The whole event ran smoothly – a terrific team effort – and the sailors were full of complements to the club. Thankyou to all the volunteers for your time and skills. These Opens give us a chance to improve our racing and promote dinghy sailing generally.

The event was sponsored by Sail Laser – with 1st Standard won by Greg Carey (Royal Lyminster) who was awarded a place on Paul Goodison's Race Clinic at Sail Laser.

Serena Shone

Henri-Lloyd Weymouth Regatta

Friday 10th-Sunday 12 August

Less than 2 weeks to go!

Make your entry form arrives by Monday 6th August for the discounted fee.

This year there are 2 IRC fleets plus a non-spinnaker fleet, giving more options to race.

Socials are at Royal Dorset YC on Friday, Weymouth SC on Saturday and Castle Cove SC for the main prize giving and BBQ on Sunday.

Calling all Dinghy Sailors!

There are still crew places available on some yachts.

Use the Crew Available/Wanted page on the website or the old fashioned notice board in the Club.

Check out the Regatta website for more information and the entry form

www.weymouth-regatta.org

Big Bike Ride

See below for details of the sponsored cycle ride in aid of the NSPCC - now to be held on 1st September - having been postponed from July and look forward to its reappearance on the NSPCC web site at www.nspcc.org.uk/bigbikeride

Big Bike Ride Name: **'Sailors cycling for children'** - Weymouth to Portland.
Location: Weymouth, Dorset Date/Time: 30-Jun-2007. Start at 2pm, Finish from 4pm
Starting at: Castle Cove Sailing Club DT48QE
Approximate length of ride: 10km min. 25km max.

Any other details: Join us from 1.30pm onwards at Castle Cove Sailing club , and enrol for a 2pm start. All bikes are welcome but please leave your car somewhere else! The shortest route for children and their supporters is from the sailing club to Portland Castle and back- it's cycle track all the way (10KM). Experienced cyclists can carry on to Portland Bill and return by road but be aware of the hill (25KM). If you can't join us - please sponsor us.

Organiser contact details:
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SHIPWRECKED

I am writing to you from RDF Media who are a production company that make the channel 4 show SHIP-WRECKED. This year we are looking for contestants that have certain amounts of experience in the wilderness, experience in the water and just general experience of more energetic past times.

It is a very exciting show and a great experience
If you are interested in taking part, please contact me.

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An update on moorings and employment of moorings vessel GRAFTER.

The club's first full season of self maintenance of the 160 deepwater club moorings is drawing to a close. Grafter has been busy since last November working a total of 35 days to date. Had we hired Apex Divers with Sea Otter for this period at their last yearly rate of £611 per day; the Club would have had to foot an enormous bill of in excess of £21,000. Currently, thanks to the shareholders who put up the money and the efforts of a small but willing band of helpers, we are now in a self help situation where we now only have 4 Moorings left that have not been lifted in the 5 year cycle. These will need the assistance of air bags to bring to the surface due to their weight.

This year six of the moorings lifted were brought ashore minus their sinkers. A situation that could have led to six disasters for boat owners later in the season had they not been checked. It is believed that previous diving inspections had not identified faults, and this demonstrates the value of moorings being inspected thoroughly at close quarters from Grafter. The standard annual routine is for each mooring to be lifted until the end of the Ground Chain is inboard, and then every link of the Riser is inspected and the wear measured. It is then photographed so that the owner has a record if required. Every 5 years the mooring weight will be lifted to the surface and the ground chain and staple examined for wear. The policy is to err very much on the side of safety. If there is any doubt about the condition of the mooring, replacement of the affected part is advised.

There is still a problem of moorings going to the bottom during the winter period. We believe one of the causes to be fishermen's nets becoming tangled with the winter Marker Buoys. Winterising the moorings properly at the end of the season remains important. This should be with the light chain which the moorings officer can supply if required, and not rope which is likely to be a false economy. The light winter chain needs to be looked at with care if you are thinking of reusing it, as it will not always last for a second year. - Please remember that the club owes a great debt of gratitude to our volunteer divers who spend hours each year hunting for lost moorings at no charge. The loss of moorings is sometimes unavoidable and in these cases they are happy to help, but when it is due to lack of attention to detail or not following recommended advice, this is another matter.

A good deal of valuable time was lost during the moorings maintenance period due to owners not marking their pick up buoys with a clearly identifiable number. Although you are very familiar with your own rig, it does not follow that everyone in the moorings team is. On several occasions whilst trying to service a particular mooring, the wrong one was lifted due to misidentification. This is wasteful in valuable time and fuel.

