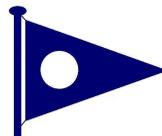


DYC Newsletter



Good news edition. Please read. ***Important information.***

This is the very last paper copy of the quarterly DYC newsletter which will be sent to all members. It is lacking the usual creative flair cos I had to do it with very little skill in the absence of a current newsletter editor. Kevin remains in Australia on holiday as I write this. Jealous. Never (Sob, sob.)

Good news. New brilliant website running - reporters needed.

All news and information is now available on the brilliant new DYC website which is now live. (Members without computer access can still be sent paper copies of news, **but only on request**, and paper copies of relevant information will be available in the Clubhouse.) This newsletter is being sent to all members by email as well as by post. If you have not received it by email, it is possible that our records don't have your correct email address. Please register your emails as paper newsletters will only be sent on request. Go to the DYC website, select Members – Mailing Lists and click onto 'Subscribe' for the 'All members' mailing list. After registration you will immediately receive an email asking you to confirm your registration. Please click the link or you will not receive the emails.

Your contribution

Reporters needed! Be active and send information to the website. It is your website! Offer articles and make it come alive. Contact editor@debenyachtclub.co.uk for details

Good news. New launch ramp to go ahead.

Thanks to the efforts of Kevin Connolly and others, the Club was successful in obtaining a generous grant from Sport Aid towards the cost of the new launching ramp. Construction will begin on 3rd September meaning that dinghy launching will not be possible after that date. It does however mean that we will start next season with a flatter, wider and safer launch ramp. (hoorah). Many thanks to Simon Shaw especially, for helping to oversee the project after his mammoth effort on the verandah. The final

surface has yet to be decided and will be a compromise; The grippier for feet the rougher for our (dinghy) bottoms.

Your contribution *Samples of the various surfaces are on display in the Clubhouse. Please offer your comments on which you prefer and put them into the labelled box provided so that a reasonably democratic decision can be made.*

Good news. Bid for fleet of dinghies for DYC is successful.

It is sad to note the demise of the SWSA who have, under their umbrella, enabled us to run our training courses at RYA recognised level for many years. However every cloud has a silver lining as they say and the opportunity to bid for their sailing craft was offered to the Club. Once again our thanks must go to our Commodore for making a very successful bid to the council. This acquisition means that we have the craft to continue the sail training as in previous years, although the Club will have to become a Recognised Teaching Centre in its own right. The necessary qualified members are in place within the Club to enable this to happen, and because we have run very successful courses previously the transition for this looks like being relatively smooth. Application forms for training are on the new website.

Good news. The plans for the development of the Club to include a bigger verandah, new ramp, new changing rooms, and a new lounge were passed by the Council some time ago, although many members are unaware of the extent of the proposal. The work completed to date is part of this overall development and the plans for the overall project will be on display in the Clubhouse for your perusal.

Your contribution. Study the plans and offer your suggestions as to changes that could be made to the proposals to improve them. After they are built it is too late. Comments box is in the clubhouse.

Good news. Some effort has been made to improve the inside of the clubhouse to make it more in keeping with the brilliant new verandah. Outside is 2020- inside 1920! To this end clutter has been removed and notice boards cleared as the first stage in this process. The working party has painted the inside and it looks much fresher. Please see Ruth's article in this newsletter and on the website about replacing photographs.

Mel Ringer. Vice Commodore

Club Captains bit.

Welcome all to a new season with a new Club captain (as my son would have said 'is that good or bad?'). For those who do not know me, I've been sailing for several years at NYC, variously in a Lark, a Laser and currently in and out of a Streaker and an RS200 (which still mystifies me a bit).

Good news. Sailing programme modernises.

This season brings several changes to the sailing programme, some to try new things and others resulting from the planned construction of the new ramp in the autumn. Hopefully the changes will be positive. If not, I'm sure you will all be bending my ear. Feedback is always welcome; if it needs changing we'll do it.

Things on the sailing programme that perhaps need a little explanation:

1. The 'Sail for Gold' series starting in April effectively replaces Autumn Points. It will be run on a similar basis to the traditional series at NYC- although I am still toying with the idea of personal handicaps on this one. Thoughts?

New 2. There are several 'Club Night / Lazy Sailing evenings. These are a development of the very successful Topper evenings we had last year. The idea is that it is not restricted to Toppers and not restricted to juniors. It is an opportunity to get onto the water with safety-boat cover, get some informal coaching, maybe race some very short races, get used to start lines etc. The actual programme will be according to demand so make your needs known. At the same time the bar will be open and hopefully a barbecue going- so whether you're coming for a bit of fun on the water, some practice, or just the social, get these dates in your diary!

