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DHEKELIA SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER



Introducing our new Commodore, Ed Sellon...

I am originally from Winchester and learnt to sail on the Solent as a child. I became a dinghy instructor and taught at Chichester and Bosham sailing clubs. I now work as an army doctor attached to the resident infantry battalion 2PWRR. While at university I learnt how to sail larger boats and got my coastal skipper licence. This is when I discovered that sailing was more fun in the sun.

I have been in Cyprus since March and live in the battalion Officers Mess. I love being in Cyprus and will be sad to leave next summer. It will be a busy year and as well as hoping to improve my own fading skills, I hope to spread some of the enormous enthusiasm that I have for the sport. This truly is the place to learn! I am very much looking forward to meeting you all and to helping steer the club to further success.

Kind regards,

E A SELLON

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Youngsters set sail at Dhekelia



Conditions were perfect for the children's sailing course - calm seas and light winds meant that the 12 youngsters had four days of great sailing.

The course included safety, signals, maintaining the boats and of course the ever popular capsizing drill!

Thanks to all the volunteers who gave their time to make the week such a great success.

Rear Commodore's Rumbblings

ALL L2K SAILORS PLEASE NOTE

Laser 2000 22032 was found to have a broken centreboard, I'm not to bothered about how it happened as breakages do occur, however what does concern me is that who ever did it didn't have the decency to put it in the book when they signed the boat back in. If we had been notified, the problem could have been rectified some time ago where as now we are having trouble getting the new board here in time for the Akrotiri Regatta and this is going to deprive someone of a boat for that event.

A similar incident has occurred on 22034 in that it has had a minor collision resulting in damage to the deck at the bow. If damage like this is not seen to immediately the fibre glass below the gel coat soaks up water like a sponge which in turn not only causes the fibre glass to go soft but also makes the boat very heavy. Again this was not reported.

With immediate effect all club laser 2000's must have masthead buoyancy fitted when sailing.

LASER 1 SAILORS PLEASE NOTE

In the very near future, all the equipment for the new Lasers will be kept in what used to be the store next to the committee room; this will include the Radial and 4.7 mast sections. Please make sure that all the equipment taken from the store is replaced after use and not just thrown in the store. The sails for the older lasers will still be kept in the sail locker as usual.

Please note, use of the new Lasers will be controlled by a sailing committee member who has the authority to say whether or not he/she considers you competent enough to use one of them.

ALL SAILORS PLEASE NOTE

The line of red buoys between the clubhouse and Watson's mole mark a non-boating area; all boats are to pass to the seaward side of these boats. The exception to this is when they are moored on the trotlines.

If to feel that you cannot sail out to sea without sailing in the non-boating area, then walk your boat into deeper water and further out to sea before you start sailing.

ALL PARENTS PLEASE NOTE

All parents please take note; children are playing with the old windsurfers and then leaving them on the beach, if your child has been playing with one, please ensure that either they or you put them back on the rack behind the club building. If they continue to be left on the beach the boards will be disposed of and the facility removed. **Please clear up the beach after your children - buckets and spades along with toys are frequently found on the beach.**

ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

All please take note. Parking inside the club surrounds is restricted to the Bosun and Andreas. Exceptions are made when people are working on the boats, the building or unloading. At all other times Cars and Motorcycles are to be parked in the car park.

It has been noticed that members are dumping private kit in the sail locker and workshop, if you wish to leave something in either of these places please speak with the Bosun or Rear Commodore first. Space is already limited in these areas.

The committee do not want to spoil anyone's fun but there is a limit to how much clearing up behind people they are prepared to do. This applies to rubbish left on the beach, Boat Park and patio.

Sorry to be all moans this month, but if it applies to you please take note.

AKROTIRI REGATTA

Steve Kimberley has sent all of you information about the Akrotiri Regatta. If you wish to take part then you have to notify myself or Andy Cherry yesterday with your details as requested on the information pack from Steve.

Akrotiri is a tightly controlled security area and if you do not notify us in sufficient time you will find that come the day of the Regatta you may not get on the base. To this end I am putting a deadline of the 12th September, any applications to attend after this will be too late. Email either myself yemenic1@yahoo.co.uk or Andy at andycherry7@gmail.com.

For those of you that wish to go, you will find it difficult to get on and off the base once you are on, so the best method of accommodation is to camp. The ASSC has an ideal piece of ground next to the clubhouse and club is allowing us to have our own self-help BBQ on the Friday night. Saturday evening they are supplying a Curry supper supplied by a restaurant on the base called the Shalamar, they generally make very good curries and I believe that they also do veggie versions. **Numbers and preferences for the Curry are required by 20th Sept.**

ALL

It is quite likely that we will require help towing dinghies to Akrotiri, therefore anyone willing to help and who has a vehicle with a tow bar is asked to get in touch with Andy Cherry or myself.

