



TELLTALES

The Journal of Priory Sailing Club Christmas 2007

AGM REPORT

Forty-six members attended the 29th Annual General Meeting on 18th November and heard Commodore, David Kirk, report that the club had another very good year. He went on to say that the committee had set out four key values for Priory Sailing Club: -

- A safe place to sail
- Be a family friendly club
- Promote sailing in the club and around our community
- Attract and keep new members

In the past year the committee has followed these values and he hoped they would do so in the future.

The club exists so we can sail, but it thrives because of the support we all lend to the club – the way we volunteer.

The club has actively encouraged the volunteers, and grants from the RYA have helped us pay for courses. In the past year, volunteers have renovated the kitchen, and kept the grounds and the island neat and tidy. The club has helped several members become assistant instructors and paid for safety boat courses.

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I would like to pay particular thanks to the dedicated band of volunteers who tirelessly repair and fettle the club boats; boats that are always available for us to use.

We have had a successful run of adult courses this year, Pirates, Buccaneers and the summer course have all thrived. If by no other measure, the bank balance is healthy for it. The club has also thrived because of new members; members who have come along to the events we organise – such as the open day – or have been invited down by club members.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Wed 26 December	Boxing Day Event - sailing from 11 am and light lunch from 12.30
Tuesday 1 January	New Year Social and Icicle race for boards and dinghies, 11.30 start
Sunday 27 January	Start of Icicle Series - first race 10.30 start
Friday 1 February	Annual subscriptions due — don't forget to pay!
Saturday 16 February	Working day to get clubhouse, grounds & island shipshape for new season - page 2
Sunday 17 February	Working day to get clubhouse, grounds & island shipshape for new season - page 2
Tuesday 19 February	Bedford Offshore Sailing Group talk at University of Bedfordshire - see page 2
Saturday 1 March	Dinghy Sailing Show at Alexandra Place - see page 2
Sunday 2 March	Dinghy Sailing Show at Alexandra Place. Kids get in free today - see page 2
Saturday 8 March	RYA First Aid course in the clubhouse 9.30 all day - see page 5
Sunday 9 March	14.00 First of four talks with videos on sailing and racing for Pirates & Buccaneers
Saturday 15 March	Working day to for checking craft and equipment - see page 2
Sunday 30 March	All-fools race for boards and dinghies - first race 14.00
Tuesday 1 April	Winter restrictions lifted - see page 5
Sunday 6 April	Start of the Spring Series
Sunday 20 April	First of the Buccaneers afternoon sessions 14.00
Sunday 3 May	First of five dinghy Pirates level 2 sessions 14.30

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We have supported many groups over the years so that they may experience sailing – youth groups such as cubs and scouts – or the partially sighted sailors on a Wednesday evenings. Again, these groups can go on the water because of the work of our volunteers. We also became an RYA OnBoard club this year – further helping us to support youth and junior groups.

We have an enviable and growing fleet of club boats – largely available for general use. We have just bought a second hand Wayfarer – which is being restored. With support from the RYA Onboard Scheme, we are buying an RS Feva. We have plans to buy a new safety/training powerboat and are looking at a new adult performance boat.

David had enjoyed his two years in office but before handing over a healthy club to the care of the next commodore he called John Howard forward and presented him with a bottle of Champagne to thank him for all his help to the club and to congratulate him on his RYA Community Award (see the write up on page 5). He said that this was the third RYA award to a Priory member in three years. Last year Sarah Poxton received an award, which was reported in Telltales October 2006 and Christmas 2006, and in the previous year Tony Ogborn received an award, which was reported in Telltales October 2005.

The Treasurer, Peter Barton, confirmed that the club finances were in a sound and healthy state but recommended that a small increase should be made to some of the fees to keep abreast of inflation during 2008. After Peter explained the details, the meeting accepted his recommendations. The fees for next year will therefore be those shown in the adjacent column.

The election of Flag Officers, Offices and Members of the committee took place with unanimous decisions. Your committee for 2008 is shown on page 3.

Under Any Other business the question of limiting the speed of cars whilst driving in the club compound was raised. After some discussion it was agreed that the limit will be 5 mph and a notice will be erected for all to see and observe.

Prize giving for the Spring, Summer, Autumn and Olympic Series followed the AGM. The Award winners are shown on page 3.

They must have had enormous fun competing and tremendous satisfaction winning. Congratulations to all who received an award.

Unfortunately the Summer Pursuit Trophy was not

available so the winner, Marzio Barberio, had to go home empty handed. However, it can now be reported that the Trophy has been located and will soon be with Marzio.

