

Dhekelia Sailing Club

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Editorial

Not a great deal this month on the sailing front. Don't forget it is the Work Month and we would like to see you at the Club.

We have a few notices:

Powerboat Ordinance 2007

Cyprus Starlight Challenge

Albacore International Championships

1st 4Boat Sales Ltd (Protaras)

Sorry this is late but was waiting
for Fred's missive.

Sailing Secretary's Report

We have had a much better start to the Winter Series, with 4 races already run. A couple of years ago we only had one race the whole season, thanks to exceptionally bad weather!

In February there is no racing, but there is still sailing on Sundays with an OOD and Rescue boat helm nominated. I'm sure we can paint for an hour and sail for an hour and then enjoy one of Andreas's sandwiches, who is still there on Weds and Sats as well.

Iris Burt

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Joiners & Leavers

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Ian & Tracy Phillips, Sophocles Sophocleous, new club treasurer Alan Stubberfield, and new property member, Buzz Busek.

At the same time we wish farewell to the following members who have recently left: Pete & Helen Jones, former treasurer Dave Paling and former property member Dave Richards.

Membership Statistics

Total Membership remains at 906, including 828 "corporate" members (RIB & UNRATT). The number of personal members stands at 78 (compared to 108 this time last year).

Membership Renewals

I will be emailing all members in the next few days with renewal notices. Except for those who paid a full year's subs at the last renewal, members are reminded that renewal subs are due for payment by 28 February, and if you do not hear from me within a week of this newsletter, please contact me.

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(Ed's Note. After the renewal notices were sent out 2 members have resigned. Not good news)

Annual Regatta 2007

The provisional dates for the Annual Regatta are as follows:

29th June 30th June 1st July 2007

The dates are subject to confirmation by the next J.S.S.B. Meeting.

We are due to hold the Fast Handicap Championships.

Editor

Note: We have one confirmed sponsor, possibly two. *Colin*

Bosuns Bits

It is the Work Month this month. It is a tradition that February is always the work month at Dhekelia when all hands turn to and get the Club and dinghies into shape for the coming season. So far in January we have had very little interest with just 2 or 3 members turning up to help. All the Bosuns must be refurbished because they are inspected by the R.E. Inspectors in March/April

We must also paint parts of ship, i.e. Club Room, Committee Room, Gents, Ladies etc., so we will be very busy. A work board will be made up and placed on the Course Board shortly.

Laser 2000's

4 privately owned dinghies have arrived including a Hobie 18 Tiger. 1 new Laser 2000 has been ordered and, hopefully, will arrive in March, giving us a fleet of 6 privately owned dinghies.

Flower Beds on the Patio.

Despite canes being placed around them, members were still sitting on the flowers. Matters came to a head when one young soldier pushed the canes into the earth and sat on the flowers.

Fred and I decided to do something about it, and concreted in some metal rods. So if you sit on the flowers now you may have an unpleasant surprise.

Work Month

I will get the paint, sand paper, paint brushes. Tools etc., as required. If possible let me know that you are coming down so that I can arrange to be there.

A Hail & A Plea From the SBO - February 2007

Ahoy! You all, it is February! Not so much about boats this time but more about the Club infrastructure that enables us to sail at all. Today the work month commenced. Some of us started earlier in the week, with the annual chore of tidying the Club-house and environs.

This used to be & ought to be, an on-going task throughout the year, leaving little to do by February. (Like painting the Forth Bridge in 11 months!) Then we could devote our joint labours to repairing and refurbishing our fleet of club boats. However, due to diminishing numbers & lack of interest, (apart from the very few dedicatess putting in a disproportionate amount of effort), the Club-house structure, fixtures and fittings have deteriorated to a poor standard, in some instances bordering on the unsafe. We are past the era of physical, financial & material support from the Garrison. We cannot indent for new furniture, light bulbs or toilet paper. EVERYTHING has to be purchased out of club funds, or created and furbished by individual expense and effort. We are not a wealthy Club, so we cannot dip into a bottomless crock of gold and pay for labour & materials.

