

## Priory Sailing Club

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# TELLTALES

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## NEW BOATS FOR PRIORY SAILING CLUB!

Some of you will have noticed some changes round the club already this year, as your hardworking committee is constantly striving to improve facilities at the club.

In January after months of careful consideration, and the trial of several different boat types, we saw the arrival of three, brand new. **Hartley 15's**. A team of volunteers were on hand over two days, to help pack up the Wanderers and rig the new boats. These will primarily be our new training boats and will also be available for members, with relevant experience, to use as club boats.



We are planning to expand the range of courses available to members this year, so you can expect the usual email invitations and reminders, as they roll out.

We should also bid a farewell to our three, very tired Wanderers, believe it or not, they have served our club for around 20 years!

Tim Girvin—PSC Vice Commodore



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### Dates for your Diary

- 27th April—Quiz night 7pm
- 7th May—Junior Regatta 2pm start
- 20th May—PSC open day 10am
- 28th May—Bank Hol BBQ from 4pm
- 3rd June—RNLI Regatta for boards and dinghies
- 16th June—Club fun evening + BBQ
- 24th June—Summer Telltales deadline



## Commodore's Column

Once again this winter we did not have to cancel any sailing because our lake was frozen! The hardy PSC members who do sail year round did have several gales to contend with however, some very exciting sailing has been had. It was particularly tough when it was so cold that our control lines started to freeze! I am pleased to say that the warmer weather recently has brought many of you back to Priory to get on the water or simply to prepare your boat for its 2018 adventures, and it's been good to catch up.

During March there was much activity on the lake with a group of six members preparing for, and completing, a five day RYA Dinghy Instructors course. Quite a commitment from this group who have given up a great deal of time so that they can give up yet more time to volunteer at PSC. Many congratulations then go to Kevin Guard, Steve Dyson, James Keen, Alistair Charatan, Chris Thomas and Glyn Powell who all successfully completed the course.

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### Health + Safety Notice

Please take care when launching and recovering boats at the club, particularly if you are using the slipway. The grassy foreshore of our 'beach' also requires care when the grass is wet. Our sailing footwear doesn't always provide the best grip, so take care not to slip.

As the club's summer season gets underway we will continue to offer you opportunities to get on the water and to develop your skills and experience. For our Junior sailors Buccaneers started last Sunday, Advanced Pirates starts on 28<sup>th</sup> April and Beginner Pirates on 26<sup>th</sup> May. Please contact Tony Ogborn if you have a junior member who would like to join one of these groups.

Training for adult members is also available this season, with Saturday morning dinghy sessions adopting a mentoring approach. These sessions will support members new to our sport as well as those who are more experienced who wish to progress to a larger boat or learn more technical skills. Organised by Dick Knowles and Kevin Guard, these sessions start on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Saturday mornings will also be the time slot for our popular Windsurfing Workshops, again starting on 5<sup>th</sup> May. During these sessions our instructors will help you develop your windsurfing skills, and novices and more experienced windsurfers of any age are most welcome to join in. We are also training another group of powerboat drivers this month, they will complete an RYA PB2 course which will qualify them to join our Safety Boat rota. If you are interested in joining the next group please do let me know.

Because all of this training is delivered by the club's hard working volunteer coaches and instructors there is no cost to members for any of this tuition. If you would like to help on any of these sessions please do contact me.

As you probably know we also run Start Sailing and Start Windsurfing courses for non-members, indeed a significant number of our members joined the club as a result of learning to sail on one of our courses. If any of your friends, neighbours or work colleagues have heard about the fun you have and would like to learn to sail please introduce them to PSC. Details of our courses, including dates are available on our website.



*The new Hartley 15s arriving at the club*

Another important date in May is the 20<sup>th</sup> when we will be running the first of our annual Open Days to offer 'come and try it' sessions to members of our community. Please note the date – we'll need lots of help to make the weekend a success and of course I hope that you will also be able to help promote the event.

Looking further ahead, this year's Bart's Bash will be on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September, another date that definitely should be in your diary!

