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Looking Ahead

The world is changing and Castle Cove Sailing Club is evolving to stay relevant to both current and future members. Research shared by the RYA at the last SW Regional conference indicates that the younger generation are moving away from ‘ownership’ and towards ‘experiences’ with increasing adoption of ‘pay and play’. This creates a challenge for traditional sailing clubs where membership numbers are dropping across the country, so it is important for CCSC to recognise the changes and make plans to address the future. To help communicate the shift in attitudes Barclays.com have produced the following helpful infographic ‘Talking About My Generation’ which identifies the key features of the generations:

Characteristics	Maturists (pre-1945)	Baby Boomers (1945-1960)	Generation X (1961-1980)	Generation Y (1981-1995)	Generation Z (Born after 1995)
Formative experiences	Second World War Rationing Fixed-gearde cycle Rock 'n' Roll Nuclear families Defined gender roles — particularly for women	Cold War Post-War boom "Swinging Sixties" Apollo Moon landings Youth culture Woodstock Family-orientated Rise of the teenager	End of Cold War Fall of Berlin Wall Reagan / Gorbachev Thatcherism Live Aid Introduction of first PC Early mobile technology Latch-key kids, rising levels of divorce	9/11 terrorist attacks Pledsthat Social media Invent of Iraq Swasty TV Google Earth Glastonbury	Economic downturn Global warming Global focus Mobile devices Energy crisis Arab Spring Produce own media Cloud computing Wii-leaks
Percentage in U.K. workforce*	3%	33%	35%	29%	Currently employed in either part-time jobs or new apprenticeships
Aspiration	Home ownership	Job security	Work-life balance	Freedom and flexibility	Security and stability
Attitude toward technology	Largely disengaged	Early information technology (IT) adaptors	Digital immigrants	Digital Natives	"Technohiks" — entirely dependent on IT, limited grasp of alternatives
Attitude toward career	Jobs are for life	Organisational — careers are defined by employers	Early "portfolio" careers — loyal to profession, not necessarily to employer	Digital entrepreneurs — work "with" organisations, not "for"	Career multistars — will move seamlessly between organisations and "pop-up" businesses
Signature product	 Automobile	 Television	 Personal Computer	 Tablet/Smart Phone	Google glass, graphene, nano-computing, 3-D printing, driverless cars
Communication media	 Formal letter	 Telephone	 E-mail and text message	 Text or social media	 Hand-held (or integrated into clothing) communication devices
Communication preference	 Face-to-face	 Face-to-face ideally, but telephone or e-mail if required	 Text messaging or e-mail	 Online and mobile (text messaging)	 Facetime

CCSC is a family club with the majority of the membership being cadets, parents and grandparents. Only a small proportion of our members come from Generation Y and so we need to make an extra effort to understand their future needs when planning which initiatives the club should be driving forward. This will help us build a stable membership in the coming years.

In October 2019 the CCSC committee and officers held a strategy workshop to help define where we are at the moment and the services we want to offer in ten years' time. We looked at the strengths and weaknesses of CCSC, how sailing is changing, the risks and opportunities facing the club, and information provided by the membership satisfaction survey. From this we distilled down our overall direction to one sentence:

“To provide a sustainable, enjoyable, friendly and inclusive club environment for the best affordable and competitive family-friendly sailing on the South Coast.”

CCSC does an excellent job in providing the ‘ownership’ experience of sailing and building the sense of belonging that comes from participation in a traditional sailing club. There are many commercial ‘pay and play’ services for sailing but there is still a strong and enduring need for a club that offers a community of sailors. CCSC is not going to commercialise itself and try and compete with the many organisations offering sailing experiences on a transactional basis, but will focus on developing the club ethos, mindful of the changing environment we operate in.

The workshop identified three areas of focus: facilities, training and participation, where the club plans to drive improvements. To support these focus areas we have five workstreams:

- Administrative excellence
- Asset development
- Training & development
- Communication & engagement
- Event management

In each workstream there is a raft of specific initiatives that are either ongoing or planned for the coming years. These are shown in the table on the next page.

CCSC is an open and friendly community founded on an ethos of collaboration to create fellowship through sailing. Like many things in life, the more you put in, the more you get out. So, take a few minutes to look through the initiatives and perhaps you will find something that appeals to you. To find out more and to get more involved in your club you can contact a committee member or turn up at the Sunday Winter Working Parties and just pitch in.

Best wishes for a happy sailing season in 2020.

