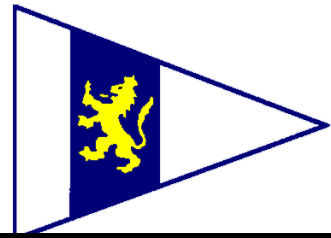


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NEWSLETTER - Winter 09/10

Commodore's Letter

With the Commodore away for his annual skiing holiday it has fallen to me to write a few words for the newsletter. With this letter you should receive notice of the Annual General Meeting. If possible please make an effort to attend – those of us on the past year's Committee value the input of all members. After all it is the members who are the Club – those of us on the Committee are only the custodians on your behalf.

In the past months we have had the Laying Up Supper – many thanks to all who help organise the event and to the Braye Beach for their efforts. There was a mild panic which deprived us of our guest speaker and a few others due to cross winds at the airfield. Apart from this a memorable event.

For those of you interested in the summer Dinghy Sailing courses Pam will be starting work on the details around

Easter. Those interested in adding names to the list should contact Pam via the Club. The format will be basically the same as past years. As is true of most of us involved with the sailing side of the Club it is difficult juggling sailing and the pertinent object of making a living.

On the subject of the sailing and being aware of the views of members I have spoken to a few people about trying to encourage more participation in all aspects of the Club. One of the issues for those of us who live here is that it is the summer when we have to work hard to make our living. As the old cliché says 'Work is the curse of the sailing classes' but it is a truism for many of us. Thus, when a sailing programme is pencilled in, it is sheer luck if all of us are available. This is true of Race Officers, participants and other helpers. This has resulted in a rather haphazard and not entirely acceptable way of running races. For example, starting a dinghy race from one

of the boats actually in the race. In my youth, many years ago, I can think of the likes of Les, Frank, Margaret, Derek and Sonia who all helped with dinghy sailing. Perhaps some ideas to encourage involvement might include email, Twitter or a Facebook page for notification of races. Any ideas on this subject please let the Committee know. These are issues which affect all of us involved with getting people on the water.

Last weekend we had the first Supper of the winter season. Many thanks to Boyd and Sarah and all who supported the event. The list is in the Club for future meals!

It is the time of year for reading pilot books, magazines, poring over charts and dreaming of what might transpire this coming summer. May I wish all of you that these dreams may, at least partly, come to fruition.

Pete Hamer

Assistant Secretary (Bar)

NAUTICAL NOTES

1. According to the President of the Royal Institute of Navigation the present GPS system, which comes to us by courtesy of the US Department of Defence is on its "last legs". Some satellites are one component from failure, have exceeded their design life or operate only on partial capacity. The next generation of replacement satellites is three years behind schedule. It therefore behoves us to be prepared to revert to dead reckoning with the necessary charts and navigation equipment on board. However the good news is that "Galileo" the European system should be operational this year with Russia, India and China developing their own systems. It's going to be crowded up there and I wonder whether our existing GPSs, chart plotters etc will work to them.
2. We are having "energy saving" lights imposed upon us at home but at sea the use of LED lights is becoming more common even to the extent of being used in the Varne light vessel. Made in New Zealand they have a range of 15 miles and are solar powered. They are also becoming available for navigation and cabin lights though in the latter case there are times when they have interfered with the VHF channels on the entertainment radio.
3. Many yachts have "lazarettes" but how many of us know why this strange term is used to define the locker in the stern which holds oil, paint, grease the outboard engine etc. It derives from the word used to define a place into which sailors were confined when they came from areas which were thought to have infectious diseases and came in various forms; lazaretto in Turkish, lazaretto in Italian and Greek and lazaret in English.. On board ship a cabin was kept apart from the rest of the vessel to avoid contagion, especially leprosy. So on a yacht the diminutive of the word is lazarette for things we do not want in the saloon or elsewhere.
4. Mention has been made in the past of the measures which the UK government has introduced to try to keep out unwanted visitors. Mostly they seem to be most effective in annoying legitimate yachtsmen when they are boarded by black clad officials from high-speed Ribs, but recently there was a case where the law fell upon a sailor with a very heavy hand. A delivery skipper was spotted in the Dover TSS driving against the traffic flow for 50 minutes. He then joined the inshore Traffic Zone after his attention had been attracted by an aircraft despatched by Dover Coastguard. His misdemeanours cost him £8084 in court and the withdrawal of his Yachtmaster qualification by the RYA for breaking Colregs Rule 10. Whew!
5. There is an interesting product on the market for those who want to inspect their hull or clear the prop. Called C-PRO it consists of a 5litre air bottle with regulator, contents gauge and buoyancy compensator bladder. It all packs neatly into a rucksack for stowage. At £500 it does not come cheap and should be used with care and if possible after training by a qualified Scuba diver. It does however give a skipper a certain piece of mind and enable one to unwind one's mooring lines on return to Braye

