



TELLTALES

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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

For those of us who enjoy winter sports the recent wintry weather has brought some unexpected local fun, but it has proved somewhat disruptive to our sailing activities. Several club events have been postponed due to our lake being frozen, and the low temperatures have tested our most hardy members who have been sailing in the (most accurately named) Icicle Series. The first day of one of our recent training courses even included a sustained

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Saturday 28 February	Working day to get clubhouse, grounds & island shipshape for new season - page 4
Sunday 1 March	Working day to get clubhouse, grounds & island shipshape for new season - page 4
Saturday 7 March	Dinghy Sailing Show at Alexandra Palace - see page 4
Sunday 8 March	Dinghy Sailing Show at Alexandra Palace. Kids get in free today - see page 4 2 pm First of 5 Smart Sailing Presentations for all sailors on Sailing skills — see page 4 for details
Sunday 15 March	2 pm Second Smart Sailing Presentation - Racing Rules, old and new
Saturday 21 March	Working party checking craft & equipment with lunch and power boat refresher course
Sunday 22 March	2 pm Third Smart Sailing Presentation - First Aid for Sailors
Sunday 29 March	The postponed Icicle race at 11.00 then a light lunch followed by the All-fools race for boards and dinghies starting at 14.00 - see page 2
Wednesday 1 April	Winter restrictions lifted - see page 4
Sunday 5 April	Start of the Spring Series — Racing Rules 2009 - 2012 apply from today, see page 4 2 pm Fourth Smart Sailing Presentation - Getting a Good Start
Sunday 12 April	2 pm Fifth and last of the Smart Sailing Presentations - Racing to win
Sunday 19 April	First of the Buccaneers afternoon sessions 14.00
Sunday 26 April	First of the Lazy Sunday Afternoon Racing Series - first race 14.00
Saturday 2 May	First of six dinghy Pirates level 2 sessions 14.00 - see page 2
Saturday 9 May	Club lunch at 12.45
Sunday 10 May	Olympic Series begins
Sunday 17 May	Last three races of the Spring Series
Sunday 24 May	Summer Series starts today
Saturday 13 June	Open day — taster sessions for the public 10.00 - 16.00
Sunday 14 June	Open day — taster sessions for the public 10.00 - 16.00
Saturday 20 June	First of six Pirates (beginners) sessions on consecutive Saturdays from 13.30 - page 2
Sunday 21 June	RLNI Regatta, the first of three races starting 11.00
Saturday 27 June	Club's fun evening including sailing and BBQ from 16.00
Saturday 18 July	Club lunch 12.45
Saturday 1 August	First of four Extra Pirates sessions

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ice breaking session with our plastic coaching boat to help clear the lake for the next day's activity!

But before we know it the days will lengthen, the temperature will begin to rise and the club will be back to a hive of waterborne activity. In preparation for the new season please do come and join in our 'working days' starting at the end of February (see page 4); it's not too strenuous and it's a chance to get back to the club for those members who found warmer pastimes over the winter!

Another duty at this time of year of course is to send in your subscription fees – thanks to those members who have already returned their forms and cheques. Please do include your email address, if you have one, as we would like to make more use of email in publicising club events.

Please don't forget to let your committee know if you have any new ideas for events or ways in which the club might develop. Our contact details are on the newly refurbished website, or you could email me at commodore@priorisc.org.uk.

Hope to see you at the end of February.

Tim Hewett

PIRATES 2009

The leaflet and an application form for this year's sessions are available on this website in the Youth Section. The Advanced Pirates course (stage 2) starts on Saturday 2nd May and the Beginners course starts on Saturday 20th June.

FIRST RACE - WHAT'S MOST LIKELY TO GO WRONG?

Nothing to do with the rules, but simply that when you get close to the windward mark you may be so determined to do well and get around the mark without tacking, you will be trying to sail pointing too high into wind.

Consequences slowing down,
even slower still,
and even sideways drift,
then not enough speed to even tack,
and you bump around the mark,
and then you have to do a 360^o penalty turn,
and now your rivals are mostly out of sight!

Therefore DON'T SET YOUR MIND on trying to get to the windward mark without tacking, and don't leave your tacking too late.

From an article by John Howard in the Heron News Letter

ICE STOPS ICICLE RACE!

