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Dhekelia Sailing Club Newsletter



112 EMERGENCY MESSAGE 112 !!!!

From 1st March 2010 (as of now in effect) the telephone number to be dialled in ALL emergency circumstances, wherever you are on this side of the Island, is 112.

Emergency calls are routed to a joint resources call centre staffed by English speaking operators who can direct the nearest/most appropriate (civilian or military) emergency response unit to the incident.

So please remember in the unlikely event of a fire on one of the Bosuns, when sailing in the vicinity of Dhekelia Power Station

"If you don't know what to do - press the numbers ONE ONE TWO"

March Duty Roster !!!!!

Well the appeal in the Newsletter last month, to see some different names on the March roster, seems to have worked and details can be found on the Club Website.

The sailing secretary, Brian Ogden, has taken on the management of the Duty Roster, so please direct all queries regarding Duty Roster to him.

REMEMBER - Once YOUR name appears on the Roster it is YOUR responsibility to either attend or arrange for a deputy/replacement.

Many, many thanks to Jim Burt for his stalwart efforts over the last few months maintaining/producing the Duty Roster.

Rear Commodores Rumbings

It has come to my notice that some people are unhappy about the duty roster, If there is a problem please come and see me about it. However, this doesn't include me changing the dates of your duties, that is for YOU to organise.

There is a Laser workshop on the 13th March. Anyone wishing to improve their sailing in a Laser might learn something. There again they might already know more than me. It will consist of a short period going through adjusting the various controls to alter the sail shape and the effects this has on the performance of the boat. How to get the best out of the boat on various points of sail and then onto the water to have some short races trying to put into practice what you have learnt.

The 16 Regt RA Shield Novice Series is for military personnel only, another novice series will be run later in the year.

Those of you that have been helping with the work on the boats and around the club will notice that the Bosuns especially are having a birthday and Christmas all rolled into one, the Laser ones are getting similar treatment although not quite as in depth. The purpose of all this work is to get the older boats serviceable and safe, they are all being buoyancy tested and because of this the work is taking longer than anticipated. The three Bosuns left in the work area are still needing some serious work, but this is being held up waiting for spares. The Lasers still need to be buoyancy checked and any leaks repaired. Hopefully next year we will see the fruits of this year's labours when we have a much easier work period. Please bear with us and continue to help with the work when ever possible as we will not be putting the boats on the water until they are all up to standard.

The first Regatta this year is being held at Episkopi over the 21,22,23rd May, anyone wishing to take part needs to inform Brian Ogden and let him know what you will be sailing, or hope to be sailing. Getting into/onto Episkopi and the Sailing Club but accommodation can be a problem. Most of us camp in happy valley and have a thoroughly good time, but B & B is available just up the road in Pissouri.

If you wish to take part in the Founders Trophy on the 6th March, please let Brian Ogden know so that he can organise the boats.

The weather is getting warmer so there is no reason not to go sailing, see you there.

Chris.

Bosuns Bits

Well we have just reached the end of the second work month and there is still much to do !! The Rear Commodore has already mentioned the ongoing work on the Bosuns but there is still some varnish removing and re-painting with Uviten to be done and some boat-trailers needing another coat of Hammerite.

So Please spare an hour or so and help us to complete the work. It is relatively painless, very de stressing and quite a pleasant social environment. What's more, you will have the pleasure of looking at the boats on the water later this year and being able to think "I did that".

Hoping to see you soon

Iris

CLUB SHOP - Polo & Sweatshirts now available

With summer on its way - "Club Wear" is the only thing to be seen in, no not that glitzy stuff for Ayia Napa night life, but Polo Shirts and Sweatshirts embroidered with the DSC logo.

These must have items are now available on a demand basis. They cost 12 Euros for polo shirts and 15 Euros for sweatshirts. Please contact the Shop Officer Willie McAlpine to order yours. Available in Navy Blue, Sky Blue, Green and Red. Sizes S, M, L, XL.

E-mail: wkmcalpine@yahoo.co.uk Mobile 99615546

Sail Makers Section (Repeated AGAIN because we still need one)

STILL looking for a Domestic Sewing Machine with a cross stitch facility, that the club could have, could borrow or could purchase for a pittance ???

Any information to Nina

Facilities Officers Findings

Thanks from me to everyone who has worked on Shore Side jobs during the winter work days. Almost all of our tasks have been completed - but any extra help will be appreciated.

Recent Events

Sat 6th February 2010 - OOD (Office of the Day) Course

Almost 20 people attended this course where we refreshed our knowledge about the responsibilities of being the OOD and learnt about the technicalities of triangles, sausages and trapezoids. The course was both an excellent use of an afternoon and a great escape from the work detail. More importantly the feedback from those who attended was that it had greatly improved their knowledge of what we must all accept is a very important role that HAS to be undertaken if we are to enjoy safe, fair and enjoyable racing and sailing.

Saturday 20th February - Pancakes & Karaoke Night

Cancelled due to lack of support - well only 6 people singing/eating would have been a little boring/greedy and lonely.

Anyone would think this was a sailing club !!!!!!!

Forthcoming Events

March Duty Roster

Is displayed on the Club Notice Board (and the website) - check to see if you are WANTED !!

Saturday 6th March 2010

Founders Trophy - details/interest to Brian Ogden

Saturday 20th March 2010 - Laser Workshop

Learn all the LITTLE points which will make a BIG difference to your sailing performance !!

Saturday 20th March 2010 - "Quiz n Chips Night"

Back by popular demand is the DSC equivalent to "Mastermind".

"The Entitled" who were the supreme champions from the last quiz night have accepted the baton and will set this quiz.

"Lambros" has ordered in extra fish and the farmers at Pyla are on standby to produce more potatoes to ensure that there are enough Fish and Chip suppers for all who attend.

Rules are as before - 6.30pm for 7pm start, €2 each person, Teams of up to 4 people, winning team takes the kitty. Order/pay for your supper at the start of the evening - "runner" will order/collect suppers for half time feast.

Numbers have to be limited to 40 (Fire and Safety Regulations) so please register your intention to attend with one of the Pete's (Whiting or Last).

And Finally

Musical Talent Wanted - The Social Committee are looking to organize a "Jam" night at the club sometime later this year - do you have the puff, strum or beat to help us out ???

Information about Club members who do, can be given in confidence to any House Committee member or to Crimestoppers.

Go on - "Grass up your partner/friend" - You know it makes sense.

Thoughts and Prayers for Sally Higham appear to have been answered. Good reports coming from UK and Sal and Rob hope to be back next month.

Thanks to Chris Dodds for the excellent OOD Course.

Thanks to **ALL** the **"Winter Work Detail Team"**. You know who you are - **Well Done**

Pete Last - Editor