



TELLTALES

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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

Let me get some bad news out of the way. Recently a club member suffered a break in to their car whilst it was parked in our car park. It seems that the thieves broke in via a partially opened window and left with a wallet. The lesson for all of us is not to allow ourselves to be soft targets and to follow all the normal advice regarding car security. Clearly we must also keep an eye out for strangers on our site but I hope that we can do this without damaging the friendly welcome that we extend to the many visitors who sometimes 'wander in' to enquire about sailing in general or club membership in particular.

On a brighter note the warm weather over recent weeks has brought much activity at the club. Many of us have got back on the water and with our Pirates and Buccaneers session under way the recent weekends have seen many boats on the water. If you haven't dusted off your buoyancy aid yet, do come and join us – the water is

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 25 May	Start of the Summer Series - 10.00 start for first race
Saturday 14 June	Open day - dinghy and board taster sessions for the public 10.00 - 16.00
Sunday 15 June	Open day - dinghy and board taster sessions for the public 10.00 - 16.00
Saturday 21 June	The first of six dinghy Pirates beginners sessions - 1.30 pm start
Sunday 22 June	RLNI Regatta for boards and dinghies - three races starting at 11.00 am
Saturday 28 June	Club's fun evening including sailing and BBQ from 4 pm
Sunday 29 June	Lazy Sunday Afternoon Series Races 5 & 6, first race starts 2.30 pm
Saturday 5 July	FREE Club lunch 12.45
Saturday 12 July	Beds/Cambs Dinghy Regatta 11.00 start 3 races at GRAFHAM WATER SAILING CLUB
Sunday 27 July	Last races of the Summer Series in the morning Lazy Sunday Afternoon Series Races 7 & 8, first race starts 2.2.30 pm
Sunday 10 August	Start of the Autumn Series 10.00 start for first race
Monday 11 August to Friday 15 August	PSC Dinghy Junior Course 9.30 to 16.30 Monday to Friday
Saturday 16 August	Topper Open Meeting first race 11.00
Sunday 31 August	D/Buccaneers session – Heron training day for the Heron National Championship Lazy Sunday Afternoon Series Races 9 & 10, first race starts 2.30 pm
Saturday 6 September	Heron National Championship for crewed boats - first race 11.00
Sunday 7 September	First of seven consecutive Sunday Autumn Buccaneers' sessions at 14.00
Saturday 13 September	Junior Regatta 2 pm followed by BBQ from 4 pm
Sunday 21 September	Last of the Olympic Series 10.00 for first race
Sunday 28 September	First of the Frostbite Series - first race starts at 10.30 The last of the Lazy Sunday Afternoon Series, Races 11 & 12, first race starts 2.30 pm
Sunday 19th October	Last of the Buccaneers' Autumn Sessions

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surprisingly warm!

Our working party back in March saw a faithful few busy with saws again tidying up both the island and the compound. Thanks go to those who cut and burnt such a large quantity of wind stopping foliage. Thanks also to Tony Ogborn who recently smartened up the changing rooms with several coats of fresh paint on the floor.

The 'membership survey' that we carried out has shown that overall the membership is happy with the way the club is run and it produced some useful ideas for your committee to consider. We are working on ways to better communicate with members, particularly the development of a new website and email system so that we can keep you up to date with forthcoming events. Watch this space! The current website is still useful – do check the calendar to see what is going on.

Our newly introduced 'Lazy Sunday Afternoon' racing series has proved a great success. With simple courses, helpful briefings and an inclusive and encouraging atmosphere we hope to offer a gentle introduction to the not so black art of dinghy racing. If you always wondered what it's like to sail with a purpose around the buoys do come and try it out – this really is all about the taking part and having fun.

Our membership secretary tells me that there are one or two members still to pay their fees for this season. These were due back in February so are now somewhat overdue. If you had seen the gusto with which an old, and broken beyond repair Topper was dispatched to the tip in bits recently, you wouldn't leave your fees unpaid a moment longer!

Support for our club from the RYA continues with grants to help train our volunteer team. Recently run powerboat courses means that we will be reintroducing a Safety Boat Rota with trained drivers offering cover every Saturday and Sunday afternoon throughout the summer. Future courses will include training for those who help coach our younger sailors. If you are interested in becoming an RYA Instructor, Assistant Instructor or Club Racing Coach please let Brian Stanbridge know. We also have plans to try and kick start windsurfing at the club, which has, apart from a hardy few, been on the decline on our lake over recent years. We hope to be able to run formal training courses for both adults and juniors this summer. Again let Brian Stanbridge know if would be interested. Let's hope that the warm windy weather continues.

