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Dates for your Diary

Sun 1st Nov on	Winter restrictions apply at PSC; sailing on Sat, Sun & Bank Hols only
Sat 7th Nov	Lay-up BBQ at the club, starting at 18.00
Sun 8th Nov	Remembrance Sunday (Racing Starts at 10.00, minutes' silence at 11.00)
Sun 15th Nov	Lunch 13.00 followed by PSC AGM and Prize giving in Clubhouse at 14.00
Sat 26th Dec	Boxing Day Social Event - sailing from 11.00 with coffee and mince pies
Fri 1st Jan	New Year Social and Icicle Race: 11.30 start. Light lunch from 13:00
Sundays in Jan	Pre-season informal racing. Provisional date for Icicle Series to start is 7th Feb 2016

Deadline for next Telltales Sun 31st Jan



Commodore's Column October 2015

So another busy summer at PSC draws to a close! Once again our club has had a full programme of events – read all about them in the following pages. As always a big thank you to all of the many members who have worked so hard this summer to make these various events the

success that they have so clearly been.

Indeed the club continues to be well supported by a large group of willing volunteers, without whom our club would not be able to function. Rescue boats are driven, food is prepared, groups are coached, weed cleared, equipment maintained, and committee decisions are taken. If you would like to get involved as a volunteer please don't hesitate to contact any committee member.

Our recent involvement in Bart's Bash, an international mass participation sailing event, proved to be extremely well supported this year, indeed we think that we set a lake record with fifty five boats and seventy five sailors on the water. There were over four hundred and seventy clubs around the world that took part and there were only a dozen clubs (in the world!) that had more participants than PSC! Truly amazing! It was great to



see so many of our club members sailing, enjoying the live music, sharing a BBQ and generally joining in the fun together.



Roll on next year's event.



We have added another Wanderer to our fleet of club training craft that are available for members' use, and I am pleased to say that we have also recently received a donation of a Laser hull which, after some PSC TLC, will also be added to our club fleet.

As the end of October approaches please note that our Winter Restrictions come into force on 1st November, meaning that we can only sail at weekends and only on the northern half of our

lake. New members might like to know that these restrictions are part of our lease agreement and are in place as Priory is an important over wintering site for some wildfowl. There is not an OOD on duty at weekends during the winter season, so if you wish to access club boats you will need to sail on Sunday mornings.

Many of us do continue to sail at weekends throughout the winter, but if you are planning to pack your boat up for the season do make sure that your cover is firmly attached and I would recommend that you do not leave your sails in your boat – they might get nibbled or nested in!

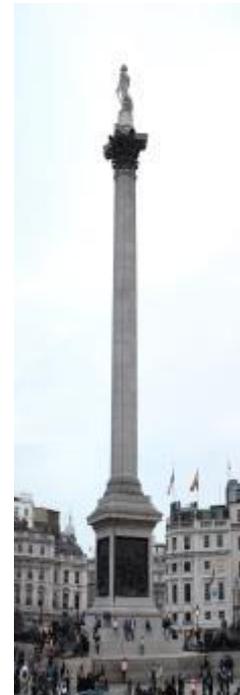
To mark the end of our summer season we will be holding a Winter Lay Up BBQ on Saturday 7th November, starting at 6.00pm. Last year members attending brought a few large fireworks along to share, under the careful management of Tim Girvan. There may also be opportunity see just how bright marine distress flares are! We are also planning to hold a short race on the water – in the dark! More details of this event will be circulated shortly.

We are in the planning stages for our calendar for next year. 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@priorisc.org.uk). Your committee would be particularly interested to hear your ideas regarding potential club social events.

This year we have run several RYA Powerboat Level 2 courses for our members. This training, offered free to adult members, helps us maintain a volunteer rescue boat service at the club. If you would like to join the team that provides this rescue cover, and would like to undertake the training, please let me know.

An important date for your diary – November 15th, this is when we will be holding our club's AGM and prize giving. This year we will be organising a Charity Cup event in the morning and we will also provide a club lunch. Don't miss it! The first race will be at 10.30, lunch is at 13.00 with our meeting starting at 14.00.

