



TELLTALES

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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

So another busy summer at PSC draws to a close! Once again our club has had a full programme of events – read all about them in the following pages. As always a big thank you to all of the so many members who have worked so hard this summer to make these various events the success that have so clearly been.

Looking to the future your committee have recently been considering some possible changes to our clubhouse layout, some of which are fairly radical, including the building of a sizeable extension to the clubhouse. The starting point for the discussions is a desire to increase the size of both the female changing rooms and our kitchen. Any such project would of course require expenditure, both at the building stage and with on going running costs, as well as some considerable short term disruption.

Some of the possibilities we have been considering include –

1. A two-storey extension on the 'kitchen side' of the clubhouse, enlarging the changing room, kitchen and clubroom. Or ...
2. Extending the female changing room into the current kitchen, moving the kitchen into one end of our clubroom and covering the balcony with a 'canopy' to make up for the loss of space in the clubroom. Or ...
3. Erecting a separate garage to store the rescue boats and windsurfing equipment and converting the vacated space into female changing rooms.

Before we make any decision to embark on any such project we would like to hear from you. Do we really need to increase the size of the changing rooms? Should we be spending club funds developing a building that we pay rent on? What do you think? Perhaps you are happy with our clubhouse just the way it is! Please let your committee know; one way to do this would be to email me – commodore@priorysc.org.uk

As a club we are fortunate to have numerous 'club' boats that are well used for training, as well as being used by members,

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at no charge, for racing or more general recreation. Unfortunately this season has seen an increase in damage caused to these boats through misuse and mishandling, often the damage going unreported until discovered by the next user. If you are unsure how to rig, or de-rig and store a boat please do ask for help from someone who knows. Any breakages / problems should be notified to a committee member to enable a repair to be made.

Finally, we are planning to offer a series of training opportunities to enable club members to enhance their sailing skills with a view to joining our growing band of volunteer instructors and coaches who run our club's varied training programmes. We hope to be able to offer a variety of RYA supported courses, as last year. Watch this space!

Tim Hewett

WEDNESDAY EVENING SAILING

Thanks go to Chris Jennings and Peter Bell who have run regular Wednesday evening sailing sessions for a small group of disabled members throughout the summer. If you would like to help out next season please don't hesitate to contact Chris.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 13 October	Priory Water Sports Association Annual General Meeting 20.00
Sunday 18 October	Last of the Autumn Buccaneers sessions 14.00
Sunday 1 November	Winter restrictions imposed - see page 3
Sunday 15 November	Lunch followed by PSC AGM and prize giving in clubhouse at 14.00
Sunday 6 December	Last of the Frostbite Series - races 23 & 24
Saturday 26 December	Boxing Day Event - sailing from 11.00 and coffee & mince pies
2010	New Year Social and Icicle race for boards and dinghies, 11.00 start.
Friday 1 January	Light lunch from 12.30
Sunday 24 January	Provisional date for start of Icicle Series

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

On a very pleasant evening some thirty-five or more members attended the party with a barbeque at the clubhouse on Friday 3rd July to celebrate the club's thirtieth anniversary. During the evening the Commodore, Tim Hewett, thanked everyone for coming along to enjoy the occasion and invited Clive Lawless to share with those present his memories of those days thirty years ago.

Clive explained that he was now the only active member in the club who joined when the club was formed. He recalled attending a meeting called by Ed Barker in 1978 at Bedford College of Higher Education, now Bedford College, in Cauldwell Street, from which it was established that was an interest in forming a sailing club. About a year later after preparations made by a small group of those present at that meeting the club was formed. Clive said he wanted to thank that first group and all those members who, since then, have served on various committees and helped in many other ways to develop and maintain the club over these thirty years and provided members like himself with so much pleasure from sailing.

There is a written account of the first 25 years of the club's history on a CD, copies of which can be obtained from Tim Hewett.

EASTERN AREA TRAVELLER TOPPER EVENT

Priory hosted one of the Eastern Area Traveller Topper Events on Saturday 22nd August. It was a pleasant summer day and light winds at force 2 but with numerous Priory lake gusts tested all eight of the visiting sailors and sixteen of our own juniors as they contested for the six prizes of 1st, 2nd & 3rd overall and 1st U17, 1st U15 & 1st U13.

