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TELLTALES

The Journal of Priory Sailing Club
Summer Edition: July 2013



Dates for your Diary

Mon 5th - Fri 9th Aug Junior Dinghy Week
Sun 11th Aug Open day: taster sessions for the public 10:00-16:00
BH Mon 26th Aug Members taster sessions
Sun July 28th "Lazy Sunday" races for all including novices & juniors, 2pm for 2.15 start
Wednesdays Wednesdays on the Water run every week through the summer: safety cover & friendly advice available from 17:30 on (and often from earlier)

Deadline for next Telltales Sun 30th Sep

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

Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Priory-Sailing-Club-PSC/272809039438137>

Photo Gallery at <http://www.priorysc.org.uk/gallery/index.php/>

Priory Catering

A very big **Thank you !** to those who volunteered to provide the catering for the 2013 Priory Events, we now have all the key events filled.

The Rota is displayed on the upstairs corridor Notice board in the Clubhouse, and copies have been emailed to the volunteers. We are always on the lookout for further help, so please contact Mark Roe (rearcommodore@priorysc.org.uk) if you wish to get involved.

Mark Roe, Rear Commodore

Junior Dinghy Week

The club's Junior Dinghy Week is for club members only and runs from Mon 5th to Fri 9th August, 9.30-16:30. All junior Topper sailors can participate if they can usually recover from a capsize unaided. They will then learn about sailing a range of boats including Picos, Herons, Wanderers and Omegas, as well as learning more about racing. Depending on the weather there may also be opportunities to try trapezing and sailing with a spinnaker.

If you would like to participate, call Tony on 01234 708010 to book your place!

Tony Ogborn, Heron 10,300

Commodore's Column July 2013

It has been a busy start to the season with many members on the water over the last month or so, now that the temperature has begun to rise. Many have enjoyed the breezy start to our summer! There has been a good deal of activity at PSC with our Pirates and Buccaneers sessions getting many of our junior members on the water; the new opportunities for windsurfing training and the Saturday morning dinghy coaching proving very popular and our racing schedule, including our monthly Lazy Sunday series being well supported. As always, many thanks to the numerous club volunteers who make these events possible.

We have recently been running windsurfing sessions during the week for local schools, making use of our new, grant funded equipment. Over sixty young people a week are learning how to windsurf at PSC!

Our RNLI Regatta last month was well supported with over two dozen boats joining in. Congratulations to Tony Ogborn for winning the regatta and to everyone involved for raising £135 for this worthy charity.

Add our mid-week, Wednesday evening, sessions to this busy schedule and it means that there has been some sailing activity at PSC every day for at least the last six weeks!

It is inevitable that such high usage on our club equipment will result in some wear and tear. There have been a couple of avoidable breakages and losses recently however, so can I ask that everyone who uses club equipment to help us make the equipment last as long as possible by rigging, handling and storing club equipment with the same respect that you would have for your own craft. There is always someone on hand to help if you are unclear how something works!

Some advanced warning of a couple of events next month. On Sunday 11th August we will be holding another Open Day to provide 'come and try it' sessions, and to promote our club; and on Saturday 24th we will be hosting a Topper Open Event. Please help us promote these events and if you would like to get involved as a volunteer on the day please let us know.

We'd all like to wish Priory Sailor Joe Mullan the very best of luck at the Topper World Championships in Brittany later this month. I'm sure all your hard work training will pay off!

Here's hoping that the sunny and breezy summer continues for us at PSC!

Tim Hewett, Commodore

Priory Hoodies and Polo Shirts

We have had a few requests for hoodies and polo shirts and therefore will be placing another order in the next week. If you haven't seen them being 'modelled' around the club, see the photos which show the items available.

The cost of the hoodies is £16.50 and polo shirts are £12.00.

The clothing is printed by a Bedford company, Sportsform, who can provide a wide range of garments and colours. In the first instance we would like to restrict the polo shirts to Burgundy, all of your PSC committee have this colour. The hoodies look great in Oxford Navy, but if you, or your junior sailor, would like an alternative colour then please see the Sportsform



website for their offerings. Their site is at - <http://www.sportsform.co.uk>

If you would like to place an order, please visit the Sportsform website to choose your size / colour. You will need to work your way through their website thus -

First, under 'Categories' click on 'Clothing' and then click on 'Schools and Colleges', then -
Hoodies can be found under:- Hoodies, then College, then JH001 - College Hoodie
Polo shirts can be found under:- Polo shirts, then Heavy Weight, then SS204.

