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TELLTALES

The Journal of Priory Sailing Club
March 2012

Dates for your Diary

Last Icicle Series Races	Sun 4 th & 11 th March 10:00 for 10:30 first start
Club shore working party	Sat 10 th March from 10am; lunch provided
Spring race series starts	Sun 18 th March 9:30 for 10:00 first start
Sun 1 st April:	Winter restrictions lifted: hurrah!
	13:00 Lunch and Special General Meeting of PSC
	14:00 All Fools races (boards and dinghies, 2x50mins)
	~16:30 Prize-giving
Bucaneers starts	Sun April 15 th at 14:00
Advanced pirates starts	Sat 21 st April at 14:00
First Lazy Sunday fun racing	Sun 22 nd April 13:45 for 14:15 start
First "Wednesday on the Water"	Weds 9 th May 17:30 for 18:00 start

Deadline for next Telltales Sun 27th May

PSC Junior Featured in RYA Magazine



Priory junior Joseph Mullan features in the latest issue of the RYA Members magazine, in an article on the "On Board" scheme. Run by the RYA, OnBoard is a grass roots programme which introduces sailing and windsurfing to young people aged 8 to 18, through schools, youth groups and training centres. Over a ten year period OnBoard aims to introduce a minimum of 500,000 children to sailing and windsurfing in the UK, converting over 10% of them into regular participants. So far it's nicely on track, and we at Priory have been playing our part in this.

Joseph was given a second-hand Topper by his grandfather and started going to local Travellers at Great Moor and Broxbourne. He also raced and trained at Stewartby.

At the 2009 Topper Nationals in Pwllheli, he finished second in the regatta fleet and was chosen for the new 4.2 National Squad, as well as the Eastern Zone Squad. Now, aged 13, he has been selected for the 2011/2012 RYA Topper National Junior Squad.

His mother, Jenny, is clear about the role OnBoard has played in her son's success: 'If Priory hadn't been so reasonably priced, or had such well-qualified volunteers, we wouldn't have been able to send him sailing as often. So OnBoard is totally responsible for starting his obsession. We are responsible for indulging it further!'

Racing to the top

Thirteen-year-old Joseph Mullan first tried dinghy sailing when he was eight, during an OnBoard session at Priory Sailing Club in Bedford. He also attended a week's sailing course organised by Brian Stanbridge, the club's RYA OnBoard coordinator. Joseph repeated the course the following year and also attended the club's summer camp, where he completed the Start Racing course.

Well done Joseph, and good luck in the National squad. Other kids and their parents should be encouraged to follow your example!

The 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. The aptly named Icicle series has recently been disrupted due to our lake being frozen.



The ice and snow didn't deter everyone from spending time at the club however and a recent snowy Sunday BBQ proved good fun, although I didn't realise that the term Commodore really means 'snowball target'!



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 next 'working party'. Last weekend we gave the island its annual trim and at our next event we plan to have a general tidy up around the club; it's not too strenuous and it's a chance to get back to the club for those members who have found warmer pastimes over the winter! Please come and join the party on 10th March!

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 to keep you informed of club events.



Your committee has spent a good deal of time in our recent monthly meetings planning for the season ahead, in this Olympic year. The new calendar is available on our website detailing the events and training activities we have planned. Please do take a look. We hope to make more use of the club on summer mid week evenings, and aim to try and rekindle some regular Wednesday evening sailing when the winter restrictions are lifted in April. 'Wednesdays on the Water' will include some not so serious racing as well as some informal training and light hearted events.

Long-time member of the club, former Commodore and long serving editor of this journal, Roy Beard, has collated some back copies of Telltales, going back over fifteen years, they make interesting reading. They are available in a file in the club house. If any member has any pre 1996 copies please feel free to add them to the archive.

Please do 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 website, or you could email me at commodore@priorysc.org.uk.

Many thanks to Dick Knowles who has taken over the editorship of Telltales, and has put this issue together. I'm sure that he would gratefully receive any contributions to the next edition (see below).

Hope to see you at our next 'working party'!

Tim Hewett

Wot – no email?

We have established in the last years an email system to remind you of our planned Events, and to announce last minute changes to our Club Calendar. From the survey conducted, and following recent events it seems some members are not receiving our emails. If you discover you are not receiving our emails regularly then please email me so I can investigate further. We will only send you emails from @PriorySC.org.uk or from our Commodore, and will include “PSC” in the subject title.



You can also help by ensuring our email is added to your Safe senders list. If you are using Outlook:-

1. On the Tools menu, click Options.
2. On the Preferences tab, under E-mail, click Junk E-mail.
3. Click the Safe Senders or Safe Recipients tab.
4. Click Add.
5. In the ‘Enter an e-mail address or Internet domain name to be added to the list box’, enter @priorySC.org.uk and click ‘Add’

For other email software there will be similar settings.

Please help us to make your club activities more accessible to you the members!

