



SSC Newsletter February 2005

Commodore's Column (Brian)

First things first. Have you renewed your subscription ? If not then **please** dig out your renewal form or contact Karen Ashton. If you have decided not to renew then please let us know why – it helps us to understand the ebbs and flows of club membership. If you have decided not to sail for a while but still want to enjoy the social side then you might consider taking out an Associate Membership at just £19. If you then decide to sail again, you avoid paying the joining fee again.

It's the beginning of a new sailing year and as usual there are a few things going on. But first, a date for your diary. **Commodore's Evening** will be on Saturday 23 April, 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. The speaker this year will be Frank Pembridge who runs a Scuba Diving Club and is a First Aid and Powerboat instructor. Frank will deliver an audio/visual presentation on wreck diving in the Scilly Isles. He also plans to bring along all sorts of sub aqua equipment. Those of you expecting another quiz evening – fear not, that's coming along later in the year. I believe that Sue Walter's team will be challenging all comers in an attempt to hang on to the trophy this year (fat chance !).

Who wants to take the **RYA Dinghy Sailing** Level 1 or 2 course this year ? We have some spaces on the Level 2 course for the weekend 09/10 April. If you are interested, please contact Bryn.

In the same vein, we have arranged an **RYA First Aid course** for Saturday 26 February. All the places are taken but is there is a strong interest in running another or subsequent courses ? Perhaps you feel that everyone should have access to this Cost is around £10 each. If you are interested, please call me.

Those who managed to get along to the first working party over the weekend 05/06 February, hold your heads up high ! A stunning amount was achieved including a thorough clean of the galley, buoys washed, bushes trimmed, ground raked, branches lopped, rubbish removed and last, but not least, 10 tonnes of granite chippings spread around the shore line. We also had the largest recorded bonfire in history. Particular thanks to Gill and Sue who provided a hot lunch ! On the following Tuesday, the tree surgeons employed by the estate completed the lopping and felling exercise to ensure that the trees are safe.

Vice Commodore's Column (Mark)

Did you enjoy yourselves at the **Annual Prize Giving Dinner and Dance** on Saturday January 22 January at the Four Crosses ? Should we go there again ? Should bow ties be compulsory ? Talk to the House Committee to express your views.

And once again, I'm making a plea on behalf of the galley slaves for anyone who would like to help out at our social functions. If you want to know what's involved, please talk to me or Mary, Gill, Sue or Gill. We don't ask for a frequent or regular commitment - if 10 people just help out once each, it would make a tremendous difference

Sailing Secretary's Column (Frank)

As is normal practice a copy of the programme for the first few weeks is listed below. This shows events and duty rotas. Please check to see when you are on duty. When you receive your programmes, do look to see what duty dates have been assigned and put them in your own diary system. **If you cannot make a particular date, please do arrange to swap with another club member.**

As you will see from the programme sheet, sailing starts on Sunday 6 March, the first race being at 11.15am. Hopefully your boats are all ready and we will see you down for the first race! When you do berth your boats please make sure that they are securely fastened to the tie downs. Don't forget that if your boat blows over it may be the boat on the next berth which gets damaged.



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Date	Event	R a c e	Time	Officer of the Day	Assistant	Rescue Officer
6/2	Working Party		10 00	All members		
20/2	Working Party		10 00	All members		
6/3	Shropshire Shiverer	1 2 3	11 15 13 00 14 15	Bryn Morton	Alan Kempster	Don Mullinex
13/3	Shropshire Shiverer	4 5 6	11 15 13 00 14 15	Brian Ashton	Karen Ashton	Terry Adlington
19/3	Powerboat Level 2					
20/3	Early Bird Spring Pursuit Handicap & Class A Powerboat Level 2	1 1 1	11 15 13 00 14 15	John Clifford	Gill Bamford	Martin Lake
27/3	Early Bird Spring Pursuit Handicap & Class A	2 2 2	11 15 13 00 14 15	Ian Webb	Gill Webb	Gareth Ball
28/3	Easter Monday Sailing		14 00	Members to	arrange	
2/4	Saturday Sailing		13 00			Lorna Hinde
3/4	Early Bird Spring Pursuit Handicap & Class A	3 3 3	11 15 13 00 14 15	Ian Roberts	Jed Denham	James Denham
9/4	Saturday Sailing Dinghy Course Level 2		13 00			Jane Barker
10/4	Day Series Dinghy Course Level 2	1 2 3	11 15 13 00 14 15	Frank Hodge	K Anderson	C Anderson
16/4	Saturday Sailing Novice Sailing		13 00	Mark Davies		A Curphey
17/4	Early Bird Spring Pursuit Handicap & Class A Spring Pursuit	4 4 4 5	11 15 13 00 14 15 14 15	Chris Adlington	Steve Cox	Brian Rapson
23/4	Saturday Sailing Commodores Evening		13 00 19 30	Clubhouse		Alan Lloyd
24/4	Early Bird Spring Pursuit Handicap & Class A Spring Pursuit	5 6 5 7	11 15 13 00 14 15 15 30	Brian Johnson	Trevor Spittle	Martin George
30/4	Saturday Sailing		13 00			M Heraghty
1/5	Early Bird Spring Pursuit Handicap & Class A Spring Pursuit	6 8 6 9	11 15 13 00 14 15 15 30	Jim Shipp	Trudy Graham	Ian Johnson