

Locks Newsletter



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Commodore's Report

Dear members,

Mid November, Alison and I had the pleasure of joining nearly 100 members and their guests at the clubs Annual Prize Giving Dinner Dance, and combined with our fund raising Grand Prize Draw, it was again a great success.

On behalf of the committee and the members I would like to personally thank both Martin Tice and Christina for all the exceptional hard work that they put into organising this years event. Martin in particular, managed to get many local businesses to part with some particularly special prizes (not an insubstantial task!) and this led to the raising of over £1,271 for the clubs lease fund.

The feedback from the event has largely been excellent, however numbers were slightly down on last year, and as always we were not able to please all the people all the time. Both Christina and I would appreciate constructive comments on what the members would like in the coming years. I personally think that it should remain the clubs premier function (with the opportunity for us all to dress up!) and most importantly recognise the success of the clubs sailors with the prize giving. However these are only my thoughts and it should be possible to keep to the ideals of the event while adapting the format, or even the venue. Please let us know, and then come and join us next year.

Following on from the Grand Prize Draw, the winner of the "Lift, Scrub and Relaunch", so generously donated to the club by our neighbours at Southsea Premier Marina, has asked for his prize to be auctioned to the highest bidder, with the proceeds going to the clubs lease fund. This generous offer will allow even more money to be raised from this prize. The committee has asked that all bids be put into a sealed envelope and be with the Hon. Secretary before midday on the 24th December this year. To my calculation this is worth at least £15 per metre, so good luck to all who bid!

With only a couple of weeks to go before Christmas I wish you all the best with your winter maintenance chores, and racing for those of you still on the water. Both Alison and I also wish you all, and your families, a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Andrew Adams
Commodore

Sailing Secretaries Report

Hi all, here is a brief roundup of what has been happening on the water since our last newsletter

Summer Racing

Our summer season finished with the Binness Island Race, the fast fleet was won by Joel Burchett and the Medium fleet by Dan Jarman crewed by Joanna Holden. They were also winners of the overall October prize for both fleets.

Her elder brother Matt was also happy as he and Tim Miller, another Locks Cadet, sailing an RS400 just managed to just keep in front of Will Tremlett & Sue Williams in their RS400. This is not a feat they are likely to repeat for a fair while so they have taken the opportunity to bask in small glory for their allocated 15 minutes of fame!

The third Interclub Series race was held on the 17th of September and with Langstone SC as OOD's it drew a fleet of 20 boats. This brings to 49 the total number of different competitors over the season

This Interclub Series has proved a successful format and is now into its third season. You will see later that there are further improvements to be added to it for next year.

Autumn Series

A schedule of 11 races, with two being sailed on the nominated weekends and one for New Years day have been set. Weather permitting they are as popular as previous years and the results to date are posted on the website. As we go to print we still need a driver & crew for the racing on the 18th of December so any volunteers please give me a buzz.

October end of Season Dinghy Meeting

On the 12th of October we had the above meeting and a dozen or so members came along to discuss what we have been doing this last year and to voice any changes that we should consider for 2005.

The two Pursuit races are to be kept, as are the internal training days. I should point out that these are open for all club members, from those still managing to hoist their new laser sail to those with new knees hips and pacemakers! It is an opportunity to practise starts, mark rounding & straight line sailing to improve everyone's knowledge. All sports people practise and amateur sailors should do so as well. It is the best place to make mistakes and learn how to improve and go faster. We are a fortunate club in that we have some really good experienced sailors who are willing to help all members on the water so please try and attend these events. We shall probably have three again next year one at the start and two in the middle of the season.

Our Main regatta next year is to be a one-day affair with a social event in the evening and followed by our Junior Regatta on the Sunday. The dates are the 10th & 11th of June. The two fleet concept and method of awarding the top gun for each fleet will remain unchanged but there is likely to be shift in some of the personal handicaps, which is what we had agreed at the previous end of season meeting.

RNLI Shield

This season we had two races and followed the racing with a Bar B Q to which we invited the local RNLI crew. The monies raised that day were in excess of £130, which was handed direct to the local station and as we would previously just send off a £50 Donation it obviously is a better deal to do in this new fashion. So that is what we shall do for 2006.

Locks Clothing

Hargreaves promotions has a large range of club clothing and for those of you who came to the Junior Prize giving you will have seen that those prize-winners were decked out in all the kit complete with Locks Insignia. The shop is in Rodney Road, or there is a link from our website. If you purchase clothing that has the Locks Logo then the club will receive a small commission, all of which helps towards the fund raising to extend our lease.

Grants

You will probably recall that the Club had been successful in obtaining a Grant from Awards for All for our Junior Training Rib a few years ago. We had tried to get funds during 2005 for a video camera and projector to help with enhancing the training facilities but unfortunately we were unsuccessful.