Mark Roe

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Social Networking and Priory Sailing Club

Do you Post or Tweet? To some people this might mean absolutely nothing but to many others they will realise that we are talking about Facebook, Twitter and other similar computer based social networking sites.

So what is a social networking?

It’s where people who have similar interests can get together and exchange views, share information and pictures. Most people in the first instance join sites like Facebook so that they can keep in contact with friends and family and then they very quickly realise that there is a whole wealth of other information out there.

Did you know that there are over 845 million people on Facebook, that’s a staggering amount of people! If Facebook was a Country its users / population would be the 3rd largest in the world. In the UK there are over 30 million users, that’s half of the UK’s population using Facebook and in our small catchment area of Bedford there are over 80,000 active people on Facebook. This means that Facebook might be a good source of advertising in the future.

Then there are the associated groups that we are involved with that use Facebook and Twitter, the RYA, RYA Eastern Regional



Development Team, Team Beds & Luton the County Sports Partnership, Bedford Borough Sports Departments Team & Sport England they all use Facebook & Twitter to provide information to us. So one of our main reasons is to help filter some of these posts & tweets to the Priory membership.

If you want to have a look then just type in the URL's or if you are already registered come and join us at.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Priory-Sailing-Club-PSC/272809039438137>

<http://twitter.com/#!/priorisc>

Both the Priory Sailing Club networking sites are "open forums", so this means that anyone can become a poster or follower, no matter what their hobbies, beliefs, or views are. We do have some rules and safeguards, you must be over 13, and whilst young people can join in with the Priory Sailing Club discussions and make their views known we do have administrators / moderators looking over the information posted and will take down offensive material or information that might be damaging to the Club.

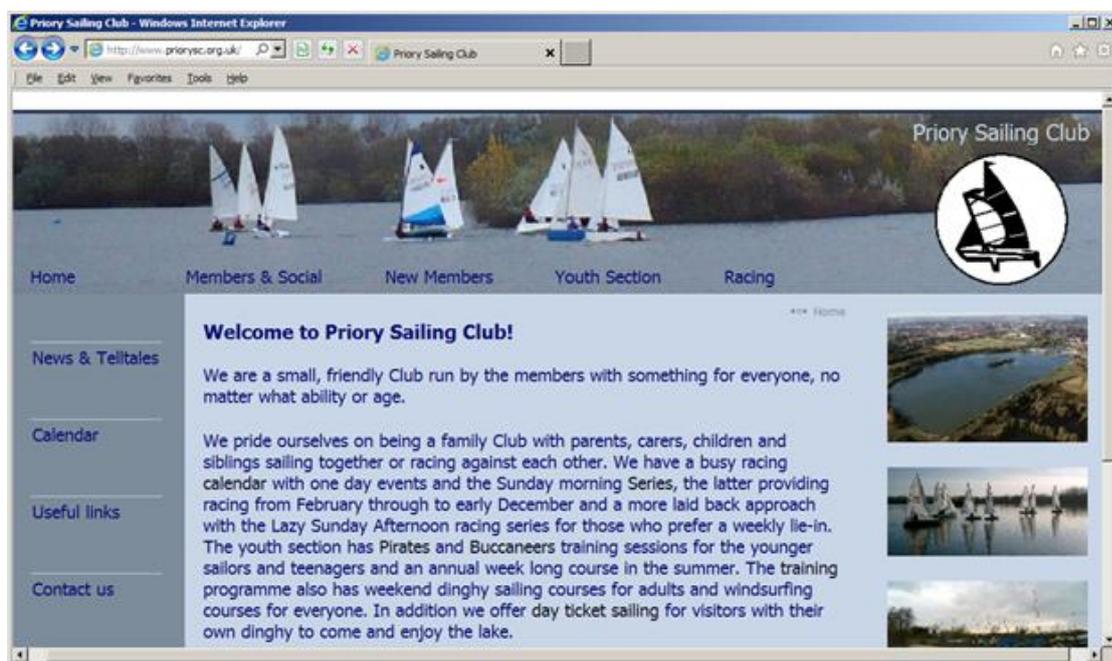
If you are already a member of Facebook then you must "like" the page to be included, or on Twitter you must become a "follower". Both areas are relatively new so it's taking a bit of time for us to get the pages going and also to decide what's relevant and what you would like to hear about. Your comments would be welcome on this.

If you are of the opinion "I am not joining Facebook or Twitter" then there is no obligation to join and there are many other ways that the Committee will endeavour to keep you informed. However, Facebook and Twitter have 1000's of pages & groups on their networking sites that give daily updates and can be worth following.

If you are not a poster or follower already on our pages then we hope to hear from you soon with your first post or tweet.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me at b.stanbridge@rya-online.net or via the Priory and Facebook and Twitter pages.

