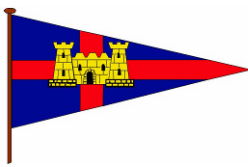


Castle Cove Sailing Club



April 2009 Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 1st April Basic racing talk and P1 starts

Saturday 4th April Cadet shored based

Sunday 5th April Spring series starts

8th-12th April Keelboat lift

Sunday 12th April YCW Spring series starts

Monday 13th April Easter race

Wednesday 15th April 1st Wednesday series starts

16th-17th April Cadet RYA stage 1

Saturday 18th April New members' coffee morning & cadet afloat 1

Monday 20th April 1st Monday series starts

Saturday 25th April RNLI Ball, Novice race training & cadet afloat 2

Sunday 3rd May Redclyffe cruise & BBQ

Monday 4th May Free sail

Working parties continue in April—see schedule p.3



Sarah Dempsey at the Dinghy Dinner auction

FROM THE COMMODORE

Spring has arrived, the sun is shining, the sailing season is nearly upon us and thanks to everyone who has turned up on Sunday mornings to complete the winter working party tasks the Club is just about ready for the 2009 season. A particularly big thank you to the task leaders who have been at the Club every weekend to ensure the work ran smoothly. Also thank you to Hazel and her team who have manned the galley and kept everyone supplied with bacon rolls and hot drinks.

The social calendar has been busy in March starting with a very successful jazz and pizza evening (to be repeated later in the year), followed by the Z Class and Dinghy Dinners, a Sunday lunch and some Wednesday evening talks. Did you come along? If not you missed some excellent and informative evenings. The Dinghy Dinner was extremely well supported with Sarah Dempsey as speaker and an auction of some of Sarah's sailing gear made over £1,000 for her chosen charity, Meningitis UK. Martin Fielding could very easily start a new career as an auctioneer. Did someone really buy a £2 coin for £2.10!

Whilst most of us are still finishing off work on our boats I hear the Laser 2000s are already on the water and several of them have been attending a training weekend at the Laser School. With excellent leadership and enthusiasm from their Class Captain, Peter Davies, the Laser 2000 fleet is going from strength to strength, an example to be followed by the other classes.

The 2009 Handbooks and other information are in the Chart Room for you to collect and hopefully by the time you read this most of you will have done so. Please check to see when you have a duty and put it in your diary to ensure smooth running of the race programme.

Finally congratulations to Michael and Robyn Abbott on the birth of Joely – now our youngest member.

Sara Lloyd, Commodore

FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

The Dinghy Dinner was a great success. Sarah Dempsey gave a stunning talk about her campaign for the 2008 Olympics and then brought along numerous branded clothing to auction for the Meningitis Trust. Martin Fielding made the night with his auctioneer's hat on and sold all the clothing, while keeping us entertained in the process. We collected over £1000 for the Trust for which Sarah was very grateful.

I must thank Hazel Shaw and Katie Roebuck who, between them, prepared and cooked a splendid meal for 85 people. Apparently Katie's face was a picture when she learnt that she was catering for 85 not 40!

My thanks must also go to Bill Barker and his volunteers who served the meal and kept us topped up with food and drink and cleared away afterwards.

John Elliott and Michael Gill between them kept the bar running until the last of the guests were leaving.

It was a long night for all the organisers and helpers, your work did not go unnoticed. Thank you all.

As I announced at the Dinghy Dinner there are a few changes this year especially if you are an OD.

There is a yellow bag to be left in the chart room with all the things that used to be in a box on Silver Seal. This bag needs to be taken out to Silver Seal and brought back again after racing and topped up with pens or paper as needed. The only things that are not in the bag is a radio, that you collect from the boat store and your club key to open Silver Seal.

The Hals race results service on the computer will look different this year. We are on the Mk2 version. If you have any difficulty inputting the results, please, (if I am not around), leave me a legible set of results with the start times and finish times of all the boats, so that I might input the results later.

There is a note book near the computer to leave me a message if you have problems.

There are a few Handy Guides to the RRS 2009 behind the bar for £2 each.

There is a new start sequencer on Silver Seal. This automatically runs the start sequence for you. If you want to know how to work it before getting out onto Silver Seal then speak to myself or Bill Barker.

I hope you have a good sailing season.

