



# CLUB NEWS

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The Annual General Meeting of the NYC will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2009.**  
This is a most important meeting which affects the running of the club for the following year. Subjects include reports from the commodore and the treasurer, the election of the committee, setting membership fees, considering changes to the constitution and all items that require the yes or no vote of the members. Please consult your copy of the constitution.  
Also consider what YOU want of YOUR club and who should be on the committee. Volunteers? The Laying Up Supper follows starting at approx 1900. See Sailing and Events Diary below.

### Paragraph 32 of the constitution states –

**Candidates for election to the Committee (not being Officers of the Club) shall be those members of the retiring Committee eligible to offer themselves for re-election and such other full or Family members whose nominations (duly proposed and seconded in writing by Full or Family members of the Club) with their consent shall have been received by the Secretary at least twenty eight days before the date of the Annual General Meeting in each year. Such nominations, together with the names of the Proposer and Secunder shall be posted to the club premises at least fourteen days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.**

**Note that nominations must show the name of the nominee(s) and the names, addresses and signatures of the proposer and secunder.**

**Nominations must be with the secretary Mr. A Ball 40 St. Mary's Road, Tonbridge TN9 2LE before the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2009.**

**PLEASE RETURN ALL TROPHIES IN GOOD TIME FOR THEM TO BE PREPARED FOR THE 2009 WINNERS.**

**CLAIMANTS FOR THE SEVEN PORTS CUP AND THE ALL PORTS CUP ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT DETAILS IMMEDIATELY.**

## Commodores report

With our Littlehampton rally now a fading memory, the sailing season would seem to be drawing to a close. However, I am pleased to say that our new Buddy Sailing organiser, Mark Blakey, (yacht Schiehallion) hopes to encourage some autumn sailing activities for skippers and crew wanting to become involved in the buddy scheme. A more structured scheme will be designed to give newcomers to sailing some valuable practical skills and knowledge.

Autumn is also the time to start thinking about courses. Tony Titchener has already arranged an RYA shore based day skipper course starting Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October – see events list below. Contact Tony quickly if you wish to join this course. A VHF course can be run again over the winter if required. It would help Tony if members could contact him as soon as possible for these and any particular course requests.

Our first autumn clubroom event will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October – see events list below. Next year's draft calendar should be available for members to pick up at that event.

Alan Ball reports that he does not have many claimants for sailing event trophies this year, so skippers, please take a little time to put together your lists and submit them to Alan by end of October - [AK.Ball@btinternet.com](mailto:AK.Ball@btinternet.com) or 01732 359170.

Looking forward to the AGM and Laying Up Supper on 21<sup>st</sup> November, we will be giving awards for photography skills. We have decided on three categories this year; Best Nautical, Best Amusing Nautical, and a Best General photo so dig out those holiday snaps and bring them with you to the Laying Up Supper to show off your photographic skills.

Good Sailing, Nigel Cooper

### From the Waterfront

#### Rally to France

A number of people picked up the error in last month's report. It should have said that at St Valerie en Caux the bridge opens every 30 minutes in the period the lock gates are open which is some 2 hours or so either side of high water.

#### Littlehampton Rally

With a very pleasant North Easterly breeze, the sail to Littlehampton on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September was very pleasant. Moody Blue set off ahead of us, and established themselves alongside the visitor's pontoon. Zeta joined them a couple of hours later, and learned from the harbourmaster that we were to be joined on Saturday by about twenty two yachts from Chichester and Channel Yacht Clubs. Four other NYC yachts, Capricia, Fafnir, Ruby and Svanevit arrived on Saturday afternoon, just as the other visiting yachts were also arriving, so chaos ensued for a while with boats rafting where they could. We all ended up rafted five deep.



Together with the rather jolly crowd from Chichester and Channel YC we were picked up in the Arun Yacht Club motorboat and taxied across the river to the clubhouse for an evening of drinking, scoffing and music.

After a lovely meal, Arun YC put on the "Last Night of the Proms" but as their large screen was not working it was shown on a smaller television that was a struggle to hear and see.

The evening ended with drinks on Zeta and we were joined by some of the revellers of the other clubs. Sunday, with wind still north easterly we managed a long and quite enjoyable windward leg all the way back home.

Nigel

## Man Overboard Exercise

This took place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September and with ideal weather conditions proved to be a great success. Three yachts, Amie, Capricia and Zeta were used for the exercise and communication with the Lifeboat was on channel 73 and watched from the lifeboat by Sea Safety staff of the RNLI and several NYC members. The plan was for each yacht to have two attempts to pick up one of the three RNLI volunteers. The first attempt was to be with a conscious MOB and the second with an unconscious MOB. Due to a misunderstanding both Capricia and Zeta each recovered unconscious MOBs.

At Zeta's first attempt the crew were not fully ready and lost time having to go around again for a second attempt. Zeta used a webbing ladder attached to the centre cleat for one man, harnessed for safety, to go over the side to reach and attach the mainsheet to the lifejacket of the MOB. The mainsheet was rigged to provide an upward pull from the boom with the mainsheet led back to a block and winch on the opposite side. A preventer was used to help keep the boom out and the rescued MOB from hitting the hull. Raising the MOB out of the water proved to be relatively easy and a successful recovery was completed after releasing the top guard rail and bringing the MOB feet first down into the cockpit. The whole procedure took 16 minutes.

