

August 2011

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Upcoming Events

13/08/2011

Castle Cup

20/06/2011 - 26/06/2011

Yachting World Day Boat
Nationals

27/08/2011

J24 Open Day

27/08/2011

Alderney Race

04/09/2011

Double Handed Keelboat Race

11/09/2011

Single Handed Keelboat Race

From the Commodore

Castle Cove Sailing Club can feel immensely proud of our sailors at the Weymouth Regatta this year. CCSC boats took first places in the Keel Boat PY1 (Des Quick, Merrywake), PY2 (Richard Way, Owaissa), J24 (Bob Turner, Serco) and our dinghies won first places in fast class (Nick Orman) and slow class (Nick Browning), International 14 (Sam Pascoe) and Scorpion (John Mursell). Joel Wood in Excalibur came second in the IRC2 fleet and, in fact, 9 of the top 10 slow class dinghies were from Castle Cove!

Competition was not limited to our experienced sailors either – this month saw the first of what hopes to be regular racing between Castle Cove Cadets and Weymouth Yobs. Very much a fun event, lots of sweets and the open-to-all bring-your-own-food barbeque to finish.

This year's ladies race also saw a good turn-out in challenging conditions of nearly 20 knots. Although Alison Stephens was beaten into second place by Emily White after an interesting Asymmetric vs. Symmetric battle after the first gybe mark, the prize for determination must go to Cathy Williams who after a series of capsizes on the final lap fought on to the finish.

Plans to install a crane between the East Slipway and pontoon gate were approved in July. The crane will significantly aid the work of the moorings team and allow us to launch and recover both the club safety boats and small keel boats throughout the season for maintenance. This autumn the Forward Planning Committee will be looking at the budgets for the next few years and would like all project plans submitted by the end of September.

Looking ahead to activity in August, the Castle Cup takes place on 13th August for all dinghies. We are hosting the Yachting World Day Boat Nationals between 20th – 26th August – a family orientated fleet who are very friendly and will be a pleasure to welcome to the club – come down and say hello. If you are contemplating racing a J24 either as a crew or potential helm, our J24 fleet are having an Open Day on 27th August. The early part of the month sees the Test Event and our Olympic sailors will be heading off to WPNSA – we will be watching and cheering your success; good luck to you all.



Castle Cove SC

Richard White

From the Sailing Secretary

Another month has flown past and the weather is starting to be kind to us. We have had a great month of racing in Weymouth with the Regatta being a great success. Richard has reported on our triumphs – well done everyone! I will say though it was a shame not to get more keelboats out on the second weekend, where were you all?! I would like to say a special congratulations to Bob Turner and his J24 crew – Nathan Bachelor, Adam Bowers, Sam Barker and Ian Brown who won the J24 Nationals. And to all our wonderful Contender sailors, in particular Nick Grace, who did a great job at their recent World Championships:

Gold

- 18th Nick Grace
- 42nd Alex Knight

Silver

- 13th Rob Smith
- 34th Marcus Scrace
- 43rd Jock Fellows
- 53rd John Pym

A few club series also finished in July, congratulations to the following and any crews names I don't know!

2nd Mon:

- Keelboats – Ella, Ted Clabburn
- Class 9 – Alex Knight and Andrea Fellows
- Asymmetric – Nick Griffin and crew!

2nd Wed:

- Class 9 – Barry Grant
- Fast Keelboats – Tumbarumba – Nick Massey
- Slow Keelboats – Ella – Ted Clabburn
- J24 – Joskin 2 – Bob Turner

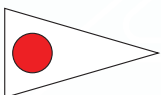
Richard has mentioned a number of events coming up at the club and I'd just like to mention a few more Keelboat events. The Alderney Race is on 27th August and in September we have the Keelboat Double Handed Race on the 4th Keelboat Single Handed Race on the 11th.

