

Locks Newsletter



March 2006

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Commodore's Report

Dear Members

I have to start the Spring newsletter with the sad news of the recent death of one of our honorary life members, David Green. I did not know David personally, but know that many of you did and remember his long service to club as Treasurer. As always our thoughts are with David's family and friends

The dinghy sailing season starts early this year with the first race on the 11th March. I know that Jack and the dinghy racing members have put together a great race card, which includes the further development of our already successful interclub series. This year we are looking to welcome Portsmouth Sailing Club and their Victory fleet to join us, and the other Langstone Harbour clubs for one of the races. On a personal level Alison and I are also looking forward to being part of these series with "Jeannique" as committee boat for some of these events, including the first race of the regatta, alongside Bill Tremlett and "Cruella de Vil"

On the cruising front, the usual round of maintenance jobs remains for most of us. The thought of plunging my hands into buckets of freezing water in order to rub down the bottom in preparation for antifouling does not seem too appealing in the current frozen conditions! I am sure that anyone who has done this onerous task will probably share my sentiments.

I know that some of our cruiser members are also planning their racing for 2006 and I hope that the Locks will be able to go one better in this year's team event in the 2006 Round The Island Race. Please let me know if you are taking part, and we can submit the best team. On the racing front, if any of the hardened cruisers feel that you would like to give racing a go in a less stressful environment, please let myself or Jack know and we can look at putting on a race at our regatta or one of the interclub's.

I would like to take this opportunity to add my thanks to those already expressed, to all the members who turned up and helped clear up the compound and outside of the club in January. It was great to see so many, and varied a cross

section of the club, coming together in the self help traditions that we have enjoyed for many years. My particular thanks must go to Clive Cummings for providing the equipment and expertise to tackle the tougher clearance jobs around the compound, and also to Christina and her team who kept all the workers fuelled with a plentiful supply of bacon butties and tea. My thanks again to all who helped.

And finally, it is rumoured that the Commodore is to make a guest appearance in an RS800 this season. Anyone who has any understanding of the performance and ability of a) The aforementioned Commodore and b) the very unstable dinghy that the RS 800 is, can appreciate the potential for numerous comedy moments! I will be looking for offers of donations to the Club's funds to make this rumour a reality, and a windy enough day to get the boat moving, or at least make it across the start line upright!

I wish you all a very enjoyable and successful season in 2006 and look forward to seeing you all around the club and on the water.

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Wine Chairman's report.

Dear Members,

I'd like to report that the bar is running smoothly and ready for another great season. My thanks as always, to all those members who continue to support the bar by volunteering to do bar duties throughout the year.

As you may know Gales have recently been taken over by Fullers and we are monitoring the new service we are receiving from Fullers closely. If anyone has any thoughts about Fullers or other potential suppliers which they would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me.

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Editors Note (and gap filler)

If any member has photographs that would be of interest for the front cover of future newsletters whether current or old, please send them to me and I will endeavour to use them on future editions of the magazine.

Additionally, if anyone has ideas for better layouts, designs, articles & displays your views would be most welcome.

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Sailing Secretaries Report

Hi everyone,

Autumn Series 2005

Four boats contested the fast fleet and seventeen the Medium fleet over the proposed 11 race series. Of these only eight races were started which means three discards. Christian Reynolds & Lucy Jones won the Fast Fleet in their RS800 and Hilary Thomas won the Medium Fleet in her Laser. The prizes for will be presented at the Fitting Out Supper on the 3rd of March.

Safety Boat

All the boats have now been serviced. A new propeller has been fitted to Saturn. Could all members please note that we have the ability to raise the engine in order to keep the prop clear of the water on launching & recovery. This enables the engine to be started in relatively shallow water. However it is always preferable to start the engine when there is sufficient depth of water so we do not have to keep having the propeller repaired & replaced as it has been grounded on the seabed.

We are running two internal Club training courses for members to get to know how to prepare the ribs for use and basic safety cover techniques. The Club policy is ideally to have all rib drivers qualified with powerboat level two. However desirable this policy is, we know it is not always possible to adhere to it, so part of our policy is also to ask members to have had a basic instruction from the Sailing Secretary or Committee member. These courses also enable us to get our more competent Cadets, who race with the senior fleets added to the safety boat rota.

Five members completed a successful course on the 18th of February and a further six should be doing the same on the 4th of March. As with any discussions regarding the use of these boats can I please remind you have the kill cord attached to you at any time the engine is running. There are examples of insurance companies not covering incidents when rib drivers are not following simple safety procedures such as this.