We have added three new boats to our fleet of club boats. The PSC Wanderers have been retired and replaced with three Hartley 15s, these are available for competent members to use – we'll be running some Saturday morning sessions to introduce these new boats so that you can learn how to rig them.

Thanks for everyone's engagement with Dutyman, its introduction has proved popular and we hope that, with the reminder function, its use will result in far fewer missed duties.

Our well supported working party weekend recently, and subsequent maintenance work, means that our club is in good shape for the season ahead, it looks like it's going to be busy, do come and join in.

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@priorsyc.org.uk](mailto:commodore@priorsyc.org.uk)). Your committee would be particularly interested to hear your ideas regarding potential club social events.

Hope to see you on the water soon, or at our Quiz on the 27th April!

Tim Hewett, PSC Commodore

## PSC Open Day May 2018

As many of you I am sure know, we hold 2 open days a year at the club. One is in May and the other in August. Historically the May open day is always our busiest and if anyone has helped before you will know that yet again without the invaluable help we are so lucky to have from our members the open days wouldn't be the huge success they always are.

This years May Open Day is on Sunday 20th May from 10am to 4pm. There are many opportunities to help in every area, you don't need to be a sailor to come along and volunteer

If you are interested in helping with any of the below please email Tim Hewett ([commodore@priorsyc.org.uk](mailto:commodore@priorsyc.org.uk))

- Front of house
- Safety boat crew
- Windsurfing instruction
- Dinghy Helm
- Selling courses/membership
- Rigging boats/general set up

We particularly would like to know if you are an experienced helm and happy to assist with members of the public 'having a go' at sailing. This will enable a rota to be created and save some of our helms getting stuck on the lake for half a day!

## PSC Raid—Weymouth 2018

Way back in the nineties the Windsurfing Team from Priory used to travel en masse and take over campsites visiting Anglesey, Pembrokeshire, the Lake District and Weymouth. At best, there were over 60 of us taking over the top field at Weymouth.

For the last couple of years, the Windsurfing Team Croft have returned to Weymouth and the sailing is still as good as ever.

For the uninitiated, we actually go nowhere near Weymouth ! We camp at Sea Barn Farm which is located at Chickerell a few miles west of Weymouth. We sail in Portland Harbour, best part of 2 miles in any direction, works in any wind direction, home to the Olympics a few years ago and still home to various RYA squads. Adjacent to the car park is the ultimate beach café serving cake to die for ! The perfect sailing spot, next to Chesil beach with loads to do and see for non-sailors and rest days.

We are returning this year for the week 4th August to 11th August and have already contacted those we have emails for. Seven families have already signed up ! Fancy joining us ?

Chat on the beach from April 1St or email  
andycroft113@btinternet.com

## PSC Volunteers assemble!... We need your help

Now that our club calendar has been finalised for 2018 it is clear that we are in for another very busy year down at PSC, Probably our busiest yet in fact!

This year there are a number of Regatta's and events that take place where a club lunch and the occasional afternoon tea is provided, these events have historically been enjoyed by many of us and I hope that this years events are equally as popular.

It's for these events that we rely on our



club members to take turns and this year is no different as our members show yet again the amazing commitment you all have for our club, after just one email request nearly all the catering duties were covered!

We have just a handful of events left to cover. The food can be as simple or as extravagant as you like but we do need volunteers. I am happy to help by providing large pots and pans, menu ideas and moral support. The club pays for the food so you won't be out of pocket financially.

Thank you to Bernard who provided lunch for the working party and Sarah Evans who provided tea at the all fools race

So if you have a spare couple of hours this year and would like to volunteer for a shift in the kitchen please email me on

**dan.audi.bedford@gmail.com**

and let me know which of the following events you can help with.

- Monday 7th May (bank holiday) - Junior Regatta, Club Tea
- Sunday 18th November - AGM, Club Lunch
- Tuesday 1st January - New year social and Icicle Race, Light Lunch

These events are what make PSC such a great club to be a part of, so if you feel you can help please do step forward.

