

February 2008

DHEKELIA
SAILING
CLUB
NEWSLETTER



Sailing Secretary's Report

What a start to work month! Seven dinghies took part in the first race on Sunday, which was a lovely day with a gentle breeze. Just because it is the winter months, sailing here continues even on Sundays during work month.

Coming up on the 1st and 2nd of March is the Founders' Cup. As the name suggests this is a very old trophy and the idea is for each person to helm in a two man boat. So start getting into twos now and put your name down for a boat. The list will be on the Committee Room window from Friday, 8th February. There will be 6 races, 3 on Sat and 3 on Sunday with 4 to count.

There is a Sailing Course on 22/23 and 29/30 March for RYA Level 1 and 2. Please email me for details: thorcor@cytanet.com.cy

Harking back to work month, it would be appreciated if volunteers would turn up to help on **Weds at 1400 and Sats at 1000**. Even if you can only spare an hour with a sweeping brush, every little helps. Any painters and decorators would be especially welcome as the Committee room needs sorting as well as the Gents Changing Room. You don't need to be professional, just enthusiastic.

I'm actually away from 9 - 19th Feb, but Chris Dodds (22852594) will be down every week-end and Jim Burt (99663756) will open the club on Weds.

Fair winds, Iris

**Don't forget –
February is WORK month!**

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Joiners & Leavers

The last newsletter to include "*Membership Matters*" was August 2007, and since then there have been 25 new members, and 33 leavers; far too many to list, but I would like to extend a welcome to all those new members who have joined since last August, and fond farewell to those who have moved on.

Membership Statistics

Total Membership is down 8 net from the previous report, & the number of personal members stands at 84, 6 more than at the same time last year.

Membership Renewals

The current 6-month membership period will end on 29 Feb, and I have just issued renewal notices by email to members, (other than those who paid annual subs at the last renewal, and recent joiners, having paid 6 months in advance).

Members whose renewal is due at this time are requested to arrange payment by 29 February, and payments by cheque can be posted in a sealed envelope in the mailbox at the club. Cash Payments may be paid in person only, to Colin Leigh, or in his absence, to Chris Dodds or Iris Burt.

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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Firstly I would like to welcome Rachel Gresswell to the post of Publicity Officer and Newsletter Editor. Thank you Rachel. Please give her your support and if you have an entry for the newsletter, please ensure that it reaches Rachel by the 25th of the preceding month. rachelgresswell@hotmail.com

A great deal has been going on over the winter months (carried out by the few, nearly all the boats have now been thoroughly overhauled and repaired, we are now left with the Bosuns and this is well underway.

Those of you who have been down the club will have noticed that Rescue Boat DK7 has been absent for a little while. She is currently having her bottom and insides refurbished as well as the sponsons, after this it is off to Pafos to have the new engine fitted. When we get DK7 back we will have three engines of similar type but all will have electric start and power lift.

Please take care when using the rescue boats, they have all been fitted with permanent radios and the aerials have to be lowered before the cover is put on (each aerial alone costs in the region of €85). Each radio is preset so no adjustments are needed, they come on automatically when the boat's engine is started and are preset to channel 8. Care is also needed when coming into the club moorings, even when coming to Flagstaff point there are large rocks under the surface which can shatter the propeller guards. If the rescue boat hasn't got a propeller guard on it we can't use it for rescue which means no sailing, also the guards now cost us in the region of €200 each and last year two had to be replaced due to negligence.

As you will all now 'hopefully' be aware, Wednesday afternoons and Saturdays during February are work days and we need your help to smarten up the club and prepare the boats for the new season, we will still be sailing on Sundays.

Members of your committee will be around to give you a job so don't be shy and we'll see you at the club.

Chris.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Throughout the winter Powerboat courses have still been going on, primarily for UNRRATT but also for other members as well. This is quite a good income generator and has enabled us to accomplish a great deal over the last year.

The next Powerboat course is scheduled for the 7/8/9th March; anyone that is interested who hasn't got their name down should submit an application form ASAP.

The next Sailing course will be held over the weekends of 22/23rd 29/30th March, again if you haven't got your name down put in an application form right away. Application forms can be found at the club in the upstairs lounge and are available for download on the website. www.dhekeliasailing.com

At the beginning of April we have been promised a visit by the ASA/RAFSA training team, hopefully this will produce two new Powerboat Instructors and two additional Dinghy Instructors.

Powerboat drivers who do not hold the Rescue Boat endorsement are asked to hone their powerboat skills so that they can obtain the rescue boat endorsement. The club needs more people with this endorsement or we may end up not being able to sail.

The Water Sports Safety Committee is heading towards a policy of service clubs only being able to operate if they have a minimum of one rescue boat qualified helm and a qualified First Aid person in each rescue boat, if this is not followed we will not be able to go on the water hence no sailing. In addition to this, a quota of dinghies to the number of rescue boats on the water has been laid down so you can see why we need people with these qualifications.

The next safety boat course is scheduled for the 16/17th May.

Happy sailing

Chris.

