

Locks News



June 2008



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Commodores Report June 2008

June is upon us, the longest day just around the corner and at last the water is warm and we are experiencing some 'normal' wind strengths, albeit from a predominant Easterly direction. Our usual prevailing South Westerly seems a distant memory and more often than not we are now sailing around Main Channel and Sinah, which is actually a fabulous part of the harbour for sailing.

The 2009 Langstone Race Weekend committee chaired by myself have now met and initial details are to be released shortly. Both Tudor and Langstone are fully supportive of the event which will see 100 boats racing for 3 days in Langstone Harbour over the late May Bank Holiday next year, with social functions every night.

The new safety boat has been launched and officially named 'Apache' which you will see from the Flying Dutchman board in the club was the name of one of our original Dutchman fleet – I've heard but not had confirmed may have been Chris Hornsey's. Talking of Hornsey, Chris and Mavis sons Tim and Kevin have recently come back to the club after many years away bringing their children, April, Paige, Theo & Rufus – a warm welcome back. The junior fleet is stronger than ever, in fact so much so that we are now unable to take in more kids as we are at the limit of manageability on the water.

The Committee are continuing to work hard for you looking at a number of new projects to continue improving and developing the club. There are currently 2 sub-committees working on 1) Ladies/Kitchen refurbishment and 2) Building Management Policy. The video camera has proved a great success with some excellent footage from on the water. Thanks to Tim Miller for editing it and putting it to music. We will no doubt have a video/photo night at the club during the winter sometime when we can't remember how good it was being on the water in the summer.....

A gentle reminder to members to have all notified business to Mandy Phelan by 23rd June in time for the July QGM.

That's about it from me, Summer is here, all is ship shape and I wish you all successful sailing and holidays.

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Sailing Secretaries Report Summer 2008

Racing

The season is progressing well despite the fact that I missed out on the two May Bank Holidays when compiling the calendar last winter! Both of these have been successfully replaced with a combination of a single one off race and some pre race training. The purchase of a video camera has been great success in recording some of the thrills and spills of members sailing in lots of wind and as we get better at using it then the quality of the training and improvement derived from it will also increase.

Low Water Racing

We are experimenting with slightly later starts to alleviate the mud situation when launching. However, it means that there are potentially greater tides to contend with at the end of a race. This becomes a big problem if races are postponed which is happening as there is a logjam of boats waiting to launch. So if you are doing a low water race please allow extra time for launching as OOD's will be asked to start the races as per the published times.

Also when the boats are brought back into the compound could you please wash them off on the top of the slip way so that mud runs back into the sea as opposed to into the compound where it then blocks up the drainage sump for the compound. Many thanks.

Ribs

We have taken delivery of our new safety boat, which is being called Apache, named after one of Locks SC's Flying Dutchman Fleet.

Ian Burrans has kindly taken on the role of rib Bosun and has ensured that both Apache and Saturn have towropes, anchors and all the safety equipment on board. There will be a defects log placed in the foyer in due course. If you have a problem on any of the clubs motor boats, Apache, Saturn or Dot patrol please make a note there as well as talking to Ian.

There are two sets of flags on wooden poles in Mercer Bridge so when taking out either boat the rib drivers and crew will have the means of shortening the course from the rib to assist the OOD if required.

The committee has looked at our radio coverage with the boats we have and as part of our ongoing maintenance & upgrading, an inboard radio will shortly be fitted to Saturn.

It is proposed that Apache is used for the High Water races and is the principle safety boat with Saturn now used as the Junior Training boat, and back up safety boat. In order to ensure that it gets sufficient use the intention is to use Saturn as the safety boat for low water races.

As always please remember to clip the kill cord onto you when using all Club ribs or outboards before you turn the engine on.

Lost property & the Changing Rooms.

We seem to be accumulating loads of lost property in the two changing rooms. These items will be stored in spare lockers for a maximum period of three months and then disposed off. Sailing gear is expensive, if you have left gear in the club please remove it or lose it.

Trophy Book

Members who make it to the Annual Prize giving will be aware that the club has accumulated some magnificent Cups and Trophies over its 100-year history. These are only seen in all their glory on this one occasion per year.

We have photographs and a list of the previous winners have painstakingly been copied from these cups. The club is looking for a volunteer to compile these in a photo album with a picture of the cup on one side, a word document list on the other with previous winners - and history if known - which can be reprinted each year with the latest winners name inserted. The book to be kept in the club for all to see. I have the information but not the time to put this idea into reality can anyone help please?

Juniors

We go from strength to strength with the numbers on the water around 22 for the last couple of evenings.

With these numbers we are reaching to close to the maximum that we can safely look after on the water. You will not doubt read elsewhere that we are full in the compound with regard to boats and so reluctantly we are also full on the junior side so please do not bring along other non member friends for the evenings as we will not be able to cope.