After the first race, beautifully managed by Peter Barton who set a course that challenged all, lunch was top priority. Unusually it was barbeque lunch excellently prepared by Hazel Prigmore and Marino Barberio and later they provided a high quality tea consisting of sandwiches for visiting competitors and club members alike. There were even some leftovers for Sunday tea.

Two more races after lunch completed the series. James Pyrah from Priory SC finished in an excellent 4th position with his colleagues Guy Davis and Joseph Mullan following in 11th and 12th places respectively. Joseph also received the award for the first U13 sailor. Congratulations to George Meredith of Grafham Water Sailing Club, who won the event.

Many thanks to all those who made this an excellent event and for keeping everyone "fed and watered" in such style. Many thanks also to Gordon de Sousa for organising the event.

PRIORY SAILING CLUB NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PRIZE GIVING

In accordance with section 5 of the Club Constitution, notice is hereby given of the 31st Annual General meeting to be held on:

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2009, at 14.00 in the Clubhouse (Lunch from 13.00)

THE BUSINESS OF THE AGM IS TO: —

- Receive reports
- Receive the accounts
- Determine next year's subscription and entrance fees
- Elect the Officers*
- Elect the Committee*
- Any other business - written notice of 21 days required
- A member may also raise any matter under 5.3 of the Club Constitution

*The nominations for Officers and the nominations for committee members will be published on the notice board in the clubhouse after 1st October.

PRIZE GIVING

The prize giving for the Spring, Summer, Autumn and Olympic Series will commence after the business of the AGM has been completed, which is likely to be about 15.00. The awards to be presented are for the first place overall, best novice and best under 17 years in each of the Spring, Summer and Autumn Series. In addition, the first place and best novice in the pursuit races of the Summer Series will receive awards, as well as the first place overall and the best novice in the Olympic Series. For those helms with the best performances in the Spring, Summer and Autumn Series combined, there are awards for the Best Novice, the Best Under 13, the Best Under 17, the Most Improved Helm, the Best Laser and the Best Under 17 Laser. The helm with the top performance overall becomes Mariner of the Year. Awards will also be made to the winners of the Club's Junior Regatta and the Lazy Sunday Afternoon Series. There is also an award for the person who has made a significant Off the Water contribution to the Club.

EMERGENCY AID COURSE

Sue Baker is kindly giving an Emergency Aid Course on Saturday 19th September for those who need to meet the RYA requirements and have already registered for the course. She will possibly be repeating this course in the New Year on a date yet to be arranged. So if you need this qualification contact Sue to register for the next course.

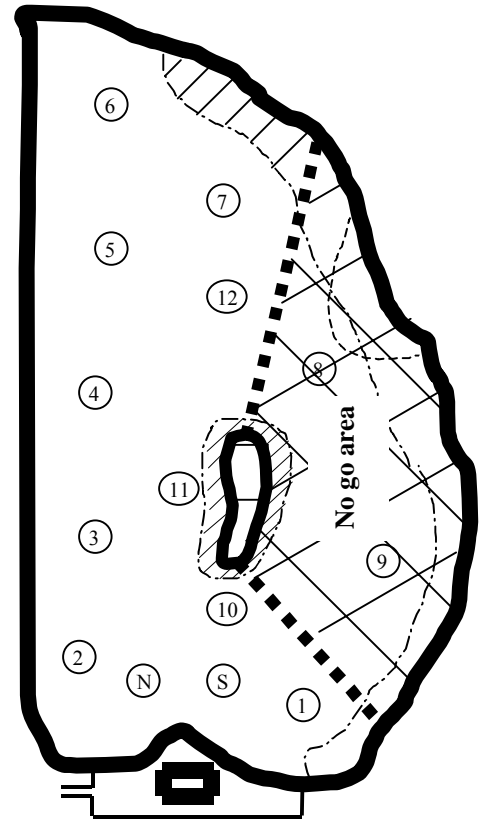
WINTER RESTRICTIONS

Winter restrictions come into force on **1st November** and continue until the 31st March 2010

What are they?

- The use of the lake is restricted to **Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays** between the hours of **9.30 am** and **4.00 pm**
- In addition to the area around the island and the 20m zone along the south shore reserved for fishing, an extra area of the lake is made a **NO GO AREA** to form a winter-feeding zone for migrating waterfowl. A line of buoys will be set out from the Eastern and Western ends of the island to the south shore (shown as a bold broken line on the adjacent map of the lake) at the end of sailing on 25th October, and the area of water enclosed by these buoys, the island and the south shore (shown cross hatched on the adjacent map of the lake) is the **NO GO AREA** from **1st November**.