You can email your order to pascale.hewett@ntlworld.com - please make sure that you include the size and colour, payment needs to be by cheque made payable to Priory Sailing Club. The next order will be made on 15th July so any orders need to be received before this date. We will not be in a position to place another order until after the summer holidays. If you have any questions, feel free to send me an email or speak to Tim or me at the club.

Pascale Hewett, Laser Radial



Club Racing at the Priory

The Spring season this year produced some really unusual results in that 12 different sailors had a first or second place in at least one race. Some excel in strong winds: Paul Williams & Tim Hewett (Lasers) and Lucie Hewett (Topper); some excel in medium winds: Will Armitage & Jim Thornett (Streakers). Among the Heron sailors, when the Lasers are capsizing a lot Mark Roe & Gordon de Sousa hold their boats upright; in medium winds Tony Ogborn and Rupert Keep are extremely

competitive. The results are all posted onto the PSC website (see <http://www.priorysc.org.uk/pages/results.htm>) but here are the top three places:

Position	Helm	Boat	Points
First	Tim Hewett	Laser	5
Second	Rupert Keep	Heron	7
Third =	Tony Ogborn Pascale Hewett	Heron Laser Radial	14 14
PSC Spring 2013 Series, 5 races to count and qualify			

Joseph Mullan (Topper) performs brilliantly in all winds but is at his most magnificent in a near gale. Dick Knowles (Vago) flies his gennaker in all winds but can capsize in pretty much any wind also! Sometimes everyone capsizes & recovers, and sometimes the winds are so light it can be hard to reach the start line, let alone finish.

The Portsmouth Yardstick scheme, and the Priory Personal Handicap system allow for a variety of boats, sails and helm abilities, and yet who is the best sailor varies with each race. The personal handicaps are adjusted periodically to reflect success in series. The current top 4 racers in the club judged by their personal handicaps, set after the Icicle Series, are 1. Tony Ogborn (75pts), 2. Rupert Keep (25pts), 3=. Paul Williams and Joseph Mullan (20pts).

To give non-racers the flavour of racing at PSC, a list of the award winners out of the 23 participants in the RNLI Regatta at PSC on 9th June is appended. There were three races, with two to count and qualify for awards. The results show that racing achievements are available in many categories: well done to these awardees!

Awards	Winner	Boat Sailed
First overall	Tony Ogborn	Heron
Second overall and first U17	David Stephenson	Laser Radial
Third overall	Paul Williams & Gordon de Souza	Laser Heron
First lady	Pascale Hewett	Laser Radial
First lady U17	Emily Taylor	Topper
Best U13	Sonia Evans	Topper
Best adult novice	Jeannette Evans	Pico
Best novice U13	David O'Hara	Topper
Commodore's special prize for determination	Carole O'Hara	Pico
All nut award for entertaining the spectators	Dick Knowles	Vago

For every sailor in every race there is the chance to learn more about the boat, the best course, the rules, and tactics and how to be a better sailor next time. To make the day the success it was, raising a good donation to the RNLI, PSC members were race officers, safety boat drivers, galley team members, did club-house and boat maintenance duties and cleared up and locked up afterwards: many thanks to all who contributed!

Tony Ogborn, Heron 10,300

Non-Members' dinghy sailing and windsurfing courses for Adults

We continue to build on our success from previous years, and are currently offering both dinghy and windsurfing courses for non-members. The purpose of these courses is to give more people the opportunity to take part in sailing and hopefully attract new members to PSC, so we remain a successful, flourishing and buoyant club. Each course has a maximum of 6 people and offers 12 hours sailing. This covers the basics of rigging a boat, getting out on the water, sailing a triangular course and getting back into shore: everything required to be able to sail a boat independently. The course leads to an RYA Level 1 qualification.

We have run two dinghy courses so far this year. The first weekend course in May was very successful and attracted 5 out of the 6 participants to join the club. The second course in June was attended by 3 men who faced challenging winds all weekend but all looked like they were enjoying themselves and were certainly competent in capsized drill!

We are very keen to attract new members, and are especially keen to get more ladies out on the water. If you know anyone who would be interested please do let them know about the range of courses we offer. Alternatively if you have any contacts/ideas we could use for marketing or indeed would like to be involved in promoting the club then please let me know.

Karen Powell info@priorysc.org or 01234 349001

Tell your friends and neighbours... they might like to try it!

**COME & TRY
OPENDAY**
11th August
only **£2** per session
10am - 4.30pm

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Editor's Plea

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 (milldick@btinternet.com) with a bit of text to say what is going on in the picture, who, where etc, or else post onto the Photo Gallery (see p2 above).

Telltales comes out quarterly so please submit anything by the end of September 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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