



# TELLTALES

## The Journal of Priory Sailing Club Christmas 2009

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### AGM REPORT

On 15<sup>th</sup> November fifty-eight members enjoyed a splendid lunch provided by the Kirk family, after which they attended the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting and heard the Commodore, Tim Hewett, report that the club had a very successful and busy year.

The training schemes for the Pirates, Buccaneers and Development Squad had been very successful and popular. In addition, 40 children attended the club's weeklong summer course. Tim thanked Tony Ogborn for organising and managing this event together with his many volunteers. Tim congratulated those members who had obtained the RYA Race Coach qualification earlier in the year and also made particular mention of three home grown sailors who recently gained the RYA Dinghy Instructor award last month – well done indeed to Karl Fedyk, Alex Kirk and Marzio Barberio! All will be playing an important part in next year's training courses.

The club's racing programmes were also well supported and Tim thanked Paul Williams for managing the results. The Lazy Sunday series had proved particularly popular with over forty sailors taking part; organisers Brian, Dick and Tim had been really pleased with the turn out. Dick has been awarded a special RYA On Board award for his efforts. Tim expressed the hope that some of these sailors, along with other club members, would be encouraged to race in the club's other series next year. With this in mind a new personal handicap system will be introduced to those who come in the top three positions in a Series. Those with a handicap will have to sail even more

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skilfully to continue their winning performances in their next Series and it is hoped that it will encourage those just below them to hone their skills to outperform them.

The scheme is for helms that come first, second and third in a Series to have points deducted from the yardstick number of the boats they sail in their next Series. Fifteen points for a first place, ten points for a second place and five points for a third place are proposed for next year's series. This handicap system will not apply to the Lazy Sunday or Olympic series.

The Club hosted the National Heron Championship, in which many of the Priory helms did very well, as reported in the October issue of Telltales. The Club also hosted a Topper Open Meeting in which sixteen of our young sailors took part and performed very well.

Tim congratulated Joseph Mullan for not only being voted the Club's Most Improved Young Sailor but also for being selected as a member of the RYA East Zone Topper Squad and also as a member of the Topper 4.2 National Squad, in which everyone wished him success.

Communications with members is essential in a successful club and Tim thanked Jacqui Evans for creating the club's website,

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 26 December	<b>DON'T FORGET the Boxing Day Event - sailing, coffee and mince pies from 11.00</b>
Friday 1 January	<b>New Year Social and Icicle race for boards and dinghies, 11.30 start with light lunch at 12.30</b>
Sunday 24 January	<b>Start of Icicle Series - first race 10.30 start</b>
Monday 1 February	<b>Annual subscriptions due — don't forget to pay! See page 2</b>
Saturday 27 February	<b>Power Boat Refresher course</b>
Sunday 28 February	<b>Working day to get clubhouse, grounds &amp; island shipshape for new season - page 3</b>
Saturday 6 March	<b>Dinghy Sailing Show at Alexandra Palace - see page 3</b>
Sunday 7 March	<b>Dinghy Sailing Show at Alexandra Palace. Kids get in free today - see page 3</b>
Saturday 20 March	<b>Working party with lunch</b>
Sunday 28 March	<b>All-fools race for boards and dinghies - first race 14.00</b>
Wednesday 1 April	<b>Winter restrictions lifted</b>
Sunday 4 April	<b>Start of the Spring Series</b>
Sunday 18 April	<b>First of the Buccaneers afternoon sessions 14.00</b>
Saturday 24 April	<b>Eastern Region Topper Training</b>
Sunday 25 April	<b>First of the Lazy Racing Sunday Afternoon Series - first race 14.00</b>
Saturday 1 May	<b>First of six dinghy Advanced Pirates sessions 14.00</b>
Saturday 8 May	<b>Club lunch 12.45 and adult course 1 today and tomorrow</b>

for which she was awarded the “Bell Trophy for a non sailing contribution to PSC” in the prize giving ceremony that followed the AGM. He also thanked Roy Beard for producing Telltales and went on to explain that Roy was retiring from this task after the Christmas edition. He therefore appealed for another member to come forward to take over this important task for 2010. The committee have also decided to send Telltales by e-mail or via the website. This reduces the cost of sending the newsletter and it means that there is no restriction on the number of pages or format of the publication or on using colour or photographs – great news. For those with no access to the Internet, printed copies will be made available.