Tim Hewett
Commodore

CLUB LUNCH

All members and their guests are invited to a light lunch in the clubhouse on Saturday 5th July. The lunch will be free of charge to members and visitors. Invitations are extended to the parents and the children who have attended the Pirates courses and to Buccaneers and their parents, and others who have shown an interest in PSC and wish to learn more.

Committee members will be present to provide information about the club and its activities to guests who are interested in taking a sailing course or in club membership. There will be the opportunity for those interested to sign up for a taster session, a training course or as a member there and then.

Club lunches are planned to be an enjoyable social occasion to meet members and potential members and to promote the club to our guests. Please come in sailing gear or dress down or up as you wish. It is always helpful if you can tell Tim Hewett on 01234 319827 if you are coming and how many guests you wish to bring. Children Welcome.

RNLI REGATTA

Sunday June 22nd is the day for this year's RNLI Regatta for boards and dinghies. There are three 50-minute races, two handicaps and one pursuit, with the best two results to count for fun prizes for all-comers, novices and young sailors.

The first race starts at 11.00 and the other two will be after lunch, which will be available in the clubhouse. Prize giving will be around 16.00.

You will have to pay a modest entrance fee to enter the Regatta and all money raised will go to the RNLI. There may also be some RNLI "goodies" on sale during the lunch period. Come for the social if not for the racing.

HERON NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

PSC is hosting the Heron National Championship for crewed boats on Saturday 6th September. So if you are not helming a Heron in this event how about crewing? This may be particularly appealing to our junior sailors as it offers an excellent introduction to racing in a national event competing against the best helms in the country. There is a junior training day for this on 31st August - see the Junior Mainsheet on page 8.

If you are not racing you can still take part! This event requires a large race management team and safety boat crews, so if you would like to be part of our team for the morning or afternoon only, or all day, and there are many jobs to be filled, then please contact Andrew Wilson on 01525 712648 or andrewsoph@tiscali.co.uk - go on, do it right now.

RESULTS OF FROSTBITE SERIES 2007

It is a little late to be reporting the Frostbite Series of 2007, isn't it? Yes it is, but the Series had not finished in time for the Christmas edition of Telltales, and it was forgotten (!) for the March issue - whoops, sorry - so better late than never.

Thirty-one helms sailed in one or more races in the Series and sixteen sailed in the minimum of six races to secure a placing, as shown in the table of results below. Races numbers 17 and 18 were not sailed because of severe weather.

Tony Ogborn and Andrew Wilson, both securing six points, closely contested the top two places. In this situation our Sailing Instructions requires the discarded results to be taken into account and they both had three more firsts and one second place, so after ten comparisons they both had matching scores. It was not until the eleventh comparison when Tony secured a second place and Andrew did not sail that the tie was settled in favour of Tony. Congratulations to both of them and to Peter Barton who was in third place. Congratulations also to John Morrow, who was the Best Novice and eight overall, and to James Pryah, who was the best Under 17.

HELM	CLASS	RACE NUMBER																						Total of best six	Position	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22			
Tony Ogborn	Heron S	1	1	1	1			1	1	2	2	1	1	1	3									6	1	
Andrew Wilson	Streaker									1	1			2	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		6	2	
Peter Barton	Heron S	2	2	3	4	1	2					2	2											11	3	
John Howard	Heron S	3	3	2	3	2	1	7	2															13	4	
Paul Williams	Laser					4	4			14	6			5	2	3	2				2	2	2	13	5	
Dick Knowles	Vago	7	8	4	2	10	3	3	3				3	5										18	6	
John Morrow (N)	Comet	5	7	5	8	6	5			8	9	5	11	9	7	8	4			2	4			25	7	
Guy Steel-Jessop (N)	Enterprise											4	3	11	8	7	7			3	3	7	6	26	8	
James Pryah (U17)	Topper	9		8	6	5	7			5	4												3	30	9	
Mark Roe	Heron S	6	4	9	5							6	5	8	6									32	10	
Colin Kitchin	Solo	4	5	12	15	3	9	6				12	7											34	11	
William Armitage	Fireball			13	9					6	7		4			4						4		34	12	
Graham Pound	Topper	8	6	10	10	9	10	4	6	11		7							5					36	13	
Jonathan Powell (U13)	Topper			7	7	12	6			10	13		8									6		44	14	
Glyn Powell	Pico C				11	11	8					3	6									8		47	15	
Josh Sweet	Pico Uno			14	12					14	13		7		10									70	16	
Peter Gell	Wanderer					7									2	3					5	4		-	-	
Jon Jennings	Laser														6	5						5	4		-	-
Guy Davis	Topper									3	5			4	10										-	-
David Stephenson	Topper					8		2	5			12													-	-
Gordon de Sousa	Heron S			6	15									6	4										-	-
Tim Hewett	Wayfarer									7	3										5				-	-
Sarah Stephenson	Topaz							5	7			12													-	-
Alex Kirk	Laser															5	6								-	-
Lucie Hewett	Topper									4	8														-	-
Jacob Stephenson	Topper							9	4																-	-
Shevaun Davis	Pico C									9	13														-	-
Jack Jessop	Topper												9												-	-
Owen	Pico C		9																						-	-
Flo	Pico C		10																						-	-
Richard Crowson	Wanderer											12													-	-

