

Locks News



February 2007



LOCKS SAILING CLUB
100 Years
1907 - 2007

Commodores Report

Dear Members,

Our Centenary Year has arrived. We are now officially 100 years old. As this is such an important year for the club this newsletter will be dedicated to informing you about the events during the year. I won't steal Christina's thunder as she has a full and detailed report about the celebrations we have planned.

I will however say that as well as celebrating 100 years, this year we will sign the extension of our lease, securing the club's future for the next 125 years. This I know everyone will agree is an important and great achievement for us. My thanks go to Martin Tice who has worked extremely hard over the past 18 months in discussions with the council to get us to this point.

In addition, as most of you will be aware, the club is currently closed, undergoing refurbishment. I would like to thank the Sub-Committee headed by Paul Phelan, who have all put a great deal of time and effort into getting the works underway, spent huge amounts of time researching materials, furniture and colours, in the attempt to make our club a place we can be proud to host our guests. I have been lucky enough to have 'sneak' previews of the work as it progresses and I am delighted with the way the club is shaping up.

On the water this year, we have lots of great races planned and have tried to improve on last years fixture list - not an easy thing to do. Jack will provide some details later. Off the water, our highlight this year will be the Summer Ball on June 23rd. Tickets will be on sale on the 1st March and will be reserved for members until 1st April, after which time they will be made available outside the club. We have a capacity of 200 tickets, so if you want come make sure you contact Christina soon.

I wish you all a great season on the water and a successful and happy year ahead.

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Centennial Celebrations

This year the Locks Sailing Club is 100 years old! We have three very important events to celebrate this wonderful occasion so put the following dates in your diary so we can all celebrate the Locks Centennial Year in style.

The first event will be the **Lease Signing Ceremony.**

This is to be held in the **Locks S.C. on Saturday 7th April 2007 at 7.30pm.**

This is a momentous occasion for the club as we will be signing our new lease which will continue for the next 125 years. The Lord Mayor of Portsmouth will

be present at the Locks to witness this event, so put on your glad rags and come along and enjoy the occasion. Light refreshments will be provided.

The second event is **The Locks Sailing Club Centennial Midsummer Ball.**

This will be on **Saturday 23rd June 2007.**

The location for the ball is **Boathouse No.7 in Portsmouth Historic Dockyard**, close to H.M.S. Victory. The evening will begin at 7pm with a sparkling reception followed by an opening greeting from your Commodore, Christian Reynolds. A fine centennial dinner will be served and then a brief history of the Locks sailing club will be presented. A Giant birthday cake will be lit and traditionally we will sing "Happy Birthday" to Locks. With the Cake cutting ceremony over we will then be entertained by our celebrity guests, "Admiral Lord Nelson, Emma Hamilton and Captain Hardy" and historian Peter Warwick. We will then dance the night away with live music from The Blue Bazookas and a disco. The cost of this wonderful occasion is only £50 per ticket.

Tickets will be on sale at the beginning of March and these can be bought from me either by email, phone or from my home address. Details as follows.

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The third event is a **Centennial Day.**

This will be held at the **Locks S.C. on Saturday 18th August 2007.**

The day will include a cruiser race and dinghy racing in the afternoon which will see the Ron Lucas Memorial Trophy being presented at the prize giving for the first time. Thanks to Ron's kind bequest to the club we will all be enjoying a sumptuous buffet. At around 5.30pm the Rose and Thistle Scottish Pipe and Drum Band will march into the compound and play to us for approximately an hour. As the day drifts into evening we will be entertained in the club house by our very own Dan "The Guitar Man" Jarman.

You will all be informed about the exact schedule for the day nearer the date.

I think these three events are a fitting tribute to the Locks Sailing Club.

Christina Holden

Social Secretary
Locks Sailing Club

Sailing Secretaries Report

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the Spring Section of what's going on and what has been going on, on the water.

Autumn Series 2006

32 boats in total participated in the Locks Autumn Series in the two Fleets.

The Fast Fleet was a narrow points win for Paul & Mandy Phelan in their RS400 beating the ever keen and continually practising Laser 4000 of Geoff & Bernice Holden by one point, with the Commodore Christian Reynolds crewed by Lucy Jones in his RS800 coming third.

The Medium Fleet of 22 boats consisted of a Laser, Solo and Laser Radial in the first three slots. Matt Holden recording six bullets & two second places to win by a clear margin from Martin Tice followed by Hilary Thomas.

Prizes for this will be awarded at the Autumn Prize Giving on the 3rd of March at the Locks S.C..

Boxing Day

Nineteen boats hit the water for a quick whiz around the Harbour on what was actually a very sunny and unseasonably warm day. Paul & Mandy Phelan continued their Autumn Series winning results with a victory in the Fast Fleet and Brian Davies won the Medium Fleet in his Solo.

Safety Boat

The boats and engines have been put in for service and will be ready for use for the new season starting on the 10th of March.

Members will see from the provisional calendar that we have inserted some sail training days prior to early afternoon high water races. I hope to look at running these in conjunction with some internal Club rib training courses for members to get to know how to prepare the ribs for use and basic safety cover and driving techniques.

The Club policy is ideally to have all rib drivers qualified with powerboat level two. Desirable though this policy may be, we know it is not always possible to adhere to it, so part of our procedures is also to ask members with little or no rib driving experience to have had a basic instruction from the Sailing Secretary or Committee member. Running of these types of courses also enable us to get our more competent Cadets, who race with the senior fleets, added to the safety boat rota.

