

Dhekelia Sailing Club

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOTICES

NOTICE OF 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2007 Annual General Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 11 April at 1800hrs in the clubhouse. For the first time, this will be an evening event and we plan to make it a social occasion, with the bar open and food available from Lambros' Fish & Chips. (to be paid up front).

The agenda will include, et al, the election of committee posts. All incumbent committee members except the Commodore, Vice-Commodore and Treasurer, will be eligible for re-election, but new candidates may also be nominated. Any vacant committee posts (see below) will also be up for election.

Members wishing to include items for the agenda or to nominate members for committee positions should notify the secretary in writing by 1 April, preferably by email, (to secretary@dhekeliasailing.com) or in hard-copy and delivered to the Club.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

A new Executive Committee position of *Publicity Officer* is about to be established. This position will be responsible for promotion & marketing of the club via all available local media channels. Ideally this post will be filled by an Entitled member, who has access to media organizations and other departments within the garrison.

In addition, the committee positions of House member & Shop/Lady member have recently become vacant, and need to be filled as soon as possible. The House member is responsible for minor/routine maintenance jobs around the clubhouse and its environs, as well as fire safety and first aid facilities. The Shop member is responsible for the club shop, including sales and ordering of stock. (Full responsibilities available on request).

Volunteers for all three positions are requested to make themselves known to the Commodore (commodore@dhekeliasailing.com) or any member of the Executive Committee as soon as possible.

On Behalf of the Secretary

(email: secretary@dhekeliasailing.com)

Commodore's Comments.

Just a few points from me as we start to enter the warmer months!

1. I was very pleased with the excellent efforts of everyone who helped with the 39 Regt RA Regatta. The officers enjoyed themselves immensely and I have a letter from the Commanding Officer thanking us for providing them with such a pleasurable day. In particular thanks to Dan Todd, Colin Leigh, Jill Leigh and Andreas for your help.

2. I would also like to point out that a number of committee posts are now available. The club only survives through hard work and in particular volunteers to help. All those who use the club should be willing to step into the shoes of a position on the committee and the club certainly needs all those positions filled. I firmly believe that once they are all filled with enthusiastic and committed members the club will really begin to grow and develop.

3. Lastly, a final plea for attendance at the Annual General Meeting. Not only is it your chance to influence how the club is run but there will also be the opportunity to have fish and chips afterwards. Please come along and please have your say. This will also let me gauge the mood of the club and its members.

I firmly believe the club has the greatest potential of all the clubs in Dhekelia. We can all work together to develop it to the betterment of all. See you at the AGM.

Jason Hurndall

REAR COMMODORE

I have an announcement to make; I am retiring as Rear Commodore! Unfortunately with us military members all things must eventually come to an end, and we must move on. In my case Ally has been posted to Episkopi in July, so we will have our main house down there. I will be commuting up during the week to Ay Nik, so you may still see me down the club on a Wednesday.

I've had a great time at the club and as Rear Commodore, working with some inspiring committee members, even if I am the youngest by a ¼ century! I hope that over the past year we have put in place some building blocks that will arrest the decline of the club and make it appeal to a wider audience. I certainly believe that with a Sailing Garrison Commander, new blood on the exec and an incoming regiment as keen on sailing as the current one, but with some time to train instructors, there is much to look forward to.

So thanks to you all for your help and support over the last year, I will be standing down at the AGM, rather than leaving it until July so you can all have a proper say on who holds this rather influential post.

I won't be at the AGM, I'll be on an expedition to Gallipoli for ANZAC day with the Fusiliers on a Joint Service Nic 55. 20 Fusiliers in total will be sailing with us, so maybe some of them will get the sailing bug!

We wait with baited breath to see if our bid for Laser 2000s succeeds, I'm really pleased that we now have so many private boats of this class at the club, the racing this year will be really close and fun to watch. We must be masters of our destiny though, if our bid fails we will be buying one Laser 2000 instead of three; building up the fleet year by year rather than at once if need be. After the Laser 2000s the next priority is to replace the engine on DK7, hopefully the income from courses will help towards that.

