

Castle Cove Sailing Club



February 2009 Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday mornings, Working parties

9th February 1st deadline for return of membership forms

Sunday 22nd February, RYA Intro to race management

Wednesday 4th March 7.30pm Talk on the RRS 2009-2012 by Barry Grant.

Saturday 14th March Z Class Dinner

Friday 20th March Dinghy Dinner

Wednesday 25th March Officer of the day and Assistant Officer of the day talk by Derek Abbott.

Wednesday 1st April Basic racing talk

12th April Spring series starts



Working party at Castle Cove

FROM THE COMMODORE

It is with extreme sorrow that I begin my February comments with news of the death of Ron Lane at the Joseph Weld Hospice on 10 January. Many of you knew that he had been ill but nonetheless his passing came as a shock and he will be greatly missed by Castle Cove. A celebration of Ron's life was held at All Saints Church and Castle Cove was pleased to welcome Ron's many friends and family to raise a glass to a very special man.

As you read this I will be returning from a week's skiing and I am sure in my absence the Winter Working parties have continued to progress. After a slow start the attendance has improved and projects are proceeding well. Free bacon butties and a hot drink is your reward for taking part in this very social occasion. Please keep supporting Sunday mornings, the sailing season will soon be on us.

You will have noticed that the renewals were slightly late coming out this year due to circumstances beyond our control but please return your forms by 9th February so that the duty roster can be completed and the handbook issued on time.

The Olympic Strategic Group have been quietly working in the background and an update can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

The next social will be the Valentine Supper – come along and join in this fun evening with food and entertainment by the men. Alison Stephens is also putting on some talks to help fill in those long winter evenings. Please support the social evenings and talks – if nothing else plenty of people in the clubroom helps to reduce the heating bill!

I look forward to meeting as many members as possible during the Sunday working parties.

Sara Lloyd, Commodore

FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

Thank you to everyone who turned out for the informal Prize giving. The evening was well supported with fantastic food (and there was I telling everyone that it would be a very light buffet!). Thank you to everyone who helped out in the galley and a big thank you to John and Angela Elliott who work very hard to get the trophies engraved and polished. Serena Shone excelled herself with the shields that the winners keep; this year she put on the boats insignia on as well, truly a work of art.

At last we have a new Z Class Captain in the form of Bill Barker. He will be ably assisted by Gary Warr, I am very grateful to both of them for taking up this mantel.

In this newsletter you will find dates of forthcoming events and socials to keep you in the club through the winter, please come along to these events the bar will be open.

Alison Stephens, sailing secretary

HONORARY MEMBERS ELECTED AT 2008 AGM

The election of Di Ludlow as an Honorary member was a privilege that the club was proud to give to the widow of Bill, one of our very special sailors. Bill had served as a flag Officer and had been the chairman of various club sub committees. His good advice and generosity, was renowned. He flew the Castle Cove Burgee far and wide. Di is a stalwart of the R.N.L.I. and the active secretary of the Weymouth Branch Events Group She is also a trustee of The Chesil trust which helps young and disadvantaged people to get out on the water and learn to sail

The election of Ian Johnstone as an Honorary member was in recognition of his years of service to our club. He was much involved in the move from a wooden hut, to our first brick building, in Old Castle Road. With his wife June he was a most active Commodore from 1972-1975. He was in charge of our Fiftieth anniversary celebrations.

His boats Robin Dha. Throbbin and Diana of Sandsfoot were seen in many ports and were involved in some exciting adventures.

Sara Lloyd

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.

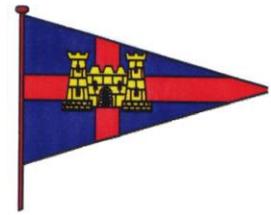
Sunday 12 th April	One race 2 - 3 hrs	}	1st
Sunday 19 th April	Long distance 3 – 4 hrs	}	Warning
Sunday 26 th April	Two short races back/back	}	Signal
Sunday 3 rd May	One race 2 - 3 hrs	}	1040

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



CCSC Dinghy Dinner Friday 20th March 2009
At 7.30pm
Speaker
Sarah Dempsey (Nee Ayton)
Plus an auction of branded clothing for charity



Dress; smart casual

Please reserve me..... ticket(s) for the Dinghy Dinner at £12 each.