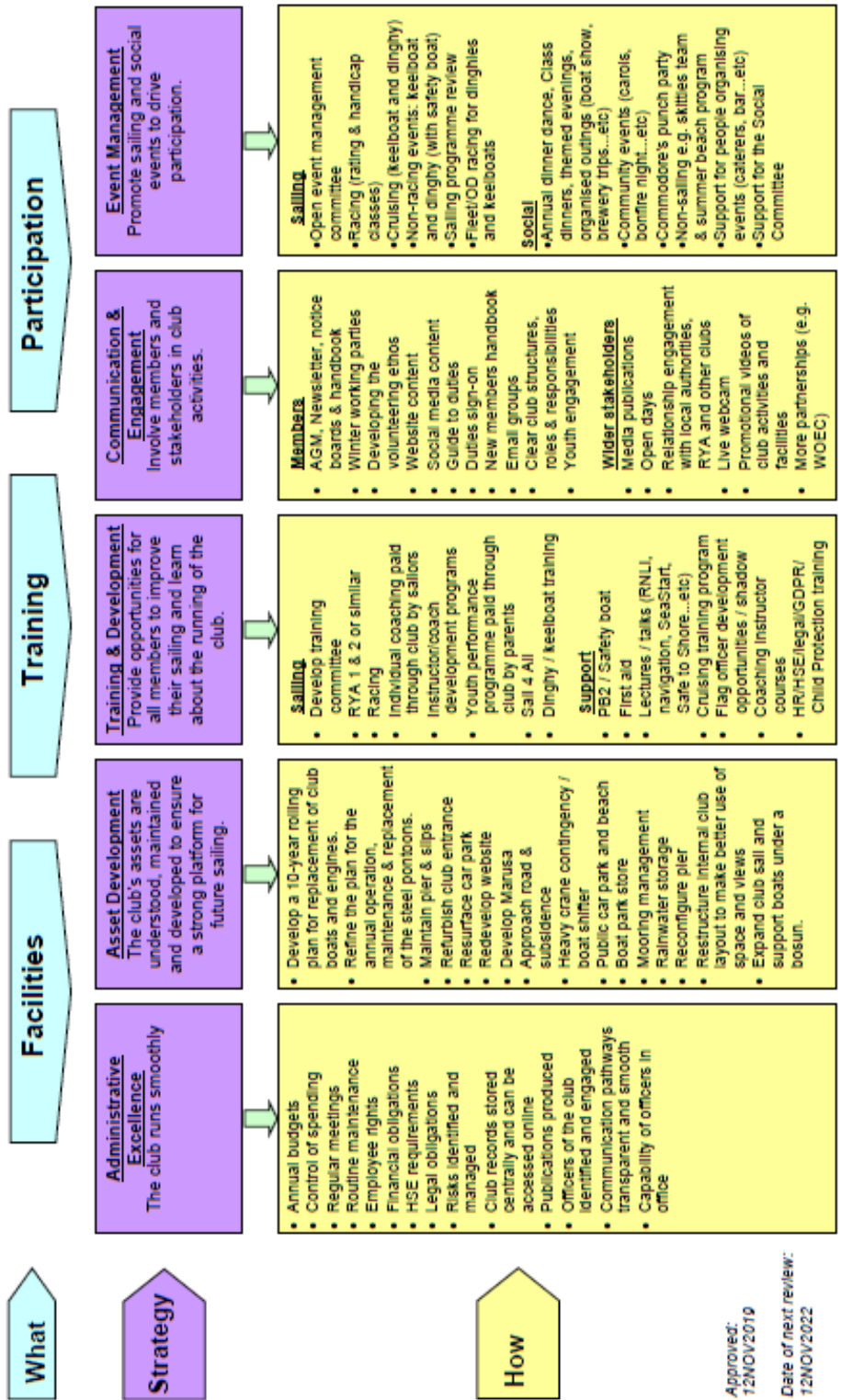


David Brock
Commodore



Castle Cove Sailing Club 10-year plan (2020 – 2030)

To provide a sustainable, enjoyable, friendly and inclusive club environment for the best affordable and competitive family-friendly sailing on the South Coast



Approved:
12NOV2019
Date of next review:
12NOV2022

New Committee Members

A number of new Club Committee members were elected at the AGM in November. There was also a request for such new members to be introduced to the membership. This is an attempt to meet this need.

Vice Commodore Andy Adler



Originally from Norfolk I grew up messing around on the broads – apparently, I first went on a boat at six days old! I learnt to sail in a club on Barton Broad in an Optimist, Mirror and Laser. As a teenager I raced Norfolk Punts. After doing my Dinghy Instructor I spent three summers working abroad where I was fortunate enough to meet my wife, Charlie. At university I team-raced and lead the team who bought BUSA Team-racing Championships 1997 to Scotland for the first time. After a period not

sailing regularly, due to work, life and travel, we joined CCSC in 2010 when our oldest child was eight years old as we wanted a safe family atmosphere for our children to learn to sail. We have since been regular sailors of dubious quality. However, we've supported our children sailing in regional and national squads. We get down to the club as often as time allows. However we have three children so commitments and work often intervene. Currently, you will see Charlie and myself sailing an Osprey 1333, Will my eldest a 29er, Tia in a RS Feva and Ben in a Topper. Longer term, once children grow up, we have always aspired to buy a yacht and do more long-distance sailing.

Rear Commodore Sailing Ian Green



I was introduced to sailing by an ex-naval friend of my father, sailing a Mirror dinghy from Abersoch beach while on summer holidays. A few years sailing a Shearwater Catamaran off Canvey Island and a few more years with a Merlin Rocket at Bowmoor rounds up my sailing experience before we made a family move to Weymouth in the mid-nineties.