Please Note Amended Start Times and Novice Series

Legend

Powerboat Courses
Sailing Courses
Safety Boat Course
Club Series Racing
Cup Races
Novice Series
Club Cruises
Team Racing
Regattas
L2K Weekend
Training Team Visit ASA/RAFSA

To be updated monthly, any queries to R/C (Chris Dodds). Last update 24/1/08

Novice Series Sundays 11:00 throughout the season	Series Racing: Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn 12 to count	Safety Cover: Wed – PM Sat – All Day Sun – All day Sun only in Feb	Junior Sailing: 1000 – 1200 every Sat in Summer, courses permitting
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Please note, the calendar is subject to change

January 2008			
1	Tues		
6	Sun	Winter Series	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
13	Sun	Winter Series	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
14 - 15 - 16	Mon-Tues – Wed	Powerboat Course DSC & UNRRATT	Start 08:00 Monday
20	Sun	Winter Series	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
27	Sun	Winter Series	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
February 2008			
3	Sun	Winter Series	
4 – 5 - 6	Mon-Tues – Wed	Powerboat Course DSC & UNRRATT	Start 08:00 Monday
10	Sun	Winter Series	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
17	Sun	Winter Series	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
24	Sun	Winter Series	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
March 2008			
2	Sun	Cup Race	TBA
7 – 8 - 9	Fri-Sat- Sun	Powerboat Course Level 2 or 3	Start 13:30 Friday
9	Sun	Novice Series 1 Race 1	11:00
9	Sun	Early Summer Series	13:00, 14:30
16	Sun	Novice Series 1 Race 2	11:00
16	Sun	Early Summer Series	13:00 14:30 16:00
22 - 23	SAT - Sun	Level 2 Sailing Course Pt 1	TBC

29 - 30	Sat - Sun	Level 2 Sailing Course Pt 2	TBC
April 2008			
1-13	Thurs - Sun	ASA/RAFSA Training Team	
6	Sun	Novice Series 1 Race 3	11:00
6	Sun	Early Summer Series	13:00 14:30 16:00
13	Sun	Novice Series 1 Race 4	11:00
13	Sun	Early Summer Series	13:00 14:30 16:00
19 - 20	Sat - Sun	Team Racing	ISYC
27	Sun	Novice Series 1 Race 5	11:00
27	Sun	Early Summer Series	13:00 14:30 16:00
May 2008			
3	Sat	Sail to Romantzo's	TBA
4	Sun	Novice Series 1 Race 6	11:00
4	Sun	Early Summer Series	13:00 14:30 16:00
9 - 10 - 11	Fri-Sat- Sun	Jaws Regatta	
16 - 17 - 18	Fri-Sat- Sun	Jaws Regatta alternative date	
16 - 17	Fri - Sat	Safety Boat Course	Start Fri 13:30
18	Sun	Cup Race	TBA
24 - 25	Sat - Sun	Level 2 Sailing Course Pt 1	TBC
31	Sat	Level 2 Sailing Course Pt 2	TBC
June 2008			
1	Sun	Novice Series 1 Race 7	11:00
1	Sun	Early Summer Series	13:00 14:30 16:00
8	Sun	Novice Series 1 Race 8	11:00
8	Sun	Early Summer Series	13:00 14:30 16:00
13-14-15	Fri-Sat- Sun	ISSC Regatta	
22	Sun	Novice Series 1 Race 9	11:00
22	Sun	Early Summer Series	13:00 14:30 16:00
27 - 28 - 29	Fri-Sat- Sun	ISSC Regatta alternative date	
29	Sun	Cup Race	TBA
July 2008			
6	Sun	Novice Series 2 Race 1	11:00
6	Sun	Late Summer series	13:00 14:30 16:00
11-12-13	Fri-Sat- Sun	Powerboat Course Level 2 or 3	Start 13:30 Friday
13	Sun	Novice Series 2 Race 2	11:00
13	Sun	Late Summer series	13:00 14:30 16:00
20	Sun	Novice Series 2 Race 3	11:00
20	Sun	Late Summer series	13:00 14:30 16:00
27	Sun	Cup Race	TBA

August 2008			
2 - 3	Sat - Sun	Level 2 Sailing Course Pt 1	TBC
9 - 10	Sat - Sun	Level 2 Sailing Course Pt 2	TBC
16	Sat	Sail to Larnaca Nautical Club	TBC
17	Sun	Novice Series 2 Race 4	11:00
17	Sun	Late Summer series	13:00 14:30 16:00
23 - 24	Sat - Sun	L2K Weekend All Service clubs invited.	Sat PM, Workshop, Sun four races three to count
30 - 31	Sat - Sun	Working weekend for Regatta	12:00 Sat – 11:00 Sun
September 2008			
5 – 6 - 7	Fri-Sat-Sun	DSC Regatta	
14	Sun	Novice Series 2 Race 5	11:00
14	Sun	Late Summer series	13:00 14:30 16:00
21	Sun	Novice Series 2 Race 6	11:00
21	Sun	Late Summer series	13:00 14:30 16:00
30	Sun	Cup Race	TBA
October 2008			
5	Sun	Novice Series 2 Race 7	11:00
5	Sun	Late Summer series	13:00 14:30 16:00
10-11-12	Fri-Sat-Sun	Powerboat Course Level 2 or 3	Start 13:30 Friday
12	Sun	Novice Series 2 Race 8	11:00
12	Sun	Late Summer series	13:00 14:30 16:00
19	Sun	Novice Series 2 Race 9	11:00
19	Sun	Late Summer series	13:00 14:30 16:00
26	Sun	Cup Race	TBA
November 2008			
2	Sun	Winter Series	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
9	Sun	Winter Series	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
16	Sun	Winter Series	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
23	Sun	Cup Race	TBA
30	Sun	Winter Series	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
December 2008			
7	Sun	Winter Series	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
14	Sun	Cup Race	TBA
21	Sun	Winter Series	11:00, 13:00, 14:30
28	Sun	Winter Series	11:00, 13:00, 14:30

Race times for Sundays
Novice Series 11:00
April through September 13:00/14:30/16:00
November through to April 11:30/13:30/15:00