



# TELLTALES

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## COMMODORE'S COLUMN

Welcome to October's Telltales. The summer has flown past and I cannot remember Priory being as busy before. As well as a very welcome set of new boats and new members on the lake, we have had another successful group of Pirates and Buccaneers graduate, the race series continue to attract new boats, a record open day, a Topper Open, the Heron National Championship and the very first Junior and Youth Regatta. A big thank you to everyone who helped organise or took part in all of this. As well as the usual columns in Telltales, please take special notice of the new one – Club House Column...

### Club House Column

A few points to remind you all about...

**No Smoking** – by law, you are not allowed to smoke in side the club house.

**Heaters, urn, lights** – please, please, please, when you leave the building, please make sure that the lights, heaters and the urn are all switched off – and that the urn is drained of water.

**Masts in the compound** – when you are moving masts around the compound please make sure that two new rules are followed: -

- The masts must be carried at waist height, with a person at each end
- You do not cut through the hedge between the car park and the boat park.

### Major Club Projects

#### Project Man-Overboard

- The committee has agreed that we should purchase a new boat to supplement the two safety boats

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- This boat will be used by the coaches on the water – freeing up the safety boats for their rightful duties
- It will be a Jeanneau Rigiflex boat with a 15 hp outboard engine This style of boat will be easy to launch and retrieve and cheap to run – so reducing hours on the safety boats thus making them last longer.
- The approximate cost will be £4,500
- Funding – we are looking for lottery funding
- Sponsorship – we are looking for businesses to sponsor this boat – please contact the commodore for more details

### Project New Racer

- Through our membership of the RYA OnBoard Scheme (explained in the June 2007 issue), the RYA has awarded us a £2,000 grant to buy a two handed training boat.

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## DATES FOR YOUR WINTER DIARY

Sunday 30 September	First races in the Frostbite Series - first race starts at 10.30
Thursday 1 November	Winter restrictions imposed: use limited to Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays
Sunday 18 November	Lunch 13.00 followed by PSC AGM and Prize giving in Clubhouse at 14.00
Tuesday 4 December	PWSA AGM in the Clubhouse at 20.00 - Directors and PSC Committee members
Sunday 9 December	Last races in the Frostbite Series
Wed 26 December	Boxing Day Event - sailing from 11 am and light lunch from 12.30
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Tuesday 1 January	New Year Social and Icicle race for boards and dinghies, 11.30 start
Sunday 27 January	Provisional date for start of Icicle Series, confirmation will be given in the 2007 Christmas edition of Telltales and the club's website (www.priorysc.org.uk)

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- This is matched funding and the committee has agreed to purchase a RS Feva and some racing sails for the PICOs.
- This new boat will become part of our training and racing fleet.

#### Project New Trainer

- In addition to the RYA supported FEVA, the committee is also looking at purchasing an additional youth/adult training boat for the fleet.
- Such a boat would provide a progression from the Toppers and Picos to a larger and more complex boat, with perhaps asymmetric spinnaker and trapeze.
- The budget, type of boat and equipment are yet to be set. For the funding, we are looking at lottery grants.

#### Project Progression

- To help expand the use of the current Toppers, PICOs and Laser Radials, the committee is also looking to get the following items:
  - o Topper 4.2 rigs
  - o PICO racing rigs
  - o Laser 4.7 rigs
- The budget is yet to be set. For the funding, we are looking at lottery grants

David Kirk  
Commodore

#### CLUB OPEN WEEKEND - 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE

How did it do? Very well, as this note from Brian Stanbridge to all those who helped makes clear.

I just wanted to say thank you for your help over the weekend; the event could not have run without you and the time that you gave up.

When I looked at the paper work on Sunday evening we managed to get over 300 people on the water, which is a fantastic achievement.

Once again thank you for your efforts.

Kind regards,  
Brian Stanbridge

#### MEMBERSHIP LIST

Enclosed with this issue for your information is a membership list. If you find any errors, please inform the membership secretary, Tony Ogborn on 01234 708010.