Name..... Telephone contact.....

Vegetarian Y/N

RSVP By the 13th March. To

Alison Stephens.

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CASTLE COVE AND 2012

As 2009 dawns, 2012 doesn't feel quite so far away!.....

To date we have had 6 teams enquire about coming to train at Castle Cove in 2009, but as yet no confirmed bookings. The major event for them this year is the Sail for Gold Regatta, being held from the Sailing Academy from September 14th to the 19th.

We are expecting that most teams will want to train in the few weeks prior to this event. When the regatta actually starts the teams will probably want to base themselves at the Sailing Academy.

Whilst the Regatta is going on there is an opportunity to use this period for a hospitality event. Brian Shaw is looking at the opportunities early on so that we don't miss the proverbial 'boat'. If you believe that you can help Brian or have any experience in this area please give him a call on 01305 776659.

At the members meeting at Weymouth College in October 2008, those present did an exercise to look beyond the 2012 games and provide their personal vision for the club in 2013. This I hope was fun and inciteful for those that took part. The results of this are available to read on the web, under the 2012 section in the members area.

If you have any questions at all please give me a call on 01305 812107.

Andrea Fellows

SECURITY

It has been reported to me that the outside gates have been left open overnight on many occasions recently. As well as providing security should the electric gates fail, these manual gates help to prevent vandalism to the operating system. Please, if you are the last person to leave, lock these gates even if the weather is foul and it means getting out of your car. If you are not sure you are last to leave still lock the gate – any member still on site should have a key to leave.

Sarah Lloyd

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are a number of small jobs that need to be done throughout the year for the Club to function. If one person has to do all these jobs it is very onerous and time consuming but by sharing the tasks the time taken and effort is minimal.

Maintaining the stock of tea, coffee and sugar in the galley

Maintaining the stock of toilet rolls

Maintaining stock of washing up liquid, j cloths etc.

Changing the towels in the toilets

Washing tea towels – ironing is not required!

If you think you can help either by taking on one of the jobs or sharing with someone else please contact either **Hazel Shaw** or **Sara Lloyd**.

SLIP WAY CLEANING

Today while pressure washing the western slip my thoughts idly turned to King Canute 1016-1035, but of course you already knew those dates. Poor Canute has a reputation which he does not deserve. The common view is that he sat on his throne on the beach at low water and tried to hold the tide back. He failed of course.

The true story is that he was showing his subjects the limits of his power as a king, and that even he could not halt the tide.

Why was I thinking of this you may ask? Well, at the end of the summer I felt that I should do more to help the club and so rashly offered my services to help keep the CCSC slips clean of weed and slime. I imagined that I would be part of a happy band keeping the slips in good shape.

After ten minutes of instruction in the operation of the pressure washer I was away. Two and a half hours later I had a quarter of one slip clear, so decided to do a few more hours the following day.

So after about five hours of pressure washing I only had the centre of the western slip clear, and some of the area outside the red and green lines.

It soon began to sink in that far from joining a happy band of slip cleaners, I was a band of one! To my dismay four weeks later much of the slime was back although the weed was not too bad. I have been doing this for four months now, but it was only today that I realized that I was like Canute. I cannot hold nature back by myself, but with some help I might at least be able to keep nature at bay.

By my rough calculations it will need a team of six at least to keep both slips clean throughout the year.

So what is to be done? It seems to me that dinghy sailors only need a dinghy, water, wind and the means to get the dinghy to the water.

You are ahead of me here. "He is going to say something about needing slips". Absolutely right, you need to get the dinghy onto the water via the slip. Forget about club house and the bar, the social events and concentrate on the basics. Boat, water, wind and slip.