*Editor's P.S...
don't forget the
PSC web-site at
<http://www.priorisc.org.uk> which
now has the up-
to-date 2012
Calendar to
upload as well as
lots of other
useful info and
links.*



Non-Members Adult Sailing Courses 2012

Following on from the success of 2011 we have decided to change the format of courses we offer. This year there will be a variety of formats hopefully to suit the differing needs of peoples' diaries, each course has a total of 12 hours tuition, a maximum of 6 people to an instructor and are available to non-members. These cover the basics of rigging a boat, getting out on the water, sailing a triangular course and getting back into shore. Everything required to be able to sail a boat independently and leads to an RYA Level 1 qualification. The courses cost £135 with a RYA Logbook and an RYA Intro to Sailing book included. As an added benefit there is discount should they then go on to join the Club.

The courses available are: -

Weekend Courses held over two full days of one weekend. In 2012 the dates are: - 27th/28th May; 23rd/24th June; 28th/29th July; and 22nd/23rd September.

Evening Courses held over 6 Wednesday evenings between 6.30-8.30pm. The first for 2012 will be commencing the 23rd May.

Ladies Only Courses held over 4 Monday mornings from 9:30 to 12:30. The first for 2012 will be commencing 11th June.

Afternoon Courses held over 4 Monday afternoons from 1 to 4pm. The first for 2012 will be commencing 11th June.

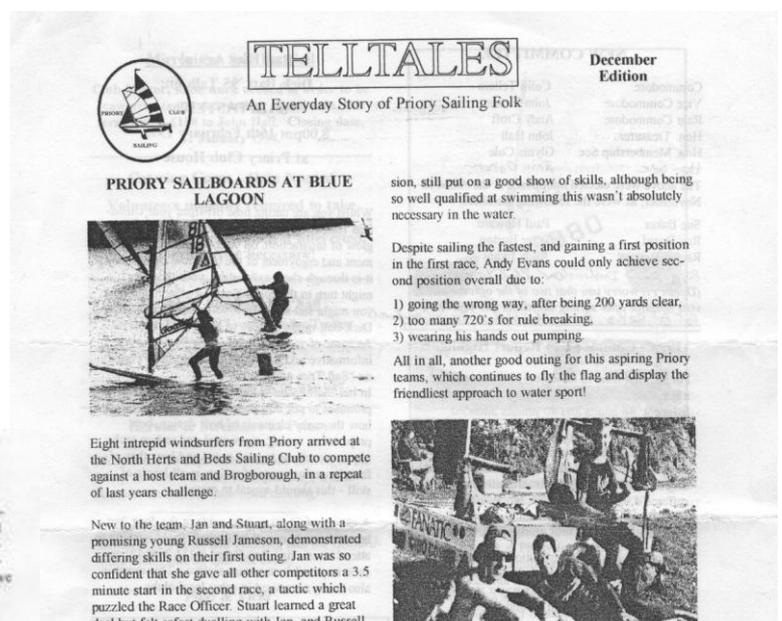
Saturday Morning Courses held over 4 Saturdays from 9 to 12 noon. The first for 2012 will be commencing the 9th June.

If you know anyone who would be interested please do let them know about the range of courses we offer. Alternatively if you any contacts/ideas we could use for marketing then please let me know.

Karen Powell info@priorysc.org or 01234 349001

Telltales past

Further to the piece in the Commodore's Column, Tony Ogborn found the Dec 1994 edition of Telltales in his attic: interesting to see the similarities and differences! Here's a sample:



NEW COMMITTEE

Commodore: Colin Tellam
Vice Commodore: John Evans
Rear Commodore: Andy Croft
Hon. Treasurer: John Hall
Hon. Membership Sec: Glynis Cole
Hon Sec Tony Ogboni

The above were elected unopposed at the AGM in November, as were the following members:

Sue Baker Paul Howard
Roy Beard Peter Burton
Rachel Bennett Andy Evans

*RYA Senior Instructor Paul Young,
(Doesn't it worry you that two of the officers had to
visit hospital after sailing accidents this year?)*

BCA Reps Brian Stanbridge Dave Crawford

The "new" committee includes some rather well known current members as well as some who have moved on.

Any advance on Dec 1994?

Editor's Plea

Please submit articles of interest to club members for inclusion in Telltales, as well as pictures. They can be short or long. Both wind-surfing and dinghy sailing pieces welcomed obviously. You might consider:

- Opinion pieces
- Hints and tips articles
- Reports from going to open meetings
- Sailing holiday reports
- Any other sailing experiences
- Information on club members, current and former

Feel free to make other suggestions to make Telltales as relevant, informative and entertaining as possible.

Telltales is much enlivened by some sailing related pictures, so please help by submitting your pictures to the current Editor (milldick@btinternet.com), or any other committee member for them to pass on to me, with a bit of text to say what is going on in the picture, who, where etc. Good to see others capsizing a Vago too!



Telltales comes out quarterly so the next one will be planned for publication in June 2012: please submit anything by the end of May for this, via myself (milldick@btinternet.com, Mill House, Mill Lane, Langford Beds SG18 9LZ) or any PSC committee member, and by email, hand-written note, phone call, carrier pigeon, whatever!

Dick Knowles
Vago 669

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