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The Journal of Priory Sailing Club
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Dates for your Diary

Boxing Day

New Year's Day

Sun 26th Jan

Sats 1st & 8th Feb

22nd & 23rd Feb

Fri 7th March

Sat 8th March

Sailing & mince pies 11:00 on

Icicle Race for boards and dinghies (11:30 start) & light lunch (13:00)

2014 Icicle series starts: 10:30 first race

Power Boat Refresher Course (start at 14:00)

Island Working party from 10:00

Quiz Night in the Clubhouse 19:00

Shore Working party from 10:00 with lunch

Deadline for next Telltales Sun 23rd March



Commodore's Column October 2013

Our well attended AGM last month celebrated the club and its members' achievements over the last year. In my report to the AGM I was able to thank all of the many members who volunteer at PSC that have enabled the club to offer the wide and varied programme events that we ran over the last year. I was also able to reflect on the many PSC successes of the year, sailing courses run, Sport England grants obtained, junior members attendance at local regattas and even World Championships, Powerboat and Windsurfing Instructor qualifications obtained, and sailing adventures away from Priory. My favourite achievement however was much more club based; in concerns one particular family, nameless at the moment. One son, closely followed by his siblings learnt to sail with us, Mum saw what fun they were having and learnt to sail herself, quickly joining in

our Lazy Sunday racing. That left Dad, and this year he also took a course with us; so my favourite achievement of the year goes to the O'Hara family who one day this year all sailed together, in separate boats, in their own family flotilla!

Our AGM also saw us recruit some additional Junior Members to our committee, please see messages from them elsewhere in this edition.

We have spent a good deal of time over recent months considering how to best to spend the Sport England grant awarded to us this summer. We want to develop our club house to improve the ladies changing facilities and have considered a variety of options. Your committee has decided (after considering many options and much debate!) that we will move the current galley into our

clubroom to enable us to extend the ladies changing room into the current galley space. We are also planning works that will make up for the loss of club room space. We plan that this work will take place early next year - watch this space for details of the disruption that the building work will cause and also for the call to arms (or more likely shovel or paintbrush!) that will be circulated in the New Year!

We had a novel social event this year: Club BBQ and Flare Night on November 2nd. Thanks to those who suggested this and made it happen, especially William Armitage!



Activity on the water has been reduced recently since the introduction of our winter restrictions at the start of November but there is still a group who regularly sail on Sunday mornings, do come and join in or perhaps just come and check on your boat and find out about the joys of sailing through the winter!

As always, please don't hesitate to pass on your ideas for club events, or suggestions for developments to any committee member in person or by email to me (commodore@priorsc.org.uk). Your committee would be particularly interested to hear your ideas regarding potential club social events.

Finally a reminder that there will be sailing on Boxing Day and our annual Icicle Race on New Year's Day. May I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2014.

Best wishes.

Tim Hewett, Commodore

First Aid Courses Planned

Sue Baker will be running RYA first aid courses at the club; the first one will be on January 25th. If you'd be interested in a first aid course or need to refresh to keep your Instructor qualification current, then please let Sue know: sue.margaret.baker@gmail.com or by phone or in person.

Improving your dinghy sailing

If you're keen to improve on your sailing in 2014, here are some options.

1. I'll be offering informal coaching on Saturday mornings in May & June. Ideal if you've done Level 1 and want to build on that, or if you are just out of practice, or if there's something specific you'd like help working on.

2. Join in the racing. The last Sunday in each month from April on has Lazy Sunday races, from 2pm; these are for juniors and novices who would like to try racing but are not confident they know how, or would just value the “during the race” coaching on offer.
3. Move on to joining the club racing, which takes place every Sunday morning. We’re a friendly lot despite being competitive, and there’s nothing like developing your sailing by watching how good sailors are doing it!
4. If there is enough interest, we’ll run a Level 2 course on a couple of successive Saturdays in April. Doing the two full days would allow you to cover the RYA syllabus and potentially get the certificate. Contact Dick (milldick@btinternet.com) if you are interested.

Dick Knowles Vago XD 669 (milldick@btinternet.com)

Priory Sailing Club Annual Awards 2013

Here are the awards as presented by Tim & Tony at the AGM and awards ceremony, which was very well attended by a room-full of members!

