

# Locks Newsletter

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**Locks SC members at Federation Week 2006**

# Commodore's Report

Dear Members,

In am very sad to start this, my final newsletter, with the news of the death of one our members, and Trustee, Mike Preater. Mike collapsed in Ryde this weekend and despite the best efforts of the paramedics who quickly attended, nothing else could be done for him. I know that the thoughts of all the members are with Mike's wife Anne and the rest of the family. On a personal note, can I say how much I will miss seeing Mike around the club, in and particular his wise counsel when faced with issues that affect the club and its members.

As I intimated above, this will be my last newsletter, as I will not be standing for re-election at this years AGM. I have enjoyed my three years as Commodore, but work and personal circumstances dictate that I will not have enough free time to commit to the club that the position needs and deserves.

Over the past eight years representing the members of the club, I have always tried to ensure that any decision made helps achieve the clubs first, and prime objective, of promoting the sport of sailing to all, regardless of exactly how they choose to pursue it. The way we all now use our leisure time is different to that of a generation ago and the club has, and needs to continue to develop and reflect the needs of the current membership while maintaining its place within the community of Portsmouth, and still being conscious of its history.

The biggest decision the membership has taken while I have been Commodore is to extend our current lease. I know that many members, including myself, had concerns over what in effect was a long-term view of the clubs future. Such are the day to day needs of running a members club in the increasingly litigious, fiscal and demanding world that we now live, many questioned if the funds committed should be spent on projects that would benefit current members in the short term. Now being aware of the regular large increases in rent being sought by the City, and the impact that this has had on the membership of our immediate and close neighbouring clubs, I am convinced that the club and the membership have taken the right decision. Something that we thought would only be of benefit to our grand and great grandchildren will show fruition in many of our lifetimes and that of our immediate families. I hope that you will continue to support the officers and committee members in finalising this important project during our centenary year.

On a more practical note, our Hon. Secretary, Mandy Phelan, is on currently on holiday, so could I therefore remind you all that any nominations for the positions of flag officers, honorary positions, and the committee, need to be received by the Hon. Secretary 21 days before the AGM which is to be held at the club at 8.00pm on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> October. In addition any rule changes or notified business needs to be with Mandy by this date, which works out to be Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> September. Mandy will then send out the official notice of the meeting with an agenda to all members by post. As with last years AGM, we will be taking the minutes of the last AGM as read. Minutes of the last AGM will be sent to all members by e-mail where we have details. If any member wishes to have a hard copy posted to them, could they please contact Mandy prior to the meeting, otherwise copies will be available on the evening.

I have flown my flag from "Jeannique" with pride over the past three years all along the channel coast and beyond, and look forward to flying the club burgee with just as much pride in the future. I would like to thank you all, for the support I have received over the past three years, and in particular to the other flag officers, honorary officers and committee members who have given so much in time and energy to keep the club running, both during this time and the legacy we have inherited from the past.

I look forward to seeing many of you on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and in the meantime, hopefully on the water, as we make the most of the end of the summer sailing season

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## Editors Note

As you will see from the Social Secretaries report in previous editions, the first sub-committee meeting for the Centennial Summer Ball has taken place. Suffice to say, a lot of hard work and creative thinking has already gone into the initial planning of this event.

I appeal to all club members to take a little time to dig out those old photo albums, rifle through boxes in the attic and recall pertinent events in the clubs history, whether it be present, past or pre-historic. I would ask that if you do have anything which you think will be interesting, informative or fun, you contact me so that I can copy/borrow whatever you may have.

*Christian Reynolds*

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(Written in his absence whilst he perfects the art of racing an RS 800 in Weymouth bay in a lot of wind!)

## Newsletter report from the Wine Chairman

The Locks members and I would sincerely like to thank all our bar volunteers and the forgotten “heroes” of the pipe cleaning crew, for reliably doing their duties, often without anyone to serve, especially on a Wednesday evening. As the summer draws to a close, come along and support the bar for a drink and a chat to friends. It’s all part of the sailing scene.

The change over from Gales Brewery to Fullers as our main suppliers seems to have been painless enough. We have had a few minor price increases but nothing too dramatic as yet. I look forward to seeing you in the club.

Cheers to you all.

*Bryan Holden*

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# Sailing Secretaries Report

The autumn draws nearer on yet another almost perfect summer.

Some of the racing format has been changed this year. For example we held our Regatta on a Single Day, the 10<sup>th</sup> of June but still attracted 28 boats to the line with Matt Holden in a Laser winning the Medium Handicap and Chris Flewitt taking the fast after a flip of the coin from Will & Sue Tremlett, both boats having had identical corrected times of 3375 secs!

The following day we held our Junior Regatta with a further 20 boats on the water.

Unfortunately we had no visitors from any of the other Langstone Harbour Clubs for either of these events.

The third internal training day of the season was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July with 15 members on the water. These days are open to all members and are to endeavour to get the whole standard of racing & sailing upgraded throughout the club. – For those of you who have not been before please come along & try it. The Autumn Half term also looks promising for using our Volvo Champion Club stats to get an RYA Race trainer along for a day - I will keep you posted on developments.