Race Calendar for 2006

We are putting this together at the present time and hopefully by Christmas the hard copy will be available on the Notice board for members to put down their three slots on dates to suit themselves for 2006. It is hoped that our website guru - Alex New will have version II ready which will have a members area and the ability to see the 2006 calendar with the facility to add in your names on selected dates on-line.

A couple of points to notice are that we have four interclub races for 2006, with Locks being OOD's on two of these.

Also the Victory Class have asked if they could join in with our sailing and so for one of these Interclub Races there is likely to be a fourth start for the Victories.

Ribs

All goes well with Saturn, Juno & Dot Patrol, many thanks to Graham Allen for donating a new battery for Juno and again to him & Bill Tremlett for repairing the puncture on one of Saturn's tyres.

Again the normal important reminder that when using these boats please turn off the engines when close to people in the water, wear appropriate clothing and **use the kill cords all of the time**. I recently read an article that said that a Club's liability insurance may not pay cover a driver if they have not made proper use of the protective measures available. You have been warned!

Locks Juniors

We had a very successful end to the season with eight juniors making the trip to Tudor Sailing Club and collecting more prizes on the 18th of September.

One boat, the club FEVA went to the Zone Championships in Portland at the start of October, which was a windy affair. One day's racing was cancelled and the second day the operational capabilities of a FEVA were tested to the full i.e. you can surf to the front of the fleet, nosedive, almost pitch pole, lay it on its ear and invert it in almost one easy continuous action. So for any juniors who wish to get tips on this top manoeuvre they should have a word with Tim Miller and Nicky Stones on how they did it.

We held our Junior Prizegiving on the 25th of September with all those present receiving Locks T Shirts another well attended evening.

The top improver for the year is Nicky Stones who has is in her first year of sailing and has been sailing a Topper. Our top overall sailor based on his results in the Cadet Laser Fleet, HISC Junior Week, Fed Week and in our Adult races has been Matt Holden.

Overall the Locks juniors have had another great year and thanks must go to all the parents who turn up on a regular basis to support our Junior Fleet throughout the year.

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Wine Chairman's report.

The bar is running smoothly thanks to the efficiency of members who volunteer for pipe cleaning, shopping and bar duty. The removal of Murphy's passed without notice but you will be pleased to know that selections of different drinks are now on sale.

The Bar is open Wednesday evenings, Friday evenings, Sunday lunchtime and after racing. Unfortunately the bar is not very well supported, even with the pool table; however, this is compensated by the quiz nights and functions held in the club. So why not come to the club for a drink, chat and a game of pool one evening.

We have lost one of our Friday evening volunteers and we really do need a replacement. With the rota system in place, you only have to do a duty once every ten weeks. You can swap a duty if it's inconvenient and full training will be given. It's a good opportunity to meet and chat with your fellow members and an easy way of giving something to your club.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bryan Holden

Wine Chairman.

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Fund Raising for the New Lease – Grand Draw

The Grand Draw at the Annual Dinner was a great success with a total of £1271 raised towards the lease fund. Thanks to all of you who helped by selling the tickets.

A wide range of prizes were kindly donated by ASDA, Bombay Bay Restaurant, David Lloyd, Debenhams, Fat Face, Gales, HSBC, Southsea Marina and Sunsail and thanks to all of those companies for supporting us.

The lease fund now stands at £32,039. If you have any ideas for fund raising please contact me or any member of the Committee.

Martin Tice

Fund Raising Coordinator

Social Secretaries Report

Greetings, the party season is here so get your glad rags on, polish up the diamonds and off we go!!

Some of us have already had one great evening, at the Annual Prize Giving Dinner and Dance. It was held at the Royal Beach Hotel on Southsea seafront. The dinner was delicious and the wine flowed. The prizes, that were fiercely fought for were presented by Jack Miller and Allison Holliday, the Commodores partner. We then boogied to The Blue Bazooka Band until the wee small hours. It was a wonderful evening!! Thank you to Susan Dove for helping me with arrangements on the day, John Druce for saying Grace and also to Martin Winfield for being M.C. Also, a big Thank you to Martin Tice, who put a lot of effort into gathering the great prizes for the Grand Fundraising Draw, which was held that evening. We managed to raise over £1,000 towards the club lease fund. Well done to all those who sold tickets and congratulation to all the winners.

The members enjoyed a "Brilliant" night in the club on November 5th, with a Curry supper and bring your own fireworks party. Thank you to the generous member who bought fireworks and to the "expert pyromaniacs" who were lighting them.

The month of December has a number of social events taking place.

Saturday Dec 10th	Christmas Quiz Night	8pm
Sunday Dec 18th	Christmas Prize Draw	1pm
Saturday Dec 24th	Christmas Eve Party (Bring a present)	8pm
Monday Dec 26th	Boxing Day Race & Beer	TBA
Saturday Dec 31st	New Year Eve Party (American Supper)	8pm

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year,
Eat Drink and be Merry.