Please respect these winter restrictions.



P.W.S.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of Priory Water Sports Association Limited, which incorporates Priory Sailing Club, will be held in the clubhouse from 8.00 pm on Tuesday 13th October 2009. Directors of the Association and committee members of Priory Sailing Club may attend. If you have a matter that you think should be raised at this meeting, please write to the Commodore so that he can put it to the PSC committee in preparation for the PWSA AGM.

PSC Committee 2009

Flag Officers

Commodore	Tim Hewett	01234 319827
Vice Commodore	Glyn Powell	01234 349001
Rear Commodore	Gordon de Sousa	01462 451031

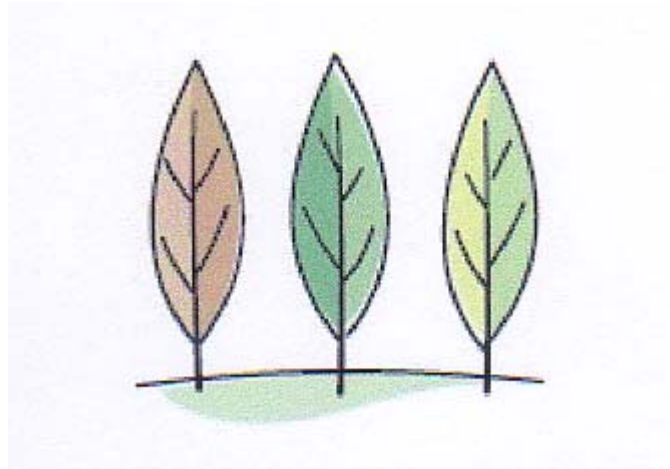
Officers

Hon Treasurer	Peter Barton	01234 871237
Hon Secretary	Sue Baker	01933 412083
Hon Membership Secretary	Tony Ogborn	01234 708010

Members

Member	Mark Ingledeew	01234 406386
Member	Chris Jennings	01234 855249
Member	John Morrow	01525 405323
Member	Mark Roe	01767 317761
Member	Paul Williams	01234 325449
Member	Guy Steel Jessop	01234 344384
Junior Representative	Marzio Barberio	—
RYA Principal	Brian Stanbridge	01234 403933 or 07867 531400
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RNLI REGATTA

Fifteen helms entered the RNLI Regatta on 21st June and raced in two or all three races to qualify for a placing in this annual event. Another ten Buccaneers joined in the last race for experience but clearly did not qualify for a placing as they came to the starting area for only one race. A total of £75 was raised through entry fees, which has been sent to the RNLI.

Monica Ogborn had very kindly donated two new trophies to be awarded annually for the RNLI Regatta. They are in the form of a glass sail mounted on a glass plinth. One is engraved "RNLI Trophy First" and the other is engraved "RNLI Trophy First Junior".

The three races were keenly contested with fleets of boats crossing the line together, all no doubt trying to be the first to have their name on one of the new trophies, making the task of logging and recording the time for each boat difficult. Jenny Mullan, equipped with binoculars, had come to have a quiet time watching her son Joseph compete in a Topper, but the race officer, Roy Beard, recruited her (Jenny might say "press ganged") to help. Thank you Jenny, without your help there would have been no results - so you saved the Regatta.

Tony Ogborn won the first and third race and was the overall winner, and thus was able to take the new trophy home to Monica for a year. Joseph Mullan, a junior and a novice, achieved second place and was awarded the new Junior Trophy. The first adult novice was Rupert Keep, who tired in third place with Mark Roe. The second junior helm was Heidi de Sousa in eighth position. The full results are shown below.

Very many thanks to Chris Jennings for providing safety boat cover and to Julia Kirk, Amelia Kirk and Lucie Hewett for providing a splendid lunch and tea.