#### SAILING FOR OUR DISABLED MEMBERS

Our disabled sailors, Tom and David, had another successful season, thanks to all those who gave assistance, particularly Peter Bell and Chris Jennings. Thanks also to Peter Barton for keeping the Wanderer in such good shape - it was much appreciated. Roy Beard

#### WINTER RESTRICTIONS

Winter restrictions come into force on **1<sup>st</sup> November** and continue until the **31<sup>st</sup> March 2008**

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**
- Part 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 at the end of sailing on 28<sup>th</sup> October, and the area of water enclosed by these buoys, the island and the south shore is the **NO GO AREA** from **1<sup>st</sup> November**.

*Please respect these winter restrictions.*

#### CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO TWO OF OUR YOUNG SAILORS

Sarah Poxton and Ruth Baker are about to commence a new phase in their education that will pave the way for their chosen careers. Sarah is going to read law at Exeter University and Ruth is going to do a National Diploma BTEC course in Outdoor Education at Shuttleworth College.

Both Sarah and Ruth are very active and popular members of the Club; taking part in racing at club level, at Topper and Heron open meetings, helping with the training courses and recently starting the new Junior Mainsheet section of this newsletter. They have both pointed out that they will still be around, albeit not quite so frequently, since there are such things as holidays between terms, so we can fortunately expect to see them on the water from time to time. With the aid of e-mails and help from some of our other young sailors, they intend to keep the Junior Mainsheet flourishing.

Thank you for this and all that you have done for the club and our young sailors. Our very best wishes to you both.

#### RNLI REGATTA

This year's Regatta, held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June, was well supported. A total of £74 was raised for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Well done to everyone who took part and for your contributions.

#### GREEN FLAG AWARD FOR SIXTH YEAR

*Priory Country Park has been awarded the Green Flag status for 2008. This is the sixth year in succession that the Park has received this prestigious award.*

*Congratulations to Bedford Borough Council and to all the Park Staff on this achievement.*

## **VOLUNTEERS BOOST DINGHY SAILING FOR JUNIOR CLUB MEMBERS**

The addition of some new volunteers plus loyal service from all of last year's team produced an excellent season of training for our junior sailors.

The highlight of the year for many of the young sailors was the annual dinghy sailing week with the chance to sail the RS Vision and Feva, as well as the Wanderer, Heron, Picos and Toppers. Their enthusiasm for asymmetric spinnakers and trapezing is obvious and was also apparent in their evaluation forms.

The Topper Open Meeting saw 36 boats on the water and 16 of these were sailed by Priory junior sailors, many aged 9 to 13 years. The wind was force 3 - 4 and gusty, so completing any of the four half hour races was a real achievement.

Counting up the number of 2-hour junior-training sessions produces some astounding statistics: -

Advanced Pirates: 17 children x 5 sessions	= 85
Oppi Pirates: 16 children x 6 sessions	= 96
Topper Pirates: 20 children x 6 sessions	= 120
Junior dinghy week: 27 children x 20 sessions	= 540
Buccaneers: average of 12 children x 21 sessions	= 252
Total number of attendances x sessions	=1093

All of these training and supervised sailing opportunities require adult helpers: a manager and first aid assistance on the bank, plus safety boat drivers, RYA qualified assistance instructors, instructors and coaches on the water. All are volunteers. They do it for the club and for the satisfaction of seeing the young sailors' skills progress. What must be some of the biggest smiles on some of the happiest young faces in the world complete the picture.

If you are one of the twenty-five volunteers who have been part of the team this year please take pride in what you have done. A list of the 2007 volunteers is available and is on the notice board in the clubhouse.

With enjoyment and satisfaction high among the volunteers and the young sailors we plan to do it all again next year.

