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TELLTALES

The Journal of Priory Sailing Club

Winter Edition: January 2019

Dinghy Cruising in Chichester Harbour—Part 2

Following on from Part 1 in the last edition of Telltales we rejoin the Evans family, Paul Webb and Andrew Wilson as they were settling down to some lunch whilst watching Joby's Topper float away!

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As we landed, we realised the sandy beach wasn't as sandy as we'd all hoped. You could tell that by the grimaces on the wooden boat owners faces every time a wave lifted and gently laid each boat back down on the crunching shingle. We grabbed the painters and waded the boats around the corner to a spot that promised a more cushioned resting place. Paddling across the opening of a shallow pond the incoming tide was creating at the tip of the spit we pulled them up onto the soft sand of our new beach, found a



comfortable, sheltered bank on the far side of the pond and opened the sandwiches. Settling down to watch the boats, the bank holiday dog walkers and the Topper float away as the tide rose even further we'd never seen Joby run so fast as he shot across the pond and dived into the sea to catch the boat.

Pulling the boats to the windward side of the pond to prevent further mishap provided a very fast and exciting departure after lunch. With centre boards and rudders up and the wind behind us we skimmed like polished stones across the water that seemed to be no more than 4 or 5 inches deep. Shooting out into the open harbour with little control, the foils were banged back down, we turned, close hauled, to head across the great expanse of water to Hayling Island Sailing Club. I'd decided by now to put a reef in with the intention of making the afternoon a little less arduous. It certainly provided easier sailing and barely affected our speed with the spray still flying on the two or three long tacks we made across to the club where we slipped anonymously into the club bar alongside all the other sailors for tea and ice creams.

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Dates for your Diary

- 16th-17th Feb—Island working party weekend, from 10:00h both days
- Sat 23rd Feb + Sat 2nd March—Power boat refresher programme (starts at 10am and 2pm)
- 9th March—Shore working party from 10am with lunch
- 30th March—All Fools Race with club tea
- 1st April—Winter Restrictions Lifted



Commodore's Column

Our well attended AGM in November celebrated the club's and its members' achievements over the last year, thanks to everyone who came, for those who were unable to attend here is a brief summary of my report.

Another busy year of sailing activity on our lake with training, racing and recreational sailing all being supported.

Some days lost to snow in December 2017, although great sailing on Boxing Day.

Training –

- ◇ We have continued to offer training to members in all disciplines and also to offer courses to members of the public to promote our sport and our club.
- ◇ We remain an RYA Recognised Training Centre and continue to hold RYA On Board, RYA Champion Club and RYA Team 15 status in recognition of the quality and quantity of our training programmes.
- ◇ Six members completed a Dinghy Instructor course to enable them to support the club's activities.
- ◇ Our dinghy Pirates and Buccaneer sessions were particularly popular, with an extra Autumn Pirate groups run this year to accommodate demand.
- ◇ Junior Dinghy Week was once again a highlight of the summer holiday period.
- ◇ Saturday morning Mentoring continued to provide support – some members progressing through

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PSC Committee 2019

At the AGM in November the committee remained the same. Please see the details of your 2018/19 committee below:

Commodore—Tim Hewett
Vice Commodore—Tim Girvan
Rear Commodore—Dan Perry

Treasurer—William Armitage
Membership Secretary - Tony Ogborn
Secretary—Sue Baker
RYA Principle—Dan Perry

Member—Toby Chinn
Member—Pascale Hewett
Member—Brian Stanbridge
Member—Kevin Guard
Member—Jeremy Evans
Member—Tom Otley

Junior Rep—Vicky Murfin

Level 2 others trying new boats and developing new skills. Mentoring really popular this year - thanks to volunteer team.

- ◇ Windsurfing coaching sessions were run for club members on Saturday mornings. Team 15 launched. PSC very busy on a Saturday morning!
- ◇ Adult RYA Level 1 Courses were run for members of the public many of whom subsequently joined our club. Record numbers took courses this year. Six courses run with 46 participants. Some courses converted 75% to membership.
- ◇ Scouts, Guides and Sea Scouts all supported.
- ◇ PB2 training - six members trained and refresher sessions for SB drivers.
- ◇ Safety Boat course run.
- ◇ Some changes to RYA Recognised Teaching Centre personnel. Dan Perry has taken over as Principal. Thanks to Neil Papworth for his service in the role. Other change awaiting RYA approval.