If you can agree with my narrow thinking here you will realize that the humble slip plays a large part in your being able to sail. They need far more TLC than we are currently giving them. I think we have two choices. Either more members join my happy band or we have to go outside the club and pay a contractor to do this work for us. I personally don't have any fixed views on either option, so it is up to the members.

The work is not difficult or even hard, just rather repetitive, monotonous and always needs doing. Just like ironing I am told. So could I ask for more members to join my happy band?

If you would like to join me get in touch with Barry Grant or Mike Clarkson.

Alternatively, come and find me on my throne at the low water mark on spring tides commanding the weed and slime to desist.

Paul (Canute) Gardner, paul.gardner0@btinternet.com

KEN AND MARY GRINDLE AWARD 2008

One of the pleasures of being Commodore of Castle Cove Sailing Club is selecting the recipient of the award for Services to CCSC, and presenting the award at the Dinner, Dance and Prize Giving. I had planned to give the award to Judy Kemmis-Betty for all her work as Honorary Treasurer covering a period of seven years. She took up the challenge when Dave Leverton was Commodore, helped Alec Asker and Bob Turner through the time of the move to our present site, and only retired after I became Commodore. Since that time, Judy has always helped Andrea and I as part of the team for the dinner dances, for which we have been very grateful. As we had to cancel the traditional Dinner Dance in 2008, Sara kindly suggested I make the announcement at the Commodores Punch Party in December, but Mark and Judy were off to family in East Anglia. Then again, Judy was attending a concert on the Prize Giving evening held on the 9th January when I announced Judy had won the Award. Ever a busy person!

The Ken and Mary Grindle Award for Services to the Club for 2008 goes to

Judy Kemmis-Betty.

Paul Clarke

TRAINING REMINDER: NOVICE DINGHY SAILING & RACING

The Basics of Racing (Club House Talk)
Wednesday 1st April 7:30pm:
Talk by Nick Grace and Marcus.

This talk is aimed at people who have either done no racing at all or a little and wish to improve. They will talk you through the various stages of a race including: the all important start, sailing the various legs of the course, mark rounding and knowing when you've finished! Also included will be the basic rules so you know your rights and obligations and a few hints and tips on sailing better and faster.

The evening is a light hearted affair with plenty of opportunity for questions so why not come along. The bar will be open!

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 sailing and safety boat operation.

Safety Boat training 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.

Dinghy Sailing - we are 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.

RYA TRAINING AT CCSC

These holiday courses are designed for young people aged 8 and upwards. To crew on Saturday mornings all children need to be at stage 1, while helms are required to be at stage two. Early booking is recommended as there are only 6 spaces per course and booking forms are available on the club website. They can be returned with a £10 deposit (cheques payable to WOEC) to the clubhouse FAO: cadet officer.

1 Easter Holiday: Course A Stage 1: Mon. 16th - Tues. 17th April.

(£54.17 per cadet). This early course is an opportunity for all crews to have some training – and if necessary, due to weather or for safety reasons, will relocate to Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre.

Spring half term: Course B Stage 1: Tues. 26th May / Wed 27th May Stage 2: Thurs. 28th May / Fri 29th May (£54.17 per cadet).

Summer holiday: Course C Stage 3 and 4: Mon. 20th July - Thurs. 23rd July (£108.33 per cadet).

Course materials: For a Stage 1 course a RYA logbook will be issued inclusive of the course price, as will a certificate if appropriate. For all other courses the participants should already have a logbook which they will need to bring with them on the course. Certificates will be issued as appropriate and will be inclusive of the course price. If a cadet does not have a logbook, one can be purchased from WOEC (current RYA cost is £3.00).

Boats: Children can sail their own boats – or there will be Optibats and Toppers available for hire at £5.00 per session - please indicate on form.

Diary date: Cadet training weekend - Open to all .

