



TELLTALES

The Journal of Priory Sailing Club Christmas 2008

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AGM REPORT

On 16th November forty-one members enjoyed a splendid lunch provided by Julie Kirk and her daughter Amelia, after which they attended the 30th Annual General Meeting and heard Commodore, Tim Hewett, report that the club had another very good year and was in fine fettle.

He went on to thank everyone who came to the AGM and explained the following points: -

- Over the last year the club has enjoyed continued success; our lake has been busy with established sailors, new members and visitors to our various open events.

- Our various race series have been well supported – congratulations to all those who received prizes. Our newly introduced Lazy Sunday afternoon races have been particularly successful and have enabled some new racers to get involved. At a recent RYA regional coaching conference the idea was recognised as good practice, so well done us!

- Junior training, through our Pirate and Buccaneer groups and our junior summer course, goes from strength to strength. There were even young Buccaneer sailors on the water on the cold November afternoon when we held the AGM!

- The club has benefited from Lottery and RYA grants this year

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enabling us to buy a new youth training boat (the Vibe), an adult training boat (the Omega), as well as an additional powerboat to support club activities. Continued RYA support is going to enable us to offer additional training in 2009 to help develop the skills of those who coach our various training groups.

- Much hard work has gone into developing a club website - now launched!

- The club continues to be well supported by a large group of willing volunteers, without whom our club would not be able to

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 26 December	Boxing Day Event - sailing, coffee and mince pies from 11.00
Thursday 1 January	New Year Social and Icicle race for boards and dinghies, 11.30 start with light lunch at 12.30
Saturday 24 January	Power Boat Level 2 course
Sunday 25 January	Power Boat Level 2 course
Sunday 1 February	Start of Icicle Series - first race 10.30 start
Sunday 1 February	Annual subscriptions due — don't forget to pay! See page 2
Saturday 7 February	Spinnaker courses — course 1 today and tomorrow and course 2 on 14 & 15 February
Saturday 21 February	Safety boat course training day
Sunday 22 February	Dinghy pre-assessment training day
Saturday 28 February	Working day to get clubhouse, grounds & island shipshape for new season - page 5
Sunday 1 March	Working day to get clubhouse, grounds & island shipshape for new season - page 5
Saturday 7 March	Dinghy Sailing Show at Alexandra Place - see page 5
Sunday 8 March	Dinghy Sailing Show at Alexandra Place. Kids get in free today - see page 5
Sunday 8 March	First of 4 all sailors sessions— see page 5 for details
Sunday 8 March	14.00 First of four talks with videos on sailing and racing for all sailors
Saturday 21 March	Working party with lunch and power boat refresher course
Sunday 29 March	All-fools race for boards and dinghies - first race 14.00
Wednesday 1 April	Winter restrictions lifted - see page 5
Sunday 5 April	Start of the Spring Series — Racing Rules 2009 - 2012 apply from today, see page 5
Sunday 19 April	First of the Buccaneers afternoon sessions 14.00
Sunday 26 April	First of the Lazy Racing Sunday Afternoon Series - first race 14.00
Saturday 2 May	First of six dinghy Pirates level 2 sessions 14.00

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function. Rescue boats are driven, food is prepared, groups are coached, boats are maintained, and committee decisions are taken. Thanks to everyone who has worked so hard over the year. There are far too many individuals involved to mention everyone, but there are three unsung heroes whom I feel deserve particular mention – Jacqui Evans for the many hours she has put into the development of our website; Peter Barton who not only is our treasurer but also invests much of his time keeping our various club craft on the water, and finally Roy Beard who helps keep the club's racing procedures on the straight and narrow as well as editing Telltales. Thanks again for all your efforts – they are much appreciated.

Tim concluded by expressing his compliments of the season to everyone and he wished all a happy and healthy 2009.

The Treasurer, Peter Barton, then explained that the club was in a sound financial state but there was no room for complacency or unwarranted expenditure. The cost of running the club during the year had risen and in the coming year he anticipated added expense to the maintenance bills, as the club had increased its fleet of boats. It had bought, with the help of a £2,000 donation from the RYA, a new high performance Vibe and an extra Wanderer. Both boats had been very well used during the year and therefore were of great benefit, particularly on the training courses.

Another factor was that under the terms of the lease, the discount that the club has received on the rent on the site will be reduced each year, so that by 2015 the club will be paying the full open market rent for the site.

Peter therefore proposed that the Ordinary Membership fee and the Family Membership both be increased by £5, to £85 and £125 respectively for next year. The meeting accepted his recommendation. The fees for next year will therefore be as shown in the adjacent column.

With the AGM business completed it was time to award the prizes to the winners of the 2008 events.

These are shown on the next page.