Christina Holden

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Message from your new Bosun

Having taken over as Club Bosun in mid October it's been a steep learning curve over the last month or so but, thanks to lots of help and advice from many of you, it's all falling into place and, once I've sorted out my inherited spreadsheet, life will be a whole lot easier.

In spite of there being a bit of a panic regarding getting cruisers in, dinghies out etc. everything fell into place at the end of October with remarkably little fuss and the various working parties made it all look amazingly well organised and the compound, once again, took on that unmistakeable air of winter. There is, however, still too much loose rubbish lying around so if any of it belongs to you please remove it! Also if it's your road trailer that is constantly getting in everyone's way and taking up valuable boat space please either remove it or put it under your boat and trolley as you've been asked to do. I will be moving all unclaimed/unidentified trailers and rubbish in the New Year, so you have been warned!

The cruisers all successfully completed their trickiest passage of the year and found a safe haven, once again, in the compound and in spite of high winds and collapsing trailers it all seems to have gone reasonably well. I am assured that the spare, rusting pile of steel to the west of the cruisers will be removed before too long.

Most of you were exceedingly prompt in paying your winter dues and the money is now safely in the Bank, so thanks to all you early payers! There are, however, around 20 of you who I am still waiting to hear from and my gentle reminders are about to go out. By the time you read this, hopefully this saga will be over but this is just a reminder that prompt payment of fees makes it so much easier for the Club and those of us with the task of collecting them.

The compound is in sore need of a wash and brush up and I would like to get some work done early in the New Year so, purely to suit my busy social programme, I have chosen Sat 21 Jan as my first choice and Sat 4 Feb as a back up. A 10 o'clock start would suit me so if you can make it on either of these dates it would be much appreciated. Tools such as shovels, brushes, secateurs and gloves would be a good idea. The refreshment fairy assures me that tea/coffee/hot muffins/kippers/full English etc. will be provided (sorry, I lied about the tea and coffee).

As I said at the beginning, I'm still scrambling up the lower slopes of my learning curve but if any of you sharper brains out there have any bright ideas please let me know. (You never know you might get a better slot in the compound - sorry, I lied about that as well!)

Brian Davies

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LOCKS SAILING CLUB SOCIAL CALENDAR 2005



<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
JANUARY 2006		
Monday 9th	Q.G.M.	8pm
Saturday 14 th	Quiz Night	8pm
Saturday 28 th	Quiz Night	8pm
FEBRUARY 2006		
Saturday 11 th	Quiz Night	8pm
Saturday 25 th	Quiz Night	8pm
MARCH 2006		
Friday 3rd	Season Start D & D	7pm (Quarterdeck)
Saturday 11 th	Quiz Night	8pm
Saturday 18 th	E.C.A. Quiz Night	7.30pm
Saturday 25 th	Quiz Night	8pm
APRIL 2006		
Monday 3rd	Q.G.M.	8pm
Saturday 8 th	Quiz Night	8pm
Saturday 22 nd	Quiz Night	8pm
MAY 2006		
Saturday 6 th	Quiz Night	8pm
Saturday 20 th	Quiz Night	8pm
JUNE 2006		
Saturday 3 rd	Quiz Night	8pm
Saturday 10th	LSC Regatta	TBA
Sunday 11th	LSC Junior Regatta	TBA
Saturday 17 th	Quiz Night	8pm

JULY 2006

Saturday 1 st	Quiz Night	8pm
Monday 3rd	Q.G.M.	8pm
Tuesday 18th	Commodores Eve	7pm (All welcome)
Sunday 23rd	E.C.A. Regatta	TBA

AUGUST 2006

Saturday 12 th	Quiz night	8pm
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SEPTEMBER 2006

Saturday 9 th	Quiz night	8pm
Saturday 23 rd	Quiz night	8pm

OCTOBER 2006

Monday 2nd	A.G.M.	8pm
Saturday 7 th	Quiz Night	8pm
Saturday 14th	Junior Prize Giving	7.30pm
Saturday 21 st	Quiz Night	8pm

NOVEMBER 2006

Saturday 4 th	Quiz Night	8pm
Sunday 5 th	Fireworks Supper	7.30pm
Saturday 11th	Prize Giving D&D	7pm (Royal Beach)
Saturday 18 th	Quiz night	8pm
Saturday 25 th	E.C.A. Quiz Night	7.30pm

DECEMBER 2006

Saturday 2 nd	Quiz Night	8pm
Saturday 16 th	Christmas Quiz Night	8pm
Sunday 17 th	Christmas prize draw	1pm
Sunday 24 th	Christmas Eve Party	8pm (Bring a present)
Sunday 31 st	New Years Eve Party	8pm (American Supper)

Dates may be subject to change.

Check out the web site for further details www.lockssc.co.uk