Alison Stephens, sailing secretary

BOAT PARK NOTICE APRIL 2009

Please make sure your Portland Port sticker is displayed on your boat in a position that is visible when sailing and, if your boat is kept on the dinghy park, visible without the cover having to be removed. The transom or mast is usually a good location.

Tenders must be identified with the name of the parent vessel. This should be clearly indicated in a position that can be read when the Tender is stored, usually the inside of the transom.

PLEASE NOTE ANY BOAT, TENDER, TROLLEY, TRAILER THAT CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED AFTER 1ST MAY 2009 WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE BOAT PARK WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE

There is a short overlap with the keelboats at the start of this season so tolerance and care is required until the launch has taken place. Please remove cradles promptly and dinghy sailors please take up your allocated space when it becomes available.

Thank you for your cooperation

Ian Green, Boat Park Coordinator, i.greens@virgin.net

HANDBOOKS ETC

The 2009 Handbooks, Portland Port Stickers, Membership Cards and other information are now ready for collection in the Clubhouse. Please collect yours as soon as possible.

Sara Lloyd

WORKING PARTIES--- UNFINISHED TASK---HELP NEEDED

One of the aims for this year was to improve security by installing site lighting. Some work has been done by Bob Ward and Paul Clarke but we could really do with more help from club members over the next few months. I need a task leader with suitable experience to complete the planning and push it along and few hands to help to run cables/dig trenches, mount lights. Part of the work cannot be done until the site is cleared of keelboats. If you can help please contact me.

Barry Grant

CONTINUATION OF WORKING PARTIES

As there are still some critical jobs to be completed around the site the work parties will be extended into April but will change from Sunday to Saturday mornings.

Saturday 4/4 from 09.30 -13.00

Working party to continue to work on the pontoons, site lighting and seawall

Saturday 11/4

No working party

Saturday 18/4 from 09.30 – 13.00

General tidy of the site in preparation for the new season and laying out of the boat park for P1

Saturday 25/4 and 2/5 from 09.30 – 13.00

Working party to continue the work on pontoons, site lighting and seawall

Thanks in advance of your participation

Mike Clarkson

YCW Spring Series 2009

For yachts over 6 m LOA including
IRC Class & YCW PYN Handicap Class

Start your season by joining this short series open to any yacht.

Racing in Weymouth Bay from Committee Boat starts.
Four consecutive Sundays. One discard from 5 races.

Sunday 12 th April	One race 2 - 3 hrs	}	1st
Sunday 19 th April	Long distance 3 – 4 hrs	}	Warning
Sunday 26 th April	Two short races back/back	}	Signal
Sunday 3 rd May	One race 2 - 3 hrs	}	1040

Entry Form and Sailing Instructions available on the YCW, Castle Cove SC & Weymouth SC websites and at the Clubs from 1st March.

More details from iain.jones@bigfoot.com

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL 2009 AT 7.30pm

Presentation at CCSC by Jack Daly
The 16 year old who sailed around Britain alone

Come and listen to an excellent talk by Jack Daly who, last summer at the age of 16 years, sailed around Britain single handed in a 21' Corribee to raise money for 'Sailability', the charity committed to giving disabled people access to sailing.

After finishing GCSE's, Jack took 10 weeks to circumnavigate our islands. He was nominated for RYA 'Young Sailor of the Year' award and won the SE England regional finals. His interesting power point presentation describes this feat accompanied by many photographs.

See more about Jack's journey at 'jack@sail-the-dream.co.uk'

A plate will be passed around for Sailability during the evening. The bar will be open

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

CCSC – SAILING PROGRAMME

Amendment 22nd March 2009

The Sailing Programme is changed as follows

Action 1.

Sun 17th May 2009 1st Sun 1,2,3/12. Change start times to read:-

9	1030
A	1035
9	1155
A	1200

Action 2.

Change YCW Shambles race start time to read 1100.

This change shall be effective from 22nd March 2009

Alison Stephens

CLUB DINGHIES

We now have a 420 dinghy to replace the Mirrors owned by the club. It will be easier to maintain and can be used to develop a greater range of skills. It does need a little TLC to start with since it is fairly old, but does have the pedigree of having taken part in the 420 World Championships.

Paul Barford of Barford Sails has kindly donated a trapeze harness for use with this boat.

If any Mirror owners want the spars from the scrapped club boats, please call me.

Steve Green

THE BALL IS BACK!

