

Locks Newsletter



May 2006



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Commodore's Report

Dear Members,

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the progress we are making towards finalising the lease extension on the club.

On the funding side we have already achieved £37,000 of our £50,000 target. This is mainly due to the legacy of previous committee's prudent management of club funds, generous donations from our members and the recent successful fund raising activities led by Martin Tice and Christina Holden. We are well on track to achieve our target before the final installment payment is required in five years time.

I would also like to record my, and the clubs, thanks to Jan Pickett and her calligraphy class who have contributed a significant amount to the fund over the past year.

A sub group of the committee has been working to ensure that the terms and conditions of the new lease are at least as favorable as our existing arrangements, and even better, where they reflect changes in practice and legislation since the original leases were drawn up. We have taken on board the view of the members that we needed to preserve the legacy of very favorable terms achieved for us by "Blanny" in the 1950's.

I would like to record my thanks on behalf of the club to Martin Tice for the benefit of his experience, and particularly to John Saulet who has provided a significant amount of professional legal advice, support and correspondence at no cost to the club. This will allow us to better use our funds going forward to help develop the club even further.

The next step is for the trustee's to meet and agree the final lease documentation and for the club to pay the first £10,000 installment. We will continue to keep you all updated via the Quarterly General Meetings.

The Round the Island race take place on the 3rd June and we are looking for a third member for the Locks team. If any of you are taking part and would like to join **Cruella de Vil** and **Auditrac** in the class 3 team please let me know as soon as possible. It would be good to improve on our 2nd place last year.

I am sure that I will see many you around the club and on the water over the coming weeks, however this weekends forecast of rain and 40 knots may not be too encouraging!

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Wine Chairman's report.

Dear Members,

The bar continues to run smoothly and takings are starting to flow as the season gets underway. My thanks as always, to all those members who continue to support the bar by volunteering to do bar duties throughout the year.

On an important note, we are extremely lacking in volunteers to run the bar on Sunday lunchtimes. We have been discussing at Committee ideas for getting more volunteers for Sunday duties so that we can open every Sunday lunchtime throughout the summer season.

If you would be willing to volunteer yourself on a Sunday please contact me on the details below. In addition, if you have any ideas for making the club more appealing to members & guests on Sundays, your ideas would be welcome.

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Editors Note

As you will see from the Social Secretaries report later in this newsletter, 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. Amongst a whole host of entertainment which will be communicated to you over the coming months, we are going to take a trip down memory lane, with photographs & memorabilia covering as far back as photography will allow - almost John Druce's graduation.....

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.

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Sailing Secretaries Report

Hi everyone, welcome to the summer section of what's going on the water

Racing

Four series have been raced for both fleets so far this season with Chris Flewitt in his RS 600 winning the Blanchard Cup & Harry Chambers Memorial Trophy. Christian Reynolds & Lucy Jones won the Easter Egg Series and Chris Phillips & Juliana Posada- Brown have collected the Masters Trophy. This last weekend Chris Flewitt also added the Mercer Plate, which is the first of the two pursuit races to his winnings.

In the Medium Fleet Cadet member Matt Holden has won the Maurice Hutchins Urn Series & the Jordan Plate for the Pursuit Race Medium Fleet. Whilst Hilary Thomas has won the Jubilee Shield. The Medium Fleet Easter Egg series went to another Laser sailed by Bob Selby and Tim Miller scored another hit for the Locks Cadets by winning the Motor Boat Challenge Cup.

We have also had the first of the Interclub Series with twenty plus boats, unfortunately the results are not in as we go to press.

Training Courses

We have had the first of two that we have planned this summer. This was held on the 29th of April with eight members taking to the water. All feel they have benefited from the day and the second of these will be on the 22nd of July and will help those preparing to go to Fed Week in August.

I am in contact with a local organisation that may be able to fill all our training requirements with regard to Powerboats, VHF & First Aid. More information will follow on this when I have it.

I have also been in contact with Steve Cockerill and we have provisionally booked him to come along to the club in November for his Boat Whisper presentation Evening and again more information will follow on this in due course.

Locks Juniors

Wow! Junior & Cadet Fleet goes from strength to strength. We had 17 on the water for the first event, which had risen to 25 for the second one! We now sail with two fleets, the lasers to the north of the slip way and Toppers, Fevas, Picos in the Lake.