This month we have 3 boats taking part in the Fastnet Race – The Stibbs and Crew on Draig o'r Mor, Peter and John Eustace on Scherzo and Alex Adams on Voador – with two of these being in the Double-Handed class! Good luck to all of them and if you would like to follow their progress check out the website: <http://fastnet.rorc.org/>

We are now starting to think about Open Meetings and Nationals in the coming years, if you want to see your fleet at Castle Cove please let your class rep know.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer

Helen Rollinson



Power Boat 2 and or Rescue Boat Certificates

Please would any member with Power Boat 2 and or Rescue Boat certificates please let Alison Stephens have a copy of your certificate/s. This is so we can keep a register of qualified drivers in the club; it is not to give you extra duties.

Please leave a copy in the club marked FAO Alison Stephens or email me a scanned copy to alid.stephens@btopenworld.com

Thank you
Alison Stephens RCS

Notice To Competitors

CCSC – Sailing Programme – 3rd Monday Series
AMENDMENT – 22nd July 2011

The sailing programme is changed as follows:-

Action 1. The Laser class will have a shorter course set than class 9 (an inside loop of what Class 9 shall sail) This will be a shorter course NOT a shorter race with emphasis on a shorter beat. There results shall be separate for this series – It is still handicap racing as radials, 4.7s and full rigs will race together.

This change shall take effect from the 25th July 2011

Date 25/07/2011

Date Posted 22/07/2011

Helen Rollinson

Winter Racing

If you are interested in racing between January and April we want to know! We are looking at running racing every other weekend on a Sunday and anyone interested would have to do a duty over that period. I have put a sign up sheet in the club house on the race notices board - please put your name up if you are interested as it won't happen unless we think enough people are interested!

Sailing Secretary.

Club Dinghy Fees

For those who have searched, unsuccessfully, for envelopes to put their boat use fees into, they have now been replenished.

They can be found in the small store above the club dinghy notice board.

Backdated fees of £5 welcome.

Steve Green



Members News

A New Mast for Draig as the Fastnet Race Draws Closer

After weeks of waiting Draig finally received her new mast. We are delighted. A Selden section was required as the nearest modern equivalent to her old Proctor rig. All new standing rigging & pretty much everything else. Sails will have to be re-cut to fit the new straighter section.

RORC accepted our miles in the Myth of Malham before we lost the mast and we are now qualified, ready & raring to go. Scherzo sailed by Peter & John Eustace from Castle Cove Sailing Club are also qualified & ready to go in the doubled handed class. The Sailing instructions and on board tracker will be available for collection next week with the race in two weeks time - Sunday 14th August.

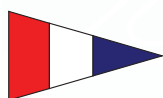
If you missed this in 2009, you can follow the progress of the race by the hour on the Fastnet website <http://fastnet.rorc.org/blog/race-information/tracking/index.html> The software is pretty slick and you can decide how you want to watch the race and see the places change with each wind shift.



The total collected for Sail 4 Cancer is shown on the Club's pages and you can see we are still a long way from our target of £10,000. If you haven't donated already it really is quite easy online - it is the messages of good luck that keep us going. We would be very grateful if you could promote our campaign to your friends & relatives. Our Web page is Draig4Fastnet.co.uk & I have also created a facebook group - Draig 4 Fastnet - which I will be able to update throughout the race.

Many Many thanks to all of you who have supported our campaign so far - keep plugging the race is only 2 weeks away

Kay & Kevin Stibbs



Return of the Native

Sixty days and 1850 sea miles later I returned to my home moorings at Castle Cove Sailing Club Weymouth, having Circumnavigated Great Britain Via the Caledonian Canal. I had given myself seventy five days to complete the trip and was pleasantly surprised to have made it in under this by a good margin. Being on-board my twenty eight foot sailing Yacht Silver Girl for more than a week was to be a new experience for me and one which I was unsure how I would cope being single