Subscriptions for 2009		£
Entry fees:	Ordinary member/Family group	35.00
	Student/Youth/Junior	0.00
Membership fees	Ordinary member	85.00
	Member's spouse/partner (sailing)	40.00
	Senior member over 65	45.00
	Family membership	125.00
	Student member in full time education age 18 to 25	30.00
	Youth member age 18 to 21	30.00
	Junior member age 12 to 18	30.00
Key deposit	Member's children age 6 to 12	12.00
	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

A renewal form for next year's membership, which commences on 1st February, can be found on the website in the PSC Documentation webpage. Please send the 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.
Many thanks.

Don't forget the Boxing Day Event

Sailing from 11.00 and coffee and mince pies.

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	John Sweet	01582 667431
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

In addition to the awards given to the winners of the 2008 Spring, Summer, Autumn and Olympic Series there were new awards given for the most determined performance by an under 13 year old member, the winner of the Youth Regatta held on Saturday 13th September and the award for the winner of the new Sunday Afternoon Lazy Racing Series, introduced this year and explained in the June issue of Telltales. Congratulations to all of the 2008 winners listed below:-

<u>Awards for: -</u>	<u>Spring Series</u>	<u>Summer Series</u>	<u>Autumn Series</u>	<u>Olympic Series</u>
First	Paul Williams	Tony Ogborn	Sarah Poxton	Dick Knowles
Second	Andrew Wilson	Sarah Poxton	Tony Ogborn	Paul Williams
Third	Peter Gell	Andrew Wilson	Andrew Wilson	Tony Ogborn
First Novice	Graham Pound	Mark Roe	Caroline Bennett	Guy Steel Jessop
First U 17	Guy Davis	Marzio Barberio	Marzio Barberio	Marzio Barberio
First U 13	Guy Davis	Guy Davis	Jacob Stephenson	Guy Davis
Summer Pursuit Trophy		Tony Ogborn		
Summer Pursuit Novice Trophy		Mark Roe		

Spring, Summer and Autumn Series Combined

Laser Group Only First	Paul Williams
Laser Youth Tankard	Jon Jennings
Most Improved Young Sailor	Guy Davis
Most Improved Adult Helm	Caroline Bennett
Most Determined Performance Under 13	Jim Cooper
Best Under 13	Guy Davis
Best Under 17	Marzio Barberio
Novice of the Year	Graham Pound
Bell Trophy for a non sailing contribution to PSC	Chris Jennings for Wednesday evening safety boat duty
Mariner of the Year	Tony Ogborn

The Youth Regatta

First	<u>Lucie Hewett</u>
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Sunday Afternoon Lazy Racing Series

First	Lucie Hewett
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Have you visited the website lately? It's been completely updated!

This is the first major overhaul of our web presence since Paul Sharrock set up the first website, which has served the Club very well for several years. Many thanks are due to Paul for the years of effort in quietly and patiently maintaining and managing the site – but with Paul's growing commitments elsewhere a new Webmaster was needed.

So around the middle of the year a small group set about defining what we needed from a website, then defining, designing and collecting the necessary supporting inputs.

One of the key improvements we specifically wanted to include was the Club documentation – making it easily available to members from the comfort of your armchairs.

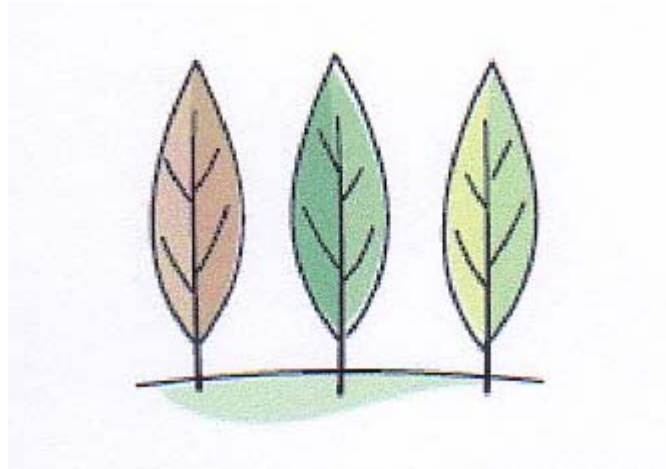
Thanks are due in no small part to our new Webmaster Jacqui Evans who has spent many hours designing and developing the new site, supported by Tim Hewett, Glyn Powell and Mark Roe.

The Website was uploaded and went live in the early afternoon of 23rd November 2008, so apologies if you couldn't get in on that day.

A program of updates is now being planned, so we are keen to receive suggestions for improvements and additions as well as pictures and articles - so please visit the site and email comments to info@priorisc.org.uk.

Ring out the old.....Ring in the New...!

