



# CLUB NEWS

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## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR ISSUE

Next issue will be February

### Commodores report

A whole year as Commodore – Didn't notice any difference I hear you say! Well we do our best. The year's sailing has been spoiled by the bad weather hitting almost every event. You can't blame me for that. I have ordered some better weather for next year. Clubroom events have been pretty well attended, given that Newhaven is a relatively small marina, and I am pleased that you support us well on these occasions. I understand that we often get better attendances than nearby larger clubs.

We have some interesting club evenings to come when you can try splicing ropes after a couple of gins and tie yourselves up in knots with Ted and Peter, be entertained by Graham Whittington who has some amusing anecdotes linked to boat purchase, or gnash your teeth over Gerry and Angela's fiendish quiz. We may even see the RNLI show us what happens when a life raft inflates – volunteers needed to re-pack it!

There will be the usual rallies along the coast, and across the channel. I expect to make it to Holland with Zeta in May/June, so if anyone fancies flying over for a few days in the Dutch canals let me know.

Reflecting on the year, which was our first in the new premises, I believe the general re-action to Riverside Hall has been favourable. Certainly club funds stopped haemorrhaging since the move from our previous location, and I am pleased to see that we have recovered a healthier bank balance. I now believe it is likely to be several years before we get our yacht club base within the Marina, so it could even be time to think about a reduction in membership fees for 2010. It is also good to be in control of our own bar and meals production again, which I think is a popular part of clubroom events. Being able to supply refreshments at sensible prices always helps. While on that subject, we could do with a few more volunteers to assist with aspects of the catering. Many hands make light work. Contact Ann Headon if you would like to help at events.

The Committee does not meet in January, and as news is scarce at that time of year, I propose not to issue a January newsletter, and give our editor Alan Ball a break. Emails, letters and the now fully working website will keep you informed of anything going on.

Good Sailing in 2009

Nigel

## From the Waterfront

### Remembrance Sunday at sea

This took place on 9<sup>th</sup> November and it was good to see a fine turnout by the club for this important annual event, especially with the weather conditions. Those taking part were, Irvine Parrot (Jasmin), Ingvar Svenson (Perroquet) Jack Baker (Moondance) Maurice Elford (Beaumaris) Glenn Gilbert & Graham Irving (Perle D'Azur) Peter Butler (Mani). We all assembled at the RNLI Newhaven at 0945 and met up with the veterans and linked them up with skippers taking them out to the ceremony. We moved off down river in a force five/six south westerly, and assembled around the lifeboat. The forecast force of eight /nine had not yet materialised. The service took place inside the breakwater to avoid the unpleasant size waves and this year it was broadcast on channel 77 so that all could receive and hear the service. It was quite moving to listen to the service and watch as the wreaths were cast onto the water. Back in port, we joined the veterans again at the RNLI for refreshments and nibbles. Ted Plant who, supported by Jill, has organised these events for the veterans over many years was presented with a plaque by John Parsons for his services. Hope to see you all again at next year's ceremony.  
Nigel

### The Annual General Meeting of the NYC took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2008.

#### Section 3 of paragraph 9 of the constitution was amended. Now at revision December 2008

For all members the Entrance fee and their first annual subscription is due upon election to the club and thereafter on the first day of January of each year.'

Provided that a member elected after the first day of October in any year shall not be required to pay any subscription in respect of the year of election, but shall pay, on election, the Entrance fee and the annual subscription in respect of the year following election.

The long standing options for new members joining after June for half fee is discontinued and membership up to the end of the following year is now available for those joining after September.

This amendment will be sent to all members.

#### Subscriptions

These remain as for 2008. Full member £45.00. Family member £50.00. Joining fee £20.00. Note – the next renewal is still due on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009.

#### Officers and Committee members for 2009

Commodore	Nigel Cooper		
Vice Commodore	Graham Irving		
Secretary	Alan Ball		
Treasurer	Peter Llewellyn		
Membership Secretary	Colm McDermott		
Committee members	Angela Simmons	Gerry Simmons	Tony Titchener
	Ann Headon	Bernard Irving	Alan Cranmer

Note – as with so many clubs we need more committee members. Please volunteer to help and if necessary we can always co-opt suitable members to the committee. With enough committee the jobs will not be arduous.

#### NYC – AWARDS 2008

CRUISER CUP	Seven ports	Peter and Julia Llewellyn
TAPPING CUP	Most ports visited this year	Jacque Dowding
SPIRIT OF KITTIWAKE	Personally Challenging Sail	Jacque Dowding
SPINNAKER TROPHY	Service to club –Training management	Tony Titchener
PEANPA CUP	Photographic competition.	Ann Headon
GANNET CUP	Sovereign race	Mike Price

FROST BITE CUP	Frost bite race	Graham Jones
COURAGE CUP	First Channel Crossing	Steve Atkinson
RNLI CUP	Rescue at Sea	Steve Atkinson
COCK-UP KETTLE	Cock-up of the Year	Peter Llewellyn

### Laying Up Supper

This immediately followed the AGM. The MC was P Llewellyn who kept things in order and a wonderful meal was provided by Ann Headon consisting of shepherd's pie followed by apple pie with ice cream and more cream. On this occasion everyone booked a meal the required week in advance. This was a wonderful change and a great help to the organisers. We intend to become very strict on booking well in advance in future.

The presentation of awards followed (See AGM above)

Jacque Dowding gave a talk on her recent around Britain cruise. She is raising awareness of such organisations as the NHS Organ Donor Register ([www.uktransplant.org.uk](http://www.uktransplant.org.uk)), The National Kidney Federation (NKF) and the RNLI Sea Safety.

The photographic competition for sailing or sea related pictures was judged by Peter Hall of the Seaford Photographic Club. The well deserved winner was again as last year our expert photographer Ann Headon.