The Weymouth Lifeboat Ball is back after a break – its on Saturday 25th April 2009 at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.

Tickets are £27.50 each and early booking is advisable. To apply for tickets, contact Hazel Shaw on 01305 776659.

In an innovative move, it is possible to arrive at the ball by boat. Not only can you stay aboard overnight, the Academy' Restaurant will open in the morning for breakfast. To book your berth, contact Reception at WPNSA on 01305 866000 - all berthing fees to be donated to the RNLI.

Hazel Shaw

THE RACING RULES 2009-2012 CHANGES

There are two main changes:

Making room at a mark apply at three boats lengths, not 2 lengths

Removing the need to sail a proper course unless overlapped to leeward and close to another boat.

New definitions

The 2 boats length rule at a mark has gone. The definition is now the **Zone**. In any incident the zone is an area defined by the hull length of the boat nearer to the mark. In the definition the zone is **3 lengths**. Beware this can be changed by sailing instructions to either 2 or 4 lengths.

Note. Be aware that the definition of a boat can vary between rules. For the mark zone it is **hull** length only. But when you get an overlap it is any part of the boat in normal sailing position. So that means rudder at one end and bowsprit out at the other.

There is a new definition of **Mark Room**. This describes the amount of space that you are entitled to be given at a mark by a boat overlapped outside. Basically it is space to round the mark correctly and get onto a proper course.

The definition **clear ahead and clear astern** and of **overlapped** is clarified so that you can be overlapped with a boat on the opposite tack if you are both on a broad reach or run. This is most likely to have effect when passing a continuous obstruction because normally port and starboard will apply.

There is a new definition of **fetching** a mark, which basically describes what we all know it means. You are laying a mark without having to tack. This term is now used in the mark rounding rules.

The definition of **obstruction** now makes it clear that another boat is never a continuing obstruction. Even if you are sailing along parallel and at the same speed and it feels like a continuing obstruction.

Rule Changes.

17. Proper course

There used to be a rule that said you could not sail below your proper course if there was a boat near to leeward, or aiming to pass to leeward. That rule is deleted so you can bear away to protect your position any time you like. Beware the windward leeward rule. The leeward boat has right of way.

The rule restricting a leeward overlapped boat not to sail above her proper course is still there, but it makes it clear that this is for boats on the same tack.

18 Mark Room

This is very substantially reworded, but mainly for clarity using the new definitions. Follow the general guidelines that:

1. The zone starts as the nearer boat's bow gets to 3 lengths. The overlap before the zone is reached is important because if there is any doubt about a change of overlap, then it will be assumed there was no change. 18.2 (d) so start discussing the situation early so as to be clear at 4 lengths.

2. If you are a fast boat closing a little boat you may establish an overlap outside 3 of their lengths. But if they are going slowly they will not have time or space to give you room. 18.2 (e)

Exoneration 18.5 accepts that there may be minor bumps at a mark, and an inside boat is not penalized provided it has sailed correctly.

19 and 20 obstructions

Rules 19 and 20 about giving room at obstructions is reworded but does not change its interpretation. It makes it clear that an obstruction may be passed on either side. But if you are going upwind on port tack with a boat to leeward and a starboard boat comes across, in theory both of you can call water. In which case the leeward boat gets the rights, but he has to make his call giving the windward boat time to tack with affecting the starboard boat.

Rule 20.3 is where the fetching definition is used and limits the right of a leeward boat to call to tack if the windward boat is fetching the obstruction and it is a mark. So you can call for water on an arm of the breakwater even if the boat to windward is fetching it.

Barry Grant

WEEKLY CLUB SAFETY BOAT TRAINING AND PRACTICE. SATURDAY APRIL 25TH

All safety boat drivers AND non-driving crew are invited to the Saturday afternoon sessions, starting APRIL 25th.

These sessions have proved very useful over the last couple of seasons. As you may know, they fit in neatly with Richard White's dinghy coaching sessions, so we can potentially get good value from these new combined get togethers.

All available safety and support boats will be out on the water, for man over board, casting off, mooring up, capsize drills etc. Plus all the little bit and pieces, such as VHF, Fuel, safety kits, and so on that go towards making our sport safe as well as fun.

Remember they are our boats, and the club just cannot run without them, so get to know them. Training and practice are paramount in keeping down the running costs through "Own Goals". Don't get caught out, come along and practice.