Tim also announced that the club had received £1000 grant from Bedford Borough Council for the refurbishment of the kitchen, so members could look forward to seeing a new kitchen sometime early in the New Year. Tim reported that after the consultation carried out earlier in the year it had been decided not to undertake any building work to enlarge the ladies changing room. Instead some new benches and shelves would be installed early in the New Year to help make best use of the space available.

This was Tim’s last report before handing over to the next Commodore, but he said he had enjoyed his term in office and wanted to continue to help so he had volunteered to fill the vacant place of Rear Commodore for next year, a position for which he had been nominated.

Finally, he thanked everyone on the committee and all members of the club for their part in helping to fulfil all the many tasks throughout his two years in office and pointed out that it was their efforts that made 2009 so successful. He then invited Peter Barton, the Treasurer, to give his report.

Peter distributed copies of his Financial Report to those present and a copy is on the Club notice board. It covers the period April 2008 to March 2009. The total income was £33,585.19 and the total expenditure was £31,120.08, giving a surplus £2,465.11. There was an increase in income but also an increase in expenditure. The club finances are in good shape but to maintain this position it was thought prudent to

recommend a small increase of £5 in Ordinary Membership and Family Membership fees, giving £90 and £130 respectively for 2010. The AGM approved his recommendation. Peter was thanked for his work in looking the Club’s finances.

The meeting then voted for the next commodore and committee, the results of which are shown below. As there were no more matters raised the AGM was closed in preparation for the Prize Giving, reported on page 3.

<b>Subscriptions for 2010</b>		<b>£</b>
Entry fees:	Ordinary member/Family group	35.00
	Student/Youth/Junior	0.00
Membershi p fees	Ordinary member	90.00
	Member’s spouse/partner (sailing)	40.00
	Senior member over 65	45.00
	Family membership	130.00
	Student member in full time education 18 to 25	30.00
	Youth member age 18 to 21	30.00
	Junior member age 12 to 18	30.00
	Member’s children age 6 to 12	12.00
Key deposit	Wednesday membership	10.00
		5.00
Storage fees	Dinghy over 8 ft	45.00
	Inside board storage	40.00
	Dinghy under 8 ft/Dinghies on racks/ Canoes on racks/outside board storage	25.00

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Next year’s membership commences on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Please send a completed form and your cheque to the membership Secretary, Tony Ogborn, his address is on the form. Please include your preferred date for your O.O.D. duty.

**A membership form can be obtained from the website.**

**YOUR NEW EDITOR**

Subsequent to the meeting, **David Kirk** very kindly responded to the appeal and will be producing Telltales in 2010. If you have something to be published please contact David at david.kirk@ntlworld.com

<b>Your PSC Committee for 2010</b>		
<b>Flag Officers</b>		
Commodore	Mark Roe	01767 317761
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Member	Andy Croft	—
Member	Chris Jennings	01234 855249
Member	Dick Knowles	01462 700091
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## PRIZE GIVING

In addition to the awards given to the winners of the 2009 Spring, Summer, Autumn and Olympic Series there were awards given for the winners in the Junior Regatta held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September and the awards for the winners in the new Sunday Afternoon Lazy Racing Series, introduced last year and explained in the 2008 June issue of Telltales. Congratulations to all of the 2009 winners listed below, particularly Tony Ogborn who was Mariner of the Year for the third consecutive year, a new club record, and also gained first place in the Spring, Summer, Autumn and Olympic Series. Is this another club record?

