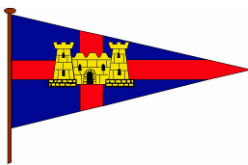


# Castle Cove Sailing Club



# November 2009 Newsletter

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### November

Thursday 5th - RNLI coffee morning

Friday 6th - Dinner Dance

Saturday 14th - Quiz

Friday 27th - AGM

Saturday 28th - RNLI - go to the dogs

### December

Friday 4th - RNLI - Buffet supper

Exercise group meets 1030 every Tuesday



## FROM THE COMMODORE

October has gone by so quickly I almost missed the deadline for this newsletter. Actually I did miss it and Celia had to remind me – sorry Celia!

Why has the month gone so quickly? Well for a start the weather has been glorious and lots of us have been on the water enjoying the extra few days of summer. Malcolm Spicer and his team had a busy few days lifting out keelboats but unfortunately high pressure meant less water and a windy last day prevented the last two or three boats from coming out. The lift out will be completed at the beginning of November when the pontoons and Silver Seal will also come ashore and the boat park will be full. If you have some spare time I'm sure Peter Eustace would appreciate some help on the Club boats before the working parties in January.

The exciting news is the building of the retaining walls. This marks the start of our plans for the clubhouse extension and other works around the Club. We do, of course, need more money now so if anyone has skills in fund raising don't be shy please come forward and help us to achieve our ultimate goals.

The main sailing season may be over but the dinghies continue racing until Christmas and there will be plenty of social activity in the Club. Why not come to the Club for a drink and chat on Sunday lunchtimes and keep up with club news. After the Dinner Dance, for which we have a full house this year, we have a quiz and the AGM in November so watch the notice board and e-mails for details. Talking of e-mails some of you have been saying you are not receiving them – if this is the case let Celia know and she will put this right. It is possible that your e mails are going straight into your spam box as I believe sometimes happens with multiple addressees so check this isn't happening first.

Finally I look forward to seeing many of you at social occasions and work parties over the winter.

**Sara Lloyd**

## FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

Congratulations to Pete Barnstable for winning the class 9 Autumn Series and to Nick Griffin for winning the Asymmetric class Autumn Series. The winter series will have started by the time you read this.

The Dinghy meeting was quite well attended with 33 members being very enthusiastic about the programme of racing/sailing. Lots of good ideas came out of the meeting and I hope to incorporate some of them into the sailing programme for next year.

We desperately need more members coming forward to do race officer duty on club nights. We will be running a session of evenings over the winter for members to practice (in the warmth and safety of the club house with the bar open), to have a go at organising the race team in a fun and friendly atmosphere to learn how to run a successful club race. Nothing complicated, just a practical hands on evening to learn a new skill particularly open to members who would otherwise not even consider volunteering for this duty. Please keep your eyes on the newsletter, emails and notice boards in the club.

The sailing committee are running a quiz night on the 14<sup>th</sup> November. There will be food and the bar open and lots of questions to answer, more fun if you are part of a group so bring your crew or class members.

**Alison Stephens**

## NOW WE'VE GOT PLANNING PERMISSION, WHAT NEXT?

The Club has now got planning permission for some significant improvements to our facilities. The next challenge is one of timescales and funding to see if we can get some of these improvements, particularly the veranda part of the Clubhouse extension, completed before 2012 if its at all possible.

We are looking for people to pick this challenge up, and run with it! Someone to lead on this project, and people with experience in project management, construction, business planning, fundraising, any other skills you think might be useful, enthusiasm and a good sense of humour! Timescales are tight, and the funding needed is significant, so we will need to start work on this very quickly, but with the right team of volunteers, it's amazing what can be achieved. Any contribution of time and expertise, however big or small, will help as part of the team.

If you have the skills and want to help the Club make the most of this opportunity, please let me know.

**Hugh de longh**, Forward Planning Committee  
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## 2012 STRATEGY GROUP

The Strategy Group update for October will be developed fully in their Report to AGM. Members should read this if they wish to know what has been happening this year regarding the London 2012 Games Training Camp activities.

**Brian Shaw**

## WANTED NEXT YEAR: REGULAR FERRY DRIVERS

Good at handling boats and people? Mature, reliable and friendly?

For 2010, we shall be looking for two regular paid ferry drivers who can commit to two weekday evenings (Wednesday and Monday or Friday 17.00-21.00) and one weekend day each week. A Powerboat 2 certificate is desirable. Members who can fill the bill, or who know someone who might, please contact **Peter Eustace** (01308 863145) or **Roy Cummings** (01308 427382).

## DINGHY PARK

Now that the majority of the keel boats are out of the water, what remains of the dinghy park is very crowded especially now that construction has started on the retaining wall. Please take your dinghy home if you have only paid for the P1 period.