It would be nice to do every Saturday, but realistically, I'll probably only be able to manage two or three. Please let me know if you have any particular worries on boat handling or crewing, and I will make sure you get on a session. We have other instructors who are willing to help, so as the season progresses, I am sure we will be able to accommodate everyone. In some cases if you can't make Saturday's at all, I am willing (With Notice), to arrange a midweek session.

Finally I would appreciate you letting me know which dates you will be attending, (Come to as many as you wish!) so I can be sure there are instructors available for you.

Bob Richardson, Safety and Support Boat Training.
01305 832518 bobr.ccsc@googlemail.com

E-BORDERS

Damian West of the recently-formed UK Borders Agency has agreed to give us a talk about their work with particular reference to sailing and motorboating. As you may know there are some controversial proposals at the moment concerning e-borders that could affect quite significantly; this will be an opportunity to learn more and have your say. They are very keen to engage with leisure boaters and having attended an earlier presentation by them, I think members will find it very enlightening.

The talk will be on Friday 3rd April. The Bar will be open from 1900 hrs, proceedings will start around 1930 hrs. A Club Night special meal will be available at £5 per head plus the usual bar food menu.

Please come along and feel free to invite any guests who might be interested. It helps with the catering preparations if you could let me know if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there

Blake Holt, Rear Commodore (House & Social)
Royal Dorset Yacht Club, 01258 837310, 07836 604942
www.royal-dorset.com

ABANDONED ITEMS

No-one has claimed any of the items listed in last month's newsletter, which included a valuable item. Look again at these, and we now also have an RS foil bag.

Steve Green

CLUB BARBEQUE—SUNDAY 3RD MAY 2009

Over the early May Bank holiday Redclyffe Yacht Club are cruising to Weymouth and we are putting on a BBQ for them on the Sunday to which club members are very welcome. If you would like to come please sign up on the list in the club house.

Paul Clarke

TRAINING: NOVICE DINGHY SAILING & RACING

The Basics of Racing (On Water Session)

Saturday 25th April 1:30pm:

On the water session to put into practice the basics that were discussed on the Wednesday evening talk.

Regular Saturday Afternoon Training Sessions in 2009:

From the beginning of May we will be running regular training sessions for both dinghy sailing and safety boat operation.

If you wish to join the sessions please let us know in advance so we can plan for the numbers attending.

May sessions will be Saturday pm from 13:30 on 2nd, 9th, 30th May.

Safety Boat training with Bob Richardson will be run to help both safety boat crews and drivers gain experience and try out different techniques of assisting and righting dinghies, recovering sailors from the water in varying conditions.

Contact Bob on 832518 or bobrichardson@bobrichardson.org.uk

Dinghy Novice Race Training

2nd May: Following on from the basics covered on 25th April we will look at concentrating on Starts. The session will begin with a briefing where we will discuss the basics of how to start and what to do. This will be a simple session aimed getting used to being close to other boats at repeatedly practising the start sequence.

Contact Richard on 260765 or richard@azurelogo.co.uk

Details of further sessions will be in the May newsletter.

We are still interested in hearing from anyone who would like to join in with training sessions though-out the summer to know what you want. Whether it be refreshing the absolute basics, leaving and returning from the beach or slipway or gaining enough confidence to start racing. Let us know!

Do you want regular Saturday afternoons devoted to general sailing skills?

Do you want a series of race coaching sessions to build on the Start Racing sessions described above?

Do you want something else?

Are you willing to help run such sessions?

Please email **Richard White** with your requests and interest: Richard@azurelogo.co.uk or call me on 07976 352059.

PLANNING PROPOSAL - DISPLAY OF DRAWINGS AND PLANS IN THE CLUBHOUSE

The Club has been talking to the Weymouth & Portland Borough Council planners about improvements to the Club facilities, and the planners have asked that we put together an overall plan of all the improvements the Club might want to achieve, so they can consider a Master Plan rather than lots of separate planning applications.

This plan shows all the improvements we might want to do over the next 10 years or so, a big 'Wish List'! At this time we are still talking to the planners and organisations such as the Borough Engineers, Natural England and the Environment Agency before the formal planning application is submitted, hopefully in May.

We would very much welcome your comments before any planning application is submitted so copies of the various drawings and site plans will therefore be on display in the Clubhouse from this Sunday (22/3) until Sunday 5/4.

