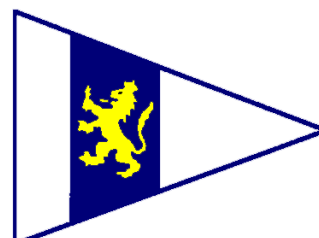


# Alderney Sailing Club

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## NEWSLETTER - Winter 2011

### Commodore's Letter

At the time of writing we are in the midst of the festive season. 2010m has ended and 2011 is upon us.

As we enter the New Year this brings us to the subject of the AGM. This is in February this year, and I would urge anyone who wishes to assist the club and take office to do so.

It is customary at this time of the year to have a retrospect of the previous one. The dinghy sailing section remains the core of the clubs sailing activities, and thanks as ever go in particular to Pam and Pete, without whom these activities would not approach the level of success they enjoy. The RYA evening classes for navigation were not as well supported this year and it is to be hoped that there will be a higher level of interest this year. The Chris's Ireland and Walker are keen to run the course again.

The feedback I have received with regard to the laying up supper, suggest that it was an enjoyable

evening, and I think that everyone enjoyed the guest speaker, Sir Keith Mills.

Darren Machon has once again put together an interesting racing calendar, it would be good to see more yachts racing, last year we struggled to get numbers into the races and it would be good if the numbers increased this year.

Financially we are on a sound footing and our reserves have increased modestly again over 2010. Partly this is to do with the control exerted by Neil Harvey, and partly to the support shown the club by all its members, all of whom deserve the clubs thanks. The first of the club suppers has already taken place and was well supported. The suppers are fun, and bring needed funds into the club, so if you feel like having a bash put your name down as an organiser.

One piece of bad news is that our tireless secretary Genny Fielder was admitted to hospital over the Christmas season. I am certain that as

well as thanking her for her unstinting services to the club over the previous year, you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery.

The talk of a Marina in Alderney continues and I am sure that all members will be watching 'that space' with interest over the coming year, let us wish the new states success in this venture.

Whilst it may seem to be a long way in the future Easter will be upon us with alacrity, and we will be antifouling, varnishing and fitting out for launching very soon. I would wish you all a successful season for 2011, and look forward to seeing all our members in the club during 2011. All that remains is for me to thank my committee for their sterling work, and all members for their continued support over 2010, as I look forward to whatever challenges and enjoyment that 2011 may bring. I wish you all a happy and successful New Year.

*Stuart Trought*  
Commodore

### Tales From A Bar Book End

French boats – Why do so many French yachts not have a topping lift? And do they all have red horseshoe lifebelts?

A youngish man appeared outside the shop asking for a taxi. As the taxi was in the Inner Harbour at the bottom of the ladder I offered to take him from there. Ok – I will pick you up on the pontoon. As I drove round I wondered why anyone sailing was unable to cope with a ladder? At the pontoon I expected the passenger to just hop on board but he waited while I tied up. It then became apparent that he had only one arm. How to make you feel small.

There was an article in one of the magazines about the dangers of barefoot sailing. I also know that most if not all of the Senior Instructors we have had over the years required children to wear some sort of footwear. I must admit I can see the problems but will continue barefoot or flip-flopped.

Yachtsmen always seem to assume that the taxi driver will know what they are talking about. I like to think that the advice I give is usually useful. Except for at least one occasion last summer when, due to my advanced years, I got the tide time for Guernsey wrong by the full six hours. I realised a few hours later. Luckily the skipper had the times and realised that taxi drivers do talk rubbish.

Over the next few years the Committee has decided we should gradually replace the training dinghies used by the Club. The oldest Picos are now over ten years old and though still in fairly good condition they will not last forever. A decision had to be made over the choice of the replacement. The obvious choice was to keep with the Pico. It would keep the fleet of a kind and they have been very impressive in the role. On the other hand the design is now over fifteen years old and perhaps we should

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## Tales (Continued)

move on. To this end we have decided to get a new design called a Q'ba. In many ways it is similar to the Pico but slightly more advanced. We will see if our decision was the right one!

The scene; the Inner Harbour with a yacht alongside so that the topping lift could be replaced. No problem – just send the Kiwi up on a halyard with some light blue-coloured polyprop to act as a messenger so tools could be sent up to him as required. On cue, some tools are required and the message is shouted up “chuck down the blue rope”. Whereupon Kiwi did just as he was told and let the whole rope come wafting down. There was a slight loss of humour on the dock as the mission had to be abandoned!

John Ling – John died last year. He had been involved in sailing at the Club for as long as I can remember, even though he had a penchant for two hulled things! Many years ago, when we were all much younger, he started the Equinox Race to Guernsey on the big September tide. I well remember cursing him as we beat all the way to Guernsey on a very chilly September day. The return trip always seemed to pass in a bit of a haze. A man truly involved in sailing.