handed for most of the six weeks. Having been blessed with good conditions for a good part of the trip and good tide timings meant a speedy start to the circumnavigation schedule in the first weeks sailing. However, having got to Padstow North Devon, on day six to pick up a crew member, I was forced to wait four days for the weather to abate enough to continue. At least it was a pleasant area to explore whilst awaiting to move on. In the end we set off across the Bristol Channel for Milford Haven on a night passage in what was left of the storms in big following seas. Come dawn, we were joined by a large school of Dolphins for over an hour they entertained us with their acrobatics. Again having reached Milford Haven and found a floating pontoon to moor to in Dale Bay, we had to wait forty eight hours for a weather window to continue! We also shared this mooring with a huge bull seal who slept alongside for most of the day. At last we were off again, our destination was the Isle of Man, via Fishguard, Pwllheli, Holyhead. Large following seas saw a few items washed overboard but we made good timing. This was an area where we may see Leatherback Turtles washed in by the Gulf Stream or Basking Sharks, but alas it was too rough for any sightings. Having reached Peel on the I.O.M. Roy the crew was to depart and make his way home to Bridport, so I was now making plans to cross over the Irish Sea to Strangford Lough. Started off again on a force five blustery day but by the time Northern Ireland came up over the horizon all was calm and made a lovely passage into the Lough and up to Portaferry and a safe anchorage. Next morning it was a beautiful calm day, with seals following me out of the Lough as I made my way up the Irish sea to Bangor and onwards to Glenarm before crossing over the North channel to the Mull of Kintyre and bonny Scotland. Gigha Island in the sound of Jura was another wait for the rain and wind to abate which gave me a rest and time to dry out before sailing further North to arrive in Oban and pick up a helping hand to get through the Caledonian Canal system. Single handed yachtsmen are not allowed to attempt this as the locks are huge, having been built to take warships from coast to coast in days of old.

The Canal was a beautiful experience seeing lots of wildlife and stunning scenery of Ben Nevis and its ranges still having snow on its peak. No sign of Nessy unfortunately though, as we sailed the length of Loch Ness. Mooring just off Urquhart Castle. Unfortunately it was a still night and of course the fiendish midges were about, so out came the anti midge spray. Onwards in the morning mist which was soon burnt off by the sun we made for the end of the canal system at Fort Augustus where we had a crowd of onlookers watching all the boats go down the eight lock staircase so as we could then make for Inverness at the other end of the canal to the sea lock. Here my brother was to depart and fly back to Kent, so having said our farewells I started my homeward bound journey alone again and making for Lossiemouth and Peterhead along the Moray Firth. This seemed to take a long time to turn the corner

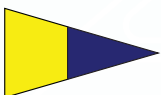


and start heading South. The North Sea was by repute an area not to be treated lightly , but I was having a relatively good sail until reaching Stonehaven when again storm conditions kept Silver Girl in port. Passing the Farne Islands a few days later enjoying the seals and abundant seabirds that congregate all around the Islands, I suddenly noticed that the yachts boom was at a very rakish angle? The boom end had broken away from the mast and all the rivets had been sheared! It took me quite a while to de-rig the mainsail and jury rig the boom to make it safe and not allow it to cause any more damage. Now sailing with the headsail only I continued to sail into Blyth sailing club Sunderland to make repairs. The North sea was now being kinder to me and we made good passage via Whitby, Bridlington, then the longest stretch across to North Norfolk and Wells Next the sea, this was a night passage and took twenty three hours passing through the Gas and Oil fields off the Humber Estuary, this was a very interesting leg but helped by the radio operator controlling shipping through the shipping separation lanes giving me directions to avoid the worst of the traffic through the night.

Having rested at Wells I then made for the Thames Estuary via Lowestoft , down here there are many sand banks out to sea and it proved tricky navigating around and through these areas. Having made Harwich I decided it was time to don the wet suit and check the propeller shaft as the bearing vibrations were causing me concern in the last few weeks. As the engine is required at regular intervals to push you on to meet a tidal gate or get around a headland safely as well as going in and out of harbours. My worries abated when I found nothing around the propeller and no damage , but the Cutlass bearing is wearing , but should get us home ok. Across the Thames and into my home County of Kent and the North Foreland light house beckoned me on to Ramsgate and on to Dover for a well earned rest .