RNLI Regatta Results							
Position Overall	Helm		Crew		Class	Sail N ^o	Award
1 st	Tony	Ogborn			Heron	10,300	RNLI Trophy for first overall
2 nd	Joseph	Mullan			Topper	45,233	RNLI Trophy for first Junior
= 3 rd	Rupert	Keep			Heron	8,683	First Adult Novice
= 3 rd	Mark	Roe			Heron	8,888	
5 th	John	Howard			Heron	9,890	
6 th	John	Morrow			Comet	663	
7 th	Dick	Knowles			Vago	669	
8 th	Heidi	de Sousa			Topper	44,401	Second Junior
9 th	Tom	de Sousa			Topper	45,209	
10 th	Wayne	Bennett			Omega	-	
11 th	Alex	Kirk	David	Kirk	Omega	-	
12 th	Graham	Pound			Laser	155,972	
13 th	Gordon	de Sousa			Heron	6,829	
14 th	Jon	Jennings			Solo	1,622	

JUNIOR DINGHY WEEK 10 - 14 August

Every junior completed an assessment form towards the end of the course and all the comments were positive - requests for more time on the trapeze, more time sailing with spinnakers, more time in bigger boats, more time racing toppers and Picos and of course more wind.

The extra features this year was the use of the spinnakers and the fleet of three RYA owned Feras provided that chance for everyone prior to the real challenge of sailing the Omega and the Vibe.

Six of the club's younger members working as assistant instructors each had a team of 5 younger sailors to teach and each team had a day or half a day in all the boats available.

The six assistant instructors were Mario Barberio, Shevaun Davis, Charles Cooper, Alex Kirk, Jonathon Powell and Sarah Morris Poxton. The safety boat drivers were Gorgon de Sousa, Hazel Prigmore and Marino Barberio. The land team were Sue Theobald and Monica Ogborn. The instructors and coaches were Alan Baer, Sue Baker, Roy Beard, Dick Knowles and Tony Ogborn.

Next year the week might be divided up into an Intermediate Racing course for those who really want to race at new levels of skill and knowledge, a second course aimed at seamanship skills and sailing at pre-assessment level, and finally a course to continue Pirates training in Toppers to achieve Stage 3. This year the certificates, shown below, were awarded. One young sailor wrote it was the best week of my holidays and I believe he spoke for all of us. One young sailor wrote it was the best week of my holidays and I believe he spoke for all of us.

Tony Ogborn

Oppi Pirates	Stage I	—	17
Topper Pirates	Stage II	—	18
Dinghy Week	Stage III	—	10
Dinghy Week	Stage IV	—	13
Dinghy Week	Start Racing	—	12

HERON NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2009

Being unable to sail, due to recent surgery, I was very envious as September 5th dawned with blue skies, and a fair wind (westerly 2 /3, gusting to 4 occasionally), at Priory Sailing Club, the venue for the 2009 Nationals. Therefore, I was delighted by not only being able to assist on shore, but also by being asked to write an article for *Heron News*!! *Heron News* has kindly allowed PSC to publish this article in Telltales.

PSC fielded 7 boats, and helpers were out bright and early, waiting for visitors - but sadly only four boats arrived, one each from Chipstead, Eyott, Up River and Stewartby. However, amongst the 11 participants we had enough to be able to have an entrant in every category, and there was plenty of competitive spirit.

The wind was blowing offshore from the clubhouse and launching beach, and a course was laid from a committee boat start at the opposite end of the lake. There was therefore a long up-wind leg, and then round the island, which gave a good reach, run and reach again back to the top of the lake. This gave ample opportunity for boats with an asymmetric spinnaker to show their potential.

In Race 1, Andy Dale/Lewis Caton (9891) took an early lead, followed by Matt Pickett/Grace Caton (9812) and juniors Tom de Sousa/Jonathan Powell (10048). Two boats flew asymmetric spinnakers, Tony Ogborn/Carla Barberio (10300) and the juniors Zoe Waring/Ellie Harbinson (9890). From the shore, the spinnakers didn't appear to give the boats a significant advantage, possibly due to the very gusty conditions. The juniors were certainly slowed down when they frequently heeled perilously when a gust caught them on a reach – but it provided them with much excitement, and onlookers with entertainment and admiration for their courage. Carla Barberio who had responsibility for the spinnaker in 10300 commented 'it was amazing, really gusty but very exciting'.