My children grew up as members at Castle Cove. One now sails the world. The other most definitely doesn't but we all enjoyed the family welcome and sailing from the beach at the previous site. We think of Cadets as being for our young members but it can be as much fun and a great learning ground for parents and helpers. It was for me.

Members can and do sail in this club without getting too involved but the need for volunteers encourages participation and I really believe that what you put into something gets rewarded with the additional pleasure and satisfaction that you usually get back. So, as well as the sailing, I spent a few years running a prototype Sailability Group (since developed into Chesil Sailability and still heavily supported by Castle Cove members), a few years as Cadet Officer, a few years as Boat Park Coordinator, a few years as Sailing Secretary and, after a break last year, now hoping to contribute as RC Sailing. In terms of boats I have sailed a Wayfarer since we moved to Weymouth. Ten years ago we bought a Scorpion with the intention of racing more ofte; that is still the intention! As a new adventure we bought a keelboat a few years ago and are looking forward to sailing that more.

Rear Commodore Shore Grace Martin



I joined the Club around 2015 when I retired from a career as a midwife. I was totally new to sailing and was made very welcome by the Club, especially by the Ladies Sailing Group. Since then I have bought a Laser, which I absolutely love, and I crew on a Sonata for a quite different sailing experience.

During the warmer months I get out in my Laser as often as possible, but cannot bear the cold weather, hence going on holiday a couple of times a year when I can sail in the warmer waters of the Med.

Now I work very part-time as a gymnastics and fitness coach, ensuring I am always free to enjoy Ladies Sailing days.

Honorary Secretary Colin Munz



I am a retired Civil Engineer now enjoying the delights of Weymouth, not least Castle Cove Sailing Club. I spent my childhood in Weymouth in and around Castle Cove and the opportunity to sail in Portland Harbour and Weymouth Bay is proving quite special. I am a relatively new club member and am looking forward to serving the club and its members in the best way I can.

Moorings Officer Dick Moore

I have been a member of CCSC since the late 1970s with a break of several years,



returning in mid-2000s. I started sailing in 1966, crewing a navy whaler. I crewed and raced a 1/4 ton keel boat on joining CCSC. Now I own a Hustler 25' currently in refit. I've crewed on cruising section boats up, down, and across

the Channel. I'm looking for a larger cruiser to go further abroad. I've been Club Moorings Officer for two years.

Members' Representatives

Mike Wade



I've been a Member of CCSC since March 2017 after buying my first ever boat, Buckaroo, a 22 ft Hurley.

Although a complete novice, I'm really enjoying the steep learning curve and feel very welcome among the men and women that make up this friendly and superbly run sailing club.

I'm really enjoying the Hurley 22 and hopefully, with more experience, a Channel crossing beckons in the not-too-distant future.

Debbie Bowers



I'm Debbie Bowers nee McDine. I've been a member at Castle Cove on and off since 1981. I enjoy sailing, but don't need to win! I've enjoyed Scorpion dinghies for many years and owned keel boats with my husband Richard. I have three children and only put one off sailing! My Dad and husband are both past commodores of Castle Cove. I enjoy the social side, after racing,

in a full club house and the self-help ethos. If we all do a bit together it's fun. I'm part owner of a Scorpion and a Sonata. See you at the club soon. PS: I'm terrible with names so please help me out. Debbie x

Diane Fowler



I have been a member of CCSC since around 2010 mainly sailing on a Friday morning – Ladies Sailing Group. Despite a degree of anxiety when sailing – in particular when the winds go above 15 knots – I continue as the group is very supportive and it is lovely being out on the water when the sun is shining. I am slowly improving. I have recently semi-retired from the NHS and have a bit more capacity in my life; hence looking at more challenges and joining the committee. I am

looking forward to taking a more active role in the club.

Nigel Page



I joined the club in May 2015. I was a novice and learnt to dinghy sail with the brilliant Ladies Sailing Group. I now sail my Laser and am fortunate to have crewed for club keelboat racing and cruises.



Phil Tysoe

My background is in IT consultancy. I was based outside the UK for most of my career, before moving to Portland in 2013. I joined CCSC as a fairly inexperienced dinghy sailor in 2015 and now crew a Fireball for club racing as well as sailing my Laser Vago at Ladies Sailing on Fridays and in my free time.

Major events at the club in 2020

Next year we have the Contenders & International Canoes Open on 9th & 10th May, the Osprey Nationals on 25th to 28th July, the Laser Grand Prix on 22nd & 23rd August and also the Dinghy Regatta will be held again on 11th & 12th July.

Monica Wolff
Sailing Secretary

Scorpion Stuff 2020

I can't predict exactly what the fleet list will look like when subscriptions are paid, but last year there were 15 registered Scorpions and, hopefully, similar in 2020. As well as great on paper, although we only reached dizzy heights of seven racing together once, there were a few occasions of 5+ Scorps and generally good racing. It would be great to repeat this with interest. The more Scorpions on the water gives competition for everyone, improvement, team fun and camaraderie.

Onshore – remember that with the range of boat ages, set-ups, and vast sailors' experience – there should be someone who can assist if any help is needed. We've always prided ourselves on being the friendly class – nationally and the same here – so, although 6.15pm on an evening race day may be difficult to give detailed kite

rigging advice, please ask another Scorpy person. If they don't know, they should know someone who will.