ALDERNEY SAILING CLUB PROGRAMME 2010

DATE	H.W. (Braye)	HT	EVENT	START	BRIEFING
CRUISERS					
t.b.c.	t.b.c.	t.b.c.	*Alderney Chase (to Guernsey)	t.b.c.	t.b.c.
Sat 03 Jul	1203	4.93	Cherbourg Race	0930	1900 Fri 02
Sun 04 Jul	1244	4.79	Cherbourg - Alderney Race	1430	1900 Fri 02
Sat 10 Jul	0635	5.29	Dielette Race	1130	1900 Fri 09
Sun 11 Jul	0727	5.62	Dielette - Alderney Race	1630	
Sat 31 Jul	1052	5.34	Careys Race Guern/Ald	0800	1900 Fri 30
Sun 08 Aug	0618	5.27	Round Alderney Race	1415	1000
Sun 15 Aug	1130	5.95	Omonville Race	0900	1900 Sat 14
Sun 22 Aug	0642	5.02	Ortac Race	1400	1000
Sun 05 Sep	0454	4.84	Casquets Race	1130	1000
Sat 25 Sep	0857	5.84	Equinox Race to Guernsey	1130	1900 Fri 24

DINGHIES

Sun 28 Mar	Spring Series Commences - Races as weather permits				
Sun 02 May	1019	5.63	RNLI Pennant	1500	1400
Sun 16 May	0921	5.80	Barbuie Trophy	1500	1400
Sun 06 Jun	1448	4.52	Newton Cup	1500	1400
Sun 20 Jun	1424	5.19	* Aurigny Trophy (+)	1500	1400
Sun 04 Jul	1244	4.79	Broome Bowl	1500	1400
Sun 18 Jul	1249	5.49	Piccadilly Trophy	1500	1400
Sun 25 Jul	0739	5.35	Henry Euler Trophy (Bays Race)	1500	1400
Sun 01 Aug	1120	5.20	Viscountess Alderney Trophy	1500	1400
Sun 15 Aug	1130	5.95	Commodore's Cup	1500	1400
t.b.c.			College Cleat		
t.b.c. Aug			Pico Trophy (Adults)		
t.b.c. Aug			Pico Trophy (Juniors)		
Sun 05 Sep	Autumn Series Commences - Races as weather permits.				
Sun 14 Nov	Frostbite Series Commences - Races as weather permits.				
(+) <i>This event may be sailed in cruisers.</i>					

MOTOR CRUISERS and RIBs

Sat 03 Jul	1203	4.93	Cherbourg Race	1030	1900 Fri 02
Sat 10 Jul	0635	5.29	Cruise to Dielette	1200	1900 Fri 09
Sun 15 Aug	1130	5.95	Cruise to Omonville	0900	1900 Sat 14

General Notes

Times are BST and tidal heights are metres.
 Entrance fee for Cruisers: £3 per race (£5 for Alderney Chase).
 No entrance fee for Dinghies (except RNLI Pennant - £2 min to RNLI)
 Cruiser Races (except the Alderney Chase) are open to visiting yachts.
 Dinghy Races open to visitors are detailed in the Trophy list overleaf.
 All races except those marked * count towards Points Trophies. General Sailing Instructions will be available at briefings.
 Should it not be possible to start a particular event, an alternative date will be notified at the briefing.

SOCIAL AND OTHER EVENTS 2010

Thur 18 Feb	Annual General Meeting		1900	
Sun 02 May	Milk o'Punch Sunday			
Fri 11 Jun	R.Y.A. Channel cruise/ barbecue ?			
Sat 12 Jun	JOG Cowes-Alderney Race			
Mon 26 Jul	Dinghy Course 1 Commences			
Sat 31 Jul	Alderney Week			
to	Thur 05th Aug?	Family Scramble	1200	1030
Sun 08th Aug	Dinghy Course 2 Commences			
Mon 09 Aug	Dinghy Course 3 Commences			
Mon 16 Aug	Laying Up Supper			
Fri 19 Nov	New Years Eve			
Fri 31 Dec	New Years Day			
Sat 01 Jan 2011				

Notice is hereby given that the 2010 Annual General Meeting of the ALDERNEY SAILING CLUB will be held at the Clubhouse on Thursday 18th February 2010 at 1900hrs.'

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