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



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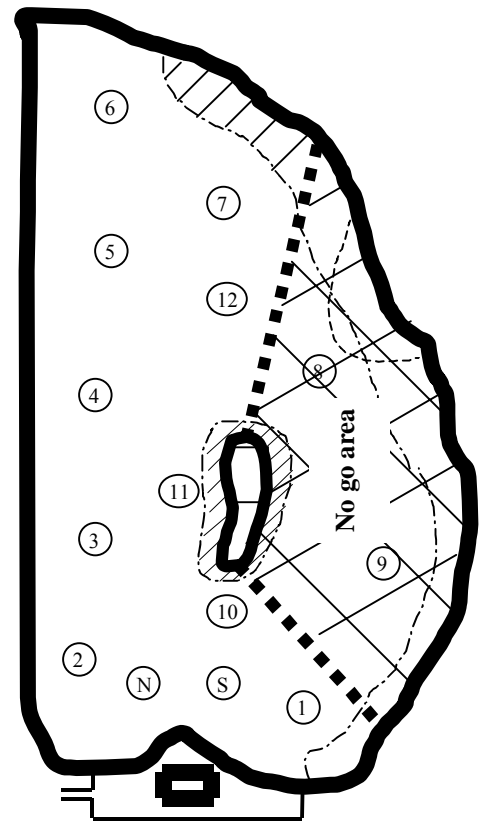
WINTER RESTRICTIONS

The winter restrictions, which came into force on 1st November, continue until the **31st March 2009**.

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 has been 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) 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** until the 31st March.

Please respect these winter restrictions.



RYA RACING RULES OF SAILING 2009 - 2012

The current Racing Rules will be replaced with a new set for the period 2009 to 2012. There are some amendments and improvements, so it is worth getting a copy and studying them for next year's racing. The new version is now available and becomes effective from the 1st January 2009. However, your committee has decided that for our races the new rules will not apply until the Spring Series, so that you can become familiar with them before the start of our Spring Series on the 5th April.

The definitions contain three new terms, Fetching, Mark-Room and Zone. A boat is fetching a mark when she is in a position to pass to windward of it and leave it on the required side without changing tack. Mark-Room is concerned with the room a boat needs to sail to a mark and the room to sail her proper course whilst at the mark. Zone is the area around a mark within a distance of three hull lengths of the boat nearer to it. A boat is in the zone when any part of her hull is in the zone. This new term replaces the previous Two-Length Zone. However, Rule 86 allows the race organisers to adopt a two, or four, boat length alternative for the zone providing this change is stated in the sailing instructions.

Copies of the new rules can be obtained from the RYA via their website www.rya.org.uk or by phone on **0845 345 0372**.

THE RYA VOLVO DINGHY SHOW 2009

The RYA Volvo Dinghy Show in association with Yachts and Yachting and Suzuki is on Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th 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 3rd March at 5 pm. For more details go to 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 28th February and 1st March for clubhouse, grounds and island, and 21st 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.

SMART SAILING PRESENTATIONS

A series of five Sunday afternoon presentations in the clubhouse from 2 pm to 3.30 pm for all sailors is scheduled for March and April on the dates and subjects shown in the adjacent table. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book, just turn up.

1.	March 8 th	— First Aid for Sailors	Sue Baker
2.	March 15 th	— Racing Rules, old and new	Roy Beard
3.	March 22 nd	— Sailing Skills	Tim Hewett
4.	April 5 th	— Getting a Good Start	Peter Barton
5.	April 12 th	— Racing to win	Tony Ogborn

Are you interested in developing your sailing skills to enable you to help coach other sailors at Priory?



Then read on!

Priory Sailing Club runs a variety of training courses for adults and children and in the main these are delivered by volunteer club members who have suitable experience or qualifications. As a club we are keen to support the development of our volunteers and particularly keen to encourage new members to step forward to help on our training programme.

To this end we have organised a series of free training events early in 2009 to coach our coaches, and potential coaches. The funding of this training has been made possible through the support of the RYA.

The RYA Scheme offers a variety of coaching qualifications and our plan is to support those club members willing to work towards one of three particular awards, namely – the Assistant Dinghy Instructor (AI), the Dinghy Instructor and the Racing Coach Level 2. You can see full details of these awards on the RYA website – look under 'Working With Us'. They are all accessible awards – you don't need to be a sailing superstar to get the award!

In order to become an AI you need to undertake one of the RYA Sailing Scheme advanced modules and that's exactly what we have on offer! Complete a two day Spinnaker Handling course in February and you will be on your way to becoming an AI – you'll also know more about flying spinnakers!

The first step to becoming an Instructor is to complete a one-day pre-assessment training day. We are running one in February and there are plans for an Instructor Training course later in the season.

The Racing Coach training is a weekend course for club racers, after which you will be in a position to help train others to race around the Priory buoys. This course will run early in April – date yet to be confirmed.

These are great opportunities; I do hope that as a club we make the most of this RYA support towards the long-term development of our club. Remember, these are **free** courses (the commercial rate for each course is well over £200 a head!); all we ask is that once qualified you join our volunteer coaching team to support the club's training activities.

If you would like more information about these courses please don't hesitate to contact me or our RYA Principal, Brian Stanbridge, to discuss which route is best for you and how you might benefit from these opportunities and fit into our training team. An application form can be found on the website in the PSC Documentation webpage.

Tim Hewett
Commodore