Sailing back in with some children during the Sailing Course last summer I pointed out a yacht to them. The two crew on deck were both disabled having both lost limbs. It made you feel very appreciative of our good fortune. Later that day the crew had their dog with them. It had three legs!

## Your Own Tide Tables

To find High water Alderney for December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010. The rules come from the publication – the examples are mine.

With thanks to “The New Seaman's Guide and Coaster's Companion” date 1825

General rules for finding the Golden number, leap year, the Epact, and the moon's age. Also the Moon's Southing and the time of high water on every day of the year.

### Golden number

The cycle of the moon, or lunar cycle, is the period of 19 years, in which the new and full moons return to the same day of the Julian year, although nearly an hour and a half sooner, any particular year of the cycle is expressed by a number, which, from its great use in the calendar, is called the Golden Number, and is found by the following rule.

Add 1 to the given year, and divide the sum by 19. The remainder will be the Golden number, but if nothing remain, the cycle is out, that is 19 is the golden number.

Example – 2010. Add 1 = 2011. Divide by 19 = 105.84 = 19 remainder 16. The Golden number is 16

### Bissextile or leap year

Bissextile or leap year, is a year consisting of 366 days, and happening every fourth year by the addition of a day in the month of February which in the year consists of 29 days. This is done to recover the six hours, which the sun nearly takes up in his course more than the 365 days commonly allowed for it in other years.

Rule divide the number of the year by four, then if zero remain it is a leap year, but if one to three remain it is so many after leap year.

Example – 2010. Divide by 4 = 502 with 2 remainder. 2010 is not a leap year

### The Epact

The Epact is the moon's age at the beginning of the year, it increases 11 each year, being the excess of the solar year of 365, above the lunar year of 354 days, or 12 lunations, and goes through all its varieties in a period of 19 years. Hence it happens that the same Golden number has always the same Epact. That is when the golden number is one, the Epact is 0, when 2 the Epact is 11, went 3, it is 33 etc and as the golden number at the birth of Christ was 1, we have the following rule for finding the Epact

Divide the given year by 19, the remainder multiply by 11, and the product will be the Epact, if it does not exceed 29. But if it does, subtract 30 as often as you can and the remainder will be the Epact.

Example – 2010. Divide by 19 = 105 remainder 16. 16 is the Epact for 2008.

The Number or Epact for the month, is the Moon's age at the beginning of the month, when it is new moon on the first of January.

The Epact or Number for each month are as follows

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
In Common Years	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	5	7	7	9	9
In Leap Years	0	2	0	2	3	4	5	6	8	8	10	10

### Moon's age

Rule for finding the moon's age on any given day. To the Epact for the year, add the Epact or number for the month and the day of the month. The sum, if it does not exceed 30 is the moon's age, but if it do subtract 30 from its and the remainder is her age.

Example – 2010 December 2<sup>nd</sup>. 16 + 9 + 2 = 27. Moon's age is 27

## **Your Own Tide Table (Continued)**

### **Moon's Southing.**

Rule for finding the moon's Southing, or the time of her passing the Meridian. Multiply the moon's age by 8, and cut off one figure to the right-hand. The left-hand figure or figures will be the hours and the right-hand figure so many six minutes.

*Note - should the time thus found that the less than 12 hours, it is the time of Southing after mid-day, but if greater, then 12 hours subtracted from it leaves the Southing after midnight, that is on the following morning.*

Example –  $27 * 8 = 216$ . Moon passes the meridian 21 hours 36 minutes. 12 hours subtracted leaves 9 hours 36 minutes the following morning.

### **To find of the time of high water**

By high water is meant that state of the tides when they have flowed to their greatest height, or have ceased to flow or rise. The times of high water on every day of the moon's age, are usually computed from that which is observed on the days of full and change, as given in the tide tables in this work. And hence the time of high water on any particular day may be nearly ascertained by the following rule.

To the time of the moon's Southing on the given day add the time of high water on the full and change. The sum is the hour past noon when it is high water. Should this sum exceed 12 hours 24 minutes, subtract 12 hours 24 minutes from it, and the remainder shows the time of high water in the morning, but if it exceeds 24 hours 48 minutes subtract that time from it and the remainder shows the time of high water in the afternoon.

Example - December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010 The time for Alderney for high water on the full and change is shown on an old chart as VI 45. That is the time of high water springs is always 0645 or thereabouts.

9 hours 36 minutes + 6 hours 45 minutes = 16 hours 21 minutes. Subtract 12 hours 24 minutes leaves 3 hours 57 minutes.

This is wrong! High water is 0337. After all that perhaps I got something wrong! But not by too much.

