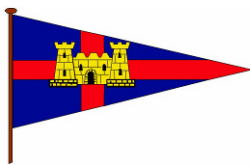


Castle Cove Sailing Club



October 2010 Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

Saturday 2nd - Dinghy park boat move

Sunday 3rd - Autumn series starts

7th-12th - Keelboat lift out

Sunday 31st - Winter series starts

November

Wednesday 3rd - Wreck to Reef presentation

Friday 5th - Dinner Dance



FROM THE COMMODORE

Yet another summer sailing season has gone by and keelboat racing has finished at the Club although dinghy racing continues once a week until Christmas and there are still a few days for keelboats to enjoy the autumn sunshine until the liftout.

The final big race weekend was for the Basso Cup which was well supported by the dinghies but sadly only three keelboats took part. A real shame as we had two great races with long courses around Weymouth Bay in perfect sailing conditions and, yes, Iduna did hoist the spinnaker with only one corner attached giving us a very large racing burgee for the first downwind leg! The End of Season supper on the Saturday evening was great fun and gave us the opportunity to entertain the Austrian sailing team. The evening ended with an impromptu game of B and Q charades organised by Martin Fielding. Does anyone know how to act out "creosote"?

Having secured sufficient funds to progress the planned works to the Club, September has been very busy for the General Committee, Forward Planning Committee and Strategy Group who have worked extremely hard to progress the extension to our Clubhouse. A paper was issued to all members giving brief details of the works and the possible disruption to Club life by hosting extra teams next year and a further information will be sent out very shortly with more details and answering the very few concerns that have been voiced by some members. The vast majority of e mails and comments I have received have been in support of this exciting development for Castle Cove which I am sure will be of huge benefit to all our members. To achieve all our aims detailed in the planning consents there is still a lot of work to do to raise more money so if anyone has any ideas or would like to get involved with fund raising please come forward.

The end of summer sailing doesn't mean the end of activities at the Club. The Social Committee will be putting together a winter programme for all to enjoy, the first event being the Dinner Dance on 5 November. Unfortunately those of us who were involved in booking the date completely failed to realise it was Bonfire Night and I know some of you are unable to come due to childrens' commitments to firework parties so there are still some tickets available. It was a great evening last year with excellent food so if any of you are thinking about it make the decision to come and contact Gill Watkin for tickets. Please watch the noticeboards, e mails and newsletters for upcoming events and support your Club.

On a more serious note we are now preparing for the AGM and elsewhere in the letter is a notice asking for items for the Agenda as Hazel will need to get the papers together during October. Following requests at the last AGM we will be sending round "CVs" for any new nominations this year.

Finally my apologies if the newsletter is late this month with all the other excitements going on towards the end of the month I completely forgot to get my report to Celia by the deadline date.

FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

Firstly, PLEASE RETURN YOUR CCSC TROPHIES TO ME AT THE CLUB.

Congratulations to the winners of the 3rd Monday series:-

Class 9: Nick Orman Phantom 1383 and in the Z Class, Des Quick and his crew in Merrywake II 4316

The 3rd Sunday was hotly contested, but the final winner was John Pym 593.

The late summer series winners are:

Z Class: Des Quick in Merrywake II 4316

Class 9: Pete Barnstable 1160

The Basso Cup was very well attended by the dinghies, but only a very small contingent from the Z Class. Two days of racing for the dinghies saw the Olympic Austrian team competing alongside our dinghies on the Saturday, unfortunately, no one told them that the start time was 11am on the Sunday, so they appeared at the start at 1400 just when the racing was almost finishing!

The winners of the Basso cup were:-

Class 9: Yann Bracegirdle sailing his Tera 10001. I must mention that the Bracegirdle family took 1st, 2nd and 3rd, so a special congratulations to them.

Z Class: Sara and David Lloyd and their crew in Iduna 5732.

Sara and David will be looking for a new foredeck crew due to the senility of their existing one. After carefully putting the spinnaker on the correct side of the boat and attaching the halyard, the bag was opened ready for the hoist. It was going to be a bit of a reach, but manageable with the ace crew they had on board. The instruction came to hoist, this the cockpit crew duly did, and very well, the only problem was that the sheets and guys were safely clipped to the rail!!! The Royal Navy would have been proud of the size of the paying off pennant that duly flew from the top of the mast! The said foredeck crew could only look on in horror as the boat was positioned so that the spinnaker could be lowered into the water for a bit of trawling and finally retrieved. That ace crew, (who just happens to be CCSC sailing secretary and acting RCS), was very quiet for the rest of the race! No wonder I am not allowed to touch the spinnaker in my Scorpion!