Amie, having a mainsheet system which was less easy to use, opted to use of the main halyard and going astern toward the a line was thrown to the MOB who caught it and was able to pull himself onto the yacht in less than seven minutes.

Capricia carried out a mainsheet recovery similar to Zeta but with their lower freeboard were able to attach the line to the MOB lifejacket from the gunwale. They had the MOB alongside in three minutes and hoisted aboard in eight minutes.



The second attempt went more smoothly for all three yachts.

Following the same procedures as the first rescue Zeta recovered the MOB much quicker but this time the MOB was "unconscious" and laying face down in the water. Mike climbed down and after rolling the MOB over face-up attached the mainsheet to the lifejacket. Hoisting the MOB went fairly smoothly with Mike helping by adding some pulling power on the mainsheet. This time the MOB was safely on board in seven minutes.

Amie again approached astern and with a special harness attached to the main halyard managed to fit this over both the MOB and his lifejacket and then haul him onto the bathing platform and thence into the cockpit. This was all completed within six minutes.

Capricia on her second attempt managed to get the MOB on board within four minutes repeating the procedure used on their first attempt but with the addition of a harness line around the MOB's legs. This made recovery easier by providing an additional means of pulling in the MOB.

Afterwards, back at the Lifeboat Station Bill Walton and Paul, skipper of the Newhaven Lifeboat, gave us a most useful and critical analysis of the rescues. The greatest benefit from carrying out an exercise like this is that it makes us think about exactly how we would cope with a real MOB situation and how prepare our equipment. We are most grateful to our two instructors for what we have learnt.

## Power Boats

With co-operation from other motor yacht skippers to come forward with preferred dates and destinations events can be organised. Peter Llewellyn will be pleased to hear from you on telephone 01323 897339.

## Racing and Buddy Sailing

### BUDDY SAILING

This is a part of the clubs objectives. Which is –

A scheme to promote an interest in and to teach the rudiments of sailing to those interested but without experience. They will later be invited to join the NYC and to have the opportunity to crew on rallies and races. See under “Membership” for joining details.

The scheme has changed and all enquiries for buddy sailing should be made, **Note change of name to our New co-ordinator; Mark Blakey of yacht Scheihallion 01323 898658 - 07880 528874** who will advise you of the skipper available and a telephone number so that you may phone direct,

**Skippers – please note that we may need to discontinue this service if there are no further offers to make boats available. It is a very worthwhile social service to the community, an important part of club life and a means of getting new members.**

## Sailing & Events Diary

See also the NYC notice board on one of the buildings of Simpson Marine.

**Buddy sailing – See Buddy Sailing above as there is considerable change to the system including a new co-ordinator.**

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Trafalgar Night Event – Clubroom 1830 – Note change of start time

A member of “Savage caricatures” will attend to draw as many of those attending as is possible and at least the first twenty should be drawn. There will also be a talk with slides by Peter Bailey OBE on the history of Newhaven Port, and other related local nautical matters.

There will be a meal costing £8.00 of Spaghetti bolognaise and a dessert (£2.00 included towards caricatures). There will be a bar.

**If you wish to attend and in order to cope with the catering it is vital that you advise the Organiser, Nigel Cooper 07836739501 [coopernp@hotmail.com](mailto:coopernp@hotmail.com) as soon as possible and if you are vegetarian.**

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October – BST ends

### New event, replies needed urgently

#### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Start of RYA Day Skipper shore based Course – RNLI.

The dates are - Thursday evenings of October 29th, November 5th, 12th and 19th interspersed with Saturdays (all day) October 31st, November 7th and 14th.

The combination of evenings and Saturdays will get the course completed in three weeks.

Jane Twyman will be the instructor at the Lifeboat Station, West Quay Newhaven.

Fee £ 275.00 inclusive of RYA Course Pack. NYC members will receive a £25.00 discount.

**Urgently** advise Tony Titchener on 01323 890219 or email [tonytitch@aol.com](mailto:tonytitch@aol.com) as bookings need to be made if the course is to proceed.

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Sunday (1100 at sea) at about a mile off Newhaven

Low water Newhaven GMT 1440 hours 6.03m

Organizer Nigel Cooper on 01273 302846, 07836 739501, or [coopernp@hotmail.com](mailto:coopernp@hotmail.com),

Please take one or more veterans with you. A few days before the event, those boat owners, who intend to go out to the wreath laying ceremony, should telephone Nigel and let him know how many persons you are prepared to and can safely take out.