Away from home waters – Castle Cove SC is currently listing possibly it's biggest ever team entry to the 60th anniversary class National Championships at Penzance SC from 8th - 14th August. The total pre-entry so far is an amazing 103 boats, including 14 racing under CCSC! The relentless efforts of class chairman and committee has created a snowball of previous owners, sailors and champions preparing to dust off kit and craft.

The rest of the travelling season sees five other big Open events around the country, at Notts, Porthpean (spiritual class home – where No1 was launched), Pennine, Northampton and, in the middle of those, our Weymouth Dinghy Regatta on 11/12th July. There will likely be a big Scorpion fleet at the Regatta, so hopefully we can get lots of our local boats out with the visitors.

Last but not least, there is a new 'CCSC Scorps' – WhatsApp group, to promote comms within the class and hopefully spark impromptu sailing, training, and get-togethers as well as reminders of events. If you have not been invited, and should, or want to be, get in touch with me (07966 758085)

Rob Smith
Scorpion Rep Sailing Committee



Photo Richard White

Cruising Around in 2019 and 2020

The Club Cruising Group has been active for a few years now and members might be interested in an update if they are not already involved.

We have a fleet of about 15 regularly participating boats, and try to provide a mix of events, long and short cruises, social events and a bit of training.

In 2019 the season was affected by the weather (that's sailing) so the Seamanship Weekend was foreshortened, though the supper (27 members) went ahead as did the Safari Supper (12 boats/tables) later in the season, which was held in the club and much enjoyed. That morning's thought-provoking MOB event went ahead and will be repeated in 2020. Our thanks to the Weymouth RNLi for the loan of the dummy, Dunk aka Dead Fred.

The short cruises to Yarmouth (9 boats) and Beaulieu (8 boats) were popular. The longer Normandy cruise (4 boats), up the canal via Pegasus bridge to the wonderful city of Caen, included a testing and confidence-building return trip that will be enjoyed in retrospect by some. The highlight was probably the summer solstice weekend in Cherbourg (8 boats) with street corner bands and bars open till 2am for those with stamina.

Closer to home the BBQ weekend at Mupe was wind affected with beach landing and anchoring skills being tested but, with close support available, was still enjoyed by all.

Did I mention racing! The Lulworth and Shambles events were scheduled in 2019 and this 2020 season there are four Sunday white sails (no spinnaker) events in the programme. Consider it a cruise round a course with a social afterwards and come along. If you want to try racing (that word again) in your own boat we can arrange a mentor to come along and give you as much support as you want. You never know, you might get the bug!

The 2020 programme will soon be available in the club and on the members' section of the website. There are some great events planned. Have a look, and sign up. Contact me or Neil for more info.

Cruising at Castle Cove is about enjoying sailing in company and socialising. Sound fun? Why not give it a try?

Mike Conroy
Cruising Rep Sailing Committee

Sail4All 2020

Sail4All is back for the 2020 season. If you would like to learn new sailing skills, or practise and improve your current capability in a safe, supervised and fun environment, try Sail4All.

Sail4All is on Saturday afternoons between 14.00 and 17.00. In order to provide a focus for those new to sailing, or others who simply wish to practise, sessions are 'themed' around sailing skills covered in the RYA Level 2 syllabus:

2 May	The 5 Essentials
23 May	Points of Sailing
6 Jun	Tacking
27 Jun	Gybing
4 Jul	Capsize/Man Overboard Recovery
1 Aug	Rules of The Road
15 Aug	Racing Fundamentals
5 Sep	CCSC Novice Race

If you would like to join Sail4All, please email, or call, Andy Eastaugh (ac.eastaugh@gmail.com; 07518 032655) with your name (and, if relevant, that of your crew), class of boat, and anything specific you would like to explore within Sail4All.

Andy Eastaugh

CCSC dinghies in the headlines – or Trailerboard 2019

2019 was another typical year for the Castle Cove travelling championship attendees, with lots of dinghy championship entry lists sporting our club name numerous times, and often eventually well up the results lists.

Although the trophy is a bit dodgy, the notes below remind me how great it is to receive the Outside Performance class 9 (Trailerboard Trophy) – given our strength in depth. Here are the highlights of some of those whose training at the club got transferred into championship results last year.

The Osprey gang headed to Mounts Bay in early August for a 41 boat Nationals, where defending champions Terry Curtis & Peter Greig were 3rd, with Adam Bowers crewing for Angus Hemmings in 4th despite a couple of BFDs mid-week. Early leaders Rick Bowers crewing for Mike Atkinson ended up 7th, with Kev Francis & Phil Male in 13th. Overall honours went to DJ Edwards and Mike Greig.



Team CCSC at Scorpion Nationals 2019 photo by Rob Smith

At the same time, but further down the age spectrum, juniors Ollie Fellows and Will Adler joined the other 54 29ers at their Nationals in Pwhelli, and kept most results inside the top 20 to finish up 13th. They headed much further south a week later to fight it out with 209 others at the 29er Europeans on Lake Garda.