New 3. Early in June we have the 'Sail for Gold' cup race. This will definitely be on a personal handicap basis (as decided by the Club Captain!) so there will be a deliciously random factor inserted into the results calculationmeaning that everyone has the chance to win.

New 4. Holiday Points series is also to become known as the 'Not Beyond 7 Series' which will do just what it says on the tin: no course further than Channel mark 7. This keeps races shorter and closer - relying more on the brain to get the start and race tactics right than on fitness / strength to hike out all the way to Waldringfield and back. We will also be introducing a 'novice start rule' – for those new to racing, you will be able to register with the OOD to start early at the 1 minute gun so you avoid the

melee at the start and get ahead of the fleet. Safety boats will be able to assist e.g. in recovering from a capsized boat without incurring any penalty.

New 5. We will run a 'Club Open' competition, using standard open meeting format as a chance to try this out. Prizes on the day!

6. Regatta Week (aka Mirror week – sorry Kevin) starts on a Sunday this year and we have added a special practice day on the Saturday to give the less regular sailors a chance to find your sails and foils, to get down to Seamark's for the missing shackles and get the boat in the water in readiness for Sunday. We'll have some practice starts and short races – and no doubt the odd Mars bar.

7. As things stand at the moment, there is unlikely to be any dinghy racing after 2nd September. More details later but yacht racing should be unaffected.

New Another development for 'techies' and not so techies alike, is the introduction of a DYC 'sailing page' on Facebook, linked to the club website. I hope to publish the results of the races each week so you can see how you, your mates, your kids, your beloved(!) are doing in each series. I'll also be using it to remind everyone of upcoming events, racing etc or any changes in the programme. The page will be open for everyone to post comments and to share photographs. For those who are not yet Facebookers...you need to get on with it. I would also (strongly) encourage all parents to 'like' the site so you get to see what is added. It is important that you are aware of, and comfortable with, everything that gets posted.

Remember this is a short season, so you need to get out there early!
Pierre Naudé Club captain

Support boats.

Welcome to the new sailing season. Thank you to club members who have helped to helm or crew our support boats this year and I'd like to welcome new members who have shown an interest in joining us; I look forward to meeting you. It's a great way to watch the racing from the water and to take an active part in sailing. So if you are a new or existing member who wishes to help please get in touch.

Support boat courses.

The dates for the support boats training sessions are on the website and in the racing programme. The first of these is on March 24th and can be booked by using dutyman which is also now easily accessible on the website. As with other correspondence there will be a paper copy of course

applications in the clubhouse for those with 'Dutymanphobia' or without an email address. *Emma Barton. Rear Commodore.*

Powerboat qualifications.

If you would like to complete RYA Powerboat qualifications this year, either PB2 or Safety Boat courses, please contact Dave electronically: [email david@deben-nd.co.uk](mailto:david@deben-nd.co.uk) Dates will be organised to best suit the groups wanting to gain the qualifications.

Sail Training.

Once again the Club, as mentioned earlier, will be offering RYA course for beginners and improvers. Dates for both courses are in the racing programme and application forms are on the website and will be available in the clubhouse.

Race Training.

Interested in racing at the DYC, but think it all looks a bit scary? Or have you done a bit of racing and want to hone your skills? Then our 'Introduction to racing' course could be just what you have been looking for.

'Introduction to racing at the DYC'

This covers the basics of racing and how racing is organised at the club. It will show you how to start racing and enjoying competing at the DYC with confidence. This our own 'in house' DYC course tailored from the RYA Start Racing syllabus. The course runs over four weekends from the 19th May, finishing with a mid-week race on Wed 13th June.

Requirements: Minimum age 11 years (applies to helm and crew), Level 3 sailing and able to sail around a triangular course in moderate wind.

All courses are led by DYC Club Race Coaches and involve in clubhouse teaching and on the water sessions with video analysis. As well as learning a lot you'll have great fun!

If you would like more details of the Racing courses please contact Kim Ford. Email: kim@rdwoodlands.co.uk

Social events.

New.

Spring equinox shindig.

Let's get the season off to a great start. On Saturday 24th March, we are holding a 'Shindig' at the Club on the eve of the clock change to celebrate the start of the new season.

Mark Barton and Warren Peters will be manning the barbecue, Ruth Naude has ordered the 'real ale' and 'The Rest Is Noise' will be playing live. Come down and support Issy O'Riordan and the band and help us drink the beer!