As with any discussions regarding the use of these boats can I please remind you have the kill cord attached to you, preferably your leg, at any time the engine is running.

Cruisers

I understand that the cruisers are returning to the water on the weekend of the 31st March - 1st of April 2006. The High Water times are 11.10 & 11.38 respectively

Calendar for 2007

Hopefully you will receive this shortly. The latest update is on the website www.lockssc.co.uk anyway, as well as which those with an up to date e mail

address will have received a copy of the schedule from me earlier in the year. Wherever you view it you will see that there is a full season of fun and enjoyment for 2007.

I have asked members in the last newsletter and reminded them via the Internet to complete their preferences for their duties for 2007. For those who have not come back to me prior to the Calendars removal from the notice board, I will 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 full 83! Summer race schedule.

Races

I have scheduled our Spring Series to start on the 10th of March will all races from then until the Easter Weekend competing for one Cup in each Fleet.

The Summer Racing then starts from the Easter Weekend.

I have tried to incorporate as many of the sensible and possible suggestions that members raised during the end of season debrief in October. These I have previously highlighted in the Winter Newsletter so will not repeat them here.

A couple of extras I should mention are firstly that I have spoken to the Victory Fleet who look likely to join us again on of our Interclub Races that where we are the OOD and Committee Boat.

Also I have inserted extra evening races and have therefore split it into two series.

We have eight training sessions in the calendar. These are on the days when we have an early afternoon high tide. It is possible to get on the water three hours before high water and these sessions will be open to all members. All I would say again is that everyone, but everyone, benefits from a bit of training and these days are available for all members including the competent Juniors & Cadets to improve the standard of their sailing and racing, so please take advantage of them. At the same time as I said previously we will endeavour to use these sessions for those less experienced rib drivers to get a basic understanding of the use of our safety ribs.

Therefore as a result of this change no races will be to race training.

I have also inserted the dates for both Federation Week and HISC Junior Week. Can members please take note of these dates, we had nineteen boats from Locks at Federation Week last year and it would be good to beat that number this year.

On the Junior Fleet side we have a great section of Cadets and younger members and getting them to travel to the HISC Junior event does wonders for their overall sailing.

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 11th of August.

We have our Centenary Race day on the 18th of August with a new piece of Silverware on offer as well as following the event with a Bar B Q. We intend to lay a course for our Keelboats who have expressed an interest in racing on the day.

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 2007

We again have a full program of Junior Evenings, our Junior Regatta plus two others, a dedicated race for juniors sailing with an adult in a double hander as well as events for the cadets to compete for a single hander's prize.

I intend to have a junior pre season meeting along with the parents and can then get names for the various very important support roles for these and other events. I will be emailing this to our Junior Member list in due course. So please look at what is going on and make notes in your diaries.

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.

Happy Sailing.

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LOCKS SAILING CLUB SOCIAL CALENDAR 2007

During the months of January and February the Locks Sailing Club has undergone major refurbishment. A birthday present for the club!! We are hoping to have the club open for a **quiz night on the 24th February 2007**. The new furniture may not have arrived by then so we may still be using the old tables and chairs but at least the club will be functioning again.

This year **The Autumn Prize Giving** will be held in the **Locks on Saturday 3rd March 2007 at 7.30pm**. Sandwiches will be provided.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
FEBRUARY 2007		
Saturday 24 th	Quiz Night	8pm
MARCH 2007		
Saturday 3 rd	Autumn Prize Giving	7.30pm
Saturday 10 th	Quiz Night	8pm
Saturday 17 th	E.C.A. Quiz Night	7.30pm
Saturday 24 th	Quiz Night	8pm
APRIL 2007		
Monday 2 nd	Q.G.M.	8pm
Saturday 7 th	Lease Signing Ceremony	7.30pm
Saturday 21 st	Quiz Night	8pm
MAY 2007		
Saturday 5 th	Quiz Night	8pm
Saturday 19 th	Quiz Night	8pm
JUNE 2007		
Saturday 2 nd	Quiz Night	8pm
Saturday 16 th	Quiz Night	8pm
Saturday 23 rd	Midsummer Ball	Boathouse No. 7
Saturday 30 th	Quiz Night	8pm
JULY 2007		
Monday 2 nd	Q.G.M.	8pm
Saturday 14 th	LSC Junior Regatta	TBA
Sunday 15 th	LSC Adult Regatta	TBA
Tuesday 17 th	Commodores Eve	7pm
Saturday 28 th	Quiz Night	8pm

AUGUST 2007

Saturday 11 th	Quiz night	8pm
Saturday 18 th	100 th Birthday Party	TBA

SEPTEMBER 2007

Saturday 8 th	Quiz night	8pm
Saturday 22 nd	Quiz night	8pm

OCTOBER 2007

Monday 1 st	A.G.M.	8pm
Saturday 6 th	Junior Prize Giving	7.30pm
Saturday 13 th	Quiz Night	8pm
Saturday 27 th	Quiz Night	8pm

NOVEMBER 2007

Saturday 3 rd	Prize Giving D & D	Quarterdeck Bar
Saturday 10 th	Quiz night	8pm
Saturday 17 th	E.C.A. Quiz Night	7.30pm
Saturday 24 th	Quiz Night	8pm

DECEMBER 2007

Saturday 8 th	Christmas Quiz Night	8pm
Sunday 9 th	Christmas prize draw	1pm

Dates may be subject to change

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