Cruisers

I understand that the cruisers are returning to the water on the 1st of April 2006.

Calendar for 2005

Hopefully you will receive this either with the newsletter or else shortly thereafter. The latest update is on the website www.lockssc.co.uk anyway. Wherever you view it you will see that there is a full season of fun and enjoyment for 2006. I have asked members in the last newsletter and via the Internet to complete their preferences for their duties. For those who have not come back to me prior to the Calendars removal from the notice board, I have then taken their names from the Membership secretary and used them to fill in the gaps. We cannot race without an Officer of the Day or a Safety boat so if you cannot make a duty then please arrange with someone else to do a swap. Please remember that if you race with the Locks SC fleet or have a dinghy stored in the compound then you should be available to do **three duties** as either Officer of the Day, Safety Boat Driver or Safety Boat crew during our 60 plus summer race schedule.

Races

The preferences of the members for divergent activities mean that the calendar is a constantly evolving beast. We hope to start on the 11th of March, with the racing finished well before the six nations rugby kicks off! It is early in the season but the tides are right and if the weather is OK then it is another weekend on the water. If it is cancelled due to inclement weather then so be it.

The compound will still be crowded, as the cruisers do not go back in until the 1st of April so it may be a little tight. Please note that as the cruisers go in they will require room to get out of the compound, so please be considerate.

I have put in two Club Training days. They are the 29th of April, which we can run as an internal day. It is a chance to blow away those cobwebs if you have not done so already and is open and welcome to all club members from the juniors upwards and across all levels.

As we are a Volvo Accredited Club we should be able to get two days training from the RYA for our Junior / Youth Section. One of these will be the 22nd of July date, which we will use as the second club-training day so again open to all members and we will have a RYA supplied coach for that day. More details will come out about the format of these days closer to the time.

All I would say again is that everyone, but everyone, benefits from a bit of training and these days are available for all members to improve the standard of their sailing and racing, so please take advantage of them. We are also looking at whether it is possible to get an evening with Steve Cockerill from Rooster Sailing. He does a circuit of talks & videos and we are exploring if we can get him to come along to the Locks.

Interclub Races

This year there are four Interclub races to be managed by Langstone, Tudor and two by the Locks SC. One start by Tudor will be at their end of the Harbour, the Langstone one will be in the region of Stoke and ours somewhere in the Middle of Harbour. Three out the four races will count for the prizes and with three classes. The Langstone Tiller series between Locks and Tudor will also be part of the series and again we shall be taking the best three out of four races to count for that Trophy.

We also have a Committee Boat Start weekend, which is the 1st & 2nd of July and probably the first start of our Regatta will be by Committee Boat to enable other clubs to sail down and join us.

The RNLI Trophy has also been amended as per last year with both fleets racing for their own prize and a bar b q being held after the race with the aim of raising funds for our local RNLI station. This is on the 29th of July.

Isle of Wight Trips and Days on the Sands.

We again have three days of Priory Bay trips or days on the Sands weather permitting.

Courses

Laminated copies of the courses are available from behind the bar a £1 a go.

Locks Junior Section Spring 2006

We have a full programme of Junior Evenings pencilled in, plus our Regatta, and also regattas to go to at Langstone and Tudor. There is also an open regatta at Portchester on the 10th of June, the day before our Junior Regatta, which we may like to support. More details will follow for all of these. I have also inserted the HISC Junior Week on the calendar as many of you will go to that as you have previously and I would like to get those who have not been previously to stick it in their diaries (or their parents diaries) now. It is a great week and everyone enjoys it.

I said earlier that we should have two days training from the RYA. We obtain these courtesy of the juniors and they will be used primarily as such but opened to adult single Handers as well. I will talk more about this at our Junior Meeting, as I will have more information by then. I will try and get one of these days during the summer half term which is for once perfect for us with regard to tide times being mid afternoon. Our first junior evening is the 21st of April. We can agree who will be doing what on the water and dry land, we have Bryan Holden in the Safety Boat but he will always need a second person. The Committee Boat (Dot Patrol) will need two crew and so will the coach boat.

One person will need to check in the Juniors prior to launching and note their return to shore. This person will then be a lookout and radio watch from the Mercer Bridge. One or two people need to cook the pizzas etc. I make that at least eight people. These jobs are not fixed and can be swapped. We will continue with the £2 per Junior per night levy. It covers the cost of the pizza and hot chocolate for the juniors and helpers for each evening.

