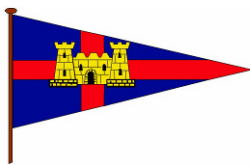


# Castle Cove Sailing Club



# November 2010 Newsletter

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### October

Sunday 31st - Winter series starts

### November

Wednesday 3rd - Wreck to Reef presentation

Friday 5th - Dinner Dance

Friday 26th - AGM

### December

Saturday 11th - Christmas Social



## FROM THE COMMODORE

Nearly the end of October and the keelboats are coming out at last. With strong easterly winds the scheduled lift at the beginning of the month had to be cancelled but following huge efforts by Malcolm and his team to rearrange the crane, helpers etc the weather was kind to us and the lift out is happening as I write this. It was good to see so many people turning up to help and earlier in the month there had also been a good turnout to help clear the boat park and move dinghies to one end. The weather played havoc with the racing as well this month so let's hope for better weather for the rest of the sailing season.

Last month the General Committee issued a paper to you all giving details of the Olympic teams we are expecting to host next year, along with some very limited information on the intentions to extend the Clubhouse. Needless to say this has led to a lot of speculation and rumours which in turn has increased the workload for the Strategic Group who are trying to progress this project. It has always been the intention to keep members fully advised on progress of the works and costs involved but we still do not have all the information we need. Some of you have asked useful questions, all of which will be answered in a further paper that we will be sending out as soon as possible. We will also be calling a members meeting before making a final decision and I would ask you all to be patient and remember that those working on the project are all volunteers spending huge amounts of their spare time working for Castle Cove. We should also bear in mind that the overriding desire from members, gained at previous consultation meetings, was that the Olympics should provide a legacy for all and this has been the aim of the Strategic Group from the outset.

This will be my last newsletter report as Commodore (where has the time gone!) and in December our new Commodore will be passing on his thoughts to you. I look forward to seeing many of you at our next event, the Dinner Dance at Spinnakers Restaurant, on 5 November.

**Sara Lloyd**

## FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

The autumn series got off to a shaky start with race 1+2/8 being cancelled due to high winds. These high winds also made it impossible for the keelboat lift to take place. However, the last two weeks have been fine and the autumn series finished with Nick Griffin in first place for the Asymmetric Class and Nick Grace winning in Class 9. We are now into the winter series and welcoming some WSC sailors who are joining us for the next few weeks.

**Please don't forget that on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov the start is at 1400.**

**Alison Stephens**

## WANTED - SAILING SECRETARY

Alison Stephens has been organising the sailing in the Club for many years and desperately needs a Sailing Secretary. As Rear Commodore Sailing she cannot be expected to continue to run the sailing programme along with her other responsibilities. The organisation of the sailing programme is the responsibility of the Sailing Secretary and unless someone comes forward sailing and racing, in particular, will be in jeopardy to the extent that there may not be any racing at Castle Cove. This would not only be unfortunate but would have serious implications on the existence of the Club.

The job is not as onerous as it appears as we already have a volunteer to take on the race results which is a major part of the Sailing Secretary's duties. The Sailing Secretary is the "Manager" and has a number of people taking responsibility for individual tasks, the Class Captains, Handicap Chairman, Trophies for instance.

If you think you may like to take on this important role in the Club please talk to Alison, Richard White or myself. Having spent 4 years as Sailing Secretary in the past it can be good fun and very rewarding.

**Sara Lloyd, Commodore**

## TO ALL KEELBOATS ON THE BOAT PARK

Please can you take care not to walk on the gabions. They may look like an easy access to your boats but there are plants in them. They are only small as yet but are beginning to establish and need all the help they can get. They were planted at great effort and expense, in consultation with Natural England, as part of our compliance with planning consent so please do not walk on them or place objects on them. Thank you.

**The Guardian of the Gabions aka Sally**

## CONGRATULATIONS!

To the following cadets on their recent achievement in being selected for National and Regional squads. A first class result and we should all be very proud that they are members of Castle Cove.