Tony Ogborn

### **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 29<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting to be held on:

**SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2007, 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
- To appoint the auditors
- Any other business - written notice of 21 days required
- A member may also raise any matter under 5.3 of the Club Constitution

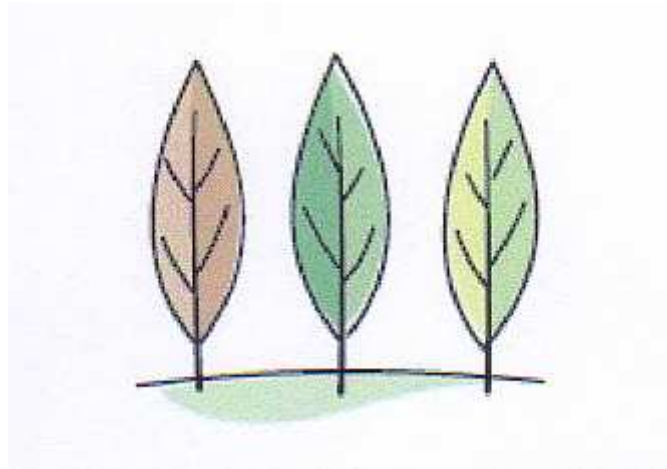
#### **PRIZE GIVING**

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. The first place overall and the best novice in the Olympic Series will be rewarded.

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, the Best Under 17 Laser, and the helm with the top performance overall becomes Mariner of the Year.

There is also an award for the person who has made a significant Off the Water contribution to the Club.

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## HERON NATIONAL CREWED CHAMPIONSHIP

For the fifth year in succession this family racing event was held at Priory on the 8<sup>th</sup> September. Eight visitors joined nine local craft, many had junior crews and three had junior helms. The weather was ideal, being a pleasant breeze throughout the day. Our 64-acre lake was used to the full. The committee boat start was at the far (eastern) end, allowing a very long beat up to a reach across the Clubhouse end followed by a long run, where much of the close passing and re-passing was done.

Past champion Paul Pelling and his young daughter as crew were conspicuous by making brilliant starts on port, taking advantage of the slightly biased line, whilst our own Sarah Poxton with crew Ruth Baker made their starts at the starboard end, and in the early stages were in close contention with the leaders.

Each race followed a similar pattern with Paul securing the Silver Heron Trophy with two races in the bag. The best Priory performance was by Sarah and Ruth who were fifth overall, with Sarah securing the First Lady Helm Trophy. Whilst the first junior helm and crew went to Alexander Johnson and Matthew Schurmans of Eyott S. C., Priory juniors Shevaun Davis with Phoebe Dolan and Carla Barberio with Philippa Theobald-Roe won the awards for being second and third.

The Best Club Team award, based on the best three club results, was won by Priory. Our best three boats were sailed by Sarah and Ruth, Peter Barton and Hal Bennett, and Sue Baker and Jonathan Powell, who won the Middle of the Fleet award. The Result Worthy of Note award went to Caroline Bennett and her husband Wayne, crewing, of Priory. This was the first time they had raced in an event, and they were sailing their Heron for the first time after just completing its restoration. The boat looked immaculate. How did they do it? Perhaps they will tell us in the Christmas edition of Telltales.

Many thanks to the race management team, lead by Andrew Wilson. Thanks also to John and Anna Sweet for providing such a delicious lunch and tea.

The results and award winners are listed below.