Lap 2 saw Andy/Lewis extend their lead, and Peter Moulton/John Dale (10019) move from 4th to 2nd leaving Matt/Grace in 3rd, and Tom/Jonathan 4th - positions which were maintained for the remaining two laps, although Matt nearly caught up with Peter on the very last reach to the finish. There was more movement in the rest of the fleet, with the windward leg providing the challenge ('the wind was quite variable and gusty' commented Jonathan Powell). Tony/Carla steadily moved up from 8th to finish 5th, Rupert Keep/Josh Puddifoot (8683) had been 5th for part of the race but finished 6th, and Caroline Bennett/Flo Armitage (10056) moved from 9th to 7th on the last lap. Zoe/Ellie were 8th, Lucie and Owen Hewett (9317) 9th, Sally and Nigel Denchfield (2310) 10th and Glyn and Karen Powell 11th - 'at least I had a nice gust across the finish line' said Glyn.

After a hearty lunch, all 11 boats set off for Race 2 with the same course, though Lucie Hewett was soon to retire. The skies had clouded over, in line with the forecast, and the breeze had become flukier - in the main a bit lighter, but with occasionally stronger gusts. One such gust right in front of the clubhouse, saw us all watch in trepidation as Zoe and Ellie struggled with main, genoa and spinnaker, lee rail under, and still managed to avoid the capsize – just!! Andy Dale soon built a significant lead, and the order of Andy Dale, Peter Moulton, Matt Pickett and Tony Ogborn lasted for 3 laps. Lap 4 saw Tony edge into 3rd above Matt, but in an exciting last lap, Matt moved from 4th to 2nd, as Peter and Tony slipped to 3rd and 4th respectively. In the middle of the fleet, there was much joggling in position, with the juniors working hard. Tom de Sousa moved from 6th in the early laps to end 5th, Zoe Waring being 5th in lap one, only to move to 7th, and then regain one place to finish a well deserved 6th. Caroline Bennett's fortunes were to move from 7th in lap 1 up to 5th in lap 3, only to fall back to 7th in the last lap. Rupert Keep, Sally Denchfield and Glyn Powell were 8th, 9th and 10th.

For Race 3 the skies were heavier, and the wind lighter and colder, but with still the odd gust. The Race Officer decided to change the course from leaving marks to port to leaving most of them to starboard, and to make the course narrower, thus reducing the reaching legs but he introduced an additional gybe. Lucie Hewett was able to rejoin the fleet with Pascale Hewett as crew, but Tom de Sousa had pintle problems and was unable to start. Within the first lap the fleet spread out considerably, and the relative positions at the end of lap 1, were maintained to the end of the race, although unfortunately Rupert Keep had to retire during lap 2 with a broken rudder. Andy Dale built up a considerable lead, lapping 3 boats within his 5 laps, but some helms found the quieter conditions more challenging. Additional interest was provided by the Red Arrows (displaying at nearby Duxford) flying low across Priory Park. The first 4 positions went to Andy Dale, Matt Pickett, Peter Moulton and Tony Ogborn. Caroline Bennett, Lucie Hewett, Sally Denchfield and Glyn Powell had their best finishes at 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th respectively, with Zoe Waring 9th.

The day can be summed up best by Peter Moulton 'Splendid day in lovely sunshine with a good breeze. What could be better?'

As to the overall results for PSC members they were First Lady Helm: Caroline Bennett & Flo Armitage, First helm over 65: Tony Ogborn & Carla Barberio, Middle of the fleet: Caroline Bennett & Flo Armitage, Result worthy of note/endeavour trophy: Zoe Waring & Elle Harbinson, First junior helm & crew: Tom de Sousa & Jonathan Powell and the First family boat: Lucie Hewett & Owen/Pascale Hewett. The Best Club Team award went Priory Sailing Club.

None of this would have been possible without the help of Tim Hewett, Race Officer, and his dedicated team of helpers. Kirk catering once again swung into action to great effect (Julie & Amelia) providing high quality sustenance throughout the day.

Our visitors, including the chairman of the Heron association, commended us on our warm welcome and on a well-organised event. Congratulations and thank you to everyone.

Sue Baker PSC
H9886 *Sparkler*

VOLUNTEERS' BBQ

On Sunday 13th September the club celebrated the efforts of our dedicated volunteers, who help get so many young people on the water at our club, by holding a 'Volunteers BBQ'. It was a cool evening, but the warm atmosphere and a steady supply of foodstuffs from the BBQ made for a real celebration of the volunteers efforts and achievements. If you would like to get involved please don't hesitate to contact any committee member.