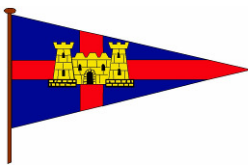


Castle Cove Sailing Club



May 2010 Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

Sunday 2nd	Start of Season BBQ and Visit by Redclyffe YC
Monday 3rd	Keelboat Recruitment Day and visit by HM Coastguard
Thursday 6th	2010 Update by Club Strategy Group and Dorset Police
Saturday 8th	Try a J24 day
Sunday 9th	Cove Cup
Friday 14th	Friday evening racing starts
Friday 28th	Cherbourg Race



FROM THE COMMODORE

The sailing season may have arrived and the sun is out but we have not had a good start. The keelboat lift in had to be postponed due to strong winds and then high pressure on the rescheduled dates meant that 10 boats still remained ashore. Thanks to Malcolm Spicer and his team though all the boats are now in the water.

Ashore things have been no better and slippage to the bank at the back of the Clubhouse is causing extra work and worry for our Grounds Chairman, Barry Grant. It is said things comes in threes and the Club was then broken into with considerable damage in the Clubhouse. Fortunately Barry and the Police arrived quickly after the alarm went off but not before the intruders forced open the doors to the bar, beer store and larder and forced open the filing cabinet in the old office and the one in the chart room throwing the contents over the floors. I would ask everyone to be particularly vigilant and report anything you may think unusual or suspicious to a Flag Officer or Committee member and, of course, ensure doors and gates are locked if you think you may be the last to leave.

The good news is that the Clubhouse floor has been sanded and re-varnished and looks very smart, the screen and projector have been installed and sailing has been in almost perfect conditions with lots of sun and not too much wind and it has been great to see several our younger members out on the water every weekend just having fun. Let's hope it continues for the rest of the summer.

After Easter we held a coffee morning for new members when over 40 people attended. All the new members are very keen to be part of the Club so please make them welcome and encourage them to take part in Club activities. Some are very new to sailing and any help you are able to give them with their boats would be appreciated.

Finally please make full use of your Club during the summer months and support the racing and social events which are coming up.

Sara Lloyd, Commodore

FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

Firstly I must apologise for a mistake in the Handbook that I have only just noticed. Pete Davies is not the Asymmetric Class Captain this year it is Tim Emberley, my apologies to Tim and Pete.

Congratulations to Alex Adams who won the Easter Race, we had a good turnout for the start of the racing and I think we will see more of Adam, (if you are quick enough), in the winners list (until I sort out his handicap!).

A huge thank you to all the members who turned out to clear the boat park, roll the ground and move dinghies, stones and other equipment. There were so many of you we managed to have most of the jobs finished by lunch time, it was fantastic, thank you.

May is going to be a busy month. On Bank holiday Monday the 3rd of May we have the first for CCSC, a keelboat recruitment day. This is open to everyone who would like to have a go on a keelboat and may wish to be part of a crew for some races during the year. The coastguard is giving a presentation in the club and then anyone who would like to try their hand at some crewing in a keelboat will have the opportunity. The short course racing starts on the 8th May. This is also a new initiative and although it will not going to involve teaching, it will give dinghy sailors the opportunity to practice skills on a short course to help perfect techniques.

Try a J24 day is on the same day in the morning, so sign up for some exciting sailing in a J24 and enjoy a BBQ after.

Then the first of the cup races is on the 9th May, the Cove Cup, by then you should be more than ready to demonstrate your new skills and put all that knowledge from the winter talks and short course racing into practice.

A pre-warning for those of you thinking of joining in the Regatta this year. There will not be any entries taken on the day, you have to sign up on the website before the regatta, no money is required before the regatta, but you will not be able to enter on the day of the first race. See NOR.

So the sailing season has started. The last of the keelboats were finally launched thanks at last to some good weather and a high tide, thank you to everyone for your patience and during this time. So there is no excuse not to get down and join in the club activities.

Alison Stephens, sailing secretary

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

CCSC – Sailing Programme Amendment – 05th April 2010

The Sailing programme is changed as follows;

Action 1

Handbook page 48: Sun 26th September YCW Pursuit Race Z + 9. Delete.