DO YOU KNOW.....?

Here is the second "Do you know...." question and answer. Question 2: Do you know from which form of signal, visual or sound, the time for the starting procedure of a race and the finishing time of each boat is taken?

The time is taken from the visual signals, *Rule 26*. The sound signal is to draw attention to the visual signal and if given before or after the visual signal, or even not at all, it is of no consequence, *Rule 26*, to the timing of the start of the race or the finishing times of the boats. On the other hand, if the timing of a visual signal is incorrect, then a general recall should be signalled and the race restarted, *Rule 29.2*. Boats are not racing after the general recall signal, *Racing Rules of Sailing Definitions*, until the preparatory signal of the restart of the race (see the answer to question 1 published in Telltales March 2008).

ICICLE SERIES

Fifteen helms braved the coldest mouths of the winter to race in the Icicle Series, and eight of them sailed in four or more races to secure a placing in the Series, as shown in the adjacent table. Congratulations to Andrew Wilson for securing first place and to Paul Williams and Sarah Poxton for securing second and third places respectively.

The best novice was William Armitage sailing his Fireball, who was fifth overall, and in sixth place was James Pyrah in a Topper, who was the best under 17 helm.

Andrew and James were presented with their awards at the prize giving ceremony held after the All-Fools race on the 31 March, reported on the next page.

ICICLE SERIES RESULTS		
Helm	Class	Position
Andrew Wilson	Enterprise	1
Paul Williams	Laser	2
Sarah Poxton	Topper	3
Dick Knowles	Vago	4
William Armitage	Fireball	5
James Pyrah	Topper	6
Graham Pound	Laser	7
Guy Steel-Jessop	Pico	8
Colin Kitchin	Solo	-
Jonathan Powell	Topper	-
Jon Jennings	Heron	-
Guy Davis	Topper	-
Jack Jessop	Topper	-
Peter Gell	Laser	-
Shevaun Davis	Laser	-

TWO GREAT OPPORTUNITIES – YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU FOR BOTH.

If you have ever thought about getting a bit more involved in the club but didn't know how to go about it, there are two opportunities coming up in June and July.

The first are the **Open Days on 14th and 15th June** when volunteers are needed to help with tasks such as booking visitors into sessions, guiding participants to the right place, showing people around or to just spend the day sailing and talking with visitors. Spend an hour or the whole day it is up to you. The idea is to show what the club can offer and encourage potential members to join. If you want to volunteer contact Brian Stanbridge, otherwise just turn up on the day.

The second is the **River Festival on 12th and 13th July** where the club has a stand. We need **ideas** and **suggestions** on how to best use this space to promote our club and our activities. Do you have that creative ability or spark of genius that could help design a superb display? Can you create a display that could be used again at other events? What do we do with this space at the River Festival? All suggestions welcome, just contact Tim Hewett.

On the day we will undoubtedly also need some volunteers to take turns manning the stand to talk with anyone interested in Sailing. So don't be shy, use it as an opportunity to take a breather and sit down for a while during the busy day and put your name forward for an hour or two. Contact Tim Hewett to volunteer.

Two opportunities to promote our club by helping at these events, talking to people interested in sailing, or creating the display.

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ALL-FOOLS RACE

The 31st March turned out to be a very pleasant bright warm day with a light to gentle breeze, which tempted fourteen members to race in the annual All-fools Race, eleven of whom completed both races to secure a placing in the event. The results are shown below.

Congratulations to Paul Williams, Sarah Poxton and John Morrow in coming first, second and third, respectively John was also the best Novice. Congratulations to Jonathan Powell who was the best under 17 years.