Dan Perry—PSC Rear Commodore



## Cheese and Wine Quiz Night

The annual PSC Cheese and Wine Quiz night is back for another year on Friday 27th April 2018 in the club house. Grab you crew mates and come along for a fun filled evening

Teams are a maximum of 6 but don't panic if you cant arrange a team in advance, there will be plenty of opportunity to group teams together on the night

Simply bring your favourite tippie (apparently this helps with answering the questions?!) and your choice of cheese to contribute to the sharing board. Biscuits, salad, crisps etc will be provided

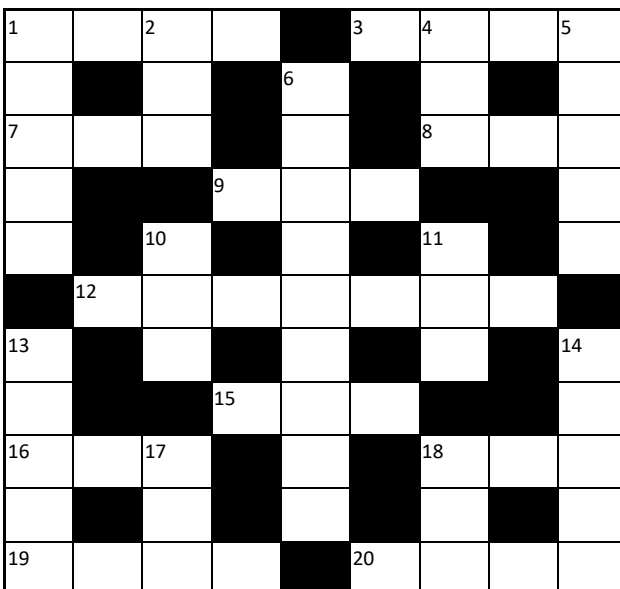
With Dan Perry as your quiz master for the night he promises the questions will be suitable for all and there may even be a prize or two up for grabs

See you there!



*Friday 27th April 2018 @ 7pm in the club house... Don't miss out*

## Crossword Corner



### Across

1. Longitudinal structure of a boat (4)
3. Make sure you put this in before you launch your boat (4)
7. \_\_\_ Strap (3)
8. Class of Dinghy
9. Side away from the wind (3)
12. Place of shelter (7)
15. Fits into a rowlock (3)
16. What you get, when you jump windsurfing (3)
18. Harness the wind and converts that force to drive the boat (3)

### Down

1. 2 masted sailing boat
2. Reinforced hole in a sail (3)
4. Radio signal ABBR (3)
5. A large headsail (5)
6. When someone falls out the boat (9)
10. Waterproof spray top (3)
11. Maker of sailing gear (3)
13. A point of sailing (5)
14. Amount you turn, measured in degrees (5)
17. Sailing dead downwind (3)
18. Safety/Rescue boat type (ABBR) (3)

*Solution available on the club house notice board...*



## Priory Sailing Club

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The Priory Water Sports Centre is shared by Priory Sailing Club and Bedfordshire Canoeists Association. There is a grassy foreshore, parking space for dinghies, undercover storage for boards, a beach, slipway, bank and a jetty which provide excellent launching for all craft. The clubhouse has changing rooms, showers and a self-catering kitchen upstairs and a disabled toilet and shower facility on the ground floor. There is a "Wet Training Room" also on the ground floor which is used for briefings, a muster point for groups and is convenient for those members who are wet from sailing and need to get out of a cold winter wind for a few moments before going out on the water again. Dogs are permitted in the grounds as long as they are on leads and under control.

## Editors Note

Many thanks to the contributors to this issue.

Please submit articles of interest to me 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.priorisc.org.uk/gallery/index.php/>).

Telltales comes out quarterly so please submit anything by Sunday June 24th for this, via myself (dan.audi.bedford@gmail.com, 24 Pennard Close, Great Denham, Bedford, MK40 4RP) or any PSC committee member, and by email, hand-written note, phone call, carrier pigeon, whatever!

*Daniel Perry (Editor)*

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