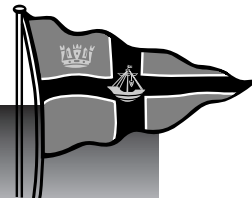


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SETLEY POND JUNIOR MODEL BOAT RACE

The traditional Boxing morning Setley Pond Junior Model Boat race was hotly contested by sixteen monohulls and twenty one multihulls. Just one point separated Hector Hurst in second and Kate Hardacre in first place in the multihulls, racing for the Seahorse Trophy. The monohulls were even closer, with the top three tied on five points. The tie break saw Jamie Jardine just retain the Setley Cup.



FROM THE COMMODORE

It is with great personal sadness that I have to advise you that Jan Lillywhite passed away on December 19th after a long and brave struggle against cancer. Jan was Rear Commodore House from 2001 to 2004, and for two of those years I worked closely with her, as Rear Commodore Sailing. It was a wonderful experience of friendship and cooperation, and Jan did so much to make the social side of sailing events enjoyable and welcoming for us all. The House Committee had some difficult tasks to address during her term of office, but by her example and through her commitment to the Club, she was able to take us forward and laid the groundwork for so many of our subsequent successes. Jan will be sadly missed by us all, and I know you all join with me in sending our condolences to Colin and their family.

After the Christmas and New Year celebrations it is now time to get down to making our 2006 sailing plans. Whether it be cruising or racing there is much to be done.

The hard and often unpleasant bit of boat maintenance on cold winters days, and the fun bit, which races and regattas to enter, or where to cruise this year, and crews to organise. To help you, the draft 2006 programme is on the website, and the House Committee are well advanced in their planning for another season of social events to tempt us back to the Clubhouse for an apres-sail evening. To keep us mentally active, we can enjoy a further series of Wednesday Evening Lectures which will take us through to the Fitting Out Supper and sailing once more!

Our successes on the racing circuit during 2005 were outstanding and will be covered fully in the forthcoming PotterShip. Not least amongst our winners was James Rusden, Cadet World Champion for 2005, and his success, together with our other successes at local, national and international level, should spur us all on to great achievements in 2006.

I hope we will all be blessed with fair tides, fair winds and sunshine!

JOHN BENCE COMMODORE

FROM THE SECRETARY

cannot deliver your whole round please return envelopes to the Club rather than stamp them and put them in a mail box.

Membership Cards and Credit/Debit Cards

Club Card accounts may not be run into debt. Regulation 17 applies. The Committee has instructed that the Regulation is to be more strictly enforced, including the denial of the Member card discount to a Member whose card account is in debt. PLEASE NOTE - the Club pays lower card transaction fees if you use a debit card to top up your card.

Dinghy Park

If you have a dinghy park space you will be contacted shortly. Please ensure that you return the application form and the appropriate fee promptly, otherwise the space will be re-let to someone on the waiting list. If you had a space last year and no longer need it, make someone's day on the waiting day by letting Hamish know. For regattas we will again be keeping down the cost to competitors by utilising the dinghy parks as much as possible, in part by re-arranging the dinghies there. If you are not taking part in the Easter Regatta, and you have a dinghy park space, but have wintered your boat elsewhere, we would be grateful if you did not return your boat to the dinghy park until after the Easter Regatta. Finally, please ensure that your trolley is not left across the footpath nor on the slipway whilst you are afloat. If someone trips over your trolley, you could be legally liable for the consequences of any injury suffered.

Dinghies afloat/in the toast rack/outboard motors

If you had an outboard in the shed, or a dinghy in the toast racks or afloat you will be contacted shortly. Please ensure that you return the application form and appropriate fee by end of February. Again, failure to renew promptly could result in your space being re-let, and you being disappointed. Please note that all property, including tenders, outboards and accessories on Club property are entirely at the Member's risk. We continue to take prompt and vigorous action over dinghies which are left without authority in the dinghy park. Please help us by displaying the sticker on boats which are legally parked, and remove those boats which are not.

IAN GAWN SECRETARY

Christmas Cruiser Race

The Christmas Cruiser Race (right) was won by Oliver Dunne



The Spring Series

This will be sailed on 26 March (two races), 2 April (two races) 9 April (two races) 23 April (two races) and 30 April (two races)



AWARDS TO MEMBERS

Jack in the Basket Trophy - Philip Sparks

The Jack in the Basket Trophy is awarded to a Club Member under 30 years of age who is considered to be the outstanding yachtsman/yachtswoman of the year

Southern Region Young Sailor of the Year - James Rusden

Having won the 2005 Cadet World Championships and had a very successful year James Rusden has been named Regional Young Sailor of the year, and is on the short list of three for the National award, the Raymarine/YJA Young Sailor of the Year.