A weekend of fun and stimulating sailing activities, learning new skills and making new friends. There will be games, races, prizes and barbecues starting on Sat May 23rd - 24th and a chance to join in the CCSC Obstacle Race on Monday May 25th.

Cadet Race day 2009 - Saturday 4th July!

A full day of racing against our cadets and other young people on the water with a BBQ and prizegiving at the end. For a taste of the excitement - visit the club website and look at last year's pictures. Our aim is to see all our cadets afloat this year.

SATURDAY APRIL 4TH 2009 CCSC cadets start in style!

9am – 10am: Registration forms and course booking.

AM: visit to the helicopter base, Portland.

6.30 pm : Cadet supper with Jack Daly, a young round Britain sailor as the after dinner speaker.

Details - Transport from CCSC to the helicopter base will be by minibus or cycle.

Supper - Child friendly, £3.50 per head , bangers and mash with crumble and ice cream or similar - for cadets and parents.

Our after dinner speaker is Jack Daly, aged 16, who after finishing his GCSE's last year took ten weeks to complete his own challenge - sailing round Great Britain on his own to raise money for Sailability! Find out why and how from his website

jack@sail-the-dream.co.uk

We need to know numbers for the Portland trip and for the cadet supper.

Please book your place by phoning 078 075 8382 9 and leaving a message

Any club members welcome to the free talk - just arrive before 7.30pm - we will pass a plate for Sailability at the end.

Mairi Kershaw

NEW FOR 2009 WEEKLY!! RESCUE DRIVER AND NON-DRIVING CREW TRAINING/PRACTICE SESSIONS

To tick or not to tick? The Rescue driver, and/or Rescue crew box on your membership renewal form.

We hope the above sessions will help you to make the decision. Last year we had a good attendance for the MONTHLY sessions, and everyone found them useful.

Don't let the prospect of having to complete your rescue duty in the Galley or Bar deter you. I suspect the thinking behind that line comes from a time when willing hands were fewer on the ground.

There is plenty to do on a rescue duty, with getting the boats ready, helping with ferrying before AND after the racing. Putting the boats back on the moorings. Also the safety gear has to be stowed ready for re-use. Please don't leave this to a few stalwarts. Remember, the club cannot run without the motor boats.

Plus! This year, we will be drawing our petrol from the new marina at Portland, so...the duty will be extended for some crews, having to motor over and fill up. That will keep you the right side of the galley and bar won't it?

Sadly we have more duties to fill than qualified (RYA rescue boat CERT.) drivers, Last year we had approx. three times! the number of driver duties than drivers. This meant quite a few of us were doing two and three duties.

We are willing to consider RYA Level 2 drivers who are AWARE of the additional skills required. If you are not aware, please attend the sessions, or have a talk with me. (In some cases, background and experience matches or exceeds what is required). In ALL cases, drivers should practice on boats they are not familiar with, and recap on boats they have not driven for a while.

CCSC "RESCUE ASSISTANT"

With the added benefit of having a trained "Rescue Assistant" on the bow, we think the CCSC rescue boats are up to the job. Remember, the training is Club, and Class specific. (We don't cover Canoes, Wind Surfers, Cats, and Kite Surfers.) All of these are covered in the full RYA Rescue Driver course.

Apart from the obvious basic boat handling which is very important, the following aspects should be given careful consideration by Level 2 drivers who intend to tick the box, and NOT attend the training.

These are the Sector Search, Helicopter Rescue, First Aid, and the All Stations Calling procedure.

Finally, remember the seven P's of preparation...

This year the sessions will be run EVERY SATURDAY 12:00 noon, after Cadets, so if we have to cancel for opens etc, we only miss one or two in any one month.

It also coincides nicely with Richard White's dinghy coaching sessions, and what better way is there of spending an English Saturday afternoon, than messing about in boats? I can't think of one.

The syllabus and the responsibilities, and DRESS CODE, are on the club web site, here is the link: http://www.ccsc.org.uk/page.php?id=boat_training

A copy of the responsibilities, DRESS CODE and the syllabus are also on the club notice boards.

