

THE GOLDEN PIRANHA

Commodore's Report

Firstly I would like to thank the outgoing Officers and members for all their hard work on behalf of the members and welcome those who have newly joined the General Committee.

David Hailes, has taken up the position of Honorary Treasurer, Sara Briscoe, Nick Stone and Peter Taylor as General Committee Members, and Dick Linford has now stepped up to Rear Commodore.

We have reverted to the traditional Yard, House and Sailing Committees. Details of their positions are in the Club Handbook and on the photo board in the main entrance.

I look forward to working with them as a strong team over the next two years.

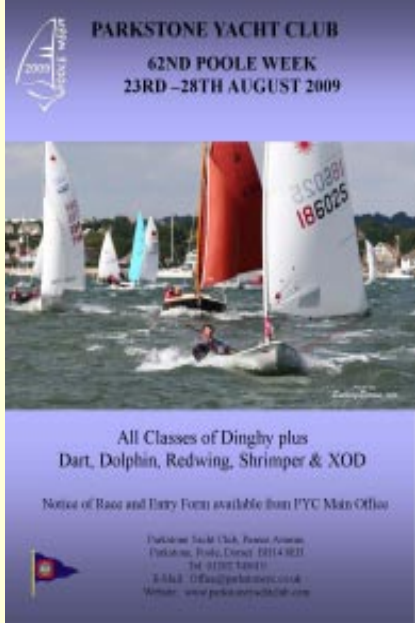
The current economic situation affects us all in some way and the naturally the Club will be no exception. However, it is pleasing to note that we have had a new member intake similar to previous years and the Haven berths are fully occupied. The majority of our moorings have been taken up and the uptake in the yard of dinghy spaces remains constant.

Our major capital expense this year will be the new boat lifter and ongoing maintenance of our existing assets.

My charities for the next two years are (1) Poole Sailability who give the opportunity for disabled people to get on the water and have a sail (2). Harbour Challenge who aim to give disadvantaged children the opportunity to try watersports including sailing. Please do not hesitate to speak to me should you wish to become involved.

Finally, lets hope we have a good season, and I hope to see you afloat or ashore.

Nick Hill



PARKSTONE YACHT CLUB
62ND POOLE WEEK
23RD - 28TH AUGUST 2009

All Classes of Dinghy plus
 Dart, Dolphin, Redwing, Shrimper & XOD

Notice of Race and Entry Form available from PYC Main Office

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 Parkstone, Poole, Dorset BH14 8ET
 Tel: 01202 348617
 E-Mail: Office@parkstoneyc.com
 Website: www.parkstoneyc.com

Reminder

**Please Secure Your Personal
 Belongings After Racing. Do Not
 Leave Them In The Foyer
 There Are Thieves About!**

Rear Commodore's Report

As the yard and the skies begin to clear, the House Committee are all looking forward to the new sailing season. Your House Committee this year are Sara Briscoe, Dave Targett, Peter Taylor and Dick Linford. Our main priorities for 2009 are to improve the look and feel of the Clubhouse. You will have already seen that some areas have been redecorated and the plan is to continue the process and get everything shipshape. (No the Queen is not due to visit!).

We plan to try a number of catering ideas this season alongside the usual sailors' suppers and carvery. From June until Poole Week on Saturdays we will offer barbeque fare from the veranda, weather permitting. Look for the BBQ flag on the Club flagstaff and if the forecast seems reliable, we'll post notices on Wednesday for the following Saturday too.

We plan to keep food prices the same as last year in recognition of the tough times we are all facing. We are also planning to increase the variety of fare on offer and our new chef Phillip will be trying out some 'house specials' to see what goes down well. Unfortunately bar prices will have to increase in line with suppliers charges, although House Manager Stephen Housley will be working hard to keep rises to a minimum.

You'll find the social programme on the notice boards and the website. We hope to be able to do some themed Saturday evenings during the season as well. Watch the notice boards and web site for details.

We recognise that the social committee is a bit cruiser biased at the moment and we want to provide social events that suit all our members. So we would welcome input from our dinghy sailors and if you have any ideas, or better still would like to get involved, please get in touch.

We're particularly keen to keep on the good side of our neighbours. So please remember – up Elms – down Pearce, drive at a sensible speed for a residential neighbourhood and park considerately. Most of you do I know, but for those of you who are too important, please remember our neighbours are important too. Have a great season!

Dick Linford



Hon Treasurer's Report

Finances between a ROK and a Hard Place.

Against the background of a deepening recession which is affecting everyone it is encouraging to see that membership numbers have remained close to our target of 2500. Whilst the impact on discretionary spending remains uncertain we need to exercise good house keeping and spending restraint.

The financial outcome of the ROK Build Contract for the Changing Rooms and Tower Project remains outstanding, but hopefully this will be resolved soon.

The issue of Club debentures has been suspended, as announced at the A.G.M., pending assessment of our medium term funding needs. However a Register of Interest is being maintained by the Accounts Office for those members interested in subscribing to any future issue.

As a Private Members Club we are the owners, or perhaps more correctly the custodians of our enterprise as well as its customers. The Club's future is therefore in our own hands. So please continue to support your Club as best you can and remember one of the best antidotes to worry and stress is to go sailing, followed by a drink in the bar.

We have a splendid club with very good facilities and I would not wish anyone to lose the benefits of membership, however with these privileges come responsibilities, including payment of accounts on time. Regrettably a minority of members were late paying their Annual Subscription and similarly with Haven Berth Fees, some being repeat offenders. This abuse not only creates unnecessary work for the Accounts and General Office staff, it is also taking advantage of the majority of members who pay on time. Due consideration will be given if there are genuine extenuating circumstances but the position must be explained to the General Manager well before the due date.

David Hailes

Forthcoming Social Events

April

Sat 25th - Alb/Ent Annual Dinner & Prizegiving

May

Sat 2nd - Steak Night Special
Sat 23rd - Curry Evening

June

Sat 6th - Maritime Night Special
Sat 20th - Spanish Night Special
Sat 27th - Midsummer Ball

July

Sat 18th - Dart Open Dinner

August

Fri 7th - Youth Week Finale Live Band
Sun 23rd - Poole Week Commodore's Welcome
Tue 25th - PW Shrimper & Wayfarer Dinner
Wed 26th - PW Barn Dance
Fri 28th - PW Prizeveing, BBQ & Firework Finale

Hon Sailing Secretary's Report

The season has just started with the Easter Series which had 96 entries, the largest entry for several years. The weather was terrific for this time of the year and it gave the organisers and competitors opportunity to sharpen up their skills on the water!

The new course book is available from the office and is also on the Clubs website for those that want to print a large copy. Please could all competitors make an effort to read the sailing instructions before going afloat as this will save any embarrassment that might be otherwise incurred. **IF ALL ELSE FAILS READ THE INSTRUCTIONS.**

The Rescue Boat/Race Officers duty rosters are also up on the website and they are being managed by Peter Biggs, if anyone has any queries please contact him direct. *Martin Pearson*



CREDIT CRUNCH LUNCH

Wednesday/Thursday/Friday

1200-1400 hrs

2 Course Menu

£7.50.

No Bookings Required

Handbook 2009



The Club's 2009 Annual Handbook, which includes the Sailing Programme and Tides are available for you to collect from the Club's Main Office.



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