Racing

- ◇ Well supported Sunday morning series – regular Juniors (one of whom won Winter Mariner of the Year).
- ◇ Lazy Sunday racing continues to be popular.
- ◇ Junior regatta held – run by juniors for juniors.
- ◇ New racers introduced to Sunday morning racing with the support of mentors.
- ◇ Laser Masterclass run by Joe Mullen
- ◇ Topper Masterclass run by Sonia Evans

Recreation

- ◇ Mid week and weekend sailors making the most of our resource.
- ◇ Wednesday evening club night busy.
- ◇ Quiz night.
- ◇ Night sail saw fifteen boats on the water.
- ◇ Lay up BBQ with fireworks well supported – sixty five members in attendance.
- ◇ Canoe trip. Kempston to PSC followed by BBQ
- ◇ Some members held birthday celebrations on the balcony!
- ◇ New ideas for social events always sought.



Charity Cup Race 2018 held before the AGM

New developments / equipment

- ◇ Three Laser Radials added to our fleet of club boats.
- ◇ Two new junior windsurfing boards and a set of six training rigs.
- ◇ Topper 'workhorse' fleet upgraded with new sails.
- ◇ Bank renovation –now completed. Turf edging added.
- ◇ Re seeding of lawn completed.
- ◇ New gas BBQ available for all to use.
- ◇ New bi-fold doors.
- ◇ Dutyman software introduced to manage OOD, Safety Boat and Race Officer duties. Facility to choose own dates and swap when necessary. Very high level of duty completion.

Membership analysis

- ◇ More memberships but member numbers stable at circa 350. Currently less than 50% of members own boats.
- ◇ Two Open Days were held this year. May event provided 600 sessions! A great team effort to promote our sport and club. Efforts to recruit new members and course participants were successful.

Achievements

- ◇ Bart's Bash with 55 boats on the start line and 69 participants, = top 10 in the World.
- ◇ New PSC Facebook page for members only launched. (Priory Sailing Club Talks – Members Only)
- ◇ Some members tried 'big boat' sailing. Scottish and East coast adventures, Solent racing and Croatian and Greek cruising. A PSC flotilla in the future perhaps? First 1000+ mile passage for commodore's wife!

Plans for next year

- ◇ Programme of social and training and racing activities.
- ◇ Sailing further afield?
- ◇ Progress grant application for building extension.
- ◇ Winter projects – DIY benches, footbath, rigging videos.
- ◇ RYA Power Boat Level 2 Course to train more Safety Boat Drivers.
- ◇ AI Course
- ◇ Review of Safety Boat provision
- ◇ Boat storage remains a challenge!

A new benefit of membership! 10% discount at Beerfly (45 St Cuthbert's Street) on production of PSC Membership card.

The busy and successful past year has been made possible thanks to the hard work, expertise and commitment of our many volunteers. The Commodore thanked everyone for their continued support of Priory Sailing Club.

Here's to a happy, healthy and windy 2019!
Best wishes.
Tim Hewett

Charity Cup Race 2018

Every year before the AGM lunch our PSC members have the opportunity to take part in the Charity Cup Race in a bid to win the Martin Lambert Cup

The Martin Lambert Cup was presented to the club by Tim Girvan who ran the first event, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.



Martin Lambert was Solo Inland champion 1986 and Phantom National Champion 1989. He was an inspiration to many sailors, including Tim G.

Each year the race is held in honor of a chosen charity. The 2018 race charity was for was Ingfield Manor School in Billingshurst, a school for children with cerebral palsy.

The winner of the cup for 2018 was Jeremy + Sarah Evans... WELL DONE JEREMY + SARAH

If you would like to run the 2019 race for your chosen charity please speak to a committee member



Annual Prize Giving Winners 2018

Icicle Series

Joby Evans (Topper)

Olympic Series

Ben Richards (Topper)

Olympic Novice + Autumn Novice + Novice of the Year

Carol O Hara (Pico)

Summer Series + Summer Pursuit + Autumn Series + Adult Laser

Rupert Keep (Laser)

Spring Novice

Dave Ager

Spring Series

Andy Leach & Bernard Thirkett
(Wayfarer)

Lady Mariner of the Year

Pascale Hewett (Laser)

Most Improved Adult sailor

Eleni Simatou Worthington

Youth Laser Challenge

Joby Evans

Most Improved Junior

Frasier Davies & Harvey Davies

Summer Novice

Chloe Armitage (Pico)

Summer Pursuit Novice

Huw Sheppard (Laser)

Most determined Junior

Lucy Evans (Windsurfer)

Mariner of the Year

Ben Richards (Topper)

U13 of the Year

Tom Keep

U17 of the Year

Joby Evans (Topper)

Mark Roe Trophy for Junior Club Member of the Year

Vicki Murfin

Most Outstanding Non-Sailing Contribution

Kevin Guard (Laser)

PSC Catering Team

Now that our club calendar has been finalised for 2019 it is clear that we are in for another very busy year down at PSC

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.