I hope this will help you to make your decision when planning your duties this year.

Kind Regards

Bob Richardson

Boats Committee (Training)



2009 Cadet diary dates

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Happy NEW YEAR.

Please put these dates in your diary now!

Cadet duties: The form is only two pages per family- please complete and send to membership@cadets.ccsc.org.uk

Please get forms back by Jan 31st, and we will get the duty rotas and on the website during March.



SATURDAY APRIL 4TH 2009 CCSC cadets start in style!

Daytime: 9am – 10am: Registration forms and course booking.

Then - Visit the Helicopter base on Portland.

As promised by HM coastguard last year CCSC cadets will be welcomed by the Helicopter base on Portland. Choice of transport from CCSC -minibus or cycle.

Evening cadet supper followed by an after dinner speaker at 7.30pm

Raise the bar and follow your dream!

Our speaker is Jack Daly, aged 16, who after finishing his GCSE' s last year took ten weeks to complete his own challenge - sailing round Great Britain on his own to raise money for Sailability! Find out why and how from his website jack@sail-the-dream.co.uk or even better, hear him talk.



RYA Training courses at CCSC – run by WOEC – bookings being taken now!

Contact Mairi Kershaw co@cadets.ccsc.org.uk

Easter: stage 1 –Spring half term: stage 1 and 2 –Summer: stage 3 and 4:



Cadet training weekend - Focus on Toppers and Terras!

Sat/Sunday May 23rd/24th and CCSC Obstacle Race on Monday May 25th.

Contact website@cadets.ccsc.org.uk



Cadet Race day 2009 - Saturday 4th July!

A full day on the water – suitable for all levels and abilities with a BBQ and prizegiving at the end.

The cadet season runs from Saturday April 4th through to Saturday 26th September. SAT. registration is between 9am – 9.30am.

Group 1- Race training group will be afloat by 10am – for a focus on racing!

Group 2 - Sailing/seamanship, may have shore training first. Afloat 10.30 am.

This year we are running an Autumn (frostbite) series, each Saturday morning during October.

Full details will be found on the website www.ccsc.org.uk

Mairi Kershaw

SUNDAY WORKING PARTIES

You can see the enthusiastic club members hard at work last Sunday in the photos (here and front page). It is great fun and there are plenty of jobs still left to do; so come and join in Sunday mornings from 9am. There are jobs to suit everyone so please come and help.

Richard White



JASPER SHACKLETON - IN THE WAKE OF BLIGH OF THE BOUNTY

Tuesday 10th February at 7.30pm

I should be most grateful if you would inform your Members about this forthcoming talk about a Dorset resident, which has been organised by a local charity, East Dorset Heritage Trust:

Jasper Shackleton is related to Sir Ernest Shackleton and in a similar vein completed a remarkable open boat journey.

To mark the bi-centenary of William Bligh and his supporters being cast adrift in the Bounty's launch, Jasper and his crew retraced this perilous 3,600 mile voyage through the Pacific from Tofua to Timor – under sail and oar relying only on traditional navigation methods.

Venue: EDDC Council Chamber, Furzehill near Wimborne

Tickets £6 - 01202 888 992

Best regards,

Mark Nash

Learning and Development Manager

East Dorset Heritage Trust

Tel: 01202 888 992

Registered Charity No. 1002126

JOHN DICKERSON

Members will be sad to hear of the death of John. He was a club member for many years and held the position of Treasurer from 1997 to 1999. His funeral service will be at St Martin's Church, Broadmayne on 6 Feb at 3.30 pm.

Barry Grant pp Commodore

ECHELON PARKING TRIAL

Echelon parking is being tried on Sunday mornings during the working parties to evaluate the benefits. Potentially we will be able to fit more cars and make manoeuvring easier.

Richard White



NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for contributions for the next Newsletter is the **24th of February**. 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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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) – **or 07977 912407 or 01305 769489.**

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