Tim Hewett, Commodore, Laser



HERON OPEN (August 2015)

Priory Sailing Club, Bedford

Heron Open (8Aug15)

Overall

Sailed: 3, Discards: 1, To count: 2, Rating system: PY, Entries: 12, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Fleet	Boat	Class	SailNo	Club	HelmName	CrewName	PY	R1	R2	R3	Total	Nett
1st			HERON-S	9812	UpRiver YC	Mathew PICKETT		1345	(2.0)	1.0	1.0	4.0	2.0
2nd			HERON-S	10000	PSC	Dick KNOWLES		1345	1.0	(3.0)	2.0	6.0	3.0
3rd			Heron-S	10300	PSC	Tony OGBORN		1345	(7.0)	2.0	3.0	12.0	5.0
4th			Heron-S	83000	PSC	Gordon DeSOUSA		1345	3.0	5.0	(7.0)	15.0	8.0
5th			HERON-S	10056	PSC	CAroline BENNETT		1345	(5.0)	4.0	5.0	14.0	9.0
6th			Heron-c	7	Chipstead	Jon HUNT	Verna HUNT	1365	(6.0)	6.0	4.0	16.0	10.0
7th			Heron-C	9400		Ruth MURGATROID	Peter MURGATROID	1365	4.0	(8.0)	6.0	18.0	10.0
8th			HERON-C	9317	PSC	K	C	1365	(9.0)	7.0	8.0	24.0	15.0
9th			HERON-C	9886	PSC	Hannah CURRELL	Ellie Ackman	1365	8.0	(9.0)	9.0	26.0	17.0



We had lovely sailing weather for the Heron Open, and enough boats to give us entertaining competitive racing. The winner Matthew Pickett (Heron 9,812) was sailing single-handed. The local sailors did not let him have it all his own way however. Dick Knowles in 10,000 won the first race, and Dick, Tony (10,300) and Caroline Bennett (10,056), all sailing single-handed, were all in front of Matthew from time to time, but his superior tactics and use of wind shifts ensured that in the end he was first in 2 of the 3 races.

It was not clear to me or to others just what pushed one

boat or another to the front: the vicissitudes of sailing! Matthew suggests his boat is best upwind and Tony has better downwind speed. There was plenty of place-changing in each race and rivalries old & new enjoyed. The Heron chairman Jon Hunt with Veronica in no 7 were always competitive and were the best placed crewed boat.



All the competitors had a happy day out, with Priory providing lunch and tea in their usual excellent style and hoping to host a Heron event next year to include the single-handed National Heron Championship.

Tony Ogborn, Heron 10,300

Note from a Heron novice: I thoroughly enjoyed my first Heron event and second day sailing a Heron, with close racing that was not decided until the very last 2 legs of the last race, with Matthew passing and beating me and Tony to the line... blast! It shows however that sailing skills are transferrable between very different boats, Vago to Heron (to yachts)!

Dick Knowles, Heron 10,000 for the day



Junior Dinghy Week, August 2015

Twenty of the PSC junior members aged 10-15 had five days of magical sailing in the big and small boats. The younger the sailor the more the time in the Omegas and Wanderers was appreciated.

The inspirational RYA video "Better Sailing" showed how to use an asymmetric spinnaker and how to race properly. Dick Knowles asked everyone to put on the trapeze harnesses and try some trapezing. The spinnakers were raised and occasioned occasional

whoops & yells which preceded or inspired capsizes.

Everyone raced in a Topper, a Pico, and a Wanderer and/ or Omega. No excuses now for these juniors for a bad start or a bent rule in our Lazy Sunday Racing! Everyone who was not already qualified obtained an RYA Stage 3 & Start Racing Certificate.

Not everyone realises the huge amount of work put in by the junior teaching team of Toby Culpin, Florence Papworth, Hannah Currell & Heidi de Sousa and the adult (over 18) team of Lily Papworth, Neil Papworth, Jerry Knox, Carla Barberio, Peter Faulkner, Gordon de Sousa, Dick Knowles and Tony Ogborn. This was much appreciated and everyone reported on their assessment form that they want to come again next year, and we are happy to report a week without injuries or even a sticking plaster needed.



Tony Ogborn, Dinghy Week Organiser

Issy goes to Tasar Nationals!