The food can be as simple or as extravagant as you like but we do need volunteers. The club pays for the food so you won't be out of pocket financially.

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.

- Saturday 23rd March—Working Party
- Saturday 30th March—All Fools Race
- Monday 6th May (B/H) - Junior Regatta
- Sunday 2nd June—RNLI Regatta (lunch + tea)
- Saturday 31st August—Heron Championship
- Sunday 8th September—Junior Regatta
- Sunday 17th November—AGM
- Wednesday 1st January—New Year Social

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

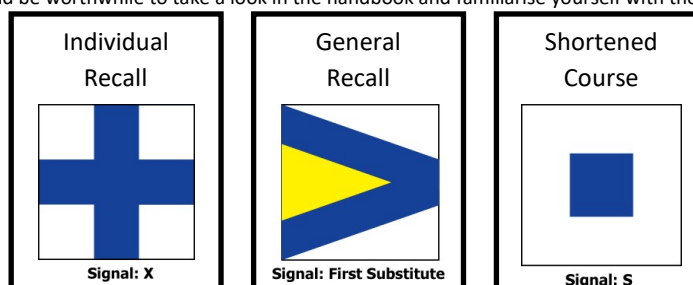
Announcing The ALL NEW RACE OFFICERS HANDBOOK !

“ Easily read” *The Commodore*. “ A Thrilling Read” *Vice Commodore*.

New for this season, we have an updated edition of the Race Officer's Handbook, a guide to organising and running club racing and events at Priory sailing club. It has a new safety section, a guide to starting and running Handicap, Pursuit and Olympic races, information about setting up the transit board and using the race signals.

As you can imagine it is a *thrilling read* and highly recommended if you are interested in improving your race officering skills.

In the new season we are hoping to make more use of the race signals, particularly the three shown below, so it would be worthwhile to take a look in the handbook and familiarise yourself with their meanings.



Upstairs in the classroom, we now have the latest edition of "The Rules in Practice" 2017-2020 by Brian Willis. This book looks at the key situations that occur regularly on the racecourse, explains what you can and cannot do at each stage of a race and has lots of helpful pictures!

The latest rules are in the back too, so you can see if you were allowed to do what you just did, over tea and biscuits. This should help us all, to expand our knowledge and improve our racing.

See you on the water

Tim Girvan—Vice Commodore.

Dinghy Cruising in Chichester Harbour—Part 2

After a change over of crew, the skies were still overcast and the wind strong. There was a good swell coming through the harbour entrance, combined with some uncomfortable short sharp waves we were trying to ride. We used all our concentration as we ran with the wind against the falling tide trying to prevent the corkscrewing motion we were experiencing causing an accidental gybe which could have had any of us in the the water. It was an exhilarating run watching the wind on the burgee and keeping an eye on the waves behind us so that one didn't sneak up and throw us off kilter. As the channel narrowed, the wind dropped and the sun made its first appearance since early that morning. We heaved-to and shook the reef out and as the water sparkled and lapped gently at the hull, it was difficult to imagine us battling to stay upright just 10 minutes before.

The approach to Bosham is beautiful as the steeple of the church peeks out over what seems to be a higgledy piggledy array of houses on the harbour side. The tide by now was running fast and we did a quick circuit to decide whether to bring the boat up against the steep harbour wall or find



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somewhere else to land. It didn't take long to work out that if we did decide to go for the harbour, we'd be more likely to find ourselves tangled in a forest of posts on the other side of the channel given the way the tide was running, so we took the easy option and pulled the boats up onto the hard.

After a quick stroll around the village, we returned to find the boats high and dry on the slipway. With the whole team picking up each boat, carrying it through the mud and plonking it back in the water, we made a swift and largely successful exit.

We weaved our way back up the meandering Bosham Channel, our centreboards catching the bottom every so often when we extended a tack a little too far into the shallows. The sun was warm and the last thing we wanted to do was to pack up and go home, so once in the Chichester Channel, instead of stopping at Itchenor slipway, we carried on to see how far we could get up to Chichester before it really was time to turn and head back home. The wind was dying and the tide was against us, but even though our progress slowed almost to a halt before we turned and let the current float us back, it was a satisfying extension to what had been a fabulous day's sailing.





Caption Competition!

Have you joined in the conversation at our members only Facebook group yet? It's a great way to interact with other members and share photos

Use the link below to join if you haven't already and take part in our caption competition. Simply leave your caption for the below photo on our facebook group with the hashtag **#captioncompetition**

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/700930846966572?ref=bookmarks>

*Not wanting anything to impede on her race position Pascale was very thorough in checking for weed on the centreboard **#captioncompetition***



Photo Credit—Alan Davies

Priory Sailing Club

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 March 25th 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 + Lucy Perry (Editors)