**Optimist South West Zone Squad - we have 3 of the 12 spaces!!!**

Emma Bishop, James Bishop, Alex Jones

**Topper National Intermediate**

Ross McFarlane

**Topper South Zone**

Tom Rowell

**Topper Junior Development Squad**

Emily White

**Sara Lloyd, Commodore**

Dear Commodore,

### **Proposed Extension to the Clubhouse Verandah**

The recent update for the proposed new extension to the club house was most welcome as to date there has been very little information released to the general membership. However, it must be pointed out that the limited detail given raises certain questions that need to be answered satisfactorily. For this reason the General Committee decision to call a General Meeting to discuss the proposals is very sensible. We have consulted the CCSC Hon. Solicitor, and until this meeting takes place and members are completely satisfied that the proposals and large expenditure are in the best interest of the club, we believe that the Committee could be in contravention of club rule 9.10.2.

It must be said right from the outset that the income raising to date has been commendable and the thanks of the general membership must go to the General, Forward Planning and Strategy committees for the planning and execution of this success. The club will expect to see a tangible legacy for the future and this income will certainly contribute towards achieving that goal.

It is felt however that there are several areas that should be examined before the club goes too far down the road to total commitment. These could be summarised under the headings of

Budgetary  
Building Reality  
Club ethos

This open letter to you addresses views expressed by some active members of the club under these headings. We feel that it is our responsibility to promote these concerns to not only you, the General Committee and Trustees, but also to those members who, for whatever reason, have not been fully appraised of recent planning and thinking.

### **Budgetary**

Financial risk – If £200,000 is spent on Stage One now, what will be the projected position of the Club in 2013?  
What is the expectation from corporate activity? How will plans be adjusted if this income does not reach expectation in the current economic climate?  
What is the club's current financial position, what loans does the club have? (a detailed financial breakdown is required)  
Can it be confirmed that all the income generated from the Olympic training scheme is exempt from Tax?  
How much scrutiny has been exercised in choosing the best commercial design option, bearing in mind that at least 3 South Coast Sailing Club committees have gone ahead with awarding build contracts without first ensuring that the membership is fully aware of the financial implications?

### **Building Reality**

Have money saving options in terms of design specification been fully scrutinised and if so what has been identified?  
Detailed tender plans should be made publicly available before commitment to contractors. There is a professional Architect in the Club who can help with this at no cost. Interested user groups can then assure themselves that expectations will be realised.  
If Stage One goes ahead this winter what security provision will be made for the storage area under the verandah prior to Stage Two?

### **Club Ethos**

The first Rule of the club is:

*The object of the club shall be the furtherance of the sport of sailing in the locality.*

The General Committee should have this foremost in their minds when making decisions that involve committing large amounts of funding on a single project. There is concern that the clubhouse extension, whilst agreed in principle, should not be allowed to swallow up too large a financial proportion due to ambitious design over and above the functional level. Other clubs have spent too much on grand facilities and their sailing activities have suffered as a result.

There are other important projects that further the sport of sailing and benefit members. Some examples of which are:

A club crane that can be self financing and has so many uses.

The ability to lift club support boats into the water so that winter dinghy sailing is not dependent on Safety Boats based in Weymouth Marina - savings in any potential levy of marina fees, members time and fuel.  
The swift launch and recovery of Club Boats for cleaning and maintenance, both routine and in emergency.

The lift in/out of masts and mooring sinkers.

A new committee boat that is self powered and can be moved easily around the harbour. Complete with a power windlass, it will greatly improve racing options.

A proper storage facility to increase efficiency and security for the moorings committee – resulting in more uncluttered space

immediately in front of the club.

A significant upgrade in ventilation, lighting and overall refurbishment of the Club changing rooms.

Completion of the boundary security fence to a uniform high standard.

There are many more, but it is considered that a relatively modest expenditure on a number of smaller items will have a much more beneficial result for the members than a massive spend on a very large balcony.

In conclusion, we all want the best for the club as a whole. In order to achieve this we feel that the membership must be able to understand how and where their money is being spent.