I mentioned in the last newsletter that we could arrange courses for those who were interested in Powerboats, VHF & First Aid etc, however of the questionnaires I sent out, only four came back with people showing interest so unfortunately that has been shelved for the moment.

Locks is now top of the queue for getting Steve Cockerill along in the Winter for one of his Boat Whisperer evenings, and again, once I have a firm date, information will follow with regard to this.

The Interclub Series is again going well apart from the second one being blown off. Race no 3 had 28 boats including six Victories, who sailed around to join the racing, completed the course then sailed back to Portsmouth. Actually the loss of one race is fortunate as the Langstone Tiller which is sailed for by us & Tudor Sailing Club was to be decided on the relative performance of the clubs boats from three out of the four races, a potential mathematical nightmare if there ever was one!

The Wild Goose chase was literally a wild experience. Set against the backdrop of a ferocious northwesterly half a gale, Tudor sent along the committee boat plus one boat that had to retire damaged on the way to the start. Three RS400's, a Finn and a Laser set off tentatively from Locks. After capsizes on the way to the start, two of the 400's retired and three competitors were left. Hilary Thomas, Laser, John Tremlett, Finn plus Will & Sue Tremlett in a RS400 were the only starters but all fought their way around the course and won bottles of Bubbly for their valiant efforts. The Tudor Sailing Secretary very kindly delivered these to the Locks a few days later.

We have also had the revival of a Sack of Coal race. I have two winners from the respective fleets but if anyone knows any background to the origin of this race I would be really grateful to know

## **Autumn Series**

Our summer dinghy racing finishes with the race around the Binnes Island on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October with cups for the respective fleets along with the October Trophy going to the overall winner. We shall then have a long well deserved rest of about two weeks and so I propose to commence the Autumn Series on the weekend of the 21<sup>st</sup> of October. An end of season Dinghy Meeting and pre Autumn Series Meeting has been arranged for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of October at 8.00. All sailors are welcome. Please make a note in your diaries.

## Website

Alex New has done sterling work setting up our website and keeping me under control when I periodically try to wreck it with different uploads. He is actively working on a system whereby members can put themselves down for the next year's calendar on line and will also include a system which sends out reminders to those involved of their respective duties. This is to help the situation whereby people forget to turn up or make other arrangements which then results in frantic scurrying around to get stand in replacements. Please remember no safety boat crew – no safety boat – no race.

If anyone has any views on what we should do with the site we are always open to suggestions

We had great Club representation at Federation Week and following that the Hayling Island Sailing Club Youth Week, reports from Locks competitors who were at both events follow further on.

## Juniors

By the time you read this the last of the Junior Evening events will have passed by. This only leaves us with the Tudor Junior Regatta, which will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. Details regarding this will be sent by e-mail as usual. There will be a Prize giving on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October.

Our Junior Regatta was a great success with the laser fleet again being dominated by Tim Miller & Matt Holden coming in first & second respectively but it is pleasing to have Alison Fisher who we have not seen for most of the season to come along and win the medium fleet. However it seems the fun race of chasing plastic balls provides greater entertainment for both participants as well as the gathered spectators! There are photos on the Club board.

I am also please to report that six juniors sailed to Langstone's Junior Regatta, and all came home with prizes in their respective fleets. They were Tim Miller, Morgan Allen, Harry Tice, Nicki Stones, Laurie Sayer and Dean Hopgood.

My thanks again to all the parents & Club members who voluntarily give their time & support to ensure that we have had another terrific year for the Locks Junior Fleets

*Jack Miller*

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## Federation Week August 2006

It was a great turnout this year with 25 Locks Members racing in 16 boats. There were Good Results in many of the classes but the week's heroics go to the Tremlett family. While the one was terrorising the RS400 fleet the other was demoralising the Finn class. Will & Sue picked up a very impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> but brother John went one better by winning the Finn Class.

Christian Reynolds did well as always having struggled a little at the early part of the week against some very fast MRX's and with a snapped halyard on the Wednesday but he still managed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

We also had some good results in the Laser Radial fleet the pick of which was Hilary Thomas who showed some of the younger sailors the tactics of racing in Chichester Harbour and picking up a 4<sup>th</sup> place overall.

In the RS200 fleet Lucy Matthews got a 4<sup>th</sup> place, which was especially good considering that the fleet was 45 boats strong.

*Morgan Allen* – Hard pressed RS400 Crew.

## **HISC Junior Week                      August 2006**

We had 7 juniors take part in Youth Week over at HISC this year, with 187 youths taking part overall. Each day consisted of 3 races set on a small trapezoid course. Locks had one entry in the Feva fleet with Laurie Sayer and Joe Fisher. Nikki Stones was the representative in the Laser 4.7's, Olli Wilmot in the Radials and Harry Tice, Morgan Allen and Tim Miller were all in the Laser Full rigs.