I managed to get on the podium in 3rd at a well-attended Contender Nationals in September, battling tide and 44 others at Broadstairs in Kent. Ben Hawkes was first junior in 19th, with two-time World Champion Stuart Jones taking the title.

Earlier in the year, both of us travelled to Quiberon for a big World Championships in a mix of conditions and 135 boats split into Gold & Silver halfway through. A 3rd, 4th & 6th helped me to 12th overall, behind the deserved winner Max Billerbeck from

Germany, and 4 from our strong British team – including, in 2nd place, another twice-World Champ – Graham Scott.

Sandra and I repeated our 2018 logistical games by travelling almost directly from Quiberon to the Scorpion Nationals in Llandudno to join a small fleet for a generally very windy week. Sam Barker & Cara Jones were the club stars in 4th overall just ahead of Ollie Fellows crewing for Chris Turner. The club team again won the team prize.

No need to travel, apart from at very high speed just out of the water – Alex Adams and Sam Barker were the local talent to follow at the highest profile club hosted event for a while – the International Moth Nationals in mid-September. From the fleet of 75, with many quality names at the top, Alex finished strongly for an excellent 10th, Sam's consistency scored 16th with Simon Hiscocks including some low numbers for 8th. Olympic 49er British rep for Tokyo – Dylan Fletcher – claimed a super tight overall victory.

Much later in the year, Alex went for mega-warmth at the Moth Worlds in Perth Australia, and managed to leave the rest of the travelling Brits well behind his 22nd overall from 122, this time won convincingly by another sailor who made his name in 49ers – Tom Slingsby – gold medallist from Australia.

Apologies to the ones I have inevitably missed mentioning.

Rob Smith

Crane operator's birthday

Most years we have the same crane driver for lift out and in, and this year it just happened to be his birthday. So, Rose Spicer presented him with a birthday cake.



New Pontoon

The observant amongst you will have noticed pontoons with their floats removed and water draining out of some of these. Some large plastic tubes have also recently arrived. Well, there is a plan!

Instead of replacing the rusted bottom panels of some of the floats, we propose 700mm diameter plastic tubes as floats under the pontoon sides. They are more stable than square tanks, and eliminate the need to scrape and antifoul the tanks; a messy unpleasant task. As it is more stable, crosspieces will not be used, reducing the pontoon items from 5 to 3 with the same length. A similar system is used in Milford Haven and simpler couplings will be used between the pieces.

Removing and refitting the bridge piece is difficult and not without hazard, so a lighter bridge piece has been sourced, with the possibility of leaving it and the first pontoon in place all year, making the autumn and winter dinghy series more manageable.

The programme for completing the pontoons in time for the start of sailing is tight, so any help during the winter work parties would be welcome. I can promise that it will be more pleasant than lying under tanks with a scraper and antifoul roller. Nigel will be pleased to hear from you.

Total cost will be in the region of £8K.



Figure 1: The new Club "Cat"

Stephen Green

CCSC Duties 2020

Allocation of duties for 2020 will follow a similar plan to last year:

- Working parties. Starting at the first of the working parties (12 January), I will run a sign-up session from 11.00. I will aim to be at subsequent working parties up to 2 February. This gives you an opportunity to get in early and sign up to your preferred duties and dates – and obviously we'd like to see as many people at the working parties as possible.
- Online sign-up. From 3 to 16 February, the DutyMan system will be available online for you to select duties on a first come-first served basis.
- Remaining duties. These will be allocated by me by the end of February ahead of publishing in the handbook. As far as possible, I will do this in line with any preferences included in Marusa (the membership database), so please update this as soon as possible.

My experience of previous years is that not all of you will have rejoined by the end of February, and there are clearly likely to be new members after that date. Consequently, I will be updating the duty allocation throughout the early part of the year to try and catch everyone and make sure all duties are covered.

As a gentle reminder, once the duties are published, it is the responsibility of individual members to arrange swaps via the DutyMan system. Thankfully, we only had a few 'no shows' or late notifications of being unable to do a duty last year. But these do cause problems and incur a risk of racing being cancelled. Obviously if there are extenuating circumstances – illness, family emergencies etc. – please get in touch as I am quite happy to deal with such cases. However, in all other cases, I will be reminding members of their responsibility to find a replacement.

Please remember that the duties system (DutyMan) and the membership database (Marusa) are different systems with different logins and, as such, they are not always synchronised. If you have any problems accessing or using DutyMan, please let me know.

Gareth Jones
CCSC Duty Coordinator
duties@ccsc.org.uk

“Welcome from CCSC”

Hi, we joined CCSC in the summer 2019, arriving Portland harbour on the 2nd August, having left Felixstowe seven days before. For us, it was a familiar slog to windward, dodging the endless SW gales in our Beneteau Oceanis 321. Since arriving, the weather has been far from kind, contrasting completely with the warm welcome we received from the club; everyone was so helpful, and nothing seemed to be too much trouble. We even managed to join in with the club sail to Beaulieu. Someone secured our loose lazy jacks/main sail; a new chain was delivered and fitted in a rising storm when to our delight we were visited/inspected by the resident dolphin! The bream fishing is fantastic, and we even had a cradle built for us in time for lift out. We are now snugly tucked up for the winter ashore and are so looking forward to next season.