The present situation is that although nearly all members are in favour of an extended balcony, very, very few are aware of the true cost. They also know that almost the main purpose of the balcony is to provide cover for storage and boat maintenance, but again are unaware that there is not enough money to fully complete this.

The members are aware that Olympic Teams can function quite satisfactorily with the present facilities, so there is no imperative to rush into a balcony build this winter. The General Committee is therefore requested to present to the Extra General Meeting, a full and detailed explanation of their plans, and other options which could be adopted. In particular, they will need to explain the financial risks which such a large expenditure on a single part of a project may have on the long term finances and facilities of the Club.

Yours sincerely

Signed on the original by the following:

Richard Bowers	Cadet Officer
Bob Turner	Ex Commodore 2002-2004 (member 57 years)
Alan White	Mooring Officer
Mike Carter	Cruising member
Sarah Small	Member (and qualified RIBA)
Paula Klaentschi	Member (and qualified RIBA)
Peter Eustace	Chairman Boats Committee
Malcolm Spicer	Member 50 years
Rosemary Spicer	Active member 50 years (and "Main Gardener")
Clive Pakenham	Member 41 years (and active in mooring team)
Immy Turner	Member 35 years (and former Social Secretary)
Julian Scott-Foxwell	Cruising Member (and mooring committee)
Alan Sampson	Member
Antony Ward	Member
Robin Macfie	Member
Jeff Cole	Member
Christine Gayford	Member (and ex club Treasurer)
Guy Dickinson	Member
M Munnery	Member
Bill Barker	Member
Barry Scutt	Member
Martin Davies	Member
Jonathan Milree	Member
Rod Powell	Member
Des Quick	Member
David Shaw	Member
Phil MacGregor	Member
Graham Gayford	Member
Keith Williams	Member
John Kirby	Member
Kevin Francis	Member
Richard Moore	Member
Neil Howard	Member (and Moorings Committee)
Bob Todd	Member (and Boats Committee)
Andrew Greenshields	Member (and Moorings Committee)
Malcolm Cumber	Member
Paul Cairnes	Member
Jolyon Lomax	Member
Dave Farmer	Member
T Scarisbrick	Member (dinghy)
Nick Orman	Member (dinghy)

## **EXPIRED FLARES**

As we come to the end of the sailing season, the attached link to the MCA web site may be a timely reminder for boat owners on how to dispose of old time expired flares legally. Perhaps worth putting in the next newsletter.

[http://www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/mgn\\_419.pdf](http://www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/mgn_419.pdf)

**Julian Scott-Foxwell**

## **POWER BOAT AND SAFETY BOAT TRAINING**

If you are interested in gaining either RYA Powerboat Level 2 or RYA Safety Boat certificates to allow you to volunteer for club duties, please contact Richard White ([richard@azurelogo.co.uk](mailto:richard@azurelogo.co.uk) or 07976352059) to help him put together this winter's training.

## **DINGY INSTRUCTOR / CLUB RACE COACH**

Why not share your passion of sailing with others – if you are interested in becoming either a Dinghy Instructor or Race Coach please contact Richard White ([richard@azurelogo.co.uk](mailto:richard@azurelogo.co.uk) or 07976352059) to help him put together this winter's courses.

## **FIRST AID COURSES**

If you are interested in attending an RYA First Aid course, or need to renew your current certificate which lasts 3 years, please contact Richard White ([richard@azurelogo.co.uk](mailto:richard@azurelogo.co.uk) or 07976352059) to help him put together this winter's courses.

**Richard White**

## **CLUB DINGHIES - THE DISTRESS CONTINUES**

I have now completed fitting all the club boats with captive bungs, and marked them for identification. This follows finding one of the captive bungs being found in a member's Topper, with the captive hook damaged through being wrenched out. Unfortunately, the Topper disappeared before I could identify the owner, so if your Topper bung is missing, you might have some explaining to do!

A Laser tiller extension has also gone missing, and the other Laser had the extension removed from the tiller (a job requiring tools) but left in the boat.

Like the bungs, these will be permanently attached to the tiller to minimise loss, cost, inconvenience to other users and my time.