Action 2

Handbook page 48: Saturday 25th September insert - YCW Pursuit Race Z + 9.

End of amendment.

This change shall be effective from 5th April 2010

Signed ___Alison Stephens_____ for Sailing Committee

April 5th 2010 Posted _____

IS YOUR BOAT SCRATCHED?

Do your foils have nicks and knocks?
Mine did! **They don't now**

Fibreglass and gel-coat repairs are not difficult, the equipment needed is easy to come by, so, with a little care and a lot of patience, for very little cost, you can bring your boat back to excellent condition, Tom at Sail Laser showed us how.

The Elliott and Gill families listened, watched and then practiced (on someone else's boat) how to replace chunks, overcome cracks, fill wears and tears in four very useful hours of tips, hints and good guidance plus we were given excellent notes to bring home. It all looks so easy; yet getting the right action, abrasive and set-up makes the difference between a slightly botched and a perfect job.

We thoroughly recommend Sail Laser's gel-coat repairs course.

If enough of us do the basic training, Tom will come to Castle Cove to oversee a session when we work up our own dinghies. It is important to do the basic course first as the intensive training provides the principles, then Tom can get round to everyone with individual advice while working on their own boats.

Contact Sail Laser on 0845 337 3214, email tom.bowker@sail-laser.com (Tom needs a small group to make a course viable)

Diana Gill

TRY A J DAY

The CCSC J 24 fleet will be delighted to host Club Members to an introductory fun day on Saturday 8 May. There is a list and further explanation on the J24 Club Noticeboard so do go and have a look at this and SIGN UP EARLY if you are interested, we plan for 9 J24s to be available but we have been over subscribed on the 2 previous occasions. If you need to know more about the J24, check the Class website www.j24class.org

The aim of the day is to develop the skill levels and have fun on the water, you will learn a great deal about team work and other sailing skills. We encourage those who are competent racing sailors who would like to learn more, and on the list they can bid for a particular sailing skill that they would wish to improve on. The basic plan for the day is;

0945 Meet at CCSC Coffee team brief skippers' briefs
1100 Onboard the 9 J24s
1130 Sailing, Boat Handling, short races, photo shoot
1430 Return to Moorings
1445 CCSC Beer, BBQ and Awards
1630 Complete

Note: All times after 1100 are approximate. The plan may change as dictated by the weather but THE BBQ WILL GO AHEAD WHATEVER
ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS SIGN UP, BE THERE ON TIME WITH A BUOYANCY AID AND £3 TO COVER THE COST OF YOUR BBQ

The event Co-ordinator is Bob Turner any questions for him on Wednesday nights at CCSC or 07771547849

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED PLEASE.

Do you work with stainless steel? We require an addition of a stainless steel strip to one of the kitchen sinks at the club. Can you help us, perhaps to fabricate it and fit it. If you can, please ring **Gill Watkin** on 01300 345257 or watkinplumbing257@btinternet.com and we can meet to discuss requirements. Look forward to hearing from you. Thanks

J/24 UPDATE

First Wednesday evening race has just finished, 5 boats out- what a great start to the season. The pin end of the startline was more congested than at many open meetings! Alex Knight and team onboard the new boat to the fleet, Jeepers, got off on a flying start, having only been launched on the Tuesday! We're looking forward to even bigger turnouts and more close racing when all the boats get back into the water.

The group lift in went well with 5 boats taking advantage of the reduced rate crane in at WPNSA, this is something we will look at repeating in the future.

Nathan Batchelor

2010 Update

Thursday 6 May 7.30 p.m.
in the Clubhouse

The Club Olympic Strategy Group will give an update on what they have been doing after a presentation by Dorset Police on security during 2010

Bar Open 7.15 p.m.



MEET THE COASTGUARD AND CREW A KEEL BOAT

What are you doing this Bank Holiday Monday, 3rd May - mid morning onwards?

- Castle Cove - coffee from 1030 Hrs onwards and sign up to crew a keel boat.
- 1130-1230 Hrs - find out how Her Majesty's Coastguard operate locally.
- 1230Hrs - galley open and a chance to look at the equipment.
- From 1300 Hrswe hope that as many keel boats as possible will be standing by to welcome our Cadets aboard - offering them the chance to crew a keel boat. A safety boat is provided.