### Commodore's Christmas party

This took place on Saturday 6th December in the clubroom at 1800 with the usual buffet. This was well attended, with over 40 present. Peter Llewellyn got us all in the mood with a glass of punch to start, and thanks to all the contributions from the members, the buffet turned out to be a superb spread. Graham Irving managed the bar, and Gerald and Angela Simmons organised the hall for the evening. Alan Cranmer baked a large Christmas cake for the party, and this seemed to disappear quite quickly.



Ann Headon managed the catering arrangements very successfully, and wishes to thank all those who assisted her with the work of the evening. It has to be said that having a good team of willing helpers always makes these events a pleasure, and I also thank all who contributed.

A quiz was run during the evening, which was won by Alan Cranmer's team - the prize, four bottles of wine, did not seem to last long! The raffle, run by Bernard Irving, consisted of wrapped prizes so no-one knew what they were winning, which added to the fun, and the main prize, a Christmas hamper kindly donated by Bernard and Carol Irving, was won by Graham Whittington of Shoreham YC. We will see Graham again in March when, using his surveyor's hat, he will be giving the club a talk about boat purchase. There was the usual guess the cake weight again as usual run by Peter Llewellyn.

Next NYC event will be on January 24<sup>th</sup> when we have the RNLI demonstrating what happens when a life raft is launched, and telling us what we need to know about this little used lifesaving equipment.

## Disposal of flares

Boat owners concerned about disposal of out of date flares should take note that the Coastguard have agreed to take them up to the end of December, you need to act quickly. I have been in touch with the RYA, who report that while there is no guarantee of any local services after this year, the RYA have taken up the matter officially and expect some sensible Government response. The RYA have also recently been advised that Ocean Safety are now offering flare disposal but with a charge of just under £2 per flare for their service. See their three locations below. However, using these services will be expensive and time consuming taking delivery time into account.

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Port Glasgow +44 (0) 1475 745412 [glasgow@oceansafety.com](mailto:glasgow@oceansafety.com)

## Power Boats

Both Peter Llewellyn and Bernard Irving are available to talk about suitable events. We already have a number of members with motor yachts, (this is the correct term for a power boat used for pleasure) and look forward to increasing this number. When motor yacht events are planned and finalised they will appear under our calendar of events. Please come forward now with your ideas.

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

**Buddy sailings offered in the summer season are shown under calendar of events.**

**Skippers – please note that we need more boats to provide day sailing at these events.**

## Sailing & Events Diary

A provisional calendar is in process of being sent to all members for comment. The agreed calendar should be available in January 2009.

Please note;

(a). That the first social event of the year will be the fitting out supper at Woody's and the first competitive event will be the frost bite race.

(b). There will be a second date for each race event in case bad conditions make it necessary to cancel the race on the first date. If there are bad conditions on the second date the event will not be run that year.

## RYA Courses

Details will appear under calendar of events. The course principal Tony Titchener 07784 713612 or [tonytitch@aol.com](mailto:tonytitch@aol.com) will be pleased to give further detail and should you wish for a particular course will arrange for it to take place subject to there being sufficient numbers.

## 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 are now in stock. They 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 Peter Llewellyn 01323 897339

## Small Advertisements

- Note** 1. Advertisements are run for only one issue after which it is necessary to re-apply.  
2. As the newsletter is shown on the website there is a wide distribution.

**For Sale**

Wet suit full length with adaptable sleeves that can be long or short and is in VGC. Also a Buoyancy aid in VGC.

Size small ladies approx 12. £20

Wet shoes size 7 VGC £5

Ann Headon 01273885952

**For Sale**

1. Small craft additions of Admiralty charts,
  - a. SC5600. The Solent and its approaches, 10 charts. £20-00
  - b. SC5601. East Devon and Dorset coast 10 charts £20-00
2. Imray Mediterranean Almanac. Covers over 400 Harbours in the Mediterranean. £20-00
3. South and West coast of Ireland Pilot by the Irish Cruising Club and Admiralty charts C56/57, covering the south and west coasts of Ireland. £50.00 for the two which are in mint condition Both Items purchased this year for recent trip to Ireland.

Graham Jones 07900386274, 01273 569849, [najadatsea@gmail.com](mailto:najadatsea@gmail.com)

**Membership**

**NEW MEMBERS**

The following have been accepted for membership of the NYC

Clare Eastland – Educational Publisher – 26 Marlon Road, BN2 5NB  
Proposed by Nigel Cooper, seconded by Tony Titchener.

Barbel Rehman – Retired – Seaford BN2 5NB  
Proposed by Nigel Cooper, seconded by Peter Llewellyn

The following has applied for membership of the NYC

Alan Parry – Electrician – “Woodstock”, The Street, Framfield, E Sussex TN22 5NX  
Proposed by Nigel Cooper, seconded by Colm McDermott.

It is important that all members should have access to the club constitution. Most members will have used the club website to download or read it but for those members offline a copy can be obtained from Nigel Cooper on 01273 302846, 07836 739501. All new members will receive a copy on joining.

**Note the change in section 3 paragraph 9 of the constitution agreed at the recent AGM. It is now at revision December 2008. The long standing option of reduced fee after June is discontinued and that it is now after September that the full membership fee gives membership until the end of the following year.**

Application forms are available from the membership secretary and membership applications and renewal fees should be sent to; NYC Membership Secretary, Colm McDermott, Pilsey, Framfield Road, Buxted, E. Sussex, TN22 4LE Tel.01825 732844

**NOTE CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

The entrance and subscription fees are as follows;

Full member £45.00

Family member £50.00

Joining fee for new members - £20.00

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.

**Note – Renewal fee is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2009.**

**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@btoopenworld.com](mailto:ak.ball@btoopenworld.com)**