Colin is keen to run his Youth Sailing mornings again – well once the water warms up. We really need to get the Garrison and Ay Nik youngsters interested in sailing, so please pass the word amongst parents.

The next major event is the JAWS Regatta at RAF Akrotiri of the weekend of 4, 5, 6 May. I hope you can support it, especially all those gleaming new Laser 2000 owners!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Joiners & Leavers

I am pleased to welcome one new member, *Greg Sankey*.

The following members have left the club since the last newsletter and we wish them farewell: Sarel & Cheryl DuPlessis, John & Lesley Mackle, Keith Edmund, David Smith and Simon Mountfort.

Membership Statistics

Total Membership is 6 down from last month at 899. The number of personal members stands at 71 (compared to 93 this time last year).

Membership Renewals

Since I issued renewal notices almost 2 months ago, £1240 has been received in personal membership subs. I regret to note that as at 28 March nine members remain overdue with a total of £365 still owing. According to club rules, those members remaining in default as at 31 March, will be assumed to have resigned, and will be removed from the membership register, unless other arrangements have been made.

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Principals Bits

We haven't had a great deal of activity over the winter so this is likely to be a short missive this month. Hopefully we'll see plenty of activity now that the weather is warming up and perhaps we'll see some of the L2k's out.

RYA Level 1 & 2 Sailing courses.

During April Iris will be running an RYA level 1 and 2 sailing course over the two weekends 14-15/21-22 and if any of you assistant instructors who haven't already offered your services would care to do so, I'm sure Iris would be more than happy to use you.

During May, Iris will again be running an RYA level 1 and 2 sailing course, the same applies for helpers as April. This course will be run over the weekends 12-13/19-20.

Air Cadets

On the afternoon of Tuesday 10th April and the morning of Friday 13th April, the club will be hosting a visit by the Air Cadets and we have been asked if we can give them an introduction to sailing.

To carry this out we desperately need sailors to take them on the water for a taster. I envisage that we will take a couple at a time and give them about half an hour on the water.

If any of you are able to help on either the morning or the afternoon or better still both sessions it would be marvellous and I personally would be very grateful, I also hope, being ever the optimist, that we may encourage some future sailors to our sport.

We also need people to man the safety boats, so if you are able to help on that score again I should be very grateful.

Please let me know asap if you are able to help and on which day.

Happy sailing

Sailing Secretary's Report

Well the weather has not been too kind to say the least. Only a few intrepid sailors have been on the water this month, although I do recall one beautiful Wednesday afternoon when only Dash was out – just as well as yours truly was tying the spinnaker in a variety of interesting knots!

Next month is the first Sailing Course, 14, 15, 21 and 22 of April. This does not mean other sailing is cancelled -, but please remember there will be novices on the water.

May 4 -6 is JAWS Regatta, so it would be good to see some practicing - especially all those beautiful Laser 2000s..

I had great difficulty filling the roster sheet this month – volunteers would be nice.

Date for your diary- Sat 26th May, Cruise to Romantzo's

Iris Burt

Bosun's Bits

I have still several items of work to complete.

Laser 163288	To repair
Albacore 7997	To Repair
Albacore 7762	To refurbish
Lasers	All rigging to be checked

Bosun Dinghies

These have been checked by the R.E. Inspectors and found to be O.K.

The future of the Bosun dinghies seems to be in doubt but more on that when the future is known.

Safety Boats

We have the following Safety Boats:

DK7	4 Metre Avon 40 hp Mariner (borrowed)	1984	General use Monday to Saturday
DK101	5 Metre Humber 60 hp Selva	1997	Race Days (Sunday)
DK165	5 Metre Valiant 60 hp Selva	2005	Courses only

I would prefer the money to be spent on refurbishing DK7 and purchasing a new engine rather than buying a Laser 2000. (Except if we get a grant).

Please use the Safety Boats as stated.

Launching Trolleys

Now that summer is fast approaching and the small beach is required by our children as a play area. It is requested that you do not leave the trolleys on the beach or in the water. But please remove them to the dinghies berth. Thank you.

Junior Sailing

This will start again, after missing a year, when the weather improves at the end of April beginning of May

Juniors 7-15 years of age.

