

May 2008

**DHEKELIA
SAILING
CLUB
NEWSLETTER**



DSC AGM - 27th April

The AGM was well attended and resulted in the following appointments:

Rear Commodore - Chris Dodds

Bosun - Iris Burt

Sailing Secretary - Andy Cherry

Housekeepers - Peter and Sheena Whiting

Entertainment Member - Lee Field

SAIL TO ROMANTZA - SATURDAY 3RD MAY

This is Iris' last event as Sailing Secretary. Please contact Iris if you would like to come. Meet at DSC at 10am.

Rear Commodores Report

As you are probably aware, we had our 'annual' ASA inspection the other week and all in all they were very pleased with the way the club had improved since the last one. One or two points were picked up but the general comments were 'well done', everyone is to be complimented on the standard of the club.

Over the weekend of the 19th and 20th April, DSC, Akrotiri and Episkopi took part in the annual team racing event, hosted this year by Episkopi. After a very windy first race which Episkopi (ESSC) romped away with, the competition had to be postponed until Sunday due to the wind building to over 30 knots. Sunday morning dawned with very little wind but was forecast to increase to a force three. The plan was to hold the remaining races from Saturday first and then run Sunday's programmed races.



DSC didn't sail on Saturday, so they would be sailing in both the first two races against first ESSC and then Akrotiri (ASSC). As the winds were light, it was decided that Sue Cherry, Iris Burt and Lee Field would helm these two and then Andy Cherry, myself and Andy White would helm in the second session (mainly due to the forecast of stronger winds later). In the first race, after Iris had a tense time at the last mark, DSC finished with, 1st Sue Cherry crewed by Andy Cherry, 4th Lee Field

crewed by Axel Schmidt and 5th Iris crewed by Steve Carrol, giving DSC 10 points against ESSC's 11. Lowest points win.

In the second race against ASSC, DSC had a convincing win over ASSC with, 1st Sue, 2nd Iris and 3rd Lee, giving DSC 6 points against 15.

The second series of races should then have begun with the second team from each club racing each other, but contrary to the forecast, the wind dropped away to nothing and the racing was postponed to see if the wind would come back. Unfortunately the wind didn't return and the competition had to be abandoned. As a result was available from the first series of races, it meant that DSC come away with 2 wins out of two and the shield, ESSC come second with one win and ASSC third.

It was unfortunate that the second team was unable to race but full marks to the team that did, for producing a fine result.

The crews for the second team were to be Andy and Sue Cherry, myself and Sarah White, with Andy White and Oliver as his crew.

Chris Dodds

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For the Financial Year to 31 March 2008

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

The number of personal members, as at the financial year end, was 85, up 15 from the previous year-end. In addition there are 828 corporate members, unchanged from the previous year.

We started the financial year with 70 personal members; during the year there have been 56 new members and 41 leavers.

MEMBERSHIP INCOME

During the financial year, personal membership income is up by €1200 (16%) on the previous year at €8,685. Almost €900 of this was in the form of cash & cheques "in-hand" as at 31 March, which could not be deposited and accounted for by the Regimental accounts office.

Corporate membership income was down by €2000 due the free-of-charge extension of the 2RRF membership scheme, as a result of to operational tours and lack of uptake.

OUTSTANDING SUBS

There is currently €357 outstanding in overdue subs, on the other hand there are €783 in credit balances from members who paid 12 months membership at the last renewal, so the net debtor balance is a credit of €426, similar to the level at the previous year.

Steve Kimberley
Membership Secretary



TRY SAIL DAYS

Lee Field has organised three Try Sail days on **7th June and the 2nd and 5th July, from 10am**. Volunteer helms are needed - please contact Lee if you can come along.

LEE'S FIRST EVENT - 28TH JUNE

To get the summer season off to a good start, Lee is planning to hold his first social event on Saturday 28th June - details to follow. Please make a note of the date and support our new Entertainment Member! (Any suggestions for future events would be gratefully received).

WANTED

New logo for DSC

At the AGM it was suggested that our present logo is rather dated. If you would like to design a new one, please let Chris Dodds have your ideas. It must be suitable for T shirts, caps, letterheads, etc.

Finally...

All contributions for the newsletter are welcome. Please let me have them by the 25th of the preceeding month. Email: editor@dhekeliasailing.com

Rachel Gresswell