



THE GOLDEN PIRANHA



Autumn

October 2007

COMMODORE'S REPORT

General Committee

Although the 2008 Annual General Meeting is still a long way off, we have five vacancies on General Committee which we need to fill. Nominations need to be in by Noon on 31st December 2007. It is very important for the effective management of our Club that we have a full Committee and I would ask any members who think they might be interested in standing to talk to me or one of the Committee members to find out what is involved.

Contrary to what you may have heard in the bar, being involved is mostly fun, the current Committee work hard as a team for our Club, it is not as time consuming as you may think, Committee meetings end at a sensible time, and of course you get a say on future direction and how things are run. This is a very exciting time to be involved, and although we are having a short period of consolidation after our major rebuilding project, there are plenty of areas where your say can play a part in shaping our future. The Club has a rolling five year plan which we will be re-visiting this autumn. I will talk about this in some detail at the 2008 Annual General Meeting.

We are well represented at present by dinghy sailors so could do with some more cruiser owners and lady members, but what we really want is members who want to take part.

New Haven Facilities

The General Committee and Directors have agreed to the replacement of the portakabins with a timber building which will be sited to the left hand side of the main walkway, looking out over the water. It will house the Haven office, toilets, a laundry and a room for the Yard staff.

The work will be carried out early in the new year, and will involve some groundworks. The building itself will be prefabricated and quick to install once the foundations are in place. This style of building was chosen as it is a lot lighter than a conventional building which would have required very substantial foundations, being on reclaimed land. The complete building will cost a little under £100,000 and will be paid for out of cashflow – no borrowing is required.



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CAR PARKING & THE WINTER SERIES

To help reduce congestion in the boatyard and car park for winter 2007 during the Cruiser, Youth and Adult racing series the following will be implemented, with the help of the Master at Arms to ensure that only the vehicles of Full members and their occupants enter through the main gate.

1. Only Full members may bring vehicles into the club and their vehicles must show/display a current club sticker on the windscreen with a serial number.
2. Non-members and Crew members will have to find alternative parking outside the yacht club.
3. The top short-term car park (the area in front of the main entrance) will be roped off every Sunday until 1100 hrs to allow non sailing members a car park space.
4. **Byelaw 4.3.** Members are reminded of this Byelaw, which says that cars are only permitted to remain in the Boat Yard or Sheds for a maximum period of 20 minutes. This is particularly relevant to the period of the Winter Series and will be enforced.

From the Club as a whole, we would like to thank you all in advance for your co-operation.

Forthcoming Events

October

- 13th/14th - Dart 18 Grand Prix
- 17th - Theme Night 'Trafalgar'
- 27th - Cruising Section Laying up dinner
- 31st - Shrimper Class Dinner

November

- 3rd - Parkstone Bay Owners Dinner
- 14th - XOD Class Dinner
- 17th - Parkstone Yacht Club Annual Dinner Dance
- 21st - Theme 'Chinese Cooking'

December

- 8th - Commodore's Charity Coffee Morning
- Dolphin Class Dinner
- 13th - Bridge Club Christmas Dinner 
- 21st - Christmas Draw
- 22nd - Christmas Dinner & Carols
- 24th - Christmas Eve Family Night Buffet
- 28th - Commodore's Childrens Christmas Party
- 31st - New Years Eve Dance

Match Racing and Youth Sailing

Are you interested either of these subjects. If so we want to hear from you.

I have purchased 2 off J24 yachts with the intention of setting up some match racing and practice for myself and interested parties.

It is my hope that the boats can be used by members of both Poole and Parkstone Yacht Clubs and especially the youth of both clubs.

As both a national match race umpire and racer I am prepared to donate time to help train those who are interested and make the boats available.

The boats would also be available for fleet sailing by interested members.

It is my intention to set up a meeting for any interested parties later in October or November.

Please register your interest by email to David@mar-key.com or tel 07836 272786

Good sailing - *David Tabb*

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE



LIFE JACKETS/BUOYANCY AIDS MUST BE WORN AND PROPERLY FASTENED AT ALL TIMES WHILST OPERATING CLUB SAFETY BOATS, RIBS & NELSONS

ALL MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE CLUB HEALTH & SAFETY MANUAL. A COPY IS AVAILABLE INSIDE THE BOSUNS CABIN

Club Debentures Update

Following my note in the last issue, we have had three applications for debentures and one request for an extension of the repayment date.

Would anyone interested in applications or extensions please see Hannah or Martin.

Club Debentures are now issued in blocks of ten. *Jon Hicks - Hon Treasurer*

LASER PERISHER SERIES 2008

Laser Perisher series 2008, Sunday mornings, February to mid April except Easter, consisting of 2, 30 to 40 minute races, 'Probably the best series of the year'. All welcome who have a Laser or can borrow one. This series is run by the Laser Fleet, not the club. More information available in December from the Laser Fleet Captain or the Laser Class website - http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/laser_index/



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