At least one parent to stay with the junior/s.

Parent to help rigging and de-rigging the dinghies.

Pico's and Optimists will be used.

In the first instance, Juniors of members only.

I will need some help i.e. Safety Boat and one or two experienced helpers.

I would like to request the help of the following Juniors

Ally, Jamie, Michael, Richard

It will be on available Saturday mornings 1000-1200.

Colin

Annual Raft Race.

This is organized by 62 (Cyprus) Support Squadron and a provisional date is the 26th May 2007. It seems to be getting earlier every year.

Annual Regatta 29th/30th June 1st July 2007

The count down to this is 3 months before the event and the first meeting of interested members will be on Sunday, 15th April, after the course finishes.

I have already got a quote for the Trophies and I will need to clear it with Commodore soonest.

Suggested programme:

(Plan A)

Friday

1530 General Handicap Race

Saturday

0930 Series 1 (Reverse P)

1130 Series 2 (Reverse P)

1400 Pursuit Race (Trapezoid)

Sunday

0930 Ladies Race (Olympic)

0935 Singlehanded Race (Olympic)

1100 Series 3

1300 Series 4

1500 Series 5

(Plan B)

Friday

1530 General Handicap Race

Saturday

0930 Ladies Race (Olympic)

0935 Single handed Race (Olympic)

1100 Series 1 (Reverse P)

1400 Pursuit Race (Trapezoid)

Sunday

0930 Series 2

1130 Series 3

1300 Series 4

1500 Series 5

Plan B is what we used last year and it was a success.

We had to change the Pursuit Race from Sunday to Saturday because of the Raft Race and it proved a success. More dinghies took part. The following helped last year:

Race Officer Colin Leigh

Assistant R.O. Harry Carlisle

Race Desk Steve Kimberley

Safety Fred Ayris

(Colin, Race Officer designate)

Summer B.B.Q's

These used to be held every Sunday after racing during the summer. Bring your own food to cook. It is hoped to kick start it this year. Charcoal will be provided. So, please, let us get it started again. (I can remember when we used to have up to 45 sitting down to a B.B.Q. and chat).

Colin

A Story

I was coming into the Garrison via the East Roundabout when I was stopped by a S.B.A. Policeman.

“Good Morning Mr. Colin” says the policeman, “How are you this morning, you don’t remember me, do you?”.

Brain cells ticking over and before I could answer.

“You taught me to sail an Optimist over 15 years ago”

(I hope the RYA Spy doesn’t report me to the RYA and I would like to point out that this took place at the now defunct Larnaca Sailing Club)

Post Script

The function held on the evening of the 30th March proved to be a success. Thanks to Fred for the Curry, Sheila for the Starters and Sweets, and Andreas for taking care of us and doing all the washing up!.And thanks especially to all who turned up.

Although it was for a celebration of a 45th Wedding Anniversary, Fred and I had decided to try and kick start functions held at the Club. Perhaps we will now get more of them.

Also the Club is now being used for events by the following organizations.

Monday A.M.	Bridge Class
Monday P.M.	Bridge School
Wednesday A.M.	Dhekelia Art Group (D.A.G.)
Thursday A.M.	U3A, Greek Classes.

So perhaps it will get used for sailing shortly!!

April Duty Roster

		O.O.D.	Rescue
Wed 4th		Dan Todd	Laddie Lowther
Sat 7th Sun 8th		Iris Burt Iris Burt	Jim Burt Ian Ingrey
Wed 11th		Andrew Scott	Kev Barratt
Sat 14th	Sailing Course	Iris Burt	Jim Burt/Chris Dodds
Sun 15th	Sailing Course	Colin Leigh	Jim Burt/Chris Dodds
Wed 18th		Iris Burt	Jim Burt
Sat 21st	Sailing Course	Iris Burt	Jim Burt/Chris Dodds
Sun 22nd	Sailing Course	Colin Leigh	Jim Burt/Chris Dodds
Wed 25th		Steve Kimberley	Steve Knowles
Sat 28th		Vanessa Burton	Steve Scarff
Sun 29th		Sarah White	Ian Ingrey

