

# Castle Cove Sailing Club



# December 2009 Newsletter

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### December

4th - RNLI buffet + RNLI Talk

18th - RNLI Carol Service

19th - Children's Christmas party

20th Commodore's Punch Party

27th - Boxing Day Race

31st New Year's Eve supper and  
celebration

Exercise group meets 1030 every  
Tuesday



## FROM THE COMMODORE

The AGM is over and it is the start of another Club year and I am pleased to welcome some new members to the General Committee. Barry, who took on the role of Vice Commodore for one year, has made way for Richard White, Christine has passed the Treasurer's post on to Val Graves, and Nick Massey stood down this year leaving two vacancies for members' representatives which have been filled by Rob White and Andrea Fellows. My thanks to Nick, Christine and, particularly, Barry whose guidance and support has helped me find my way in my first year as Commodore.

As you all know November has not been a good month for sailing with gales almost every weekend but the social activities have made up for it. The Halloween Supper at the end of October was great fun and the Dinner Dance at Spinnakers Restaurant a hugely successful evening, although giving my first Dinner Dance speech was extremely nerve racking! Alison and the Sailing Committee put on a brilliant quiz and supper with some amazing prizes, the first prize being a voucher for a meal for two in the Blue Fish Restaurant. If you weren't there you missed a great evening.

The diary is pretty full for December with the Christmas Social, Commodore's Punch Party, Children's Party, Boxing Day Race (not on Boxing Day!) and a New Year's Supper. Details of all these events can be found in the newsletter and at the Club. The theme for the Boxing Day Race this year is Cowboys and Indians and there will be hot food after the race. Open to all ages and all boats, no limit to the number of crew and very few rules. Bring the family along and join in the fun.

And finally I am delighted to offer congratulations to Rick Bowers and Debbie McDine on their engagement and on behalf of Castle Cove wish them well for the future.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year and good sailing and fair winds in 2010.

Sara Lloyd

## **FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY**

The winter series is proving very demanding with two out of the 4 already sailed being cancelled due to strong winds. Never the less, there have been over 20 boats out on the weekends that have been sailed which is fantastic.

The Quiz night was a great success with Henri Lloyd and Richard White donating prizes and the Blue Fish restaurant donating the first prize of a meal for two. Andy Gaunt cooked baked potatoes and chilli with a vegetarian option that went down very well. Bill Barker started the proceedings with a picture quiz that had some very debatable answers. My thanks to Andy and the bar staff who worked very hard during the evening and to Richard White for printing the answer sheets and the sailing committee for the quiz questions.

The prize giving has been moved to the 16<sup>th</sup> January due to a clash with WSC Dinner and Dance. If you have not returned your trophy from last year, please do so with immediate effect so that we can get them engraved for the next winner.

Let's hope for some calmer weather to finish off the sailing season for 2009.

**Alison Stephens**

## **BOAT PARK NOTICE DECEMBER 2009**

### **Boat Usage P1 2009**

If you have a significant record of sailing at the Club other than for Club Racing, Friday Morning Sailing or Cadets, (I already have this data) and you wish this to be taken into account please let me know the dates when you have used your boat for leisure or cruising. This applies particularly to dinghies, although it would be nice to hear from Keelboat owners as well. It applies only to boat usage during the P1 period, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Some of you have already given information via Jane Burden and you do not need to send this to me again. Dates will be matched against key fob data for verification.

### **Boat Renewal**

Should there be a good response from Teams wishing to use the Club for training in 2010 then there will be implications for the space available for member's dinghies. I anticipate that this will only affect dinghies that usually need a ground space although Lasers too were affected this year. Space will be allocated in accordance with Club Bylaw B.7.3 'preference will be given to dinghies in regular use and members who contribute voluntarily to club activities'. However please remember that even if you are the most regular sailor in the club, if your payment and application for renewal is not received by the Membership Secretary before 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 you risk having 'Trail Sail' as your only option. Any applications received on or after 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 will be dealt with on a 'first come first served' basis if there is space remaining.

To ensure that your application for renewal is received on time the forms must be sent direct to the Membership Secretary and not left in the clubhouse. Leaving your forms for collection from the Club will cause delay for which there will be no redress.