The non-sailing award of the Bell Trophy went to Peter Barton for his work on maintaining and restoring the club's growing fleet of boats and safety boats. It is difficult to imagine that there is enormous fun in maintaining the boats, although there could be satisfaction in seeing the result of a job well done. So to Peter, thank you for all that you have done to keep the fleet in good order for the enjoyment of others.

Good luck and good sailing to all for 2008.

Don't forget the Boxing Day Event - sailing from 11.00 and light lunch from 12.30.

Subscriptions for 2008		£
Entry fees:	Ordinary member/Family group	35.00
	Student/Youth/Junior	0.00
Membership fees	Ordinary member	80.00
	Member's spouse/partner (sailing)	40.00
	Youth member	30.00
	Student member in full time education age 12 to 18	30.00
	Senior member over 65	45.00
	Junior member age 12 to 18	30.00
	Member's children age 6 to 12	12.00
	Family membership	120.00
	Wednesday membership	10.00
Key deposit		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

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 16th and 17th February for clubhouse, grounds and island and 15th 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 9.30 on all three days.

ROUND THE WORLD SAILING!

Bedford Offshore Sailing Group have arranged a talk from circumnavigator David Cowper on Tuesday 19th February commencing at 8.00 pm at the University of Bedfordshire (Polhill Avenue entrance). If you are interested in attending then you will be welcomed. More details can be obtained from our new Commodore, Tim Hewett, telephone number overleaf.

PSC Committee 2008

Flag Officers

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

Officers

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

Members

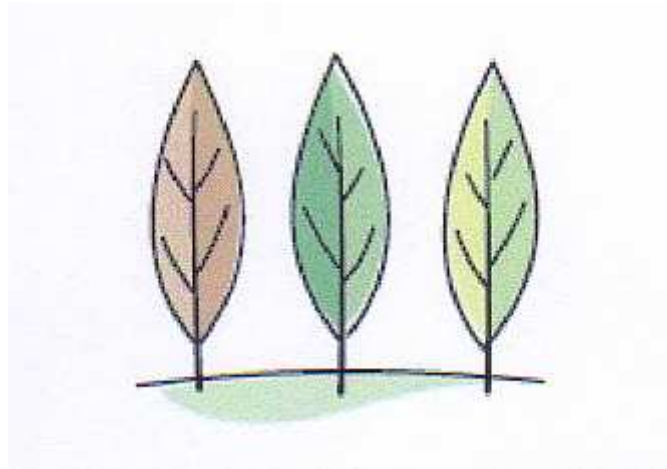
Member	Mark Ingledew	01234 406386
Member	Chris Jennings	01234 855249
Co-opted Member	David Kirk	01234 307837
Member	John Morrow	01525 405323
Member	Mark Roe	01767 317761
Member	John Sweet	01582 652254
Member	Paul Williams	01234 325449
Junior Representative	Marzio Barberio	—
RYA Principal	Brian Stanbridge	01234 403933 or 07867 531400
BCA Representative	Brian Stanbridge	01234 403933 or 07867 531400

PRIZE GIVING

The award winners for the 2007 Spring, Summer, Autumn and Olympic Series are: -

<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	Andrew Wilson	Peter Barton	Andrew Wilson	Thomas de Sousa
Third	Sarah Poxton	Paul Williams	Peter Barton	Peter Barton
First Novice	Guy Davis	Marzio Barberio	Marzio Barberio	Thomas de Sousa
First U 17	Guy Davis	Marzio Barberio	Marzio Barberio	Thomas de Sousa
First U 13	Guy Davis	Jonathan Powell	Jacob Stephenson	Thomas de Sousa
Summer Pursuit Trophy		Marzio Barberio		
Summer Pursuit Novice Trophy		Jonathon Powell		
<u>Spring, Summer and Autumn Series Combined</u>				
Laser Group Only First		Paul Williams		
Laser Youth Tankard		Alex Kirk		
Most Improved Young Sailor		Marzio Barberio		
Most Improved Adult Helm		Graham Pound		
Best Under 13		Jonathon Powell		
Best Under 17		Marzio Barberio		
Novice of the Year		Marzio Barberio		
Bell Trophy for a non sailing contribution to PSC boats in excellent condition		Peter Barton for maintaining the club dinghies and safety		
Mariner of the Year		Tony Ogborn		