**Steve Green**

## **VENTILATION SKILLS NEEDED**

With the imminent club extension, we need someone with H+V skills to advise on ventilation of the changing rooms. Longer ducting will be needed and ventilation needs to be better. Please contact Steve Green on 01305 789191 if you can help.

## CHANGED ADDRESSES & EMAILS

Every year we have a handful of membership renewal forms returned, or people we don't hear from, usually because the recipients have moved and have forgotten to tell the club.

I've had several change of address notifications so far this year (thanks for those). If you have changed address, or other circumstances, can you please let me know before Christmas so that this year's mail-out and database is as accurate as possible.

The same applies to email addresses. Each year we deal with around a hundred changed email addresses, many of these often only picked up when we check returned membership forms against the information the club holds.

Finally – the club is, as usual, full to capacity - but because of a decision to offer additional memberships mid-way through the season now has only a relatively small waiting list. I would anticipate, (given the usual rate of resignations and those whose memberships are not renewed because they fail to meet the payment deadline), that subject to those people meeting club requirements all of those on the current list stand a very good chance of being offered membership in the coming season. So....If you know someone who is thinking of joining - encourage them to get on with it ! At the time of writing they stand a better chance of getting in than they would have done at this time in the last two or three years.

[Trevor.bevins@virgin.net](mailto:Trevor.bevins@virgin.net)

## OLYMPIC VOLUNTEERING

Folks - this is my personal take on volunteering for the Olympics: I was put off by Sail for Gold, but I think things are improving:

By demonstrating our support for the Olympics, we believe that we can help to achieve a lasting legacy (2012 **and beyond**) for the area by showing our knowledge and experience in these waters. **If we don't sign up now, we risk missing opportunities, and we can always turn down offers we don't like!**

The website for volunteering for the Olympics in 2012 **is live until 27 October**. Rob Andrews (LOCOG member responsible for sailing) has corrected the misapprehension that the only job for local volunteers is car parking attendant! He met YCW Commodores in August and went to some lengths to assure us that there will be good roles for local volunteers; for example, they will need RIB drivers as marshals and to drive the press; an excellent means of getting close to the action. Also needed are foreign language interpreters and first aiders.

Feedback on the support that we have offered visiting teams this season has been very positive and we shall continue to support the various teams in the run-up period. However, as we know, the teams will be subject to considerable security restrictions during the event itself. Although we have been reassured that our Club racing can continue whilst the Olympics are in progress, this may be difficult if conditions cause races to run into the evenings; thus volunteering during the event is likely to be the best way of being involved.

Apply to LOCOG at <http://www.london2012.com/get-involved/volunteer/get-ready-to-apply.php>  
When filling in the application form on line, I had difficulty entering the Volunteer Code I received from RYA - RYASXA - but an email to [info@enquiries.london2012.com](mailto:info@enquiries.london2012.com) seems to have sorted that out.

Thanks for reading this

**D (Gill)**

## WRECK TO REEF PRESENTATION

**Wednesday 3 November 7.30 pm**

Neville Copperthwaite will be giving a short presentation on the Wreck to Reef Project in the Clubhouse. This will be of particular interest to anyone who sails in Weymouth Bay and there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

The bar will be open!

## 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](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.

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**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

### WANTED

Windsurfer for teenager ~ 5 m sail. 01305 260803

Phil Stacey

### SHIP MATE WANTED.....

..to share a dingy lesson with an instructor from Sail Laser

I have learnt to sail by trial and error and the time has now come for me to learn some real techniques. To alleviate the pressure of 1 to 1 teaching and to cut the cost, is anyone interested in sharing a days instruction with me?

The purpose of the day will be to assess and develop our sailing skills and knowledge, mapped to the RYA Level 1 and 2 (and maybe 3) aiming to sail with competence at this level.

I would like to arrange a day in the Spring, and hope to learn on a Laser 2000. The cost for 2 people is £195 for ½ a day or £235 for a full day.

If you are interested please give me a ring to discuss in more detail.

I look forward to hearing from you

**Rachel Wood**, 01258 881264, 07790 526316