

DSC MONTHLY NEWS

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Over the last month I have been running a powerboat course each week for the UN which has produced a nice little income for the club. In addition to this I have been running a level 1 & 2 dinghy course for the Fusiliers.

Check out the dates for the Safety Boat course in the newsletter. With only SIX places it is being run on a first come/first served basis. Email me ASAP if you want to take part.

The ASA training team were to visit in August; however, owing to unforeseen circumstances

their has now been moved to October. Any experienced sailors or powerboat drivers who would like to obtain an Instructors endorsement are asked to contact me soonest.

L2K

As many of you will know the club now owns 3 new Laser 2000's, which along with 6 private Laser 2000's brings the total fleet to 9. Yesterday saw 5 of these on the water and some very exciting racing.

The Laser 2000 is a modern performance dinghy with particular rigging and handling requirements. The new boats are available to members to sail, however, before doing so, members will be required to undergo familiarisation & training, both ashore and afloat. To that end Andy and Sue Cherry will be holding a series of Laser 2000 training sessions each Saturday from 11.30am. These will consist of shore based instruction on the rigging the Laser2000, including the gennaker, and at least 30 minutes afloat with an experienced L2000 helm.

The initial wind limit will be 10 knots, until each individual is considered competent to sail them in stronger winds.

To this end a list of members able to use the 2000's in the two categories listed will be kept in the OOD's file.

Currently only L2K's 22032 and 22033 are to be used.

NEW SAILORS.....NEW PORTS**Class Responsibilities**

- L2K - Andy Cherry
- Pico-Iris Burt
- Bosun - Lee Field
- Laser-Roly Evans
- Albacore-Nan Skitt/
Chris Dodds

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Tasos Anatasίου, Brian Ash, Judy Cannan, Olivier Fremy & Alexandra, Harris & Sylvie Ioannou, Yulia Klyukina, Gary Moore, Stacey Worthington and Sandy Butler

And

Fondest Farewells...

We also say farewell to the following: Liz Fox, Adrian Prior & Steve Knowles.

IT'S NEVER PLAIN SAILING....

There have been some unfortunate events recently at the sailing club. Not only has cash gone missing from the men's changing rooms on 2 separate occasions, but also the arrival of the L2K's was marred when person/s unknown took one of the boats for a paddle the night after their arrival.

After they had finished with it they just left it to wash up on the rocks. Luckily that night there was no wind so the actual damage is minimal but it has suffered a number of scratches into the gel coat.

REGATTA: ISYC

The ISYC (Episkopi) Regatta is being held on the 14th, 15th, and 16th September at tunnel beach Episkopi Garrison in the WSBA.

Anyone wishing to take part is asked to speak with Chris Dodds ASAP and inform which class of dinghy you would like to sail and the preferred boat; first come first served on boats!



Dates	Course	Tutor	Comments
6th - 8th August	Power Boat	Chris Dodds	Members only
13th - 17th August	Junior Sailing	Iris Burt	Members only
24th & 25th August	Safety Boat	Chris Dodds	Starts at 14:00 on the Friday

POWER BOAT, SAFETY BOAT AND JUNIOR SAILING COURSES !

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS—STEVE KIMBERLEY
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The current membership period will come to an end on 31 August, and I will be sending out renewal requests by email to those members affected, very shortly. Members are reminded that renewal subs are due in advance, ie by 31 August. (Members who have joined in the last 5 months or so and those who paid 12 months subs at the last renewal do not need to renew at this time.

Membership Stats

Total Membership is up 6 from last month at 920. The total number of personal members stands at 92 (compared to 101 this time last year).

A WORD FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

Recently some of the dinghies have been left untied after use. If you use a boat tie it down when you have finished with it, other wise if we get some strong winds the boats could get badly damaged.

While I'm on the subject of boats, if you damage one or tear a sail, please tell the Bosun or leave a note when you book the boat back in. On Sunday 22nd July someone hung up a torn Pico sail to dry but didn't tell anyone that it was torn. Because of this we were without 2 Pico's for the rest of the week. If it had been reported we could have had it mended by Wednesday.

I am not looking to point fingers, I just need to know so that we can try and keep the boats fully serviceable.

I would like to thank all of

you who have rallied round to help with the various jobs at the club since Colin has retired. We all send him our best wishes and hope he feels better soon.

In the absence of both the Commodore and Vice Commodore (on leave) I have taken it upon myself to ask someone to come forward as house member, he or she is needed to co-ordinate basic things like paying the cleaner, organising cleaning materials, toilet paper, laundry washing (towels) etc. Come on some of you expats, the club needs your assistance!

I recently received a letter from the Commodore stating the shape of things to come.

As most of you will know, the non-entitled element at the club are only able to belong so long as we keep

the maximum down to 15% of the club membership.

This membership is boosted by the corporate membership of both the resident Infantry Battalion and the UN.

It seems fairly certain that the next UN contingent will not be joining as corporate members and neither will the R.I.B. this means that our non-entitled element numbers will be drastically reduced and the Commodores letter indicated all of this plus that the first non entitled to not to have their membership renewed will be those that do not give anything back to the club other than membership fees.

For those of you here for the summer, good sailing and I'll see you on the water.

Regards Chris Dodds

BOSUN/BOATSWAIN

Lee is away until 1 September, however he has asked me to pass on his thanks to club members for their help in rigging of the new L2K's, repairs to sails and for collecting spare prop guards and other bits.

Remember:

If you hang up wet sails please come back and put them away next time you are at the club... please.

The Bosun or Boatswain is derived from the words boat and suen or swain—meaning husband.

(courtesy Jackspeak)

SAFETY BOAT NEWS

ED—KAREN ALLEN

DK101 and DK165 no longer need the ear mufflers to flush the engine. Attached to the key there is a hose attachment which screws into the RHS of the engine when looking from the rear. If you are unsure give the Bosun or Rear Commodore a yell!

Please supply any articles to the publicity officer—Karen Allen via email (karensia1@yahoo.co.uk), phone (99598230) or scrappy bits of paper. All feedback on new layout—good or bad—always gratefully received.

NB Please ensure you leave the safety boat ready for use after you have finished your duties. The tank should be refuelled and ready for any eventuality, including emergency assistance.