### **P1 dinghies not removed**

A week before the end of November there were 2 Optimists, 5 Toppers and 2 Lasers remaining on the hard for which no payment has been received. This represents a loss of income to the club in the region of £340. The owners are known and further action will be considered.

### **Tenders not removed**

There are 10 (out of a total of 16) tenders currently stored on racks for which no payment has been received. I have not had the chance to check the beach rack. This represents a loss of income to the club of £445. Whilst clearly they are member's boats most of these tenders cannot be identified. Appropriate further action will be considered.

### **Boat and trailer identification**

If there is one winter job that you can do to make your property secure, avoid loss and avoid the risk of being misidentified it is to clearly mark your Tender, Trolley, Trailer, dinghy, keelboat, rig, equipment and possibly your crew(!) with your boat name, sail number or post code. It isn't hard to do, it is important that we all do it.

### **Boat Insurance**

Please remember that the name of your Insurance Company and Insurance Policy Number are required information at renewal.

**Ian Green**, Boat Park Administrator

## SUPPORT THE RNLI

Friday, 4th December - get into the Christmas Spirit at Brewers Quay with a buffet supper, Wine & Beer Bar, Quality Raffle and good company , all for £14 p.p - 7.30 p.m start

Also Friday 4th December - a talk from the RNLI, Tamsin Thomas, at WPSNA on Friday 4th Dec. Food to be available at 7pm with a one course meal (lamb hotpot) then the talk, finishing approx 10.30pm, please join me if you can. The revised cost is now £8 per head. Contact **Rachel Hasker** who needs to know numbers by 2nd Dec at the latest so the kitchen know how many to expect.

**Rachel Hasker**, 01935 472827, [r.m.hasker@talk21.com](mailto:r.m.hasker@talk21.com)

Friday, 18th December - Carol Service at the Lifeboat Station, Nothe Parade. 7.30.p.m

Saturday, 17th April - LIFEBOAT BALL at W&PNSA - put this date in your diaries now and be ready to book your tickets. Many people were disappointed last year because the tickets sold out so quickly and the event was very successful, so we expect even more demand in 2010. Ben Waters and his Band are making a welcome return, plus much more!!

**Carol Pitman**,  
Lifeboat Fundraising Committee

## TROPHIES

Time is moving on and there are still quite a few trophies which have not been returned. So that these may be prepared and engraved these need to be returned urgently so if you still have trophies in your possession from 2008, please contact me, and we can make the necessary arrangements.

**John Elliott**, 01305-852487, [john@lederell.co.uk](mailto:john@lederell.co.uk)

## FROM ANDY GAUNT

I went to the farm and found our new fleet captain, Nathan Batchelor and his mate Alex Knight, up to something you should be all aware of.

They have bought an "old westerly" to do it up. Old westerly indeed, formerly Jiggywithit, 23<sup>rd</sup> Europeans 2007. That was before this pair have stripped it and tuned it. My bet is that they win the nationals in it in 2011.

Just look at the guilty look on Nathan's face while he re-profiles the rudder.

**Andy Gaunt** (departing J24 fleet captain)



## ELLEN MCARTHUR TRUST

Some of you in the sailing club are aware that my daughter Abigail was treated successfully for cancer some 3 years ago and enjoys sailing regularly in the summer on our boat 'Larkspur'. At the end of her treatment in Southampton Hospital she was asked if she would like to go sailing with the Dame Ellen McArthur trust during the summer of that year. Well you can imagine her excitement at the opportunity and spent the first summer with the Trust sailing in the solent for a week with other cancer children on Gypsy Moth, the boat Sir Francis Chichester sailed around the world single handed, and she made some good friends in the process.

Last year she spent the summer trip in Bradwell on Sea on the East coast dinghy sailing also with the trust. This year as no doubt you may have seen or heard of the expedition where Dame Ellen organised the 48 foot yacht 'Scarlet Oyster' to be sailed around the coast of Great Britain, taking children who are in remission from Leukaemia and cancer in stages around the coast. Each leg took 5 to 6 children from the locality on the respective leg, visiting the cancer wards in the local hospitals to give encouragement and hope to the children who were undergoing treatment.