We have recently upgraded our child welfare and protection policies for the club. Cathy Illes has kindly agreed to be the Locks Welfare Officer in regard to this. The policy on this will shortly be available on the club website and our first Junior Evening we went through this with the parents present. All members should log in and have a read.

We are looking at clothing with the Locks SC logo and more details of this will follow.

Club Boats

We have three club boats primarily for use with the juniors and there is a specific policy on their use which is again on the website and can I ask all members who wish to use these boats to have a read of this document. Use of Dot Patrol by members is also covered in the safety boat policy.

Camera

The Club has now purchased a video camera and we are experimenting on how to get the best use out of it for both the Adult and juniors. The results are amusing and there are a few budding film producers cutting and splicing these together to get rid of the pictures which oscillate from sky to sea passing

briefly through the dinghy stage as the camera sways around following the movement of the rib! As we get better at filming then this will become a useful training aid.

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Bosun's Notes

The compound has now been in regular use by dinghy sailors since early March and I must thank all of you, both dinghy and cruiser owners, for working together to overcome the inevitable difficulties faced by us all resulting from the overcrowding caused by cruisers and over 80 dinghies vying for space at this time of year.

Trolleys, Trailers and Equipment in the Compound

By mid April the cruisers were all launched and their trailers safely stowed away under the clubhouse. Again many thanks to all the cruiser team for their sterling work and especially for leaving me room on the far side of the under-club space where I can store abandoned/unmarked trolleys, trailers and equipment. Over the next month I will be scouring the compound for unmarked items which I will stow away prior to disposal in accordance with

club bye-law 18 (Para 2.4.6). You are asked to contact me in the event of any difficulty in complying with this or any other relevant bye-law (ie.12,13,14) relating to equipment in the compound.

Lost Property

On the general subject of lost/abandoned property, the men's changing room becomes a minor bomb-site after a busy week end with clothes and sailing kit left lying around. The Committee are keen to stop this and 3 under-bench lockers (nos. 7, 8 and 9) are ear-marked for temporarily stowing this kit prior to disposal. After a suitable time anything deemed to be rubbish will be ditched and anything half-decent will be auctioned off. You have been warned so make sure it's not your favourite pair of Calvin Klein underpants that gets binned.

Child Protection

The continuing and expanding role played by the club in providing sailing for youngsters has resulted in the Committee seeking help and advice from the RYA in relation to Child Protection Guidelines. Currently Kathy Iles is liaising with the RYA to produce a Policy Statement and Guidelines and it is likely that this will be approved by the Committee and ready for distribution prior to the issue of the next Newsletter.

Have a great Season and see you on the water.

PS. If any cruiser owners have not yet got their LHB plaques, they should contact Greg Sharpe.

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Social Events

I can't believe it; the last couple of months have flown past. We had over 60 guest at the Fitting Out Dinner and the BBQ over Easter was a surprising success given the bad weather and reduced sailing.

Coming Up Soon

Just around the corner is the next **wine tasting** on the 7th June. There are limited tickets still available so hurry up if you would like to come! Additionally for those who have yet to pay please can you bring you cheque down to the club before the event.

The **Locks Regatta** is on the 21st June there will be a BBQ and Live Jazz Band in the evening so please come down and support with friends and family.

The **Annual Dinner and Dance** is now booked for the 1st November at the Royal Maritime Club in Old Portsmouth. This is a new venue for the Locks; it has recently been refurbished and should give us a welcome change for the Royal Beach. The tickets are now on sale so please book early.

On a separate note, as a committee we would like to update the list of club members who are qualified in first aid. If you have an up to date qualification please can you contact a member of the committee.

Lucy Jones



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LOCKS SAILING CLUB SOCIAL CALENDAR 2008

Date	Event	Time
June		
Saturday 7 th	Wine Tasting	20:00
Saturday 14 th	Quiz Night	20:00
Saturday 21 st	Locks Regatta with Jazz	20:00
Saturday 28 th	Quiz Night	20:00
July		
Tuesday 8 th	Commodores Cocktail Party	19:00
Saturday 12 th	Quiz Night	20:00
Saturday 26 th	Quiz Night	20:00
August		
Saturday 31 st	Locks Junior Regatta	
September		
Saturday 6 th	Quiz Night	20:00
Saturday 20 th	Quiz Night	20:00
October		
Saturday 4 th	Quiz Night	20:00
Saturday 11 th	Locks Junior Prize Giving	TBC
Saturday 18 th	Quiz Night	20:00
November		
Saturday 1 st	Dinner and Dance @ the Royal Maritime Club	19:00
Saturday 8 th	Quiz Night	20:00
Saturday 22 nd	Quiz Night	20:00
December		
Saturday 6 th	Quiz Night	20:00
Sunday 14 th	Christmas Prize Draw	13:00
Saturday 20 th	Christmas Quiz Night	20:00
Wednesday 24 th	Christmas Eve	20:00
Wednesday 31 st	New Years Eve – American Supper	20:00