Colin for far longer and more dedicated than myself has borne the bulk of the effort required to stimulate the enthusiasm amongst you members, to keep the club afloat. This last year, for the reasons stated, some of us have felt we a fighting a losing battle. Our enthusiasm has stemmed from the tremendous pleasure we've had from sailing, working and socialising together at the DSC & on visits to other Clubs. We believe in giving back to the club, some of what we have got out of it.

So please come along you lot, there is much to do! Colin & I will be there nearly everyday, (As usual!), Most of you can surely schedule a few extra hours, outside the normal club sailing times, to ensure that the essential outstanding jobs are completed by March 1st. We'll supply the materials, (Hopefully!), pointing those who are unsure of what is required in the right direction. Even having bodies to make tea, or run the odd errands is a huge help, leaving the more inspired artisans to get on with the job. So let us all make the effort please, to get together, get to know each other better and all pull together to get the Boats & the Club *sparky* clean for the coming season.

These are my personal feelings, I wish the club to survive and to succeed. I am not pointing a mucky digit at any club individual, (If he or she thinks the cap fits, then they must wear and bear it!). Please, will you all, if you enjoy what the club has to offer & its potential, be prepared to put in as much as you take out of it?

My apologies to anyone who might take offense at this broadside, it is solely intended to stimulate & animate.

See you at the Club, brushes and paint pots held aloft, we might even buy you a beer. Fred, SBO (or SOB if you prefer)

Ordinance of 2007

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POWERBOATS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2007

An Ordinance to amend the Powerboats Ordinance 1999

2007. ADMINISTRATOR

BE it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:–

Short Title

2. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Powerboats (Amendment) Ordinance 2007.

Amendment of section 2 Powerboats Ordinance 1999

3. 2. Section 2 of the Powerboats Ordinance 1999(a[a]) (interpretation) is amended by repealing paragraph (b) of the definition of “operator’s licence”.

Commencement

4. 3. This Ordinance comes into force on 1st June 2007.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note does not form part of the Ordinance)

Introduction

1. These explanatory notes relate to the Powerboats (Amendment) Ordinance 2007. They have been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Ordinance. They do not form part of the Ordinance.
2. The notes need to be read together with the Ordinance. They are not, and are not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Ordinance. So when a section or part of a section does not seem to require any explanation or comment, none is given.

The Ordinance

3. This Ordinance amends the definition of an “operator’s licence” contained in the Powerboats Ordinance 1999. By deleting paragraph (b) of that definition it removes the right to operate a powerboat by reason of being the holder of a valid and legally recognised licence to drive a motor vehicle.
4. The amendment does not take effect until 1st June 2007. Once it comes into effect, a person may only operate a powerboat within the Sovereign Base Areas if he –
 - a. has a licence to operate a powerboat issued by the authority of the Republic of Cyprus vested with the power to issue licences under the Speedboat Law 1992 of the Republic; or
 - b. is the holder of a National Level 2 Powerboating Certificate issued by the Royal Yachting Association or such other certificate of like kind issued by a similar responsible body; or
 - c. is the holder of any other document which under the Republic’s Speedboat Law authorises the holder to operate a powerboat; or
 - d. is the holder of a learner’s licence (as defined by section 2 of the Powerboats Ordinance 1999) and is accompanied by a person who holds an operator’s licence.

(123/45/67)

Notes

(1[a]) Ordinance 8/99; section 2 was amended by section 2 of Ordinance 5/2001

Albacore

International Championships – Maryland USA 5th – 12th October 2007

There will never be a better opportunity to take your Alb to the States to race in the Internationals!

- Nearly \$2 to the £1 – “half price!”
- A willing organizer – Trevor Smith
- Fantastic racing in the Chesapeake Bay
 - Budget price of approx £650/boat
 - Great Social Programme

You need to ACT NOW - goto

<http://www.albacore.org/usa/internationals07>

contact Trevor now @ sailing@rg49sl.fsnet.co.uk

Personalities

Dan and Alison Todd

Congratulations to Alison and Dan on the birth of a prospective new member, Thomas ‘Monty’ Todd born 0252 hrs on the 29th January, 7 lbs 15 oz and all is well.