Abbi had the opportunity to crew on the final leg from Torquay to Cowes and crewed with other children she had met before at Bradwell and the previous solent trip. On the first stop over they called in to the new Marina in Portland and stayed there overnight before continuing on to Poole and then Yarmouth before arriving at the Southampton boat show to a tumultuous welcome on the Friday. Abbi was interviewed and appeared on the Meridian TV channel telling about the experience of the trip.

On the final day they sailed from the boat show with all other participants and families on board a red funnel ferry donated for the day, escorting 'Scarlet Oyster' down the solent with an armada of small boats in pursuit. How proud was I that Abbi was on the helm all the way to Cowes, and you can see from the picture was enjoying every moment. The day ended in glorious weather with a barbecue at the sailing academy in Cowes for all the families and participants. All participants were given a certificate to commemorate the event and Dame Ellen gave a speech to end the expedition which had lasted some four months.

Dame Ellen gives a lot of of her own time to this trust and gives many children being treated for cancer the opportunity to experience a sport which has given her so much. Abbi now 16 has the opportunity to go on these trips each year, meet up with friends made under similar circumstances, and eventually give up some time and help in using her sailing experience to become one of the team that help on these trips.

### Peter Nickless



See <http://www.roundbritain.org/index.php> for more information

## NEW YEARS EVE SUPPER AND CELEBRATION

At CCSC Clubhouse, 7.30 for 8.00pm

Black tie/Posh frocks

Please put names on list in Clubhouse to book a place or phone **Rosemary or Malcolm Spicer** on 01305-782125

## GABION PLANTING SCHEME

Wanted: Subjects to sit on a wall in the salt winds and spray, not much to drink, very little TLC and no prickles. No, not a torture for recalcitrant members but the brief I was given back in February for a planting scheme for the gabions.

The gabions are finished now and look very nice because the faces were hand-built but nevertheless the planning process had required some planting to soften their appearance. I was very mindful of the prevailing conditions and also that there should be no risk to flapping sails on the dinghy park. The scheme had to be approved by Natural England and was designed to re-dress to some extent the loss of natural habitat. Many people have asked what the plants are so I thought I would write it up. The scheme on the Eastern gabion is of sedums (stonecrop) of 4 different types - such as are used on 'green roofs'. They should gradually spread and bind together to form a carpet which will be a rich source of nectar to bees and butterflies.

The Western scheme is designed to mimic the sort of planting found on Chesil beach and dry stony places. There are 13 species including Thrift, Sea Campion, various toadflax, vetch and bird's foot trefoil; lesser knapweed and scabious; and rock rose. These plants form mats and clumps, again of value to insects and butterflies. There are also some empty pots which are to mark the places where trailing rosemary will be planted in the spring. This will trail over the front aspect in between where the ivies and honeysuckle in the planting pockets will grow up.

In total I have planted 550 'plugs' sourced from a native wild-flower nursery in Norfolk, together with 9 honeysuckle from the RHS and 6 ivies. These last arrived thoroughly shaken up by the carrier but they seem to have survived alright. The honeysuckles were most beautifully packaged and would have survived anything the delivery system could throw at them. The soil is a gritty mixture on top of geo-tex membrane to prevent it washing down through the stones. I have top-dressed it all with gravel to finish it off and to keep the necks of the plants dry. It will also help retain the moisture in the soil and stop the roots getting too hot in the summer.

The planting is now finished - largely in torrential rain and gales over the last couple of days but it saved having to water them in.

I would like to thank my husband for helping with digging out the incorrect soil in the base pockets and lugging new soil around to correct the mixture.

May I also ask everyone to take care of these plants - do not succumb to the temptation to use the wall as a place to dump sailing bags and don't trip over the base plants. Hopefully they will soon grow and achieve the intended effect.

