

NEAPS



Commodores Corner

Welcome to the start of the 2010 season at Eyott Sailing Club. This is the first season where I will be the Commodore and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bob for his contributions to the Club over the past 3 years when he has been Commodore. I am sure I will find his advice and support very useful in the year ahead in his capacity as Ex-Officio.

It is a privilege to be Commodore in 2010 as we celebrate our 60th anniversary. We plan to mark the occasion with an open house event in the Summer which will be something to look forward to when the weather has warmed up a little. To mark our 60th anniversary we are looking for photographs and other archives from members old and new so that we can compile a memento for this special year. Therefore if anyone has any old photographs please let Jennifer know.

This year we are looking to encourage more crewed boats to take to the water and those that attended the AGM will have noted that we are adjusting the Portsmouth Yardstick numbers for the crewed Herons and Mirrors to improve their competitiveness against the single-handed boats. The Committee is also considering extending this to other crewed boats sailed at the Club. In addition we will be actively encouraging crews to register their interest with helms which we hope will increase the opportunities for more crews to get onto the water. We will be posting a register in the Club House - so if you wish crew make sure that you add your name to the list.

The safety of our members remains a top priority for the Club. A key to ensuring safety is to have suitably trained safety boat operators and that these are available in suitable number to avoid the same few having to man the safety boat regularly. This year we will be arranging safety boat training (theory and practical) for members to broaden the pool of safety boat personnel. If you are interested in being trained please let Idris know as he has kindly volunteered to conduct a large element of the training.



This just leaves me to remind everyone that the start of the season is looming, with the Firstling scheduled for 14th March 2010. This is preceded

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by the Fitting-Out supper on 13th March. If you can attend the working day on 7th March that would be greatly appreciated as we can get the club looking ship-shape before the season starts. Lets hope that the 2010 season is as good as 2009 and that we get some good weather and sailing conditions.

Have fun and I look forward to seeing down at the Club soon.

Lee Stentiford

Commodore



From the Treasurer

It is soon the start of the season and also time to pay subscriptions to the club. At the AGM we agreed not to increase our fees but the Harbour Sticker Fee, which is statutory if you wish to use the river, has increased to £20 and £6 for juniors aged 16 or under.

The fee structure is

Annual Fee Family	£85
Annual Fee Single	£65
Annual Fee Junior	£15
Summer Boat Park	£25
Winter Boat Park	£10
Trailer Parking	£15

I would be very grateful if you send me your subs to:

16 Shirebourn Vale
 South Woodham Ferrers
 Essex
 CM3 5ZX

Thanks

Liesl Hadley

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EYOTT SAILING PROGRAMME 2010

As explained in various e mails, a full sailing programme has been prepared and duties allocated. The final version will be available in the booklet for the Fitting Out Supper.

As discussed at the AGM, various actions have been taken to encourage helms to take crews with them in 2 person boats. All 2 person boats will have a small local handicap advantage when crewed, this does not ensure a win, it is only to enable crews onto the water. The Mirror Jug & Eyott Bottle are re-designated from single handed races for 2 person boats to crewed races i.e. helm and crew in 2 person boats.

Through half a dozen e-mail iterations, duties are allocated to everyone's requirements that responded. Each person has one sailing duty (OOD or Safety Boat) in the Early Points, one in the Late points, one in the Presidents or a suitable alternative. For the Presidents Series no-one that potentially has a chance to participate has a duty, instead they are applied to other events, excluding the Peter Dale & Kaye Darby. The Safety 1 position is allocated to the 14 people qualified. It is important that if you do have to SWAP duties that you swap an Early Series duty within the Early series if at all possible. If you are a Safety 1 duty please swap only within the group marked as Safety Boat trained, in some cases they are in an OOD or Safety 2 duty slot within a series.

For the Saturday Series only the first race is allocated and after that duties will be covered by participants in proportion to their races with a general allowance for volunteers. A change will be applied to the sailing instructions to require participants to do an appropriate number of duties but also allowing one or more duties to be counted.

For Widdy-Wid there is no 'ideal' High Water in 2010, we will establish a plan for an early start nearer the date, after canvassing to see if there is any support for the event.

It is not intended that we race in the Up River Regatta though if someone wants to participate we will try to provide assistance e.g. a tow. Instead we will have a points race to go around Ferry for the appropriate Mirror & Heron Trophies and generally make a show.

The Brandy Hole Regatta on 4th July will be difficult to support due to the lack of water, if a group want to sail there in the evening we will see what support we can give. A separate points race will go as far East as is sensible on 27th June for the Brandy Hole Plates.

For long races we will use both safety boats, for this reason some races have two qualified people on board, we would put one in each and look for volunteers to assist at the time.

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A Safety Boat Refresher day is planned for those who have already done the course. It is planned to have an Eyott Safety Boat Training programme in 2010, focussed on those old enough to drive and who have not yet completed a course. It is essential to recognize that although some people have considerable experience over the years in manning the Safety Boat, a formal training is essential so we can show due care has been taken.



For those that insure with Newton Crum, it is worth looking at the latest attachments. Each dinghy park location has an embedded chain for a tie down. If your boat or the next is not secured / checked there may be an issue with insurance if the boats turn over in high winds.

We have a programme, boats and people, now we need a repeat of last season's weather!

Happy Sailing

Idris

And finally...

There has been much discussion about various difficulties with NEAPS being published by email and on the Club web-site. One of the problems with reading any newsletter or article on a computer screen is that having 2 or more columns means you go down then up again and may well lose track, So a slightly new look NEAPS to start off 2010. I hope readers approve, but don't be shy - I'd like your feedback to help improve your NEAPS. If you have any snippets, recipes or articles for NEAPS, they are always welcome.

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