Jubilee Challenge Trophy - Jez Fanstone, winner of the Sydney/Hobart Race

This trophy is awarded annually to the Member who has achieved the most outstanding off-shore performance.

The Commodore's Cup - Vince Sutherland

The Commodore's Cup is presented annually for the most outstanding achievements and help to the Club by any member.



Vince Sutherland (right) holder of the Commodore's Cup presenting Geoff Holmes with his prize for winning the roll a coin competition at the Christmas Buffet Party.

CAPTAIN of JUNIORS

As from February Phil Lawrence will be the new Captain of Juniors

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PotterShip

All copy for the next issue by 15 January 06 please
Please send copy to Judy Ruffell
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CRUISE NEWS

Needles Relief

The Needles Relief was very successful and enjoyed by all who set sail in warm calm and sunny weather.

So, as all the cruising activities are over let me tell you what else there is, to look forward to, in the near future.

Cruising Logs

Complete your Cruising Logs and enter them for the log prizes by early January

Logs may be handed in to the office or to Sally Buckley but please not later than early January so the judges have time to make their decisions

Cruising Dinner. 18 February 2006.

This great event was very popular last year and you would be well advised to buy tickets as soon as they go on sale. This year we have invited John Astbury CBE who is Director of Maritime Operations and the Chief Coastguard to be the special guest and to make the after dinner speech. The Log Competition Prizes will be presented and there will be a very good menu.

Lectures

The Wednesday evening lectures start again on 4 January

2006 and the first is to be given by last year's winner of the Cadiz Cup.

Spring Meet

There is not as much time as you think to do all those jobs you promised to put right and all the anti-fouling and varnishing before the Spring Meet in Cowes on 21-23 April 06.

There is not room for me to repeat all the Meet dates here but they are as in the last PotterNews and on the Club's Cruising web site and of course on the Club notice boards.

Very few of you returned the invitation in the last Potter News to receive email updates on Meet planning but I will try and send out the main notices to all on the Club's email list as I know you would not want to miss out.

Cruise Book

Not many people enter details of their cruises in the Cruise Book in the Chartroom which is a pity as it provides a mine of information for those planning similar voyages and a source of possible lecturers for the CoC.! Please write up your cruise, an outline only is necessary, to build up the wealth of information we have in the Club.

Soon it will start to get lighter and one day perhaps even warmer so we can look forward to getting out on the water again.

DUNCAN MACALISTER
CAPTAIN OF CRUISING



OPTIMISTS

At the Opi Dinner the Commodore presented Debbie Blachford, in her role as CEO of Sailability, with a cheque for £693.82 raised by the Opi's sponsored Round the Island sail

We have an excellent Optimist racing flotilla here and they have been very successful in 2005.

The Talbot Fleet Cup and Banner are awarded to the Club with the best results at the Nationals in the Senior Fleet. Lymington Optimists also won the Best Team Trophy at the Carantec International Regatta in France. Optimist sailors also won the Ambassador Telescope which is awarded by the Class Association to the Club whose sailors epitomise the best spirit of Optimist sailing. This was demonstrated by their sailing Round the Island to raise money for Sailability.

We should be very proud of our Optimist Fleet and especially this year when they have had such success on the race course and shown that they can put something back into the sport.

MANDY STOCK

Many years ago, I met an Austrian while working in Yugoslavia who showed me his boat. He clearly loved it and took great pride in it. The fact that it leaked, was old and his family would not set foot on it did not diminish his affection. I imagine we all have this affection and pride in whatever boat we own.

It therefore puzzles me when I see sailors letting down their boats, their Club and themselves by flying flags at the wrong time, in the wrong combination or in the wrong position.

Recently I observed several instances of burgees being left up for extended periods (including a boat on the hard with

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the burgee on the port spreader), and a Club burgee on a port spreader

but flying another club's defaced ensign. These are not acceptable practices. As Members we all agree to abide by the Club's Regulations, which are currently published in a separate book (available from the office), but which will be included in the new Handbook in March.

I make no claims to great knowledge and am very happy to rely on the Regulations, or advice from my more experienced friends. So if I make a mistake it is out of ignorance and I try not to do it again.

Let's all try harder!

ROD PERRY VICE COMMODORE