Family tickets are a real bargain at £12, (2 x Adult + 2 x Children) with Adults at £5.00 and children at £3.00, but be quick as numbers are limited. Prices include a burger and Salad. This is a ticket-less event and your names will be added to a list 'on the door'. Just let us know how many tickets you need and under which names. Please let us know if you are a vegetarian.

Then, please send a cheque, made payable to the Deben Yacht Club to:
Emma Barton,
18 Bullards Lane,
Woodbridge,
Suffolk IP12 4HD

As it is the year of the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics there will be all sorts of activities at the cub over the summer. Keep up to date with the website or see the posters in the clubhouse to see what is happening.

WARNINGNOTICE! – Unpaid or abandoned boats.

A number of boats have been left in the dinghy park for years and some are in a very dilapidated state. They include sailing dinghies, rowing boats, yacht tenders and canoes. It has not been possible to trace the owners of these boats. All such boats have been moved into a 'sin bin' at the end of the grassy part of the dinghy park, prior to being disposed of.

The boats will be disposed of if not claimed by **7April 2012.**

A full list of these boats is displayed in the clubhouse. If you are the owner of one of these boats, please contact the Membership Secretary as soon as possible and pay the dinghy park fee for 2011. Then you will need to pay the fee for 2012 or remove the boat.

If you wish to buy one of the boats, please contact me as soon as possible. Some of them are quite serviceable, some require restoration and some are wrecks.

Please do not remove anything from these boats.

Pat Morgan. 01473 831252 or email via the website.

New. Change to signing on sheet.

When signing on for a race please read the statement at the top of the sheet. It says: I intend to race. I confirm I have third party insurance cover for a minimum of £2M and know about the sailing safety arrangements. Have you? Do you? Signing the sheet confirms these two facts. When signing on please use block capitals as hieroglyphs are difficult to decipher in the starting hut - unreadable names could cost you the race.

Club Secretary's reminder.

Safety in sailing.

What all DYC members ought to know.

Safety is the responsibility of everyone at the club. You can do the right thing because you know about it and don't forget to do it, or you can do the wrong thing because you don't know about it, or do but forget to do it. Help each other to get things right by careful observance and reminders to each other.

There are dozens of things in the clubs rules to be aware of but the following is a sensible starter list of things we must be aware of before going sailing so as to avoid mishaps.

Before you leave home, dress well enough for the conditions on the day. Always wear a buoyancy aid when afloat or on the pontoons. Ensure that your buoyancy aid is in good condition. Wear suitable footwear. Do not distract the support boat crews post 30 minutes before the start of a race as they are on duty then.

Know what the DYC support boats look like:

Nimbus (Slow launch(white hull marked 'DYC Safety').

Twister and Sea Breeze (Two orange RIBS with black stripes).

If you need help, wave both arms in the air until you are noticed.
If you do not need help when they arrive, give a clear 'thumbs up' sign.
If a support boat declares a major incident has happened do as they say.

Photo competition.

As part of tidying up the clubhouse we would like to replace the large, but now rather faded and outdated photo of the club in the lounge. We would also like to frame and hang more contemporary sailing pictures on the walls. So the invite is open to all to submit your photos. Any picture that you think captures life at DYC- sailing pictures, river views, people at the club. A prize, if chosen for the large replacement picture while others chosen will be on display for all to see.

All entries to be sent to Ruth Naudé (ruth@apexagronomy.co.uk) (one picture per email please). Or on a CD to Ruth at Larksfeld, Woodbridge Road, Debach, Suffolk, IP13 6BY. Entries by 30 April 2012.

Help take a weight off his shoulders.

A former DYC member writes. My wife has got fed up with tripping over a concrete mooring weight I cast in 1988 and then kept unused in the garden since. She has (politely) suggested I get rid of it! I am offering it FOC to any club member who might have need of it and would be prepared to take it away. It is a concrete rectangle 390mm x 600mm x 150mm and weighs about 84 Kg (185 lb); It has two steel loops cast in the top.

Any offers to David Poole, Tudor House, Hackney Terrace, Melton Woodbridge IP12 1NS Tel 01394 386315 Mob 07786631992
Email.debendesign1@btinternet.com

So farewell to the newsletter as we know it. From now on we will communicate primarily by the website. But...Should we have a yearly magazine instead? Twice yearly? None at all? What do you think about this or any other issue? There are lots of really good ideas out there in the ether so let us know what they are. Remember it is YOUR club.