**Sally Fielding**

## NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for contributions for the next Newsletter is the **24th of December**. Read this Newsletter on the website [www.ccsc.org.uk](http://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](mailto:newsletter@ccsc.org.uk)** (This will always forward to my current e-mail address) – **or 07977 912407 or 01305 769489.**



## Project Kraken

**If you suspect it, report it**

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### Describing Suspicious Behaviour

- WHO - did you see / hear
- WHAT - did you see / hear
- WHERE - did you see / hear it
- WHEN - did you see / hear it
- WHY - is it suspicious

### If You See/ Hear Suspicious Activity

- Do Not - intervene or take direct action
- Do Not - confront the individual
- Do Not - reveal your suspicions
- Do - record as many details as possible
- Do - call the police/ hot line as soon as possible

### Marine Crime

With the lingering credit crunch and rising fuel costs, theft of fuel and fuel tanks is on the increase. We would encourage you to take simple precautions to protect your property.

- Clearly mark all items; a postcode is recommended as it makes the item easily identifiable which will deter thieves.
- Additional covert marking can be used with UV pens, Smart water or SelectaDNA which will assist Police identify stolen property enabling us to restore it to the owner and prosecute the offender.
- Lockable caps are a cost effective means of preventing fuel theft.

Police are interested in any sightings of these vehicles which have been involved in thefts.

- F917UBS - White Mercedes Van.
- P542VWP - Dark Volvo V40 Estate.

**If seen call 222222 or if you believe they are committing a crime call 999. Please do not approach or deal direct.**

If you require any further information, want to share information with us or have an interesting story then please drop us an email at [projectkraken@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:projectkraken@dorset.pnn.police.uk)

**Be safe, be vigilant and if you suspect it, report it!**

Ian Green, Boat Park Administrator, is the Single Point Of Contact for the general distribution of information from the Marine Crime Police Unit to Castle Cove Sailing Club.



*Castle Cove Sailing Club Members are invited*

*to the*

*Commodore's Punch Party*

*on*

*Sunday 20 December 2009*

*at*

*1200*

*Donations of a plate of sweet or savoury finger food would be appreciated. Just bring along on the day*

Castle Cove Sailing Club

# Childrens' Christmas Party

## Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December



1 til 5pm

Party Games Disco



Rudolph Hunt

With a special visit from



Santa

Contact Kay Stibbs

[skateboardkay@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:skateboardkay@hotmail.co.uk) or

01305 777114

# BOXING DAY RACE

## SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER

Work off Christmas Lunch and join in the fun

Fancy Dress Theme  
Cowboys and Indians



Start Time around 1030  
No Limit on the number of crew in a boat

Prizes for all

Hot food in the Club afterwards

### Security checklist:

- ✓ Don't leave anything loose in the cockpit or on the deck
- ✓ Always put your valuables in a strong, fixed locker and secure with a quality deadlock or padlock
- ✓ Take your personal and vessel papers with you – don't leave them on board
- ✓ Don't leave your home address on show
- ✓ Don't leave your keys in the ignition – always take them with you
- ✓ Keep your boat keys separate from your engine keys
- ✓ Make sure your curtains are closed so no-one can look in
- ✓ Ensure all unused ropes, fenders and other items are out of sight in your cockpit lockers and cupboards
- ✓ Make sure that your life raft and outboard motor are secure, as these are valuable and attractive to boat thieves
- ✓ If you're leaving your boat on a trailer for the winter consider removing the road wheels and putting it on blocks
- ✓ Keep your list of serial numbers up to date

### Reporting incidents to the police:

If you are the victim of boat theft, call the police immediately. Check to make sure that your boat is still seaworthy and hasn't been badly damaged. And, if you can, check that neighbouring boats haven't been broken into as well.

If you see something or someone suspicious, dial 999 immediately.

If it is simply a matter of informing the police of a marine incident that does not require a prompt response then contact Dorset Police on 01202 or 01305 22 22 or the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111.

Make sure you take as much information – such as serial numbers – as possible with you when you report a crime.

### Contact information:

If you would like to contact the Marine Section about any non-urgent marine matter then please call 01202 or 01305 22 22.

You can also send an email to the Marine Section:  
[marine.section@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:marine.section@dorset.pnn.police.uk)



[www.dorset.police.uk](http://www.dorset.police.uk)

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Professionalism

Fairness

Respect



# Don't wave goodbye to your boat

Dorset Police



Crime prevention advice for the Dorset marine community