Congratulations also to Tony, who was sailing in his first race after his hip replacement operation in November. He has started where he left off - by winning the first race. He decided not to enter the second race, as he had to prepare for the prize giving, reported below, and go and buy the food for the tea that followed the racing. Thanks to Peter Barton for managing the races and to Jacqui Evans for preparing an excellent tea. It was then time for the prize giving to present the winners of recent events with their awards.

Helm	Class	Race 1	Race 2	Total Points	Position
Paul Williams	Laser	3	1	4	1
Sarah Poxton	Topper	2	2	4	2
John Morrow	Comet	7	3	10	3
Jonathan Powell	Topper	6	4	10	4
Dick Knowles	Laser Vago	5	6	11	5
William Armitage	Fireball	10	5	15	6
Graham Pond	Laser	9	7	16	7
James Stephenson	Topaz	8	8	16	8
Glyn Powell	Heron	11	10	21	9
Isabel Powell	Topper	14	9	23	10
D Stephenson	Topper	13	11	24	11
Tony Ogborn	Heron	1	-	-	-
Jim Thornett	Streaker	4	-	-	-
J Stephenson	Topper	12	-	-	-

AWARD WINNERS

The awards for the Frostbite Series 2007, reported on pages 2 and 3, the Icicle Series 2008, reported on page 4, and the All-fools Race, reported above, were presented by Peter Barton after the All-fools Race.

Tony Ogborn received the Frostbite Tankard for best overall in the Frostbite Series. A position he just secured after a very tight tussle with Andrew Wilson.

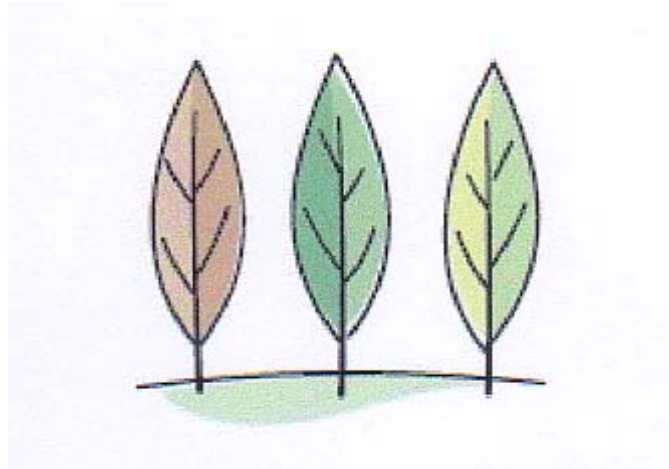
Andrew's turn came in the Icicle Series, which he won and received the Icicle Tankard. Andrew managed this after a tight tussle with Paul Williams. James Pryah, who came a very good sixth overall, received the Robin Steffens Junior Shield for being the best under 17 years of age helm.

Paul Williams' turn came in the All-fools Race, which he won to receive the Ian Finnigan Shield, but only after a tight tussle with Sarah Poxton. Many congratulations to all the award winners who had to fight for their trophies in some excellent competitive racing.

CLUB FUN EVENING

Saturday 28th June is the date for this year's fun evening. The BBQ will be lit about 4.30, so should be ready about 5. Just bring your food to be "roasted" with maybe some salad, and don't forget your favourite liquid with which to wash it down. For the younger members (and the older ones if they wish) there will be the opportunity to sail the club boats - maybe even Trapeze on the Vibe (dependent upon conditions), use a windsurf board and/or paddle on or even off the old surf boards.

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



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CLUB EVENING FOR GENERAL SAILING AND SAILING FOR OUR DISABLED MEMBERS

Members can sail on any day of the week from 21st March through to the 31st October but they must ensure that adequate safety cover is in place. If no safety boat service is available, then members must arrange for there to be at least two boats sailed by adult helms on the water. During week days this is not always easy to arrange and therefore it has been a long tradition for Wednesday evenings from mid May to mid September, when the days are long enough to allow evening sailing, to be classed as club evenings for general sailing, and also assisted sailing for our disabled members, for whom a safety boat service is provided. This year the club evenings begin on the 14th May and continue every Wednesday through to 10th September. Sailing starts at about 6.30.

We need a team of helpers to assist our disabled sailors, so would those members who intend to sail on the Wednesday Club Evenings but would also be available to rig, launch, recover and de-rig boats, and crew or helm with a disabled sailor, or operate the safety boat either as a qualified helm or as a crew member, when required, please enter their name and telephone number and tick the appropriate columns on a list on the clubhouse notice board - the one just inside the door at the top of the stairs - you cannot miss it - or contact Roy Beard on 01234 400934 or beardsbarn@hotmail.com

SUNDAY AFTERNOON LAZY RACING SERIES

This new series, which began on 27th April, is intended for all members and for those who have not raced or have very little experience of racing. For the inexperienced racers who would like to learn more, the Series offers a gentle introduction to racing in a friendly and encouraging environment with help and advice from the experienced sailors readily at hand. It is therefore just right for newcomers, Novices and Buccaneers. There are two races held on one Sunday afternoon each month spread over five consecutive months.