Thank you so much for welcoming us.

Bob and Nicky Footer
Yacht BONI



Adam’s success in Dragons

It has been an exceptionally successful year for Adam Bowers in various Dragons. For those, like me, that do not know much about Dragons, they are sailing keelboats with 3-4 crew, maximum crew weight 285 kg. The boats were designed in 1939 and were an Olympic Class from 1948 to 1972. I think they’re very elegant boats as this sketch illustrates (taken from [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dragon_\(keelboat\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dragon_(keelboat)))



Adam was a member of the winning crew in the Northerns and the Edinburgh cup (the Dragon Nationals) both held in July. He was sailing in 'Harry' with Mike Budd helm and Mark Greaves (photo below). He also won the East Coast and the Southern Championships in September this year in 'Badger' with Thomas Vernon at helm.



Figure 2: Edinburgh cup presentation (Adam appears to have an extra hand - strange!)

There is more information in these online reports, where this photo also came from
<https://www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/220063/Haulfryn-Dragon-Edinburgh-Cup-overall>
<https://www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/219939/Haulfryn-Dragon-Edinburgh-Cup-day-3>
<http://www.medwayyachtclub.com/2019/07/east-coast-dragon-championships-2019/>
<https://www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/221879/British-Dragon-South-Coast-Championship>

Ann and Paul – ‘Med Here we come’

Our six-month journey to the Mediterranean started from Portland in May, where we joined Castle Cove Club on our last cruise with them to Yarmouth for a long weekend. Saying our farewells we then travelled along the south coast taking in Gosport, Brighton, Dover then across to Dunkirk, Vlissingen and the standing mast route along canals and rivers through Holland. We night-motored in convoy through Amsterdam (it is less disruptive to trains and motor vehicles as the bridges need opening). Then out to the North Sea, Cadzand, down to Ostend, Dunkirk, Boulogne, Le Treport, Dieppe, Fecamp, Honfleur, Rouen (got unstepped), Vernonnet, Paris (fantastique, but hot at 40° - bimini goes up), Meaux, (very good Brie cheese), Epernay, (Champagne), Chevillon. We watched the canal being de-weeded with a tractor and a digger; if you weren't careful it clogged your engine intakes and your heads! Chaumont, Langres, Auxonne, Chalon-Sur-Saône, Macon, Lyon, Valence, Viviers, Avignon, Arles, then our very last and nearly 300th lock at Port St Louis, Port Napoleon (reunited with mast). Jacana, our boat, is presently on the hard for the winter in Port Napoleon.

Ann Varlow and Paul Simpson

AND DON'T MISS – Ann and Paul will be giving a talk about their voyage on their boat from Weymouth to the Mediterranean via the canals and rivers of the Netherlands, Belgium and France on Wednesday 15 January 2020 at 7pm at the club. The bar will be open.

Some memories of 2019

As part of my Media Officer job, I have continued to issue Press Releases. Here are some of these stories and pictures from the time since the last Newsletter, selected somewhat randomly.

Tony Dobbs

Two Open Classes at Castle Cove (April)

Last weekend there was a competition for International Canoe and Contender dinghy classes at Castle Cove Sailing Club. Despite the weather forecast earlier in the week, it attracted nearly 40 competitors mostly from the South of England and Wales.

Unfortunately, the weather forecast proved to be accurate and no racing was possible on Saturday, with winds speeds gusting at up to 50 knots.

On Sunday the wind had abated somewhat to between 17 and 23 knots. The Club event organiser and competitor Rob Smith said, 'This was almost perfect wind for the Contenders providing a real test, especially as the April chill and tiredness kicked in over the four races. The race team, headed up by Race Officer Jock Fellows, arranged ideal courses with a screaming first reach.' It was fiercely competitive and, in the end, only one point separated first and second. The eventual winner was sailmaker and previous two-time World Champion, Graham Scott. Rob Smith managed to creep into the top ten in ninth and the other CCSC representative, Ben Hawkes, was 21st after a bit of a baptism of fire for his first open in the class.

Conditions on Sunday were challenging for the International Canoes and in the first race ten boats started but only six finished, with local sailor Mike Fenwick taking line honours ahead of Chris Hampe from Plymouth, and current World champion, Robin Wood, in third. Conditions took their toll on the other races, run with a reduced field. Overall, CCSC members Mike Fenwick and Martin Robb took first and second places respectively. Glen Truswell claimed a very impressive third place on only his third day of sailing an International Canoe.

At the prize-giving all competitors left with goodies from Sika Ltd, the event sponsor. The event, organisation and facilities were well appreciated by many of the visitors who congratulated CCSC and the many volunteers who helped with catering and other tasks.



Glen Truswell photo Richard Bowers

Cadet sessions start (early May)

Last Friday was the first Cadet session of the season at Castle Cove Sailing Club. Forty Cadets between the ages of 8 and 15 have signed up for this season of sailing tuition. The first session was essentially aimed at re-familiarisation for the majority of Cadets who had not sailed over the winter period. It was a fairly chilly and wet evening but there were keen Cadets eager to get on the water, and parents willing to assist.

