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TELLTALES

The Journal of Priory Sailing Club
Autumn Edition: October 2012

Dates for your Diary

Sundays

The Frostbite racing series continues on Sunday mornings until Dec 9th; 10:30 start for first of two races; all welcome.

Thurs November 1st

Winter restrictions come into force; sailing limited to weekends and Bank Hols

Sun November 11th

Remembrance Sunday: first race starts at 10:00 to allow for 1 min silence at 11:00

Sun November 15th

PSC Club Lunch (13:00), AGM (14:00) and Prize-giving

Deadline for next Telltales Sun 2nd December

PSC web-site at <http://www.priorysc.org.uk>

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PRIORY SAILING CLUB

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PRIZE GIVING

In accordance with section 5 of the Club Constitution, notice is hereby given of the 34th Annual General meeting to be held on:

**SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2012, at 14.00 (Lunch 13:00)
in the Clubhouse**

The business of the AGM is:

- To receive reports
- To receive the accounts
- To determine next year's subscription and entrance fees
- To elect the Officers - nominations below
- To elect the Committee – nominations below
- Any other business – under 5.2f of the Constitution written notice of 21 days required (to the Secretary): None received
- A member may also raise any matter under 5.3 of the Club Constitution for discussion only
- Amendments to the Constitution proposed by the Committee under 5.5 of the Constitution: None received

Nominations for Committee 2013

Flag Officers: Commodore - Tim Hewett nominated

Vice Commodore - William Armitage nominated

Rear Commodore - Mark Roe nominated

Officers: Hon Treasurer - Colin Kitchin remains in post for one further year

Hon Secretary - Sue Baker retiring. Neil Papworth nominated

Hon Memb. Sec. - Tony Ogborn nominated

1 adult member - Oliver Glanville nominated

Junior/Youth Rep. - James Papworth nominated

Sue Baker – Hon. Secretary

October 2012

Commodore's Column



What a summer of sport we have enjoyed! The sporting feel good factor that the Olympics and Paralympics created certainly reached our club. The successes of Team GB in general, and the British Olympic Sailing Team in particular, as well as the great job done by the Volunteers (some of whom were PSC members) who helped deliver such fantastic events, will live very long in our memories I'm sure.



The summer's events certainly created additional interest in sailing from our local community. We put on an additional Open Day in August where we offered Come and Try It sessions in dinghy sailing and windsurfing. On that one day 160 came and tried it! Several new members joined the club as a result of the Open Day and we also filled up the extra adult training courses we had planned for September, we even had to put on an additional course to cope with the demand. Having been introduced to our sport, several of these course members have also joined the club. Is this an Olympic legacy? (So that's all good!!)

Alongside our normal club activities this summer, and as well as running the extra Open Day, we also hosted a Topper Open event and the Heron Nationals. Both gave our own members the chance to compete against sailors who travelled to sail at Priory. The events proved successful and some of the trophies were won by our own! Thanks go to the team of volunteers who made these events possible.

Clearly our Volunteers play a very important part in the life of our club, their contribution, like that of this summer's Gamesmakers, is highly valued. If you would like to get more involved then please do step forward. Perhaps you would like to get involved in the club's coaching activities, or maybe participate in the running of an open event, inputs to the catering team are always welcome. Possibly you have some other skill or contribution that you would like to make, all offers will be gratefully received!

Other item's of PSC News -

As sailors we are used to keeping a good lookout, if you do so on our lake at the moment you might spot a Kingfisher who's distinctive blue 'flash' has been seen along the club's shoreline.



PSC member and former Commodore David Kirk was visiting San Francisco on business recently and whilst waiting to cross the road he found himself standing next to the most successful Olympic sailor of all time, none other than Ben Ainslie! David reports that Ben was happy to chat while they waited for the lights to change, he even posed for a photo.

During the summer anyone arriving for an early morning sail might have been surprised to see two swimmers doing 'laps' of our lake. Policeman Ian Stoughton has been training at PSC for a cross

channel swim and I'm very pleased to report that on the 9th of September he completed the 21 mile swim in just over thirteen hours. He was raising funds for the Help for Heroes charity. If you wish to donate please visit bmycharity.com/stuffistoughton





Bedford has been rightly celebrating local canoeist Etienne Stott's golden 2012 success. I'm reliably informed that his first ever paddling experiences were whilst a Scout with the local St Andrew's troop - on our lake! Will our waters spawn any other future Olympians I wonder?!