Best sight of the evening is the look on the parent's faces when the whole fleet capsizes to the whistle! Youth is the lifeblood of any club and is great to see any Club member stroll down when there is a Junior Evening as the whole place is really alive & humming!

During Half term I am looking to have a couple of days sailing for the juniors on the Tuesday & Wednesday as we have afternoon tides. I will e-mail more specifics to the junior e-mail list.

We will be looking to finish the Junior Evening Series with a Bar B Q on one of the later evenings of the year again more details to follow closer to the time.

My thanks as always, to the dedicated parents, who help with food after sailing and the organising both on & off the water that is vital to the ongoing success of the Junior Section and without which we couldn't continue.

Good sailing

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Bosun's Report

The Cruisers were all successfully launched on the first weekend in April and then, after a fortnight of frantic scraping, painting and modification, all the trailers were safely stowed away over the Easter weekend. The small team of trailer-movers were impressively efficient and gave the compound a serious make-over and cleared away many seasons of assorted rubbish to give us all a pristine compound to start the season. My sincere thanks to all of you who helped do such a great job, including Paul Phelan who then arranged to get the rubbish moved out of the compound.



Continuing on the Cruiser theme, I have put a schematic chart of the cruisers' positions up on the door of the club for all the cruiser owners' comments. If you think I have, or have not, put your boat in the correct location please note any changes to the chart and I will eventually revise the chart so that everyone, including the Harbour Master, knows where your mooring is.

Since the start of the season I have been tweaking the positions of the dinghies in the compound and it's now largely as I think it will remain for the remainder of the season. If, however anyone is deeply unhappy with things and has a genuine gripe then let me know and we can review things.

I am still disappointed at the number of loose road trailers lying around and, with there having been a number of thefts and some vandalism in the compound, I have moved them all to one location at the far end of the compound and secured them with a padlock and chain. If you want to get at them give me a call and I will be happy to assist.

Have a great season on the water and, if we haven't yet met, please make yourself known to me when we're next down the club together.

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Social Secretaries Report

Summer has arrived at last!

A sub committee has just had the first meeting to discuss and organise the Locks Centennial Celebrations for 2007. There is going to be a Midsummer Ball at Boat House No. 7 in Portsmouth's Historic Dockyard on June 23rd 2007. Please put this very important date in your diaries. Another Anniversary Day to be held at the club house. Details of all these celebrations will be sent out to all members by post in the near future.

The next social event is an evening with Daniel Jarman on Friday 26th May at 8pm. The details are as follows and this will also be an American Supper, so please bring along a plate of "Hand Grub" and enjoy a fun evening.

LOCKS ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT - By Dan Jarman

OK folks, due to recent appeals to find ideas of raising cash for the club, how about this one - here's an opportunity for you to 'busk' for the fund raising appeal!!

An evening of live entertainment has been arranged for Friday 26th May, where you volunteer to provide the entertainment!! So if there are any musicians, comedians, story tellers, or any other sort of artist [apart from the usual 4 letter ones among us] that would like to give it a go now is a chance to perform to a very generous live audience who are sure to relieve themselves of a few shillings into the hat upon their bedazzlement.

The evening will be treated purely as an open mic. event where anyone can get up at random and do their 'thang'. A P.A. system and microphones with a very good volume control knob will be provided, which will also take electric pianos/keyboards, electro-acoustic guitars etc. [stress on the 'acoustic', no heavy metal axe heroes please!]. Feel free to bring along your instruments to plug in, Jam and sing along under the influence of your favourite mug of grog. This is an American supper night and there will also be a raffle. Everyone welcome. It should be a right wheeze!

The Locks Regatta is on 10th with a BBQ on the Saturday Evening and the Junior Regatta on the 11th June. The Commodores Cocktail Party is on Tuesday July 18th and all

members are welcome. Quiz nights continue to be well supported and a lot of fun. Please note, there are only one quiz a month during June, July and August.

Please check the notice board behind the bar and around the club for details of forth coming social events and keep the social diary handy.

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LOCKS SAILING CLUB SOCIAL CALENDAR 2006

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
MAY 2006		
Saturday 6 th	Quiz Night	8pm
Saturday 20 th	Quiz Night	8pm
Friday 26 th	Open Mic & American Supper	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	Commodores Eve	7pm (All welcome)
Sunday 23rd	E.C.A. Regatta	TBA
AUGUST 2006		
Saturday 12 th	Quiz night	8pm
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
Saturday 28 th	St. James Quiz Night	7.30pm
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.

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