The club's Cadet officer Jeni Richards said, 'For this first session, we just wanted to get out on the water and see how the sailors are doing. It is a requirement for Cadets that sailors have their RYA Level 2 or equivalent experience. The reason for this is so that we can safely accommodate more sailors on the water.'

The Cadets were divided into two groups, with ribs and a launch in support. Parents played crucial roles with duties such as assistance with launching and recovery, manning the safety boats, beach control and registration. After a briefing for both Cadets and parent helpers at 18.15 the boats were launched. After the session there was a 'bring your own' BBQ.



Cove Cup Races, and Italian exploits (late May)

Last week there were two important competitions at Castle Cove Sailing Club. The first was open to all keelboats and was decided by the results of two races held on Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd May. Fourteen boats took part and the winner of the Cove Cup for keelboats was Carol Green in Selene, with Paul Calver in Buckshot taking second place.

The second was for dinghies and was also decided on the basis of races held on two days; in this case on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May. There were four races and fifteen boats competed. The overall winner of the Cove Cup for dinghies was Ben Hawkes in a Contender, with last years' winner, Lucy Bishop in a Laser, in second place.

While these competitions were underway a group from the Ladies Sailing section of the Club was in Calabria, Italy, at Airone Beachclub run by Neilson. The group of 8 enjoyed a wide range of watersports available in the resort. One of the group, Tony Dobbs, said, 'The weather was excellent and we all had a great time. The sailing conditions were sometimes extreme, with winds of 30 knots, but were mostly good. The mild water of the Ionian Sea made a pleasant contrast to that currently found in Portland Harbour.' There were also plenty of other activities for the group: mountain and road biking, tennis and a climbing wall, to name a few. The group managed some competitive successes of their own, with Grace Martin winning the Regatta competition and John Christmas winning in the tennis.



First Sunday Race Results (June)

The final races of the six race series of the First Sunday Series club competitions at Castle Cove Sailing Club were held last Sunday. Sailing conditions were excellent, with winds in the range 10 to 15 knots.

In the Fast Handicap dinghies competition there were 17 boats taking part in one or more of the six races. It was a close-run thing for first place but Nick Orman, in a Phantom, just pipped Mike Robins in a Scorpion.

In the Asymmetrics class, Oliver Fellows and Will Adler in a 29er were the clear winners from Jon Jenkins and Ian Hunter in an RS 200. Oliver and Will were first in all the races they entered. There were nine competitors in this Class.

Finally, in the Slow Handicap Dinghy class there were 12 competitors and Jon Emmett was the winner with last year's winner, Steve Green, in second place. Both were sailing Laser Radials. Jon Emmett did not compete in the last race, winning the Sunday Series based on discards having won four of the six races. Instead, Jon was in Roses, Spain, where he won the European Apprentice Masters Laser Radial competition, a major achievement.



3Jon Emmett (in centre) at medals

Castle Cove Cruisers Abroad (July)

A group of nine keelboats left Castle Cove Sailing Club for a five-day trip to Cherbourg last month. They left in good time to celebrate the summer solstice and the Fete de la Musique while there. The Fete has been growing steadily worldwide, with free music concerts in public places. It started in France in 1982. One of the sailors, Neil Stroud, the Club Commodore said, “The streets of the town were lined with various bands playing many genres of music. It was a very popular, well attended evening and the streets were packed with people enjoying the festivities into the early hours of the following morning. Next day the group had an organised wine-tasting event to help select goods for the return journey. Following that there was a splendid evening meal, celebrated with great food, great wine, and great company.”

The Channel crossing was a reasonable sail for many of the boats. However, the return journey was hampered with limited visibility caused by thick fog. All boats made the trip safely though and everyone had a memorable trip.

Last weekend ten cruisers took a trip to Mupe Bay, just East of Lulworth Cove, for an overnight stop. The weather was just about perfect and the beach barbecue thoroughly enjoyable.



Photo Neil Stroud

Bumper day for Ladies Sailing (early August)

Last Friday saw a record attendance at Castle Cove Sailing Club's weekly 'Ladies Sailing' event, with 37 people out on the water. It was also a special day with excellent sailing weather and a trip out of Portland Harbour and around the Black Pearl anchored in Weymouth Bay, to take a closer look.

The Ladies Sailing Group was formed about 25 years ago following a request from three female Club members for some sailing instruction without the pressures of partners or children present. The Group was subsequently established and met every Friday morning. It grew slowly, with men accepted as honorary members soon after its inception. Sara Lloyd helped with tuition at the very start and is still actively involved with the Group. She said, 'On several occasions there has been pressure to change the name from Ladies Sailing. But we have resisted this as it is primarily for ladies and the name endorses the ethos of friendly, relaxed sailing without any pressures.'

Over the years the Group has developed a notable social dimension by raising significant amounts of money for various charities and with its members volunteering for a range of tasks in the running of the Club.



Photo Alan Sampson

Moths at Castle Cove (September)

Castle Cove Sailing Club is hosting the Wetsuit Outlet International Moth UK National Championships from 12th to 15th September. Twelve races are planned, spread over four days. The host club has food and social events over the three nights of the event.

