

THE GOLDEN PIRANHA

Spring

April, 2007

New Commodores' Welcome

Welcome to our new committee members, Steve Tyler, Dave Targett, Peter Loretto and John Herbert, our new Hon Treasurer John Hicks and our new Flag Officers Nick Hill and Barry Rolfe. With so many changes it has taken a bit of time to sort out the handovers and new roles. We are trying a slightly different structure this year and have allocated groups of people to groups of jobs rather than allocating individual jobs as in the past.

Sailing will be headed by Martin Pearson as Hon Sailing Secretary and his team is Stephen Tyler, Dave Targett and Peter Loretto. They will be dealing with Training, Rescue Boats, Racing – Dinghies and Cruisers, the Cruising Section and Publicity.

The Yard will be headed by Nick Hill as Vice Commodore and his team is Jan Robinson and Donald McDonald. They will be dealing with the Yard, the Haven, and the Moorings.

The House will be headed by Barry Rolfe as Rear Commodore and his team is Andy Richards, Lynaire Rea and John Herbert. They will be dealing with House, Bar, Catering and Social. Peter Stacey will continue with Membership.

As I said at our AGM our wish is to promote the "One Club" aim. We all come to our Club to have fun, to go sailing, to meet our friends, to have a beer etc. Unfortunately nothing comes for free so we try to spread the savings of being part of the Club fairly between all of the members so we all get a discount from the market rate. We all own the Club (and Haven) and most of us do a first rate job at looking after our assets, although there are occasions when some members need reminding about this.

If things are not working for you please tell one of us and we will try to resolve the problem. Similarly, if things are going well it is good to hear that too. It is all too easy to make incorrect decisions trying to resolve a perceived problem when the majority are quite happy with things as they are. Unfortunately, it is impossible to please all of the members all of the time, but we have a good team and we aim to try!

Wishing everybody a brilliant 2007 season.

Bill Law

Poole Harbour Watch

Poole Harbour Watch is a neighbourhood watch afloat. It is run by boat owners for anyone interested in reducing crime in Poole Harbour, afloat or ashore, in boatyards, marinas and clubs. Funded entirely by voluntary contributions, all YOU need to do to fight crime in the Harbour is obtain a yellow data card and keep it near you. This card is available free from yacht clubs, boatyards, marinas, local chandlers, the berthing office in the Poole Quay Boat Haven, the Police launch 'Alarm' or any of the patrols which run from clubs during evenings and night. The card has the telephone numbers & VHF channel for Poole Harbour Control, plus telephone numbers for the Police and HM Coastguard.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership 'Welcome Packs' are now available from the Main office and behind the Bar. We welcome applicants for Temporary pending Full membership throughout the year. If any members wish to recommend a good enthusiastic active sailing candidate please contact Nikki in the Main office.

Peter Stacey - Membership Chairman

Neighbours

Members are reminded to consider our neighbours in Elms & Pearce Avenues by using the one-way system of Up Elms and Down Pearce Avenue when visiting the Club. Additionally, it would be helpful if members refrain from parking their trailers or boats outside the Club premises even for a short period. Please remember this is a residential area.

Unauthorised yard storage of dinghies & trailers

Boat and trailer storage in the yard is for those members who pay their fees to do so. Therefore this year (2007) there will be more diligence in identifying any unauthorised storage. No Sticker on boat or trailer and/or not identifiable to an individual will be classed as unauthorised storage and will be moved to the Impound area. Release of boat or trailer only after the payment of the unauthorised storage fee for the period it has been identified as such.

NOTE: Boats/trailers that have been identified as stored/parked unauthorised for 6 months maybe sold by the club.

Donald Macdonald

Car Parking



Car Parking space is limited, access is essential for the Emergency Services and it is imperative that the ramp area leading to the Yard is kept clear **AT ALL TIMES**, for this reason members are requested to show consideration when parking, ensuring that their cars are parked between the white lines. The Parking area adjacent to the Clubhouse main entrance is intended for Short Term Parking **ONLY**, so please use the Large Top Car Park if you intend to leave your vehicle overnight, and please notify the Main Office Please note bye-law 4 p125.