NB There is advice on moorings on the club web site under *site & boats*.

Grafter shareholders please note that she is coming ashore during the month of September for a refit. We have a list of most of the jobs needing attention in the table following this article. We are looking for all the help we can muster as the maintenance period is very short. Please contact Julian Scott-Foxwell if you are able to help. We also need a number of laying up blocks to support her whilst ashore. Old railway sleepers which we can cut up would be ideal. If anyone knows where they can lay their hands on some, please let us know.

Alan White Mooring Officer

GRAFTER refit items as at 22 July 07

Area/Item	Work description
<u>Refit preparations</u>	
All compartments	De store prior to lift out
Bilges	Evacuate oil and water prior to lift out
Lift out area	1. Clear and level 2. Obtain blocks and accroprops
Outer hull	Pressure wash
<u>Hull</u>	
Underwater	Survey for any damage and make good Clean off loose antifoul, prime and re antifoul
Hull fitting - Echo sounder	Cut hole and fit transducer
<u>Foredeck</u>	
Bow roller	Redesign arrangement and manufacture & fit
Foredeck hatch	Weld in new handle and free off mechanism
Winch	Remove wire and maintain
Port/stbd rubbing strakes	At least 3 new bolts and washers reqd.
Stbd fwd fairlead	Source and fit replacement
U/D rusted areas	Take back to bare metal, prime and paint
Cabin door	Remove – shot blast?? Prime and paint
Upper stem	Fair off and epoxy
Deck	Repaint with anti-skid paint
<u>Forecabin</u>	
Gas arrangement	Decision required
Bilge pumps	Service
Electric switch by pumps	Make operational if required
Deck pump	Make serviceable
Hydraulic & deckwash pump pipe access	Seal against ingress of water
Fire extinguisher	To be serviced
Air vent cabin roof	Cover required
Coat hooks	Fit min 5 on rear blk'head
Lockers	Clean and paint
Deck	Covering to be lifted, inspected. Paint if required
<u>Cabin superstructure</u>	
Aluminium	Rub down & paint
Fan intake/exhaust doors	De-rust prime and paint
Aft door	1. Free up latches grease nipples 2. tighten up bottom latch
Grab rails	To be made straightened
<u>Wheelhouse</u>	
Steering hydraulics	Top up if necessary
Fire extinguishers	To be serviced
GPS	To be fitted
Echo sounder	To be fitted
<u>Aft deck</u>	
Pushpit rails	To be straightened
Deck	Repaint with anti-skid paint
<u>Engine room</u>	
Bilge	Mop out, clean make good any paintwork
Engine room fan grill	Corroded - replace
Hydraulics oil tank	To be secured
Batteries	Condition check
Engine	Service
Engine cooling inlet seacock filter	Remove/clean/replace
Drive belt assembly (aft of engine)	Guard to be manufactured and fitted
Fire extinguishers	To be serviced

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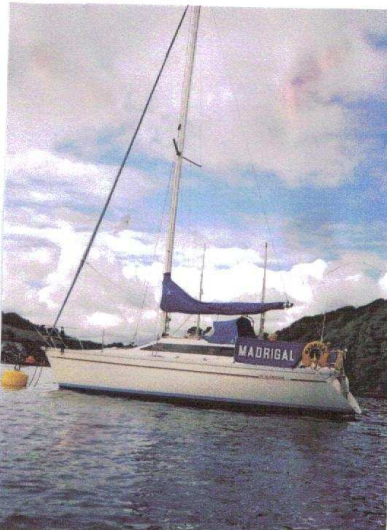
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Celia Rushton – newsletter@ccsc.org.uk (This will always forward to my current e-mail address) – or 07977 912407 or 01305 769489.

FOR SALE/WANTED

FOR SALE - 'Madrigal' Jeanneau Sundream 29.5' 1988



Recent Additions...

Instruments-Raymarine ST60
2006
Mainsail-2005
Headlinings throughout-2004
Spurs ropecutter-2005
Sprayhood-2007

Also:

autohelm, spinnaker+fittings,
fridge, shorepower (2 sockets),
heating.
£21,000 (boat cradle also
available)

Contact Robin or Sue Carter
01308 459860



FOR SALE

Plastimo Tender with
integral wheel
7' x 4' good condition £85

Inflatable dinghy
'Wetline' - 3 years old
3 person
Easily stored £150



Boat Cradle
Fits up to 32' (5 ton) boat
Professionally made by
'Tennamast' 2004. Easily
dismantled and stored
£550

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