<u>Awards for: -</u>	<u>Spring Series</u>	<u>Summer Series</u>	<u>Autumn Series</u>	<u>Olympic Series</u>
First	Tony Ogborn	Tony Ogborn	Tony Ogborn	Tony Ogborn
Second	Peter Barton	Andrew Wilson	Dick Knowles	Peter Barton
Third	Paul Williams	Peter Barton	Nick Sparrow	Graham Pound
First Novice	Rupert Keep	Jenny Small	Rupert Keep	Rupert Keep (B)
First U 17	Lucie Hewett	James Pyrah	Guy Davis	James Pyrah (B)
First U 13	Guy Davis (B)	Guy Davis	Guy Davis	Joseph Mullan (B)
Summer Pursuit Trophy		Andrew Wilson		
Summer Pursuit Novice Trophy		Jenny Small (B)		

### Spring, Summer and Autumn Series Combined

Laser Group Only First	Paul Williams
Laser Youth Tankard	Guy Davis (B)
Most Improved Young Sailor	Joseph Mullan
Most Improved Adult Helm	Rupert Keep
Best Under 13	Guy Davis
Best Under 17	James Pyrah
Novice of the Year	Rupert Keep
Bell Trophy for a non sailing contribution to PSC	Jacqui Evans for creating the club's website
Mariner of the Year	Tony Ogborn

### The Junior Regatta

First	Pico class: Isabel Powell	Topper class: Lucie Hewett
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### Sunday Afternoon Lazy Racing Series

First	Joseph Mullan	Michael Ridley	Lucie Hewett	Joseph Mullan
Second		Pascale Hewett	Guy Davis	David Stephenson
Third		Glyn Powell	Zoe Waring	Owen Hewett

(B) = Best performance but did not do enough races to qualify for the Series as set out in the club's racing rules

## THE RYA VOLVO DINGHY SHOW 2010

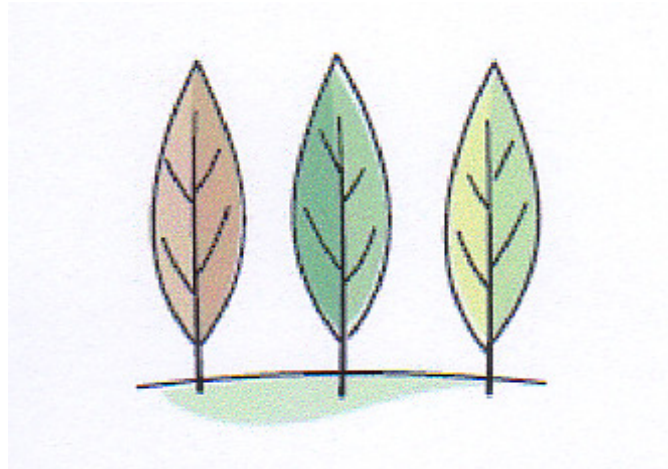
The RYA Volvo Dinghy Show in association with Yachts and Yachting and Suzuki is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March at Alexandra Palace. Entrance at the door is £12.50 for adults and £6.25 for children.

You can save money and beat the queues by buying your tickets in advance. Tickets cost just £10.50 for adults / £9.00 for RYA members. Kids go free on Sunday, child tickets on Saturday cost only £5.00 (5-16 years) / £4.00 for child RYA members. For groups over 10 people prices are; £9.00 adults, £4.00 child. There is a special offer for RYA Instructors. They can buy tickets in advance for just £8.50, quote RYA instructor's offer. So book your tickets now by calling the ticket hotline on **0845 345 0424**. Advance ticket hotline closes Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 5 pm. For more details go to [www.dinghyshow.org.uk](http://www.dinghyshow.org.uk)

## YOUR HELP NEEDED, BUT WHEN?

Your committee is preparing for some **WORKING DAYS** for getting the clubhouse, grounds and island shipshape, and checking craft and equipment for the new season. The dates are 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February for clubhouse, grounds and island, and 20<sup>th</sup> March for checking craft and equipment. So please come with your tools to tackle a task requiring attention on one or more of these days. Work starts at 10.00 on all three days.

**Ask us the big questions  
We'll take care of the small details**



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