Handbook 2007

The Clubs' 2007 Annual Handbook, which includes the Sailing Programme and Tides are available for you to collect from Clubs Main Office.



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Parkstone Yacht Clubs Charity Evening

On Wednesday evening Parkstone Yacht Club hosted a Wine and Cheese Party coupled with an excellent exhibition of members' and local residents' art work.

This was the last charity event for outgoing Commodore Tony Chadwick who relinquishes his office on Saturday.

Two large cheques were presented by the Commodore for local charities. Penny Hever received £3,674 on behalf of Poole Hospital NHS Trust Wish List for the purchase of specialist equipment to be used in the treatment of cancer. Mike Jennings, Chairman of the Trustees of the Sunshade Appeal, accepted a cheque for £2,000 for the Appeal. This is a local charity raising money to help with the early diagnosis and treatment of melanoma (skin cancer).



The evening proved to be a great success and it was announced that a further £900 had been raised for the Sunshade Appeal.

Over the years the club and its members have raised many thousands of pounds for local charities.

Annual Yard Clean Up Sat 14 April



Volunteers requested to assist with the clean up of the yard after the Cruiser winter storage change over to a Dinghy park.

Dates this year dicatate that there are likely to be some cruisers and dinghies in the yard so we will be working around them.

Starting at 0900 for those members who don't want a lie-in with a target finish - lunchtime opening time.

Brooms provided!

Youth RIB 2

The Youth will be carrying out a car wash and polish at the Club on Saturday 14th April 0900-1200 for a donation of £5.00 toward purchasing their new RIB. Why not come down and get your car clean while you sweep the yard.

All donations appreciated.

Thank You

The garden team would like to thank the Cruising section for their generous contribution towards the cost of the geraniums for the Club gardens this summer and also to thank Richard Drew for supplying and help in spreading more leaf mould and chippings for the borders. All this help is greatly appreciated.

Forthcoming Social Events

April

- Thu 19th** - New Members Evening
- Tue 24th** - XOD Sail Measure & Supper

May

- 5th-7th** - Wayfarer Training
- Sat 19th** - Youth Fundraising Eve
- 26th/27th** - Parkstone Regatta

June

- Sat 30th** - Midsummer Celebration
- 6th-8th** - Folkboat Nationals
- 7th & 8th** - Fireball/Albacore Open

July

- 22nd-27th** - Youth Week 2007

Bar and Catering



A Night of Indulgence

Celebrate a stylish Summer's evening with live music, elegant food, fine wine and breathtaking views of Poole Harbour

Senior Citizens Special Menu

- Every Thursday Lunch Time (1230-1400)
- 2 Course Menu for £6.50
- Main Meal & Sweet

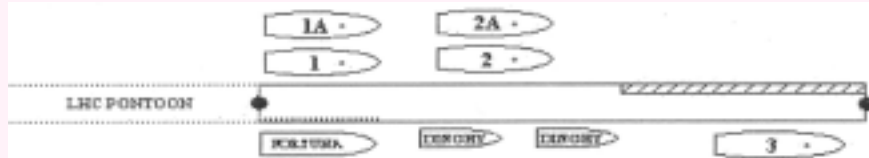
Class Grants

Class Captains note that the class grants are available from the Finance Office from Easter to 31st October each year. Class grants are calulated on the turnouts so the more that sail, more returned income to the class.

Cruising Look!

Lymington Town Sailing Club have recently added an extension to their LTSC Pontoon. It can now accommodate five visiting cruising boats. Adjacent to their Club pontoon is the new Dan Bran berthing facility that can, with adequate notice, also provides space for visiting craft.

By reciprocal agreement, we have been asked by them to encourage our members to call in when they next sail to Lymington. If a flotilla is being planned, please contact their Secretary, so they can make berthing arrangements and welcome you to their friendly clubhouse.



This is a plan of their extended pontoon. The Dan Bran pontoons are adjacent, down river from them. Lymington Town Sailing look forward to welcoming more of our members in the coming months.



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