Award	Awardee	In/ On
Lady Mariner of the Year	Pascale Hewett	Laser
Mariner of the Year	Tony Ogborn	Heron
U17 of the year	David Stephenson	Laser
U13 of the year	Imogen Otley	Topper
Volvo Bowl for the most improved Junior	Jamie Buck	Topper & Heron
Most determined Junior	Nathan Taylor	Windsurfer
Bell Trophy: the best non-sailing contribution	Joshua Brown	Bolton Windsurfing Instructor
Spring winner	Tim Hewett	Laser
Summer winner	Tim Hewett	Laser
Autumn winner	Rupert Keep	Heron
Olympic winner	Tony Ogborn	Heron
First Novice	Tim Girvan	Laser
First Laser	Tim Hewett	Laser
First Laser U17	David Stephenson	Laser

Tony Ogborn, Heron 10,300

New Junior Reps for PSC Committee

Hello all Junior Members,

My name is Emily Taylor. Recently David Stephenson, Owen Hewett and I, have become your new junior representatives. We represent the youth of the sailing club during committee meetings. So if you ever have questions, or suggestions then come and talk to one of us and we'll see what we can do. Don't wait for the warm weather to get involved with events happening at the club. Why not come along to one of the working parties, either clearing the island or tidying up the club. Last year we had lots of fun building bonfires in the snow, getting to set foot on the island, and drinking delicious hot chocolate.



If you can't make these working parties then get your families along to the quiz night. This isn't just for the adults! We can put together some youth teams or you can enter as a family.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, on and off the water.

Emily Taylor, Junior Rep (emsdems@gmail.com)

Priory Facebook Page

This is a Facebook page that we have created for members of the club to "like". The page is run by the committee and is very useful because we can post information about the club and give the members updates about upcoming club events. You can also post pictures or comments about the club on there to share your experience at the club. It is an easy way of contacting the club because if you have any questions or suggestions you can either message the page or post onto the page. If you have Facebook I would recommend "liking" it. You can do this by clicking on the link and logging into your Facebook account.

<https://www.facebook.com/priorysailingclub>

There is also a Facebook group specifically for the junior members. This is a separate closed group where the juniors can see events at the club for the juniors and can also post any ideas or improvements they have for the junior side of the club. This group is run by the junior representatives and it is very important to us to know what the junior members think about the club. If you are a junior member of the club and you want to be added to this group then it is very easy; all you have to do is message one of Owen Hewett, Emily Taylor or David Stephenson and ask to be added to the group.

David Stephenson, Junior Rep (stephenson_1998@live.co.uk)

Owen Hewett, Junior Rep (owen.hewett@hotmail.co.uk)

Weed Control Update

Priory has had a good year for weed – we can never be sure whether this was because of the harrowing work we did last year or not, however it must have helped to some extent.

This winter I intend to do another run of harrowing using the big hydraulic boat 'Jack' to pull the big harrow and so you should see us on Sunday afternoon, working on weed control. Please offer to help if you are available. Instruction given!



William Armitage (williama@ntlworld.com)

The Dinghy Show

Held at Alexandra Palace in London over the weekend of 01-02 March 2014 the RYA Suzuki Dinghy Show has something for all dinghy sailors.

They have some good talks and coaching sessions and hundreds of exhibitors showcasing the latest boats



and classic designs, kit, gear and gadgets, as well as loads of activities, competitions and events for visitors to enjoy. On the Suzuki Main Stage there will be talks taking place including; Top Tips from the Boat Whisperer, Sailing with your senses and Starting to race,

amongst others. While over in the Coaching Area there will be more interactive sessions where you can learn about rig tuning, posture and hiking, sailing fitness, racing rules and much more.

Tickets brought in advance cost £8.50 for RYA members and £10.50 for non-members, with children 16 or under free all weekend. Tickets can also be purchased on the door for £13.50 adult and free for children, but if you want to beat the queues and save money then book online or by calling the ticket hotline on 0844 858 9069.

Editor's Plea

Many thanks to the contributors to this issue.

Please submit articles of interest to club members for inclusion in Telltales, as well as pictures. They can be short or long. Both wind-surfing and dinghy sailing pieces welcomed obviously. You might consider:

- Opinion pieces or hints and tips articles
- Reports from going to open meetings
- Sailing holiday reports, any other sailing experiences
- Information on club members, current and former

Feel free to make other suggestions to make Telltales as relevant, informative and entertaining as possible.

Telltales is much enlivened by some sailing-related pictures, so please help by submitting your pictures to the current Editor with a bit of text to say what is going on in the picture, who,



where etc, or else post onto the Photo Gallery (<http://www.priorysc.org.uk/gallery/index.php/>).

Telltales comes out quarterly so please submit anything by Sunday March 23rd for this, via myself (milldick@btinternet.com, Mill House, Mill Lane, Langford Beds SG18 9LZ) or any PSC committee member, and by email, hand-written note, phone call, carrier pigeon, whatever!

Dick Knowles (Editor, Vago XD 669)

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