On the 18th-20th September, Felpham Sailing Club hosted the Tasar Nationals 2015. Through my job at Willen Watersports Centre I was lucky enough to be asked to enter this event. When I came home the first thing mum did was to Google it, in case you didn't know this is what Mum discovered:

'The Tasar is a 4.5m high performance sailing dinghy, designed to be sailed and raced by a man and a woman. A light weight, low drag, planing hull, rotating mast, and a jib and fully battened mainsail with efficient sail controls provide exhilarating sailing without the need for spinnaker or trapeze'... but the thing that concerned mum the most was the handle!

Meanwhile Dad of course needed to know what the PY number was.... 1023 compared to the Laser Radial 1035 and he declared 'you will be going fast!'

After a little bit of training at Willen and the MK Cup we arrived and set up camp on Thursday evening at Felpham SC.

A beautiful blue sky and bright warm sunshine greeted us on Friday the first day of The 2015 UK Nationals at Felpham SC. The seventeen boats signed on were a mixed fleet of experts and novices including several world champions. With my limited knowledge of sailing on the sea I was a little

nervous however everyone was friendly and keen to help us novices out offering helpful advice on how to fine tune our boat. Boat parking on the green by the clubhouse provided easy access to the coffee and bacon butties. Following the briefing fingers were crossed the wind was expected to build.



The tide was high and the waves on launching meant our boats were filled with a shower of shredded seaweed. I was exhausted before I started as I bailed out dirty dishwater and cabbage. The RO set a P course for the gentle easterly breeze and the first race got underway. For about five seconds. At which point the RO abandoned it as the wind was rapidly falling to nothing and he thought it would drop off and then build again from the South West. Sure enough after half an hour of waiting and a course reset, we started again pointing the other way. The steady light breeze resulted in the experts dashing to the front and the main fleet huddled in a bunch like schoolboys chasing a football. The loose seaweed was still getting its revenge, clinging to dagger boards and rudders, requiring a board lift and grope over the transom every lap. Race two went pretty much the same way with but us improving from a 15th to a 14th. Landing was another trial of man versus waves and was solved by a shore team picking the boats from the surf and carrying them up to the trolleys. Nothing like anything I had experienced before. Evening entertainment was from a local duo singing live with muted England V Fiji rugby on the TV. Home-made steak pie and mash for supper at the club, washed down with a drink from the club bar.

Saturday dawned with even less wind and a warm steady sunshine burning off the sea mist. The eleven o'clock start was delayed slightly while the wind got its act together to blow from the East again. Three races today on a P course and the first started without yesterday's rapid abandonment. By the second lap, on the reach in from the wing mark the fleet was still very much in a bunch and people started to notice a large black cloud building in the South West. The broad reach was becoming a bit tighter by the second. As the leaders hit the start line point to go into the run for the leeward mark the wind had swung 180 degrees and the whole fleet were now tacking to get to a point which was previously a run. The RO took a very sensible look at the fleet positions and noted that no significant position changes had taken place. So the race continued, on the same course with reversed wind direction. The black cloud stayed hovering somewhere

over the Isle of Wight and the wind stayed consistent for the second race. By the third race our friendly cloud was still in place but the tide was moving faster against the wind and building a difficult chop on the water. This was our best race seeing us up in 12th position. Landing easy today with the tide out onto the flat part of the beach and a nice trolley pull up the concrete slipway. After the Tasar UK AGM, the evening at the clubhouse continued with a home cooked curry meal and a non-nautical (whew) quiz for all, with me joining a team from Cleveland coming 3rd! Mum and Dad arrived to watch us on the final day.

Sunday and another windless start to the day. Official start was postponed for an hour until the wind started up again from the South-West. Today the fleet voted for the triangle sausage course. People basically chose to go right toward the shore or left and out to sea. Result was you could say goodbye to your near competitors and then meet them again at the windward mark with no real clue who was going to get there first. Sunday was our best day with us in the middle of the fleet.

It was an amazing experience with our sailing improving over such a short time, we will be back again next year.