Castle Cove is a popular location for the Moths; they last visited in 2013. The 75-entrant entry list was closed within five days of it being released in July. This event is seen by competitors as an excellent preparation for the World Championships, to be held in these waters next September hosted by the Sailing Academy.

The Moth is a Development class of boat, meaning there is more freedom to designers and constructors by controlling fewer dimensions of the dinghies. Moths been around for many years, the first boats were made in the late 1920s and a British Moth Class was formed in the 1930s. In recent years the class has grown rapidly in popularity thanks to the introduction of hydrofoils. The foiling boats are extremely fast with speeds up to 30 knots, which makes them thrilling to sail and exciting to watch.



Photo Mark Jardine

Keelboat lift out (October)

Last week, Castle Cove Sailing Club (CCSC) finally managed to complete the lift out of all keelboats for the winter period. Originally this work was scheduled for the last weekend in September but strong winds prevented that. Eventually, the forecast seemed acceptable and the large 100-tonne hire crane was in place on Monday 14th October and the lift out operation commenced.

The Lift Team organiser, Barry Scutt, said, ‘The first day’s lift out was beleaguered by delays; rain and winds gusting to 23 knots from the east. Despite this we managed to lift 12 boats ashore with the help of all the volunteers. The next two days were made a lot easier by some good weather, with light westerly winds and lots of sunshine! In total 34 boats were lifted, including Pieces of Eight owned by Malcolm and Rose Spicer, for the 42nd time at CCSC. This must be some kind of Club record! Lots of hot tea, coffee, and bacon butties helped everything along on all three days, thanks to the ‘tea tent volunteers’. What would we do without them?’



Photo Barry Scutt

Autumn Race Series Results (November)

This year’s autumn race series at Castle Cove Sailing Club was badly affected by adverse weather conditions. So much so that four of the 12-race series had to be cancelled. However, the remaining eight races were fiercely competed. The series ended last week with Jon Jenkins and Ian Hunter narrowly winning the Asymmetric Class in an RS200. Ben Richardson, in a Laser Radial, even more narrowly, won the Class 9 competition from Rob Smith in a Contender; both sailors finished with the same overall points. In these cases the winner is determined using Rule A8 of World Sailing’s Racing Rules of Sailing which gave Ben as the winner based on relative finishing positions in the last race of the series. It could hardly have been closer.

In the race series as a whole, a total of 18 boats took part in Class 9, and eight boats in the Asymmetric Class. Race conditions for the last two races were good, Race

Officer Mike Dencher, said, ‘With winds ranging from 8 to 22 knots, the competitors were able to demonstrate their skills to good effect. The northerly wind was chill but that did not dampen spirits and there was an excellent Sunday afternoon of racing.’



Photo Richard Bowers Ben Richardson behind Dylan Fletcher in a moth

Christmas Party (December)

Last Saturday, Castle Cove Sailing Club held its 2019 Christmas Party. The theme was ‘Under the Sea’ and, while fancy dress was optional, it encouraged a wide array of imaginative costumes, including several mermaids and even one deep sea diver. The entire event was staged and managed by the mermaids and mermen of the Ladies Sailing Group. As well as providing suitable atmospheric décor for the club, they produced a splendid three course meal with a salmon and spinach roulade starter, Moroccan chicken with dates main, and a selection of puddings with coffee or tea to follow. There were also vegetarian alternatives.

During the evening, a table-versus-table competition to build a functioning model submarine from a plastic bottle and other scraps, kept the diners busy. Most, but not all, of the subs managed to sink but few ever re-surfaced! Table teams also tackled a sea-based quiz, and there was an energetic joint performance of ‘Baby Shark’. A memorable and enjoyable evening was had by all 85 party-goers with £705 raised for this year’s local chosen charities, The Lantern Trust and CLIC Sargent.



Galley Chef Competition (December)

Last weekend at Castle Cove Sailing Club there was a competition to find the chef able to cook the best meal under simulated boating conditions. The organiser, Mike Conroy, explained, 'The evening involved ten club members competing for the title of CCSC Galley Chef 2019. They had to produce a dish for four hungry, cold, and wet crew using a single burner cooker from a one-meter square 'galley' in 30 minutes. With rules restricting the nature of ingredients, it was a test of the culinary skills of the competitors whose dishes were then sampled by an audience of more than 40 club members who allocated points to determine the winner.'

When it came to judging, the audience was not required to fully simulate all the conditions of the competition; nobody was cold, several were hungry and not a few were quite wet, on the inside. The winner was Andrew Cottrell. He was awarded the title of CCSC Galley Chef 2019 for his dish of Green Thai Curry Egg Noodles.

It was an excellent social evening and all the cooks deserved thanks. They did a great job and produced varied and tasty meals under these demanding competition conditions. The recipes of the 10 competitors will be reproduced in a book that will be sold, with all receipts being given to the RNLI.



Editor's Comments

I hope you have read some of this Newsletter. I have struggled a bit with formatting but I hope all is clear. There is quite a deal of text, some of which will have appeared on the Club's Facebook page and has been repeated here for those who do not use that website. As always, I would welcome any comments you may have.

Thanks

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