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



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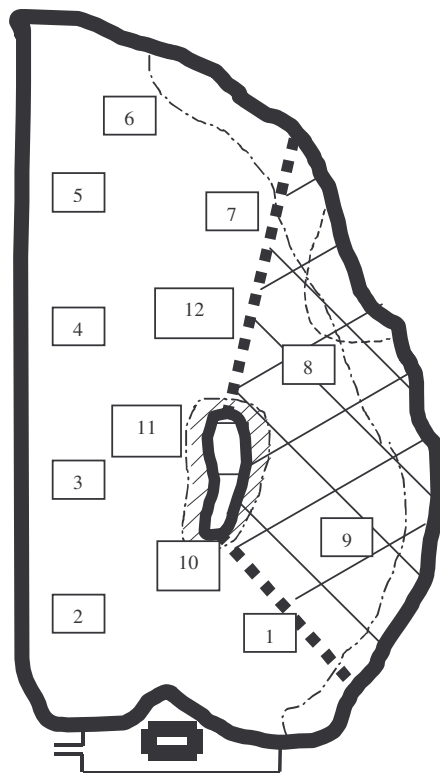
WINTER RESTRICTIONS

Winter restrictions, which came into force on 1st November, continue until **31st 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 on the south side of the island is made a **NO GO AREA** to form a winter-feeding zone for migrating waterfowl. This area is shown in the adjacent map of the lake as shaded and bounded by two broken lines, the Island and part of the south shore. It includes race marks 8 and 9, but none of the other marks.

These winter restrictions do not apply from 1st April



WEBMASTER REQUIRED

The club has a very good website but is now seeking a member with the knowledge and skills to maintain the site for 2008. If you think you can help or would like more information about the task then please contact our Commodore, Tim Hewett.

The site has been maintained by Paul Sharrock, but Paul will not be available to continue next year. We would like to thank Paul for all his work in maintaining the site and keeping everyone informed of news and events, and the results of the races.

RYA FIRST AID QUALIFICATION

A course has been arranged for Saturday 8th March in the clubhouse commencing at 9.30 am and lasting all day leading to the RYA First Aid Qualification. It is free to PSC members.

If you are an RYA Racing Coach, Senior Instructor, Instructor or Assistant Instructor needing to renew your RYA First Aid qualification, then please contact our Honorary Secretary Sue Baker, see page 3 for her telephone number, to confirm that you will be attending.

If you are, or intend to be, a volunteer assisting at the club's junior training or racing events then this is an opportunity to acquire this important qualification. Please let Sue know if you would like to attend.

THE DINGHY SAILING SHOW 2008

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd March at Alexandra Palace from 10.00 to 18.00 on the Saturday and 10.00 to 17.00 on the Sunday.

Entrance at the door is £12.50 for an adult and £6.25 for a child (5 - 16). There are reductions for paying in advance. On the Sunday up to two children accompanied by a paying adult get in free.

For more details go to www.dinghysailingshow.org.uk

AWARD FOR JOHN HOWARD

Congratulations to John Howard who has been awarded a Royal Yachting Association Community Award. John was nominated by the Heron Association for his contribution to the Association, particularly as their Technical Advisor, a position he has held for the last 12 years. The award was presented to John by the Princess Royal at a ceremony in

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London in November. Perhaps John will tell us about this in the next issue of Telltales?

John started sailing in 1957 at Grafham Water SC. His first boat was a GP14, but since then he has owned a total of 13 different boats. These have included an International Moth, a Lark, a Flying Fifteen, Toppers, Streakers, Mirrors and of course Herons.

In 1980 John sold his Flying Fifteen and bought two Toppers and a sailboard for himself and his family and joined Priory Sailing Club, which had been formed in the previous year. John has been a very active member ever since and has made many contributions to the club and its sailing activities, many of which are recorded and illustrated in the History of Priory Sailing Club. John introduced formal dinghy racing and encouraged young club members to race. In 1986, when the club was preparing to obtain a lease from the Borough Council for land on which boats could be stored and a clubhouse built, John produced numerous drawings of initial site development concepts. He has always been very helpful to members wanting advice on sailing techniques or boat repairs, an example of which is contained in the next article.

Congratulations on your award John, and many thanks for all that you have done for the club.

A RACE AGAINST TIME

Having made the decision to follow the kids' example and do a sailing course, it was not long before a boat was added to our shopping list. I used ebay as my main research tool (www.aplloduck.co.uk is also very good) and spent several weeks looking and watching to see what we should expect to pay and what was available. There were lots to choose from but we (or I) had decided a Heron would be a good first boat, so when Orca II came up for sale, it was love at first sight! The hull and deck had been renovated but all fixtures needed to be refitted. Being newbies we thought it would be wonderful to have all brass fittings and as the boat came complete with original 1950's shackles, cleats and blocks we wanted to reuse them.