The Icicle Race scheduled for 1st January was postponed due to a thin layer of ice covering the lake. This is only the fourth occasion in the club's history that ice has stopped this annual New Year's Day event. The previous occasions were 1993, 1997 and 2002.

Those who did attend were not disappointed, for they enjoyed a light lunch provided by Tim and Pascale Hewett.

The postponed race has been rescheduled for the morning of the 29th March, which is the day of the All-fools Regatta. The 60-minute Icicle race will start at 11.00. This will be followed by a light lunch at 12.30 and then the All-fools Regatta, which comprises two 50-minute handicap races, will start as scheduled at 14.00, or as soon as everyone is ready.

Club's website address is www.priorisc.org.uk and not as reported in the Christmas edition - whoops, sorry folks!!!!

PSC Committee 2009

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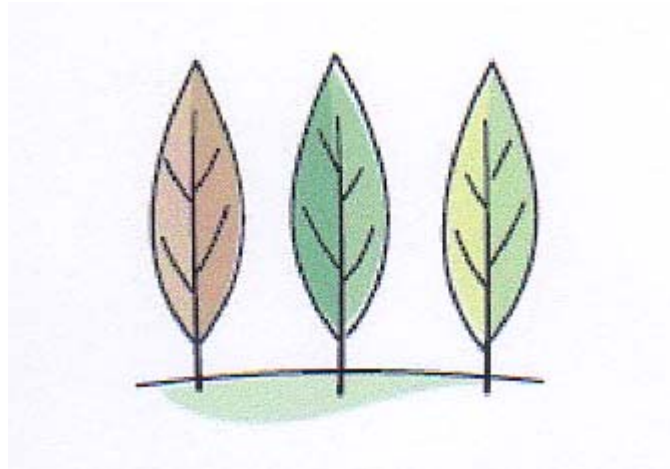
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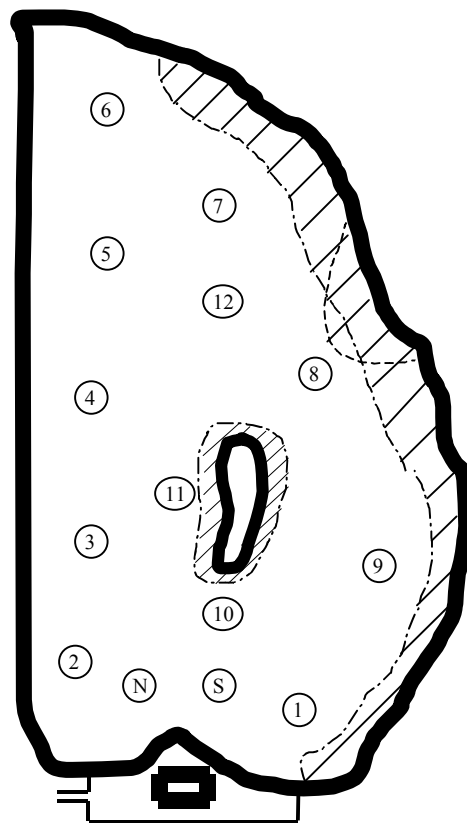
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WINTER RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

The winter restrictions, which came into force on 1st November, will be lifted on **1st April 2009**. This means that from 1st April until 31st October, sailing is permitted from 9.30 am until sunset on every day, providing the required minimum safety cover is in place, and on all parts of the lake except for the permanent no-go areas shown shaded on the adjacent map, which are: -

- inside the ring of buoys around the island
- within 20 metres of the south shore, which is reserved for anglers
- the shallows near mark 8

In addition, please avoid sailing near reed beds, particularly during April, May and June when birds, waterfowl and fish are using the reed beds for breeding.



CLUB ADOPTS NEW RYA RACING RULES OF SAILING 2009 - 2012

The club is using the new Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 - 2012 for the Spring Series, which starts on **Sunday 5th April**, and for all other races that follow until 2013. There is a Smart Sailing Presentation on the new Racing rules on Sunday 15th March at 2 pm - see below.

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 these tasks on one or more of these days. Work starts at 10.00 on all three days.

SMART SAILING PRESENTATIONS

Since announcing these presentations in the Christmas edition, some changes to the programme have had to be made. So please see the adjacent table for the presentations that will be held in the clubhouse from 2 pm to 3.30 pm during March and April. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book, just turn up.

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