So we are now into the autumn racing season. The keelboats will be coming out at the beginning of October as will Silver Seal, so dinghy racing will be started from one of the club boats.

*****DON'T FORGET YOUR TROPHIES PLEASE*****

Alison Stephens

J/24 UPDATE

What a good regatta! 17 J/24s moored in the Cove was a great sight. Excellent racing, great weather and well run racing, what more could you want out of a weekend?! At one stage on the Sunday we had Castle Cove boats coming 1,2,3,4 in the first race!

The last class racing night has just passed, how quickly do 18 races go... From my point of view we've had a great year as a class, lots of close racing, good turnouts and a positive atmosphere surrounding the class. As you will see later in the newsletter Alex and I are selling Jeepers, but she will be replaced with another J/24, it'd be great to see Jeepers stay in Weymouth!

Serco/ Headcase has just come back from the 2010 World Championships where we had a good week, finishing 5th overall out of the 65 boat fleet.

I've had discussions with a couple of interested parties in getting involved in J/24 sailing in Weymouth, I'm always willing to give advice for people thinking of J24 sailing. It's great value one design keelboat racing, where you can buy a boat which could win a CCSC series for £4000. We have lots of very reasonable rates in Weymouth for everything you need, from moorings, craning and indoor winter storage. Please get in touch if you need any advice.

Why don't you join us for next season?

Nathan Batchelor

AGM 2010

The AGM will be held on Friday 26 November 2010 and papers for the meeting will be posted to members at the beginning of November.

To ensure the management of the meeting runs smoothly and in accordance with Rule 12.2 any member wishing to submit an item for the agenda should do so in writing to the Honorary Secretary, Hazel Shaw, by Friday 29 October 2010. (email: shawpublicity@btinternet.com or snail mail: 3 South Belfield, 60 Buxton Road, Weymouth DT4 9PN.)

Standard agenda items are finance, rule changes and fees for the forthcoming season, reports from the sub committees and election of Officers and General Committee members.

THE DINGHY PARK

A REMINDER THAT P1 FINISHES 30TH SEPTEMBER

All boats that have not paid for P2, AND ALL SUMMER TENDERS must be removed by the morning of Saturday 2nd October at the latest.

KEELBOAT CRADLES should not be brought on site before midday Saturday 2nd October.

I would be grateful for a few volunteers to help move boats to their P2 positions and tidy the boat park.

Work party 09.00 - 11.00 Saturday 2nd October.

Ian Green, Boat Park Administrator

505 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS LYME REGIS 2010

Both Castle Cove boats made the trip down the coast to Lyme to enjoy the Champagne sailing conditions offered by the weather gods for the National Championships held over four days from the 2nd to the 5th of September.

Tim Scarisbrick & Michael Male entered their sleek Rondar machine whilst Kevin Francis & Phil Male rolled up with a fine vintage Australian machine fully Bussells equipped to confuse/win..... Forty Six dinghies were confirmed for the event which included 3 current/ex world champions to ensure we had adequate competition!

The schedule was two races back to back per day all from Gate Starts across a large course made up of sausages and triangles. This all seemed straight forward if you have done plenty of gate starts before which Kevin & Phil had not...ever. On the job training commenced with race one in a steady force 2-3 South East breeze with a good beat to the windward mark before trying hard to consolidate that position whilst Tim and Mike moved ahead with conviction. This was how the whole event was to unravel with Tim and Mike proving to be consistent whilst Kevin and Phil kept learning something with each race.

By the final day of the event the wind was up to force 4-5 and still south easterly meaning big rolling seas and great opportunities to surf and occasionally swim. In a bid to learn as much as possible Kevin and Phil decided to complete all eight races with Tim and Michael completing seven. Some boats were damaged or crew fatigue set in on the last day and so finishing all races was a great achievement in a 20 year old boat.

The final positions were a 23rd for Tim & Mike and a 28th for Kevin & Phil, not bad at all we think. To cap off a great event both crews then cleared off with the pick of the prizes whilst the winner Ian Pinnell only walked off with a silly trophy.

All in all, the event was perfect with superb organisation from the host club meaning nothing was too much trouble and first class facilities. Yet another Nationals Represented by Castle Cove this year.

Kevin Francis



CADET REPORT 2010:

CCSC cadets ran weekly on the water from Saturday May 1st through to Sat Sept 25th with shore based sessions on top. Many weeks saw us operating in two groups, both racing and sailing, and 62 sailors from 8-18 yrs registered to sail while others joined to input service for their D of E Awards or to help on the water, most notably Sam Barker and Harrison Reid.