**Ian Green**

## **SUPPORT THE RNLI**

Thursday, 5th November - Coffee Morning at The Old Rooms 10.30a.m-12.00 - entrance £1.00 to include coffee. various stalls and raffle inc. goods from the LifeBoat Shop.

Saturday, 28th November - 'Go to the Dogs' at Weymouth Sailing Club - Come and have a fun evening and a little 'flutter'. £10.00 p.p to include Fish & Chip Supper. Ring Carol Pitman by 20th Nov.on 789917 to book your supper, and pay on the door. 7.30 p.m - 10.00p.m 'ish!

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

## **WE ALL HAVE NAMES**

so please add them to your sailing gear so that we can identify whose items are left in the changing rooms. Ladies seem to be better at emerging fully clothed with their towel like all good Hitch-hikers, but males seem to have more of a problem.

Please put names on your gear so that you don't have to buy replacements.

**Steve Green**, House and towel warden

## **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)

## **LADIES SAILING 2009**

Ladies sailing continues to grow in numbers as well as in sailing skills! From May until October we have regularly had seventeen or eighteen of us out on the water for non-pressurised, enjoyable and sociable sailing sessions. This year, with several new members and a huge variety of weather conditions we've been able to practise our basic skills as well as more ambitious ones like 'tacking on the whistle', dry capsizing, racing starts and sailing backwards! My personal favourite has been trying to be first to pick up plastic balls let loose on the water -it really helps to feel more confident about getting close to other boats! There have been two cup winners from Ladies Sailing – the Ladies Race and the Novice Cup and we are already looking forward to next season and welcoming new members (of both sexes!) to the group. As usual we will be hosting the Christmas event as well as organising some Friday winter walks, so do contact me if you would like to join in.

I know I speak for all the members of Ladies Sailing when I say a huge THANKYOU to Sara Lloyd, Diana Gill and Joe Isaacs for giving us your time, support and patience on Friday mornings!

**Jane Burden**

## **2010 HANDBOOK FRONT COVER**

Please could you send me some of your best photos to be considered for the much lauded handbook front cover. The judges' eyes tend to be attracted to club boats in Portland and Weymouth rather than your holiday snaps of a recent flotilla holiday in the Aegean!

**Iain Jones**, [iain\\_r\\_jones@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:iain_r_jones@yahoo.co.uk)

## KEELBOAT LIFT-OUT OCTOBER 2009

After three long busy days of early starts we successfully craned the keelboats safely into the boatyard.

We had to overcome a number of setbacks this year. Because of the building work the usable area was not known until four days before lift-out which meant changing the layout three times. High pressure meant the tide was lower than expected causing problems for the deep-draught boats. Craning couldn't commence until it was light enough for safe lifting.

On Saturday one boat had to wait for the following day and on Sunday a number touched the bottom with Quetzal going aground but she was returned to her mooring on next tide. Five boats that day needed more water so had to wait until the Monday lift which increased expected number for the final day. There was enough water on Monday, but it was worrying that the wind increased up to the limit of being able to safely lift. Sadly the tide beat us for four unlucky boats who now await next craning.

It was satisfying that after three gruelling days from just after 05.00-16.00 each day, we successfully lifted 56 boats (some need ting to be double lifted to utilise space available).

A big thank you to everyone how helped in this feat.. It was especially uplifting and pleasing that help was also given by a number of club members who just turned up on one, two or even all three days (and jot just because of being involved with a boat of their own). We really appreciated this support and effort.

Whilst these days are hard work, there are many lighter moments and a lot of humour. Someone also commented that he was able to get to know members that he didn't normally come into contact with.

Unfortunately we also noticed that a few boat owners seem to forget that we are all volunteers, and they only concerned themselves with their own boat, which doesn't help in spreading the load. It's fair-to-share!

Apart from folk helping with the boat-work, each day a team of ladies kept a supply of hot drinks, toast and bacon butties, prepared and served on site from the temporary erected "Café". This posh servery, complete with tables, carpet and even sometimes lighting that worked. (This erection, we admit was without planning permission!). The icing on the cake, if you will excuse the pun, was that Marianne Barker even made a super cake for us to enjoy.

### Malcolm and Rosemary Spicer.



A fine job was done by the bacon butty support team!  
**Jolyon Lomax**

## BABY SITTER WANTED

I didn't get any response to my last plea so trying again. Iain and I need a baby sitter for evenings and weekends so that we can both go sailing. If you know of anyone suitable who would like to look after a 3 year and earn a bit of extra cash they can contact me on my mobile or by email.

**Celia Rushton**, 07977 912407  
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## 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](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.**

## FOR SALE / WANTED

I can conduct the new BMSE Insurance surveys for all your members if they require one. These surveys are very comprehensive and are written in the approved preferred format by the insurance companies. From around only £10.00 per foot they are also great value. I am prepared to make a genuine discount for multiple bookings as travel costs are reduced. Alternatively, I could sponsor a social evening for your members by making a contribution of the equivalent amount to your organizers or bar staff.

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