Almost the final word goes to the original publication.

"The foregoing is the rule and generally used for finding the time of high water, although, in some cases its results vary considerably from the truth."

Final word – it seems that the Epacts changed after 1900 – I suppose not the original publications fault.

## **Annual General Meeting 2011**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the 2011 Annual General Meeting of the ALDERNEY SAILING CLUB will be held at the Clubhouse on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 1900 to transact the following business:

### **AGENDA**

1. To receive and note apologies for absence.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Clubhouse on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010.
3. To receive the Honorary Treasurer's Report and to adopt the accounts for the financial year ending on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010.
4. To receive the Commodore's Report and Recommendations.
5. To elect the Officers and Committee Members as follows:

Commodore	Vice Commodore	Rear Commodore
Honorary Treasurer	Honorary Secretary	Assistant Secretary (Sailing)
Assistant Secretary (Bar)	Assistant Secretary (Membership)	Assistant Secretary (House)
Three Committee Members		
6. The Committee recommend that the Entrance Fee and Annual Subscriptions should stay at the level agreed at the 2007 AGM.
7. To appoint the Club Auditors for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011.
8. There will be no other business as none was notified in writing to the Honorary Secretary by the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2011 in accordance with Rule 7(c).

**NOTE:** Nominations for Officers with the names of Proposers and Seconders shall be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary not later than the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2011 in accordance with Rule 5(b).

By agreement of the General Committee, December 2010.

# Alderney Sailing Programme 2011

DATE	H.W. (Braye)	HT	EVENT	START	BRIEFING
<b>CRUISERS</b>					
t.b.c.	t.b.c.	t.b.c.	*Alderney Chase (to Guernsey)	t.b.c.	t.b.c.
Sat 09 Jul	1404	5.23	Cherbourg Race	1100	1900 Fri 08
Sun 10 Jul	1515	5.16	Cherbourg - Alderney Race	1630	1900 Fri 08
Sat 16 Jul	0843	5.85	Dielette Race	1230	1900 Fri 15
Sun 17 Jul	0922	5.85	Dielette - Alderney Race	0800	
T.B.C.			Careys Race Guern/Ald	TBC	
Sun 07 Aug	1232	5.20	Round Alderney Race	0900	1900 Sat 06
Sun 21 Aug	1154	4.92	Omonville Race	0900	1900 Sat 20
Sun 28 Aug	0717	5.77	Ortac Race	1430	1000
Sun 11 Sep	0724	5.64	Casquets Race	1400	1000
Sat 24 Sep	0603	5.41	Equinox Race to Guernsey	0830	1900 Fri 23

## DINGHIES

Sun 27 Mar	Spring Series Commences - Races as weather permits				
Sun 01 May	0653	5.46	RNLI Pennant	1500	1400
Sun 15 May	0548	5.78	Barbuie Trophy	1500	1400
Sun 05 Jun	1009	5.52	Newton Cup	1500	1400
Sun 19 Jun	1020	5.68	* Aurigny Trophy (+)	1500	1400
Sun 03 Jul	0918	5.77	Broome Bowl	1500	1400
Sun 17 Jul	0922	5.85	Piccadilly Trophy	1500	1400
Sun 24 Jul	1345	4.57	Henry Euler Trophy (Bays Race)	1500	1400
Sun 07 Aug	1332	5.20	Viscountess Alderney Trophy	1500	1400
Sun 14 Aug	0824	5.84	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 04 Sep	Autumn Series Commences - Races as weather permits.				
Sun 20 Nov	Frostbite Series Commences - Races as weather permits.				
<i>(+) This event may be sailed in cruisers.</i>					

## MOTOR CRUISERS and RIBs

Sat 09 Jul	1404	5.23	Cherbourg Race	1230	1900 Fri 08
Sat 16 Jul	0843	5.85	Cruise to Dielette	1230	1900 Fri 15
Sun 21 Aug	1154	4.92	Cruise to Omonville	0900	1900 Sat 20

### 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

Wed 16 Feb	Annual General Meeting	1900
Sun 01 May	Milk o'Punch Sunday	
TBC	R.Y.A. Channel cruise/ barbecue ?	
TBC	JOG Cowes-Alderney Race	
Mon 25 Jul	Dinghy Course 1 Commences	
Sat 30 Jul	Alderney Week	
to	Thur 04th Aug?	Family Scramble 1200
Sun 07th Aug		1030
Mon 08 Aug	Dinghy Course 2 Commences	
Mon 15 Aug	Dinghy Course 3 Commences	
Fri 18 Nov	Laying Up Supper	
Sat 31 Dec	New Years Eve	
Sun 01 Jan 2012	New Years Day	

## Subscriptions

### REMINDER

**2011 Subs were due on 1st November 2010!**