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**DHEKELIA
SAILING
CLUB
NEWSLETTER**



DSC REGATTA.....A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

Friday the 5th of September heralded the start of Dhekelia Sailing Club's Annual Regatta for 2008. The first race of the weekend was the General Handicap Race with twenty three dinghies entering. The race was run in winds of around 10 to 12 knots and was eventually won by Andy and Sue Cherry from DSC by 19 seconds from Rod Kershaw and Alex Brown also from DSC.

Saturday dawned with very light winds which were to increase only slightly throughout the day. The first races of the day were to be the Ladies race and the single handed race (held in two person boats). The Ladies race was eventually won by Sue Cherry and Sarah White in an Albacore by 19 seconds from Iris Burt and Maggie also in an Albacore, both dinghies coming from the DSC. The single handed race was won by Nick Staunton (DSC) with Phil Pearson coming second for Episkopi Services Sailing Club.

The final race of the day was a pursuit race, in this race dinghies have handicaps similar to golf and they start at predetermined intervals, the winner being the leader after 90 minutes of racing. After a close fought last few minutes, Steve Ashford and Iris Burt from DSC emerged victorious over Andy and Sue Cherry.

MEMO: We still urgently require 2 volunteers for the positions of Club Secretary and Shop Member, please contact Chris Dodds



Sunday again dawned with very light winds, but by the final race of the day we were sailing in force 4 winds which ended a very competitive weekend's sailing. This final day was dedicated to series racing, this is where a number of races are sailed and the results are added together for a final position. The series races were sailed in dinghies of the same type so no handicap system was required and consequently there were 4 races going on at the same time with a grand total 42 boats on the water!

In all four classes the title of 'winner' was fought for right to the end, with the Laser One class being won with a margin of one point by Geoff Henstridge over David Holland, both from Episkopi.

The Junior series was won by Dimitris Ioanides from Larnaca Nautical club and the Handicap series by Steve Ashford and Iris Burt.

The Laser 2000 series was won by Andy and Sue Cherry, but only after some strong challenges from Rod Kershaw crewed by Alex Brown and Chris Dodds crewed by Sarah White.

The full results are available on the club website.

Chris Dodds

Rear Commodore's Report

This year's Regatta was a great success. A very big thank you to all the club members that helped to make it so good. Activities like this always lay us open to comments from others, but this year you can all be justifiably proud as the holders of the best Regatta for many years. Dhekelia Sailing Club alone fielded 20 boats in the series races. Let us keep the ambiance of the club going, we are still operating all year round so it would be great to see even half that number racing at the weekends.

The rescue boats still have on going problems with the radios, some of them are operating some of them aren't, if it isn't working properly, make sure that it is on channel 8 and that you haven't accidentally caught any of the buttons or controls. They won't work if the ignition is turned off.

When taking the rescue boats up to the shed, please be careful with the front jockey wheel as you reach the ridge where the concrete finishes and the tarmac starts, so far we have had two jockey wheels destroyed when it has hit the tarmac. With the best will in the world, Jim can't keep up with replacing them. The repair of this road will hopefully be carried out in the not too distant future.

Very shortly, a system of booking in and out of the club is to be introduced, all members and visitors will be required to comply, this is a fire drill precaution and is mandatory. Once the system is introduced, anyone not booking in will not be allowed to use the facilities of the club. This is not something that the Exec committee has introduced willingly but we have no option. The OOD will be responsible for checking the register periodically throughout the day.

The Sailing committee would still like to encourage the more novice sailors by running the first race on a Sunday for the novices but with an experienced helm as crew, this can only work if novices and experts alike come forward and commit themselves to doing it, the committee members need names so that we can pair people off, otherwise it will not happen.

Along with people putting their names forward, we also need the OOD and rescue personnel to be at the club and ready to get things organised at least an hour before the start time of the race. Come on everyone, let's work together on this and make it happen. Come next years regatta's and team racing we might be able to surprise the other clubs.

Names to Andy Cherry, Iris Burt or myself please.

I'll hopefully see you on the water.

Chris Dodds

Rear Commodore

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Joiners & Leavers

I would like to extend our welcome to the following new members:

Dave & Lorraine Jackson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Andrew & Alison King, Owen Holmes & Sarah Fryman, Kieran Ruane.

We wish a farewell to Rhiannon Dart, Chris Loring, Paul & Julie Collister, Harris & Sylvie Ioannou.

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BOSUN'S BITS

I would like to thank all the people who came forward and helped clean up the club before and after the Regatta. The club and hard, look much better now. Let's keep it that way!

The Lasers and the Picos are now quite elderly and if you borrow one can you make sure you tip it right up to get all the water out from the hull. The Picos also need the downhaul loosening when hanging the mast back up in the sail shed. Care needs to be taken about putting the Laser sails away in the right bag, they are all numbered.

Sailing Course

The last sailing course of the year will be held on 11th/12th and 18th/19th October. Anyone interested should contact Iris on 99581827 or email thorcor@cytanet.com.cy

Iris

DHEKELIA SAILING CLUB DASH

In line with the majority of clubs and schools in the area, we are attempting to raise a relay team of 15 people for the annual Dhekelia Dash event this year. We still need a few more volunteers to complete the team.

If you feel you are fit enough to run a mile on 11th October on the Garrison, please fill in the form at the club or email mikegresswell@hotmail.com **asap this week.**



You will receive a **FREE** dash shirt as well as raising money for British and Cyprus Charities. As we are entering the fun-run event, you will be required to wear a buoyancy aid when running!!! (can be supplied). €10 will be required for the official entry fee.

Finally...

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

Rachel Gresswell