Memorable moments included:

- Saturday April 24th saw 8 CCSC cadets starting their season with an all day fun sail at Sutton Bingham Sailing Club. Mark Talbot welcomed adults and children alike, and provided his fleet of TERAS and FEVAS.
- Keel Boat Crew Recruitment Day took place on Bank Holiday Monday, May 3rd where 11 children and 13 adults learned about cliff rescue and shore based resuscitation from two local volunteers, Christian Flux and Alan Hale, who truly inspired us. After lunch 4 hardy young cadets had a go at crewing Seraphim where Mike Conroy imparted valuable learning. Can we come again please?
- Three sets of RYA Training for Youth stages 1- 4 were filled by 24 CCSC cadets during June and July. If you missed these, then we are pencilled in again next year, with the addition of an early Easter course for beginner crews.
- Cadet race weekend/ Topper training weekend started with a swing as Duncan West (Chief Topper coach for the RYA) mixed and matched our sailors with those from the RYA Regional zone, to coach 30 sailors in 5 ability groups. A chance to work alongside an expert. Race day, on Sun 18th July saw perfect conditions for 50 sailors in three fleets: Toppers/Slow Handicap and Fast Handicap, with all of the young sailors completing 3 races, back to back.
- The 2010 Obstacle Race on Bank Holiday Mon. 31st May gave everyone a chance to cope in severe weather, to trial a PAN PAN, to practice resuscitation techniques and to rescue an MOB. If we only remember one skill it's worth doing.
- What's next: 25th September sees our last Cadet session afloat with races, games and prize giving. The cadets are being set seamanship challenges onshore on 2nd October and then we finish with an outing to the Maritime Rescue Co-ordination centre on 9th October. In the winter we hope that the young Bracegirdles will come and share their experiences of crossing the Channel in their TERAS.
- Next year beckons, with a cast of up and coming instructors and would be assistant instructors under the leadership of the next cadet officer- Richard Bowers. We wish him all the best.

Mairi Kershaw- cadet officer (2007-2010)

TROPHIES

It's that time again when last year's trophy winners have to return the trophies that they won in 2009 and have coveted since.

They need to be returned so that they can be engraved and prepared for this year's presentations. Could anyone who has trophies either return them to the club so that they can be locked away safe for me to collect, or contact me to arrange their return. If returned to the club, please let me know that you have done so by email or phone/text.

John Elliott, 01305-852487, 07895-411449
john@lederell.co.uk

MORE CADETS

New member Ross McFarlane, 13 years old, has had a super first year's racing, having sailed all over the region and country during the season, topped off with 34th position in the Gold Fleet at the Topper Worlds, Lake Garda in August. He then went on to gain a place in the RYA Topper National Junior Intermediate Squad. Ross is really pleased to have this opportunity, and cannot wait to get started on the training in a few weeks.

Alex McFarlane, number 2 son has now persuaded his parents to get a topper (4.2 sail) as well.

Recent Events

Ross McFarlane won the RYA South Zone Topper Championships at WPNSA at the weekend. Sam Barker came second and Tom Rowell 16th, and Alex McFarlane 36th also in Toppers. William Batt and Emily White came 37th and 40th respectively in the 4.7 class.

James Bishop came 6th in the RYA South West Zone Optimist Championships in Plymouth, Alex Jones 12th and Emma Bishop 14th.

Well done to our cadets.

Cordelia McFarlane

DINNER DANCE

Remember the dinner dance is coming up on November 5th so please send your applications for tickets to me as soon as possible at £33 each. Menu choices can be seen in the newsletter or on our website. Local band Tempo will be playing for us and there will be ballroom dancing in the interval so come and join us.

Gill Watkins

EXERCISE GROUP

Please note that the EXERCISE GROUP will be restarting their TUESDAY morning sessions on 12th October.

New members welcome. We are a friendly group meeting at 10.30am for an hour of easy exercises finishing with relaxation session, and followed by a cuppa and chat.

Wear something comfortable with ability to remove a layer during exercise and putting it back on during relaxation. Non-slip soles or bare feet. You will also need a mat, rug, or sleeping bag to lay on during relaxation.

We are a mixed group of ability, size and gender

Further details from **Rosemary Spicer** 01305-782125

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for contributions for the next Newsletter is the **24th of October**. 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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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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Nathan Batchelor 07920 142615



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