On the day, the skippers, or a member of the crew, go to the **RNLI Building on West Quay** by 0930; 10.00 at the very latest if you wish to get to sea in time for the service. Introduction will be made to those to whom you have been allocated after which you can take them to board your boat and proceed to sea in time for the 1100 service. Although the lifeboat will be present skippers should not need to be reminded that all passengers require a lifejacket. On return, it is usual to meet with the others, this time at the RNLI. Regardless of whether or not you take a visitor you are most

enthusiastically welcomed to attend. There have been times, quite recent, when the sheer number of boats makes it a most memorable occasion and it is such a spectacle that is nice to repeat. The object is to get as many boats out as possible.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November – AGM – 1800 Clubroom.**

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**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Laying up Buffet – Approximately 1900 following the AGM**

The cost will be about £10.00 and there will be a bar. There will be as always a photographic competition for – Best Nautical, Best Amusing Nautical, and a Best General. Although the event will be organized by Ann Headon she will be away on holiday so those wanting a meal please contact Nigel Cooper 07836739501 [coopermp@hotmail.com](mailto:coopermp@hotmail.com)  
Contributions of food or money for the commodores Christmas party will be noted at this event so please be ready to state your contribution.

**Saturday 5<sup>h</sup> December – Commodore's Christmas party and buffet in the clubroom at 1900.**

There will be a bar. Organiser Ann Headon 01273 885942 [pa.headon@ntlworld.com](mailto:pa.headon@ntlworld.com)

**ANNUAL EVENTS** for which claims must be made prior to each AGM. Full details are shown on the website.

**THE KITTIWAKE CHALLENGE PRIZE** to encourage a spirit of adventure, personal challenge, club pride, safety and consideration. The prize is £250 to the skipper who sails further than Kittiwake's 10,500 miles in a 13-month period, Challenge ends July 1st 2012.

**THE SPIRIT OF KITTIWAKE CUP** for the most audacious cruise by a NYC Club member in the past year/cruising season. This is for members whose voyage is a personal special major achievement although it may not be so to others.

**SEVEN PORTS CUP** – The skipper to first visit in the year the ports of Bembridge, Dover, Ramsgate, Eastbourne, Littlehampton, Shoreham and Rye or Chichester.

**ALL PORTS CUP** – Skipper visiting most ports in the year.

**RYA Courses**

See calendar for current events. The course Principal Tony Titchener 07784 713612 or [tonytitch@aol.com](mailto:tonytitch@aol.com) will give details and advise on courses you wish to request. Jane Twyman is our qualified RYA Instructor.

**Club Shop**

**NYC sweaters and rugby style shirts** are available at £16.60. There is a choice of colours and the NYC logo and your boat name can be added for an additional £1.60. Available via Ann Headon on 01273 885952

**NYC Burgees.** These differ from the originals in that they still have the Newhaven logo but not the words NYC. They are £15.00 each and can be obtained from Gerald Simmons 01273 515189

**Small Advertisements**

**Note** 1. Advertisements are run for only one issue after which it is necessary to re-apply.  
2. The newsletter is shown on the website and members may now place their own advertisements and messages with a password available from the commodore and to be kept from non members.

**For Sale**

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| 1. SEAGO Life raft with cradle.                              | £475.00 |
| 2. FIRDEL Radar reflector with Stainless steel mast brackets | £45.00  |
- Graham Jones 07900386274, 01273 569849, [najadatsea@gmail.com](mailto:najadatsea@gmail.com)

### Co-owner wanted

The owner of as well appointed "Sail 28" seeks a co-owner to share the joys of sailing. The vessel is berthed in Sovereign harbour with all modern shore facilities.

If interested contact Mr. Derek Last 01424 842428

### For Sale

Moondance – a 21 foot sloop built 1974. Owned by Jack Baker  
YANMAR 10hp engine fitted 2003. Mainsail STACKPAK fitted 2004. Complete with GPS and VHF.  
£6,950.00 OFFERS INVITED

For full details apply to

Simon J. Thomas, Lochin Marine International Ltd. Incorporating Simon Thomas Yacht Sales  
00 44 +(0)1273 515085 [stys@lochin.com](mailto:stys@lochin.com)

## Membership

Application for membership to the NYC has been received from

Mr. A. T. Attridge - Retired

26 Castle Rise, Ridgewood, Uckfield TN22 5UN

Application forms are available from the membership secretary and new applications and also renewal fees (**due by the 17<sup>th</sup> of January**) should be sent to;

NYC Membership Secretary -

### **NOTE CHANGE OF NAME.**

Roger Davis 1 riverside house, West Quay. Newhaven, BN9 9BS – 01273 611396

[roger.f.davis@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:roger.f.davis@tiscali.co.uk)

The entrance and subscription fees are as follows;

Full member £45.00

Family member £50.00

Joining fee for new members - £20.00

**For those joining after 1<sup>st</sup> October the above fees will cover them until the end of the following year.**

A £5.00 discount to existing members on the above membership figures is given if paid with standing order by mid January. Standing orders will substantially reduce the membership secretary's time and the expense of collecting fees.

## Editor's Note

**All contributions for the next issue must be received by the first Monday of the month and should be sent to the Club Secretary – Alan Ball. 40 St Mary's Road. Tonbridge TN9 2LE. 01732 359170**  
[ak.ball@btopenworld.com](mailto:ak.ball@btopenworld.com)