The auction finished in the early hours of the morning, so it was with trepidation we set the alarm for 1.30 am. There were several others bidding so it was a tense few moments sitting in bed with the laptop, in the dark, watching the countdown. It was destiny! We collected Orca from Bolton and had a lovely afternoon together travelling at a racy 50mph, with my husband, Wig driving and me reading aloud from all the back issues of the Heron News, since 1999.

Naively we thought it would only take a weekend to bring Orca back to all her glory. Club members gave a knowing smile, as we reinstated the brass fittings and they all suggested using modern, stainless steel and aluminium to save weight. The original sails were included which I took to Pinnell and Bax and once they stopped laughing, said I could put them in the washing machine and go sailing but not in high wind, nor expect to get anywhere fast.

The original seats had been replaced but were unfitted and unvarnished. The kitchen table became my workshop as each new coat had to be left to dry, sanded to make satin smooth and then the next coat applied. It drove everyone mad having seat sections balanced around the room. Wig screwed the seats in position and then it was over to me, as the cross sections required gluing. I have never used epoxy resin before but I followed Peter Barton's advice to fix in position and used John Howard's tips for mixing. Luckily I had stocked the back of the car with several pots for the job and several washed ice-lolly sticks, because my first attempt set solid in seconds.

I sourced a new keel-band (brass of course, un-drilled) from www.classicmarine.co.uk, a great resource for traditional fittings with next day delivery and very reasonably priced. We worked frantically to get everything fitted the weekend before the Heron Nationals. On Sunday afternoon, with everyone packing up to go home we put Orca on the water for the first time, luckily she did not sink. We still had a chance of being ready for the race!

The kids went back to school and Wig had to go to work so I had the week to buy, cut, fit, plane and varnish the rubbing strip. John had advised us how to fit the strip and I had bought special bronze nails. Day 1, 100mm centres were marked, pilot holes drilled, mitres cut and the strip was glued and nailed into position. Day 2, rubbing strip was planed and the first coat of varnish applied. And

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this was the pattern for the rest of the week. Each morning I rubbed the previous day's varnish down and applied the next coat. Luckily, the weather was hot and dry and so the varnish could dry with the final coat being applied the day before the race.

The day of the Heron National Crewed Championship arrived. Wig and I were excited at racing together for the first time and sailing Orca for the first time. With freshly ironed sails, a smooth wooden deck, Orca looked fantastic. Coming last in each race did not matter - we had a great day together and to top it all we were surprised and delighted to receive the Endeavour Trophy. We would like to say thanks for all the help and advice, which enabled us to win our RACE AGAINST TIME and compete in the Championship, our very first event.

Caroline Bennett

THE JUNIOR MAINSHEET

Issy's Wicked Winter Wordsearch!

You may be missing your sailing because it's cold but here's a puzzle just to keep you going.

B	U	C	C	A	N	E	E	R	S	A	N
U	C	I	P	V	H	B	S	U	K	O	I
O	H	N	W	E	T	O	R	D	V	C	T
Y	E	K	R	F	B	O	U	D	F	I	E
A	R	E	S	A	L	T	O	E	W	P	E
N	O	R	E	H	C	S	C	R	A	B	H
C	N	E	T	A	R	I	P	G	N	A	S
Y	B	B	O	W	L	I	N	E	D	L	N
A	T	R	P	E	C	E	J	G	E	A	I
I	P	R	P	T	I	P	T	Z	R	N	A
D	G	N	I	T	T	E	S	L	E	C	M
W	E	T	E	W	A	Y	F	A	R	E	R

Find in the grid above the words listed below, and when you have found a word draw a line encircling the word. The words can go forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonally and can cross each other.

The words to find are: -

Mainsheet	Rudder	Course	Bowline	Laser	Heron
Pico	Oppie	Wanderer	Wayfarer	Buccaneer	Setting
Balance	Racing	Buoyancyaid	Boots	Pirate	Feva

Now look for five 3 letter words in the grid to complete the following sentence: -

" What I like best about sailing is getting ___ / ___ / ___ / ___ / ___ ! "

A puzzle by Issy.



FROM PRIORY SAILING CLUB COMMITTEE

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VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS



AND

BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

TO ALL ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLUB

AND TO ALL MEMBERS.

GOOD LUCK

WITH YOUR SAILING

IN 2008