Please make any comments or put any questions you may have on the list displayed with the drawings. Alternatively, you can e-mail your comments or questions directly to Hugh De longh at deiongh@btinternet.com

Mike Clarkson

DEAR CLUB MEMBERS,

How far would you go to help some with terminal cancer? How about to St Malo in France and back, aboard a fleet of ocean-going FARR 65 yachts? If so, then why not join us for the amazing Sail to St Malo Challenge in support of Marie Curie Cancer Care. It costs just £100 to register, and then we ask each participant to raise a minimum sponsorship of £1,250. In return, you'll get everything you need to sail across the English Channel and back, sailing by day and night to raise funds to support more terminally ill patients in their own homes. We'll provide training, accommodation and on-board meals as well as a FREE training day on the FARR 65s on Monday June 15, 2009. You'll be providing the sailing! If you can't make the training day, please don't worry as all the information you need to actually sail the yachts will be provided on the first morning of the challenge.

This fantastic event takes place from July 3-6, 2009. You start at Gunwharf Quays in Portsmouth with a private breakfast reception at the Spinnaker Tower, and sail overnight to the historic harbour town of St Malo. In St Malo, you'll get a chance to explore the walled town and have a celebratory meal in a local restaurant to toast your fantastic achievement and honour the winners of the races you'll take part in during the sailing. You'll set off for home again on the Sunday, arriving back in Portsmouth on Monday afternoon.

We welcome everyone from absolute novices to expert sailors. We can take up to 12 sailors per yacht, so there's plenty of room for groups of friends and / or teams to take part. The event brochure is attached, along with the registration form. To register, all you need to do is fill in the attached form and send it, together with your registration fee, to:

Marie Curie Cancer Care
Sail to St Malo
PO Box 23897
14 Links Place
Edinburgh EH6 9AB

For any further information, please contact Caroline Reid, Events Co-ordinator on 020 7091 4112 or caroline.reid@mariecurie.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming you on board.

Caroline Reid
Events Co-ordinator, Treks & Cycles

CLUB ALARM EXTENSION, IMPORTANT NOTE FOR BOAT DRIVERS

To increase security, the petrol store is now alarmed via a wireless link to the clubhouse.

Before opening the petrol store, the outer door to the drivers store must be unlocked, as this disables the alarm. There is a notice by the petrol store lock to remind you of this.

Likewise, the outer door must not be locked if the petrol store is open. The door has a notice to remind you saying 'Remote store closed?'

This extension, and the adding of the alarm to the garage door, has been done because we have suffered break-ins to both areas.

Steve Green

MISSING

Laser launching trolley for 183117. Only distinguishing feature- missing rubber cushioning on one of the side supports. Laser sailors, please check trolleys taken home at the end of last season.

Rupert Turberville-Smith, rjturberville-s@talk21.com

RETURN OF TABLE FLOWER DECORATION BITS

At CCSC suppers the table decorations often go home with helpers at the end of the evening.

If you have small green oasis trays and candle holders would you please return them to CCSC or to me for future use, which will save on cost.

Rosemarie Abbott Tel; 788994

LOST KEYS

I would wish to thank whoever found my keys and so promptly placed them on the hook inside the club entrance.

Many many times have I misplaced my keys, this is the first time they were really lost, though on several occasions have lost my way in fog. Ask Frank Swinton about entering Cherbourg.

Again many thanks. **Peter Yelland** - Cornish lady

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for contributions for the next Newsletter is the **24th of April**. 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. Send contributions to the newsletter to the email address below. Please keep formatting simple as it makes the newsletter easier to compile. Celia Rushton – newsletter@ccsc.org.uk (This will always forward to my current e-mail address) –

FOR SALE / WANTED

From: Derek Abbott -- Tel 01305 788994

YACHT CRADLE: £ 250 -- Collapsible steel framed cradle, based on Six Acro-Jacks, suitable 28 to 33 Ft Yacht. New cross beams 2005.

SPINNAKER -- Great for stronger winds and little used to fit 33/38ft boat:

£300 – Star cut heavy duty by Kemp Sails in 1.5 oz. Really is as new, only hoisted about 20 times. Made in Bainbridge int' Airx 900 ripstop nylon. IRC Rating SLE (leach) = 12.94m, SF (foot) = 7.2m. Comes with launch turtle. Made in 2005 with original invoice available.