Speak to **Bill Barker** or **Mairi Kershaw** for information. or call 078 075 83829

DINGHY CREWING OPPORTUNITIES

I know of at least two dinghy owners that are looking for crew - one sails a Fireball, the other an RS400. If you would be interested in crewing on either of these or just want to know more- please give me a call.

Celia Rushton 07977 912407

HANDBOOKS

There are still a number of members who have not collected their handbooks. If you are one of them please do so, they are in the Chart Room at the Club. Note that non collection will not be accepted as an excuse for failing to do your duty.

Sara Lloyd

CREW WANTED FOR BURTON WEEK 2010

The National 12 Burton Week is being held under the auspices of Yacht Clubs of Weymouth out of WPNSA from Saturday 29 May to Tuesday 1 June. There are boats looking for crew – if you are interested please contact **Sara Lloyd**

CLIMB THE 110FT MAST OF TALL SHIP LORD NELSON

Are you looking for an unusual challenge for 2010 ? If so, together with the Jubilee Sailing Trust, Weldmar Hospicecare Trust can offer the opportunity to climb the 110ft mast of the magnificent tall ship Lord Nelson which will be moored up in Portland Harbour on Sunday 9th May at 10am. Climb to the top (the button) or as far as you feel able. The climb is open to everyone over 16 years of age, regardless of physical condition. However, all applications will be subject to a review of their medical form by the Doctor of the Jubilee Sailing Trust. We ask that climbers raise £150 in sponsorship and make a donation of £25 payable to the Jubilee Sailing Trust to secure a place (this will count towards your sponsorship target of £150 which will be equally divided between Weldmar and The Jubilee Sailing Trust).

Contact **Sue Leighton** in Fundraising for more information
Tel: 01305 215315 or email sue.leighton@weld-hospice.org.uk

KEEL-BOAT LIFT-IN 2010

This year the earlier preferred Spring tide for launching was abandoned because of the 40 knots of wind and further doubtful forecast. It was then re-scheduled for the next spring tide. Grateful thanks go to the many people who helped in so many ways with the launching.

This is always a busy time of early mornings, and long physical effort spanning over three days, so it's pleasing when people share the load.

We rely on self-help, but unfortunately there are always the same few who hang back from lending a hand. How can they not notice all the help they receive from others when their boat is launched, and then ignore the chance to return the favour. Have they no conscience? Luckily they are outnumbered by the many people who ARE helpful. Some folk generously turn up to help, even when they are not involved with a boat of their own, and some even make themselves available on more than one day.

Despite it being a period of early mornings and tiring days, we enjoy a lot of humour with a good friendly atmosphere. One important meeting point being at the "Café" where hot drinks and bacon butties are served non-stop by a happy, busy bunch of ladies.

Because of the high pressure, there was not enough water for 10 boats to be launched. This was very disappointing, especially for the organizers and also for those who, although they had been busy helping others, ended up with their own boats remaining ashore.

Although this could not be helped, 49 boats were lifted and the pontoons were able to be craned in, so an awful lot was achieved.

Now of course, yet more arrangements to organise another session of launching.

Rosemary Spicer



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There is a newly opened Gul Retail Store in Weymouth, opposite the Nationwide Building Society in St Mary's Street. Stocking Gul clothing and Gul wetsuits and technical accessories such as waterproof jackets, sailing gloves, boots, drybags etc.

We would like to offer your club members a 10% discount on all Gul branded clothing and 15% discount on Gul wetsuits and technical accessories, (applies to full price/non sale items only). Proof of club membership would need to be produced when making a purchase.

We hope that this offer will be useful to your club and members and look forward to meeting you in our store in the near future.

Sally Massey, Manager
Gul Weymouth

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for contributions for the next Newsletter is the **24th of** next month. 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. 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.

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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FOR SALE / WANTED

WANTED

I am looking for a Radial sail with a bit of life left and a trolley for a Laser I am 'doing up' for a Cadet. (My back won't take it any more!!)
If anyone has either please call Bill Barker 07887 943920