New members

We are always looking to increase the number of new sailing members into the Club so if you know of friend who is interested in sailing with us then please put them in contact with us.

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Bosun's Report

My first message is primarily for the dinghy owners. All those of you who keep your boats in the compound need to pay your harbour dues. This is so that you are entitled to sail in Langstone Harbour; without it you are not legal! The cost, no matter the size of your dinghy, is £16.30 per dinghy. So if you could make out your cheques to Locks SC and send them to me by the end of March I will liaise with the Harbour Board to register you. Secondly, a number of you failed to return/or complete your yellow forms; these are an essential requirement of the Harbour Board and without them you cannot be registered so, if there is a yellow form in with this newsletter you must fill it in and get it back to me with your dues.

Having given the compound a great clean up on a lovely day in mid Jan the club members who helped out on that day can feel some real pride in a job well done and know that they've earned the right to enjoy their season's sailing. Now you've all probably noticed that the racing is planned to start on Sat 11 March but the cruisers will not be moving out until Saturday the 1st of April thus, the sharper ones amongst you will have worked out that, between these two dates, there will be competing demands for compound space and a need for sensible cooperation so, can you all please be sympathetic to others' needs. Also, any of you who have your boats at home and are not likely to be on the water before early April, it would ease the compound crush if you could delay your arrival until after this.

A couple of repeated appeals from me! Firstly there is the question of road trailers. If they are not under your boat they take up valuable space and, consequently, should be charged at the going rate of 45p/sq ft; so if you want to avoid this charge please place trailers under your boat or remove them! Also can you ensure they are marked with your

name, boat type and number. Secondly, we have done a lot to remove unwanted rubbish from the compound so, during the season, would you all ensure your area is clean and tidy and that you remove any of your own personal crud. As an example, we spent some considerable time cleaning the drains in the compound only to discover that much of the blockage was caused by plastic balls and drinks bottles.

Having had my statutory moans I'll now say farewell and wish you all the very best for a great season on the water.

Brian Davies
Bosun

Social Secretaries Report

Happy New Year to you all. The year certainly started well socially, with over sixty people turning up to the first quiz in January. Luckily, they continue to be a very successful social event for the Locks and keep the bar profits up during the winter months. Please come along and join in the fun, there are always four delicious bottles of wine to be won and it's a great way to exercise the old grey matter.

Tickets are now on sale for the Start of Season Dinner and Dance and Autumn Prize Giving.

This will be held on Friday 3rd March at the Quarterdeck Function Suite, Southsea Leisure Park, Melville Road Southsea.

There will be a four course meal, of Melon, Steak Pie, Cheese selection with fruit and coffee and mints. The dress code is Blazer and tie, or lounge.

There is also a disco and Autumn Prize giving.

Just put your name in the folder which is behind the bar or contact me on the details below.

Please support your club and come along to this event.

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LOCKS SAILING CLUB SOCIAL CALENDAR 2006

<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 18 th	St. James Quiz	7.30pm
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
JULY 2006		
Saturday 1 st	Quiz Night	8pm
Monday 3rd	Q.G.M.	8pm

Tuesday 18th
Sunday 23rd

Commodores Eve
E.C.A. Regatta

7pm (All welcome)
TBA

AUGUST 2006

Saturday 12th

Quiz night

8pm

SEPTEMBER 2006

Saturday 9th

Quiz night

8pm

Saturday 23rd

Quiz night

8pm

OCTOBER 2006

Monday 2nd

A.G.M.

8pm

Saturday 7th

Quiz Night

8pm

Saturday 14th

Junior Prize Giving

7.30pm

Saturday 21st

Quiz Night

8pm

Saturday 28th

St. James Quiz Night

7.30pm

NOVEMBER 2006

Saturday 4th

Quiz Night

8pm

Sunday 5th

Fireworks Supper

7.30pm

Saturday 11th

Prize Giving D&D

7pm (Royal Beach)

Saturday 18th

Quiz night

8pm

Saturday 25th

E.C.A. Quiz Night

7.30pm

DECEMBER 2006

Saturday 2nd

Quiz Night

8pm

Saturday 16th

Christmas Quiz Night

8pm

Sunday 17th

Christmas prize draw

1pm

Sunday 24th

Christmas Eve Party

8pm (Bring a present)

Sunday 31st

New Years Eve Party

8pm (American Supper)

Dates may be subject to change.

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