

April 2008

**DHEKELIA
SAILING
CLUB
NEWSLETTER**



Bosun's Report

Due to the dedicated work of members, the Fleet Captains report that the sailing craft are now in good shape. The Bosun fleet is the most problematic, due to ageing (like the Bosun), but Alan Skitt has put in some high-class work, ably supported by members with yours truly doing mainly semi-skilled work. Outstanding work by the Rear Commodore (Chris Dodds) has ensured the overhaul of the launching trolleys. Fleet Captain of the Laser Ones, Roly reports that the boats are in good shape, and likewise Fleet Captain of the Picos, Iris, reports that these boats are also in sound condition.

Please note that the Bosuns have been gifted to the club by the RE. Consequently the club has to purchase all spares and replacements. To this end I have contacted Bossons Shipyard at Oxford.

At the Rear Commodore's request, I am preparing an inventory of stock. From this an A-Z of where to find "bits and pieces" will be prepared. For the convenience of all members, keys for the cupboards are to be found in the Bosun's Store.

Thanks to all who have supported me so extensively in this job.

Jim Burt

Sailing Secretary's Report

In spite of the weather we have had nearly 20 people sailing in the winter series. The Founders' Trophy which was curtailed by the weather will now take place on Sunday, May 4th, so you have plenty of time to organise crews - both to helm two races, with a briefing at 10.00 hrs.

Hopefully novice racing will start on April 6th, to date various other events have prevented us running this race at 11.00, so do come along and have a go. We welcome all the members from the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment, some of whom have already "volunteered" to help run the club.

Doing the duty roster for April proved a problem. At least 12 sailors are involved in team racing on 19th and 20th April. To ask them to be Officers of the Day on other occasions seems a bit much and WE ARE VERY SHORT OF OODS. To rectify this I shall be down the club on the days where no OOD is named, in the hope that some of the new members will come and learn what is involved. It is not onerous and there is always some experienced sailor who will offer advice if asked.

Main duties: put up a green flag if the wind is less than 25 knots and a red one if the wind is more.

Assist rescue boat driver if necessary - these are all experienced and will tell you what to do.

Make sure the sailors sign in and sign out their boats - there is a list of sailors' qualifications in the committee room.

Make sure everyone puts away the equipment they get out

There is a book which gives you all the details in the OODs cupboard in the Committee Room.

Do come and support your club,

Iris

TEAM RACING - EPISKOPI ISYC 19th-20th APRIL

Several teams from DSC are taking part in the above event and Andy Cherry is asking members to come along and support them. There is also the possibility of joining in if a vacancy arises - so don't forget to take your sailing gear along!

APRIL DUTY ROTA

Date	Event	O.O.D.	Rescue
Wed 2nd			
Sat 5th	Team Racing Pr.	Chris Dodds	Chris Dodds
Sun 6th			Ian Ingrey
Wed 9th		Chris Burton	Alan Skitt
Sat 12th			Lee Field
Sun 13th			Oli Lovell
Wed 16th			Chris Loring
Sat 19th	Team Rac. Epi		Fred Ayriss
Sun 20th	Team Rac. Epi		Alan Gaddass
Wed 23rd		Alex	Rod Kershaw
Sat 26th	Power Boat		Chris Dodds
Sun 27th	Course	Sue Cherry	Andy Cherry
Wed 30th		Rachel	Mike Gresswell

WANTED

Housekeeper for DSC

Duties include checking and replenishing the toilet rolls and liquid soap in the changing rooms and washing towels.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Donna Tatem on 99 083672 or tatems@live.co.uk

DIARY DATE

Don't forget - the date of the AGM is now 27th April at 4pm.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Joiners & Leavers

Since the last newsletter, I would like to welcome Mike Baker, Matt Walker and Anita Hogan, and to say farewell to Paul Knight, and the following members of the outgoing RIB: Peter & Annabel Merriman, Jon Allen, Patrick Heaney, Gary Jones, Lindsey Jones & Marc Robinson.

Membership Statistics

We end the financial year (31 March) with total membership 15 up from the previous year-end. Personal membership is up from 70 last year, to 85 currently. Of last year's 70 personal members, 49 left during the year, but there were 64 new members. In addition there are 828 corporate members from the UN & the RIB.

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Finally a note from the editor...

All contributions for the newsletter are welcome. Please let me have them by the 25th of the preceding month.

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Rachel Gresswell