Yet again the English Channel proved an area of rough seas as I passed Beachy Head a thunder storm erupted ! but I was able to get into Newhaven , where I spent four days again waiting for an opportunity to carry on. Littlehampton in Sussex was possible, so off we went and had a bumpy ride past Brighton where the RNLi was having a busy time rescuing people all around me! Around Selsey Bill and into the Solent where it's a bit like driving around the m25 but on the water as it's so busy with every kind of boat imaginable passing every few minutes. Here I was able say a prayer as I passed over the spot where a year earlier we had laid Dads ashes to rest as an ex Royal Naval Submariners right to be buried at sea by the Navy at Spithead in the Solent.

Yarmouth on the I.O.W was a lovely friendly spot to moor up for the night before exiting the Solent and start the final stretch home. Another night sail as the tides need to be right to pass through the Needles channel to arrive at anchor in Studland Bay for the night before going into Poole Harbour in daylight the following day. Now the final stretch in familiar territory along the Jurassic coast , with a good West going tide to help us along passed Old Harry,s rocks and Swanage ,now keeping well out to sea , as the Lulworth ranges were firing! we passed through the turbulent waters off St Aldlems Head and into Weymouth Bay and onto Silver Girls home mooring at Castle Cove sailing club. When home I was treated to a champagne welcome and dinner with the family, though Tara our dog didn't seem to recognise me? Perhaps it was the beard.



RYA Youth Training

RYA Youth Training is designed to move on the skills and confidence of all young sailors, whatever their ability.

This CCSC based summer holiday course covers stage three and four skills targetting those with at least one or two seasons under their belt as HELM. Achieving Stage Three means you can sail in any direction and rig and launch a boat: with the skills and knowledge of a sailor, not a beginner, while those achieving a Stage Four certificate have the skills to crew and helm a double handed boat properly while understanding weather, tides and aspects of seamanship - so plan to take work home some evenings. Each young person will be assessed according to their ability and their log book signed off accordingly.

So- If you are no longer a beginner, this four day course is for you!. Sign IN NOW

[Download the Application Form here](#)

Mairi Kershaw

Help received - 11th July

Yesterday my outboard manged to break down on me, leaving my partners stranded on our yacht and in possession of all my keys and mobile 'phone. I was at least safe on land but unable to row out to the yacht due to an arthritic shoulder an a recent stay in hospital. All I could do was ask the good members of Castel Cove for assistance, I am a RDYC memeber. This was willingly offered by husband and wife team, working in the club house; I never found out their names but I should like to give them my formal thanks for their assistance. In the event another member, John, was able to take me out to my yacht and rescue my partner thus saving the day for us.

Please pass on my sincere thanks to all.

Roger Cain



The Kittiwake Cup

The Kittiwake Regatta is an annual gathering of Kittiwake classic boats, which has for the last few years been held in the fabulous Fal estuary in Cornwall.

This year it took place from 29 June to 2 July, and again I took Adelie, my Kittiwake 14ft yawl, down to these idyllic surroundings, where we were hosted by the charming and helpful staff of Mylor harbour.

The weather was perfect, with lovely long sunny days and good breezes for most of the regatta.



The Kittiwake Cup race was due to be held on Saturday afternoon, and by then it was hot with very light breezes. The state of the tide is always a critical factor when racing in the Fal estuary, and with such light winds and a course that was predominantly against the incoming tide my strategy was to stick as close to the shoreline as possible to avoid the worst effects of the tide, and accept the gamble that we might lose the wind altogether by hugging the shore.



The gamble paid off and we were well in the lead, creeping slowly towards the finish line when frustratingly the race was postponed due to the (by then) almost complete lack of wind. So we had to do it all over again on the Sunday.

On Sunday we had a good breeze and a different course, with a long beat, a beam reach and a run to finish line.

Adelie was in fourth position as we rounded the key upwind mark, but we caught up well on the reach and then to my delight she lifted herself on the run and gracefully passed everybody to cross the line with just a couple of boat lengths to spare.

It was a lovely weekend in great company, and also very satisfying to be able to bring a victory back to Castle Cove.

Tim Crisford