Day 1 was a medium airs day with no more than 14 knots of wind. It was a successful day for the Locks contingent with Nikki Stones picking up two 2<sup>nd</sup>'s and a 1<sup>st</sup>; also Tim Miller had two 1<sup>st</sup>'s and a 2<sup>nd</sup>. The rest of the Locks competitors all picked up good positions in their own fleets.

Due to a big evening for Harry Tice's 18<sup>th</sup> on the Monday, it meant that Harry did not attend Tuesdays racing. By the end of day 2 the Locks sailors got the same sort of positions, which left them in the same places on the tables.

The rest of the week was similar to the first couple of days with medium to heavy winds and sunshine with showers. By the end of the week Nikki Stones got 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall in the Laser 4.7's and Tim Miller won 1<sup>st</sup> place in Laser Full Rigs.

On the Thursday night most of the Locks team stayed down at the club to take part in a serious game of cricket on the beach, then stayed on for the party at the club that night. Some also found out that sleeping three people in a Ford Fiesta is really, really not comfortable!

Overall HISC Youth Week turned out to be a success with two prizes picked up and fun had by all who attended. Roll on next year.

*Tim Miller* – Laser Sailor

## **Bosun's Report**

Nearing the end of my first year as your Bosun I must admit that, in spite of the very steep learning curve, I've enjoyed it! Yes, there have been problems and I apologize if you have been inconvenienced by my newness but, squeezing all of our boats into our comparatively tiny Compound does give us a few difficulties; however with your help and tolerance it all seems to work out pretty well; so many thanks to all of you for all that.

There are a few constant reminders, which I have been repeating throughout the season, and these are supported by the Byelaws of the Club; as a reminder those in question are;

### Byelaw

11. Road trailers and launching trolleys must be kept under boats.
- 12/15 After 31 October all unclaimed property in the clubhouse or Compound shall be catalogued and a list displayed in the Club for 4 weeks. After that date the Club is

authorised to dispose of any unclaimed property remaining. All craft and property in the Compound must have the Owner's and boat's name/number on them.

- 26 Sailboards kept in the Compound need written permission from the Bosun and must be kept in the allotted space and bear the owner's name.

If any of you are not observing these Byelaws please sort it out for the benefit of everyone.

The Sailing Sec and I have looked at the sailing programme and tide times and it seems that the best date for the Cruisers to come into the Compound is the weekend of 21/22 October. Our Summer sailing programme ends on the week-end of 7/8 October so all of you dinghy owners not wishing to pay Winter compound fees need to remove your boats by the following week-end i.e. Sunday 15 October. I will be sending out my letter requesting your winter fees with the AGM Agenda so you don't need to do anything until then, which will be towards the end of September.

It would seem, also, that Sunday 15 October would be a good day for a final tidy up before the winter is upon us so if I could ask all of you to put that date in your diaries for, say, a 1030 start I would be very grateful.

Enjoy the last few races of the summer and, again, many thanks for all your help.

*Brian Davies*

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## **Social Secretaries Report**

I hope you have been enjoying the summer as much as I have. With autumn just around the corner the party season is fast approaching. Please keep the Locks social calendar close to hand and enjoy the fun and support your club. The quiz nights are great fun, just make up a team or join in with one, bring along a half time snack and you could win one of four delicious bottles of wine.

As you are all aware we have a pool table in the clubroom, which is not being used very much by the members so I would like to impress upon you "**That you use it or you lose it**".

As your events organiser I am sure you understand that the rather large pool table does impede the kind of social evenings that I can provide. I would like to have your opinion on whether you would like to keep it or have any other suggestions for club entertainment. Please email me your thoughts so I can fine-tune the social calendar for 2007. [christinaholden@btinternet.com](mailto:christinaholden@btinternet.com)

The Junior Prize Giving will be held in the club on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

**This year the Annual Prize Giving Dinner and Dance is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November and will be held at the Royal Beach Hotel, Southsea. Tickets will be on sale from October at the club or contact me.**

# **A.G.M. MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 8.00 pm**

Thank you for your support.

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## **LOCKS SAILING CLUB** **SOCIAL CALENDAR 2006**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 2006</b>		
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz night	8pm
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Quiz night	8pm
<b>OCTOBER 2006</b>		
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>A.G.M.</b>	<b>8pm</b>
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz Night	8pm
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Junior Prize Giving</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Quiz Night	8pm
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	St. James Quiz Night	7.30pm
<b>NOVEMBER 2006</b>		
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz Night	8pm
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Fireworks Supper	7.30pm
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Prize Giving D&amp;D</b>	<b>7pm (Royal Beach)</b>
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz night	8pm
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	E.C.A. Quiz Night	7.30pm
<b>DECEMBER 2006</b>		
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Quiz Night	8pm
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Quiz Night	8pm
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas prize draw	1pm
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve Party	8pm (Bring a present)
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	New Years Eve Party	8pm (American Supper)

Dates may be subject to change.