We will ‘Splice the Mainbrace’ when we see them at the Club (or maybe at the RNA Commissioning, Officers Club, on Wednesday 7th February 2007)

Jim Mitchell

I had a Christmas card and message from Jim, who was a WOII at Ay.Nik and a member of the Club from 1992 to 1995, who wishes to be remembered to all at the D.Y.C. (Dhekelia Yacht Club, a much nicer name)

Brigid and Pete Davis

Brigid sent a very long letter with their Christmas Card. They are both enjoying retirement in France, getting to know the locals. Pete is playing Bridge in French and also Scrabble in French. Would like to be remembered to all at the D.S.C.

<p>New & Used Boat Sales</p> <p>Sam Barwell Sales Manager</p> <p>Mob: 99 26 93 44</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 308, Cavo Greco Ave., Office No.1 P.O. Box. 37148 5307 Protaras, Cyprus Tel & Fax: +357 23 832 232 Email: sales@1st4boats.com www.1st4boats.com 	
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 <p>308, Cavo Greco Avenue, Office 1, Protaras, 5296 Paralimni, Cyprus Tel: 23 832 232, Mob: 99 269 344 / 99 23 20 50</p>		

Note: This shop has just opened in Protaras. It is British owned and their parent shop is in Poole, Dorset.

For Sale

We still have the following for sale.

Topper Breeze,

6 metre Breeze made by Topper in 1999, complete with:

A combination Road/Launch Trailer

Two main sails one of which is new.

Four Jibs in varying condition

One large asymmetric spinnaker in red

Two rudder blades

Full top cover, under hull covers for winter/trailing

This boat is rigged and ready to go the sail of a lifetime.

All this for only £C4500 The original purchase price for this package was in excess of £12,000.

Contact Paul Rechert Tel.No. 00 44 7939389394 or E.Mail paulrechert@aol.com

Laser II Sailing Dinghy

Good condition, just repainted and refurbished.

Spare Sails, launching trolley and cover

£C750.00 ono

Also 3 windsurfers 2 x 270cms + 1 x 283cms

Harnazz, mast, boom plus 2 sails 5.7 and 6.7

£C350.00 ono

Tel. No. 99144367

Miracle Dinghy

Composite, grp hull wood deck

Recently refurbished, Launching Trolley, complete suit of sails

£C400.00

Owner Ken Ellis (U.K.)

Contact Colin Leigh, 99 878618/24 646295 leighe@cytanet.com.cy

Quote from a speech

Of course Nelson and indeed the Navy have many reputations, even the more questionable work in our favour.

This reminds me of a story about a 3 Badge AB who pulled into the little town of Brize Norton awaiting a flight to Cyprus.

The usual transit accommodation at the Gateway Hotel was fully booked and so the sailor went off in search of alternate arrangements. As there was an RAF Conference taking place at the nearby Air Station every hotel room was taken

“You’ve got to have a room somewhere” he pleaded. “Or just a bed, I don’t care where”

“Well, I do have a double room with one occupant-an Air Force Guy”, admitted the manager, “and he might be glad to split the cost”.

“But to tell you the truth, he snores so loudly that people in adjoining rooms have complained in the past. I’m not sure it’d be worth it to you”.

“No problem”, the tired AB assured him. “I’ll take it”.

The next morning the sailor came down to breakfast bright-eyed and bushy tailed.

“How did you sleep?” asked the manager.

“Never better”

The manager was impressed.

“No problem with the other guy snoring?”

“Nope, I shut him up in no time” said the 3 Badge AB.

“How’d you manage that?” asked the manager.

“He was already in bed snoring away, when I came into the room,”the sailor explained, “I went over, gave him a kiss on the cheek and said Good night beautiful’ and he sat up all night watching me.”