Congratulations to Joseph Mullen who recently finished 15th in the Topper World Championships – he was 2nd in the first race! He has also just won the ITCA National Series, a fantastic achievement. His dedication to the training that he does at PSC is an example to us all.



Other junior sailors have also been 'on the road' seeking competition. Imogen Otley, Jamie Buck, Adam O'Hara, Emily Taylor all made their first visit to another club to compete when they joined with Owen Hewett and James Papworth to represented the club at a recent interclub team event at MKSC. Competing against some very experienced sailors they achieved a creditable fourth overall in the team event with Owen taking third place in the regatta. Congratulations to them all.

If you have visited our website recently you may have noticed that your Committee has recently edited the Club's Sailing Rules and Byelaws. No major changes, rather just some updating and clarifying.

New members, departing members and even visiting members of the public have recently provided me with some very positive feedback on the warm welcome that they received at PSC. Comments on the supportive environment that they enjoyed at our club are to everyone's credit.

... and finally! Your committee is busy planning the club's calendar of activities for next year so if you have any ideas for events please do pass them on. Equally if you have any observations about how the club is run or ideas for future projects or developments please do let me know.

Regards, Tim Hewett

Making the Priory an (even more) Inspiring Facility

PWSA Ltd has recently applied for a Sports England grant of £50,000 to fund improvements for the clubs building and grounds. Sport England is committed to helping people and communities across the country create sporting habits for life. This means investing in organisations and projects that will get more people taking up and continuing to play sport and creating opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport.

Our proposal includes extending the clubhouse to double the size of the women's changing room, plus an increase in ground floor storage, improving the bank, pontoon and access to the lake. This would be a permanent, purpose-built facility designed and built with a high standard of materials planned to last at least 25 years. The enlarged building, bank-works and lake access would provide improved facilities for sailing windsurfing, canoeing and kayaking which will function well together with the existing lake, clubhouse, car parking, boat, boards and canoe storage arrangements

In our submission we explained that the expanded facilities will allow more people to participate in both sailing and paddle sports. An increased participation across the community is already occurring in dinghy sailing, windsurfing, canoeing and kayaking activities. Our provision of a range of appropriate taster

sessions, open days, basic training courses has led to more adults and young people being involved in the sports on a regular basis and hence the need for improved facilities.

We are awaiting the results of our submission and will keep you informed of progress.

Colin Kitchin and Tony Ogborn

Editor's note: grateful thanks on behalf of the club to Colin & Tony and others who have contributed, for developing, completing and submitting the grant application... this is a substantial effort in time & energy and could make a big impact on the club for the next quarter of a century!

PSC Galley Slaves

Firstly a very big *Thank You !* to those who helped this year with our Club Catering.

We have perhaps 6 or 7 events through the year (Club Lunches, Regattas and Open events) that benefit from our ability to provide lunches and prize giving Teas. Our Galley – recently refurbished - provides competent facilities (preparation facilities, plates, cutlery, Oven, Microwaves etc)

Early each year we publish a Catering Rota displayed on the Hall Notice Board - and seek volunteers to help us deliver our Open Events and Club functions typically catering for between 20 and 40 visitors. It may seem a little daunting, but wisdom from previous caterers is available to help you – both with menu advice and – best of all – there's always extra hands available on the day to help with the washing up!



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Finger Food seems to work well, - easy to prepare before-hand and finish off in the Galley – baked potatoes and fillings, pasta bakes, soups, sandwiches, salads and French Bread all work well - not to mention the staple diet of our younger members (pizza, nuggets and cocktail sausages & rolls etc). To round off the ubiquitous gateaux, cheesecakes and fruit salads always go down well.

All costs incurred are reimbursed by the Club Treasurer - so volunteering will not cost you money! Please call me on 01767317761 know (or rearcommodore@priorsyc.org.uk) if you are able to help.