If you are entitled, so much the better as you will be able to escort others like myself onto the base.

FORTHCOMING COURSES.

We are holding a powerboat course on the 11th, 12th and 13th Sept, at present there are still spaces available.

Over the weekend's 24/25th Oct and 31st/1st Nov there is a level 1/2 sailing course, again spaces are currently available.

On November 20/21st I will be running a safety boat course, anyone with a minimum of 20 hours, as a powerboat driver is welcome to participate. The maximum number that can take part on the course is 6, so those that get their names in first will be the lucky ones.

The cost for club members is €30 and this is purely to cover the cost of booklets etc.

Happy Sailing.

Chris



Halloween party

Saturday 31st October - 7pm

Tickets €10

Disco plus Traditional Food,
Games, Fancy Dress Optional

Tickets now available from House Committee members.

CLUB LIBRARY

It has been suggested that we start a lending library! If you have any books (fiction or non fiction) that you are willing to donate please put them in the box provided in the upstairs bar. There will be a nominal charge of 20 cents for borrowing and the library will be run on an "honesty" basis.

Bosun's Report

101 and 165 now have bigger waterproof bags with a first aid kit and knife in them. These are stored on the boats. DK7's first aid kit is in the committee room as there is no safe place to store it on the boat. (I cannot find the third knife, if anyone knows where it is, please let me know.)

The Sailing Locker key had to be replaced. Unfortunately the new key is a copy of a copy, and needs a slight wiggle to make the lock work. Hopefully with usage this will improve.

Please remember to ask the Officer of the Day if you may take out a club dinghy, and then sign it out and in, noting any problems in the appropriate space.

Enjoy sailing,

Iris

August Monthly Mug Winners



Congratulations to Tim and Helen May

Duty Personnel

OOD.

It is the duty of the OOD to unlock the club premises and then at the end of sailing make sure that all doors are secure.

The only exception to this is if either Iris or Andreas have said that they will lock up. **Do not assume that they will, ask them.**

The club is open from 2pm until 5pm on Wednesday, 11am until 5pm on Saturday and 10am until 5pm on Sundays. These are the hours that you as OOD are required to be at the club.

During your period of duty you are responsible for enquiring as to the membership status of anyone not known to you as either a

member, private boat owner or club volunteer. Anyone not in one of these categories is required to:

A/. Sign in the visitor's book.

B/. Pay the relevant daily or monthly fee* (in the case of a monthly fee, they must also complete a membership form, to be marked "paid" and left in the membership pigeon-hole for collection by the membership sec).

C/. Satisfy yourself that they are qualified helm, if they wish to sail, and that the conditions are within the limits of their qualifications.

*Daily & monthly fees are displayed on the notice-board next to the Men's' changing room. Where daily/monthly fees are paid, a receipt must be issued and there is a receipt book in the bottom drawer of the filing cabinet in the committee room. Do not leave the cash anywhere, but retain it yourself until you can pass it on in person to the membership secretary, or another committee member. The daily & monthly fees displayed apply to non-members sailing in club boats. There are two rates of temporary fees, the higher rate for non-members sailing in club boats, the lower rates for other non-sailing visitors making use of the sun-bed facilities.

If juniors wish to go sailing they are to be briefed about safety and about not playing around on the water. They are to be informed that if they do misbehave whilst sailing they will be told to come in off the water. If juniors wish to go sailing, the parents are still responsible for them and must be present at the club. The parents must also be informed of the ruling, reference misbehaving on the water, and are to stress this to their children,

Safety Boat Drivers.

Your hours of duty are the same as the OOD, this means that as soon as you arrive after the OOD has opened up the club, you put the safety boat on the water and if anyone is actually sailing this means that the boat is out of the harbour and not tied up at the jetty. If the people sailing are inexperienced or juniors then the safety cover is of even more importance

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 14th November - Quiz and Chips

Fun Quiz followed by fish and chip supper from Lambros.

€2 per person, plus cost of supper - maximum of 4 per team.

Cash prize for winning team!



Dhekelia Dash - Saturday 10th Oct

After the success (!) of last year's team we are looking for 15 volunteers to each run a mile in this big profile event. As well as being fun, it is great publicity for the club. We also need volunteers to "man" a stall to promote the club and hopefully recruit new members.

If you would like to volunteer please see Pete Last.

House Committee

There have been some recent changes;

Sally Higham is now Entertainment Member, Robert Higham has replaced her as House Member and Willie and Kirsteen McAlpine have taken on responsibility for the Club Shop.

Finally...

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

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