Sail No.	Helm	Crew	Club	Position		Awards
10028	Paul Pelling	Freya Pelling	Up River	1	First overall First in first race First in second race	Silver Heron Trophy Yachting World Bowl Findley Cup
9891	Nigel Darby	James Polston	Eyott	2	First in third race	Bletchley Bowl
10019	Peter Moulton	Jo Wyton	Chipstead	3	First veteran helm 50 to 64	Brolga Trophy
9812	Matthew Pickett	Claire Pickett	Up River	4		
9890	Sarah Poxton	Ruth Baker	PSC	5	First Lady Helm	Ladies Trophy
7	Jon Hunt	Verna Hunt	Chipstead	6		
9885	Peter Barton	Hal Bennett	PSC	7		
10061	Alexander Johnson	Matthew Schurmans	Eyott	8	First junior helm & crew	Junior Heron Tankard
9886	Sue Baker	Jonathan Powell	PSC	9	Middle of the Fleet	Jim Perkins Trophy
2310	Sally Denchfield	Nigel Denchfield	Stewartby	10		
8888	Mark Roe	Samantha Theobald-Roe	PSC	11		
6034	Glyn Powell	Karen Powell	PSC	12		
10048	Shevaun Davis	Phoebe Dolan	PSC	13	Second junior helm & crew	Boat Trophy
861	Robert Goldsmith	Karen Goldsmith	Chipstead	14	First veteran helm 65 or over	Newton Crum Tankard
1817	Jon Jennings	David Stephenson	PSC	15		
9317	Carla Barberio	Philippa Theobald-Roe	PSC	16	Third junior helm & crew	Shield
10056	Caroline Bennett	Wayne Bennett	PSC	17	Result worthy of note	West Wick Endeavour Trophy

## THE JUNIOR MAINSHEET

### TOPPER OPEN 2007

Saturday 18th August saw Priory host its fourth Topper Open, in conditions that can be described as blustery at best! With an impressive turnout of 17 Priory youngsters, almost all of whom had either been participating or assisting on the week-long course immediately before the event, the day looked set to be just as successful as previous years. The visiting dinghies, numbering 20, gave our own juniors a taste of spick and span gear, well-set sails and competitive, tactical racing. The same course endured throughout the day for all 4 races, providing the competitors with some challenging beats and legs. Some visitors were heard to remark none too favourably on the now-infamous shifty conditions at Priory! However, all sailors seemed to thoroughly enjoy the day. First place overall and for 3 of the races was last year's winner Flip Foulds of NBYC, while the Priory boats had some very close-run contests themselves in the fleet. Mention must be given to the smallest and lightest sailors from our club - Isobel Powell and David Stephenson, both of whom I'm reliably informed had a whale of a time, despite capsizing and being rescued on a number of occasions!

All in all, the Priory Topper Open ran smoothly and successfully. Thanks must go to Peter Barton and his team of race officers for keeping us all in line! Also to Shane Davis and her helpers for providing us with a superb lunch and tea. To all the other adults who ran the rescue boats, manned the shore and generally assisted on the day, thank you - there are too many to mention but you know who you are!

Sarah Poxton

### JUNIORS' REGATTA

After a highly successful Dinghy Week, the first Priory Junior Regatta was held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

With two races in the morning - a handicap and a pursuit race - the juniors were able to sail whatever boat they fancied (within reason!) and it was really nice to see juniors crewing for each other in Picos and Wanderers.

In the afternoon, after a fantastic pirate-themed lunch, the juniors enjoyed an on the water orienteering exercise - which one adult described as "organised chaos" - and then an extremely wet and wild paddling race.

We then had a prize giving with fun prizes, after which a BBQ finished off a thoroughly brilliant day.

Well done to Guy Davis for winning the handicap, Shevaun Davis and Jonathan Powell for winning the pursuit, Alice for winning Most Sportsmanlike Conduct, Sam for Best Paddler, Issy Powell for Smallest Racer and Jacob Stevenson for winning Best Capsize (and perseverance in capsized recovery!)

Well done also to Shevaun, Jonathan, James Pyrah, James Staniforth and Phoebe who made up the winning team.

It was an extremely close call though, at the end of the day there were only 10 points separating the 4 teams!

Sarah and I would like to say a big thank you to all the adults who helped us; we couldn't have done it without you! They were Shane Davis- catering, Tim Hewitt, James Stevenson - scoring, Sarah Stevenson - photography and Glyn Powell- rescue boat, and a thank you for putting it in the papers!

Ruth Baker