The first two Sundays were 27th April and the 18th May, and they were very popular, with nineteen boats sailing on 18th May. The remaining Sundays are 29th June, 27th July, 31st August and the 28th September. Of the twelve races in the Series, eight remain and only four results are required for a placing in the Series. So it is not too late to join this Series.

If you would like further information, please contact Paul Williams by phone on 01234 325449 or by e-mail at paul@williamsontheweb.plus.com

THE JUNIOR MAINSHEET PIRATES AND BUCCANEERS TRAINING

PIRATES ON THE WATER.

On the water training for **Pirates at level 2** started on Saturday 3rd May at 2.00 pm and continues for the following four Saturdays to 31st May. On the water training for **new Pirates (beginners)** starts on Saturday 21st June at 1.30 pm and continues for four Saturdays, the 28th June and the 5th, 19th and 26th July. Please note there is no training on the 12th July, which is the date for the Bedford River Festival. All Pirates must complete an application form and send it to Tony Ogborn before attending these on the water courses. If you have not received an application form by post, one can be obtained from the club's website www.priorysc.org.uk

BUCCANEERS ON THE WATER.

On the water training for Buccaneers started on Sunday 20th April at 2 pm and continues every Sunday through the summer. If you wish to participate in Buccaneers on the water training sessions just turn up on the day and report to the instructor on the beach by 2.00 pm.

JUNIORS DINGHY SAILING COURSE

The Juniors Dinghy Sailing Course run by Priory Sailing Club instructors and coaches is for club members' children between 8 and 18 years and costs £10 (£5 to cover safety boats fuel and breakages and £5 for certificate and log book). Non-members can participate if

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places are available at a cost of joining as a junior member £30 plus the £10 fee. Please let Tony Ogborn know (01234 708010) if you want to come. The course will include the chance to gain RYA awards Stage 2 and 3 and the Start Racing Module. If you are coming please let Tony know which of these awards you will be aiming to achieve. The course is from 9.30 to 16.30 on Monday to Friday, August 11th to 15th.

TOPPER OPEN SATURDAY 16th AUGUST

This year sees Priory host its fifth Topper Open on Saturday August 16th, which comes at the end of the Junior Dinghy weeklong course. For those who attended the course it is an ideal event for you to practise all the skills you will have learnt, and for all the instructors to marvel at your quick learning! Even if you did not attend the Junior Dinghy course, or if you think you are not good enough and therefore shouldn't compete, think again! The Open is still a great experience - as anyone who has competed in a previous year's Open will almost certainly tell you! It is also a good experience if you are thinking of going to other Topper Open meetings hosted by other clubs.

It is an all-day event, so make sure you are available! There will be an entry fee and a charge for lunch.

For anybody wishing to compete using a club boat, don't worry - there are 22 club Toppers available. Boats will be allocated at the end of the Junior Dinghy Sailing Week, so please let Tony know if you want to sail a club boat. Hope to see you all there!

SUNDAY AFTERNOON LAZY RACING SERIES.

This new series, introduced on the 27th April, is designed for those wishing to learn to race and therefore ideal for Buccaneers and even the adventurous Pirate. More information is contained in the article on the previous page.

PREPARATION FOR THE HERON NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

A Heron training session for Buccaneers and any other members who wish to sail in the Heron National Championship is to be held on Sunday 31st August starting about 2 pm. This is also one of the dates for the Sunday Afternoon Lazy Racing Series, with which it will be combined. The description "Lazy Racing" is unlikely to apply that day.

The Heron National Championship is on the following Saturday 6th September at Priory. It is for crewed boats; so if you feel you do not want to helm, see if someone needs a crew. This is a great way to experience racing against some of the country's best Heron sailors. There are three races, the first one starts at 11.00.

RACING EVENTS FOR ALL JUNIORS

JUNIOR REGATTA

On the 13th September we have our own club Junior Regatta - now this is a must for all of us Priory Juniors. Although many of us will be sailing Toppers, it is open to any class of boat, single handed or crewed. The first race is at 2.00 pm, and there is a barbeque to follow around 4 pm. Hope to see you all there.

Marzio Barberio