Issy Powell

Priory Sailing Club – Why do we complete the Officer of the Day (OOD) Diary

Priory Sailing Club has always been affiliated to the national governing body (NGB) of our sport the Royal Yachting Association (RYA). Boating is such a diverse sport and needs an organisation such as the RYA to pull the various boating communities together and use its influence, plan and expertise in the many different areas of boating. These range from the things that we know at a very local level, sailing & windsurfing, power boating, club development, right the way through to national developments such as representing us at Government level where the RYA might be lobbying and influencing all national legislation. You can find more information about what the RYA does at www.rya.org.uk/aboutus/whatwedo/pages/default.aspx



So why do we put the information into the daily diary

In the very first instance it's a good record of what has happened at the Club that day. It's good that we know how many people have taken part in sailing, windsurfing, canoeing & SUP etc. We know which groups have been at the Club, and it means we can observe whether the facilities are busy year on year. The other reason is that we report sailing participation numbers to the RYA each month and twice a year to Sport England.

Why is it important to report these figures to the RYA?

It's not just Priory reporting participation numbers but over 300 Clubs & Centre around England. It's about how some of the investment funding reaches our sport. Sport England allocates funding based on how good sports are at getting people into, and retaining them in, that sport.

It's about all the hard work that Clubs like Priory and you as a Club volunteer put into our sport in delivering the participation programmes, and the club development work undertaken, making Priory a fantastic and active place to be.



Sport England understandably wants to see that their investment is making a tangible difference to activity levels and sporting participation throughout the country. They also want to see that successful grant awards, through programmes like Small Grants and Inspired Facilities, are doing their job, and to stimulate future funding in sailing.

It helps us to know that Priory Sailing Club & Water Sport Centre is busier when we seek grant funding. Last year we obtained a Sport England Grant towards the two new ribs, previously we have had grants for Picos. PSC have had grants from the RYA towards the training of new instructors, towards the purchase of one of the Club Omegas and small amounts of funding towards participation projects. We were successful in obtaining an inspired facility grant to upgrade the ladies changing facility. All this evidence that we collect on participation helps the Committee to present a requests for funding. It also helps the RYA make decision when supporting grant applications from Clubs. The RYA knows that a Club like Priory SC is always going to make the most of the funding opportunity. The ongoing collection of participation data help us show that Sport England & RYA funding has made a difference by increasing participation.

The RYA believes that they can prove to Sport England that their investments in sailing is having a real impact but need accurate insights to help them do it. The 300+ clubs all over England are reporting participation numbers to the RYA but these must be accurate and robust to prove to Sport England to keep current levels of funding up. The RYA hope that as a major top 10 Sport, they could even see increased funding into sailing, if we are shown to be very successful at what we do in terms of how many people sail.

How does the RYA use Sport England money to help Priory & other Clubs?

- Through their direct investment in RYA programmes including OnBoard and RYA Champion Club and Start and Go Sailing
- The provision of coaching days in and outside of the Club
- Club, Regional Instructor & Senior Instructor Courses
- Instructor days & workshops
- Club Workshops and Conferences
- Club development support and contact when needed with Sailing Development Officers and Regional Development Officers
- Training Centre Investment

So What Data do we report each month?

- OnBoard (in our Club that's schools, our Pirates and summer holiday programmes)
- Adult and Junior participation programmes (Start & Go Sailing and Start & Go Racing)
 - Number of participants doing a first session
 - Number of participants completing a 10th session (or completing the programme)
- How many TIMES people went sailing across all disciplines – if one person sailed every Sunday that month this counts as four times, this is for racing, recreational & coaching

Not an easy task to collect and collate as some months there has been some serious head shaking by me when I look in the daily diary to try and decipher what people have put in. We are working

on a scheme to hopefully make it a bit easier for the 2016 sailing season, more accurate but still not onerous on those who are doing the recording.

Brian Stanbridge, PSC RYA Training Centre Principal

The 2015 Racing Results

Look out for these at the PSC Prize-giving on Sunday Nov 15th! Who will be Mariner of the Year? Who will be top racer as assessed by who has the highest personal handicap? Telltales will plan to list the winners in each category in the Winter Edition.

STOP PRESS

Congratulations to William Armitage and his PSC crew who achieved a very creditable fourth place in The John Lewis Partnership Regatta at Cowes last weekend, proving that dinghy sailors can also make competitive big boat sailors.

Many congratulations also go to PSC Junior member, Charlie Dathorne who became Under 18 World Conker Champion recently! Watch out for his appearance, along with other PSC Juniors, on Blue Peter on 22nd October.

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 (mildick@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 link on p1).

Telltales comes out quarterly; please submit anything by late Jan for this, via myself (mildick@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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