Thanks again ☺ Mark Roe

Last call for the PSC Junior Photographic Competition

Calling all families and junior sailing club members. This is a reminder for you that you have until the end of October (Halloween night!) to give it your best shot and take or gather up the best of your summer sailing photos or sailing-related activities at the club and to submit them to Tim Hewett, Commodore. You can send in hard copies or electronic copies (to Tim.Hewett@beds.ac.uk or on a stick or whatever) if you like. No more than two entries per junior member, by the end of October; the winners will be announced at our AGM in November. Prizes will be available for the best photo by an under 13 and under 18 (age at 01.01.12).

James P.

Other Racing News



- A) Look out, Charlotte is getting better at an alarming rate! If she can race that well in an Oppy what's she going to be like when she gets the hang of a Topper? We're all going to have to raise our game!
- B) Well done to those who competed in the Heron Open/ Nationals at the start of September at the Priory. Particular honourable mentions for the Owen/ James, Lucie/ Pascale and Tony/ Daniel teams, winning the prizes for the first Junior, the first Lady and first veteran boats respectively. Thanks also to Tim for Race Officer officiation.
- C) Did you realise that a boat¹ could be an "obstruction" under the racing rules? If you have to keep clear of her (e.g. because she is capsized or aground), give her mark room, or if she is rescuing someone, then such a boat is an obstruction and if need be you can call for water to tack or bear away to avoid her if you're on the same tack. A vessel under way, including a boat racing, is never an obstruction².
Food for thought when racing!

¹ It seems to me this would almost always mean a stationary boat; sentence marked ² (a direct quote from the Rules) seems to suggest so anyway.
Source: The Rules in Practice 2009-2012, B Willis 2008, Wiley Nautical. I recommend this for any racer.

Dick Knowles, Vago 669

Weed Weed Everywhere

Well fortunately for us, this year has been much much better than the last 2 years. No one is sure why this is – just a difference in the weather or water this year or a result of everybody's weed work early in the year.

And a lot of work it has been, dragging a Jim home-made contraption across the lake using our rib and lifting up by hand all the weed that was collected. What is more we never managed to get much beyond buoy 10 before the rib came to a near stop with all the weed we had collected. Still we have managed to sail each week, whereas last year getting off the beach was often impossible.

The way forward??

The club has now got the use of 2 new weed boats from the Bedford Council (well done the Council!), called Jack and Becky, moored near the club entrance. This has allowed us to cut and to lift all the floating weed and dump this onto the edge of the island. I believe the next stage is to undertake a big exercise of keeping more of the lake under control using the new boat Jack, which should be much more powerful than our rib. I think we should concentrate on this activity over the winter and **would like to ask for volunteers to man this boat and make up a rota of this to help with our sailing next year.**



I think the best time for this is after the racing on Sunday morning – about 1.00 pm.

Please could you contact me if you can help with this vital activity and find a way to make this work?

William Armitage (williama@ntlworld.com)

PSC Members

The latest list of members has been emailed to everyone, up to date in September 2012! Please email Tony (tonyogborn@yahoo.co.uk) if there are any updates, errors or omissions.

Welcome to the new members who have joined since the list was sent, who are as follows:

Lorna MacDonald	Charles England	Frank Capobianco	Kenneth Cook
Peter Faulkner	Sanna Laitinen	Colin Gill	Helen & Tim Shore & family
Sheeba & Abishek Gulati			

This means we have 42 new members this year, mainly as a result of the increased number of highly enjoyable courses that PSC has run: thanks to all those who've organised and run these. Our next challenge is to encourage these new members to continue sailing at Priory and that encouragement should come from all of us. New members: do feel free to ask for help and advice on your sailing, from whoever is around by or on the water, or by phone or email, especially the committee.

Tony Ogborn, Hon Membership Secretary

Telltales Articles and Photos Sought

Please submit articles of interest to club members for inclusion in Telltales, as well as pictures. They can be short or long. Feel free to make other suggestions to make Telltales as relevant, informative, argumentative and entertaining as possible. Telltales is much enlivened by some sailing related pictures, so please help by submitting your pictures to the current Editor (milldick@btinternet.com), or any other committee member for them to pass on to me, with a bit of text to say what is going on in the picture, who, where etc. Hopefully we'll have some prize-winning junior ones for December. Gratuitous sailing picture for this issue: my entry for the (ahem) youth photo competition:



A fantastic September day for sailing on the Priory Lake... did you miss it?! First beat, heading for 1.

The next Telltales will be planned for publication in early December 2012: please submit anything by the end of November 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, Vago 669

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