



CLUB NEWS

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<http://www.newhavenyc.org.uk>

Commodores report

Happy New Year to all members. Hopefully we will have a season of good sailing weather ahead. My year started off badly with a leaking stern gland after a New Year's Day sail. I suppose it is good to get problems out of the way at the start of the year! Zeta is now safely afloat again.

Mine was not the only problem – Newhaven Marina is now running under administration following the demise of the parent company, Oakdene Homes. John Stirling, the Marina Manager, is making good progress since his accident, and is now back at work, and will be continuing to run Marina operations. John has become a bit of a local celebrity recently with TV interviews concerning the remarkable operation to re-connect his sawn off arm. We should give him all the support we can in the present circumstances. The Marina is a separate company, I understand that it is profitable and that all of you're paid up Marina fees are safe. Anyone who has concerns should speak with John Stirling. I understand that the administrators will keep the Marina running as a going concern under John's management until a new buyer comes along, and that dredging will take place very soon.

Our first event of the season, the Life raft and MOB evening with Bill Walton of the RNLI, was a great success, with a donated life raft performing perfectly to show us what to expect should we ever find ourselves in a real danger.

Good Sailing NIGEL

From the Waterfront

This is the start of the 2009 season and so far there is nothing to report. Weather permitting we hope to publish many interesting happenings this year.

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.

The Marina – item One

The following has appeared in Property Week newsletter.

OAKDENE HOMES APPOINTS ADMINISTRATOR

13:04 | 23.01.09 – By Deirdre Hipwell

Oakdene Homes has called in the administrators after it failed to reach an agreement with lenders over new debt terms.

The residential developer, which is listed on AIM, said in a Stock Exchange announcement today that the Royal Bank of Scotland had appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) as administrator. PWC directors Colin Haig, Mark Shires and Karen Dukes will handle the administration.

Oakdene is the first listed housebuilder to fail in the current property slump. It has been on the brink of collapse after it failed to reach an agreement with lenders over new debt terms.

The company said in September that it had breached banking covenants and was relying on a temporary facility as it tried to negotiate new lending terms.

In a statement issued to the stock market yesterday, Oakdene said it had requested a suspension of trading in its shares pending 'clarification of its financial position' after failing to reach an agreement with banks.

'Unfortunately, the company has not been able to agree terms with its lenders and they have served notice on the company to repay the outstanding facilities,' it said.

As you will all know the marina is owned by Oakdene Homes and if as is suspected it is still a profitable operation it will almost certainly be sold off as a going concern. This would also mean it being kept operating efficiently, under the existing conditions and giving the service we have had in the past.

For any queries you are advised to contact the marina manager direct and to look at the marina website www.newhavenmarina.co.uk

The Marina – item Two

Newhaven Marina is at last, to get a waterside restaurant. Newhaven boat owner Alan Britton is in the process of setting up the restaurant in Riverside, in the new row of shop spaces built by Oakdene Homes. The restaurant already has its name, "The Captain's Table" shown over the entrance. Alan says that he expects to open in early March and will be offering full meals including breakfasts. He proposes to initially open for seven days and two evenings every week. Internal decoration will include a wall painting of a Newhaven river scene by a local artist. We wish Alan every success with his new venture.

Evening with the RNLI

The first event of the season took place on 24th January and was well attended, with Bill Walton of the RNLI giving us advice and instruction concerning the new RNLI designed life-jackets that contains a spray hood to keep the sea water from your face, a light for attracting attention at night, crutch straps stitched into the body of the jacket for extra strength, and bayonet-fit gas bottles. The main point being pressed was the need to have a spray hood, as the water will always turn the body to face the waves, and the resulting flow of water into the face will hamper breathing.



Man overboard procedures were discussed and we look forward to a summer event being planned with the RNLI at which we will be using our sailing and motor boats to attempt a "rescue" of RNLI volunteers from the water. The highlight of the evening was the inflation of the life raft, kindly donated by Ingvar and Anna Svenson and Bill's expert advice on how to deploy the raft, and information about the useful contents we found in the raft. The raft is a six man valise, and it is proposed that it be sent for servicing, and that members may be able to hire it at very reasonable rates for their longer trips. A nominal charge for use will go some way to covering the cost of maintenance.

Finally, I would like to thank Ann Headon for organising the two course meal, which all seemed to enjoy, and for the hard work of all who helped afterwards with washing and clearing up afterwards. It does make these club events easier to manage if help is available with the chores.

Nigel Cooper

NYC Course

On 31st January, Jane Twyman ran the first of six Saturday sessions at the RNLI base for RYA Day Skipper qualification. Jane, our qualified RYA Instructor, now also has the radio equipment to run a VHF/DSC course, and anyone interested to update or obtain their VHF certificate should contact Tony Titchener.

NYC Event

On Thursday 5th February we enjoyed an interesting evening with Jane Twyman, our RYA qualified Instructor. The subject was passage planning and we were able to brush up our knowledge and apply it to a possible run from Cowes to Poole. It was good to learn of the dangers to watch out for from Jane, who has done this passage before. This actual run is to be the additional leg of our summer Solent Rally for those who would like to extend their cruising this year. We thank the RNLI for the use of their room at the lifeboat station for that evening.

Power Boats

Peter is still available to talk about suitable events and of his new 2007 boat. Bernard would like a trip to the Solent to coincide with a rally for the sailing yachts. I think it is worth repeating that power boats and any other boats used for pleasure are strictly speaking yachts and they are what a yacht club is for. With co-operation from other motor yacht owners planned events when finalised it will appear under our calendar of events. Please come forward now with your preferred dates, destinations or any suggestions and especially enquiries. Your editor would be pleased to publish ideas and comments you may wish to make under this heading. 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

The full agreed calendar for 2009 is in process of being sent to all members.

Saturday 21st February – Get Knotted! – Learn to splice and whip – In the clubroom - 1900

“Ropes” – with Ted Plant and Peter Butler

There will be a meal consisting of Curry followed by a dessert and there will be a bar.

Please ensure that you notify Ann Headon the week before on 01273 885952 or

pa.headon@ntlworld.com if you wish to have a meal.

The cost will be £6.00 for Members - £7.00 non members

Saturday 14th March – Buying a boat – In the clubroom - 1900

What to look out for with Surveyor, Graham Whittington.

There will be a meal of sausages, mash and beans followed by a dessert. There will be a bar.

Please ensure that you notify Nigel Cooper the week before on 01273 302846 or 07836 739501 or

coopernp@hotmail.com if you wish to have a meal.

The cost will be £6.00 for Members - £7.00 non members

Saturday 21st March – Fitting Out Supper at Woody’s Newhaven – Dress – Cowes Rig

Please ensure that you notify Nigel Cooper, the week before on 01273 302846, 07836 739501 or

coopernp@hotmail.com if you wish to have a meal.

Sunday 29th March – Start of BST.

Sunday 29th March – Frostbite Race – Start 1200

Newhaven HW 1345 BST - the first competitive event
Alternative date if cancelled due weather – 12th April
The organiser is the Vice Commodore, Graham Irving 07968 253272

Friday 10th April – Good Friday - Buddy sailing during weekend

The organiser is the Vice Commodore, Graham Irving 07968 253272

Monday 13th April – Easter Monday

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

Details will appear under calendar of events. The course principal Tony Titchener 07784 713612 or 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.

Jane Twyman, our qualified RYA Instructor now has the radio equipment required to run a VHF/DFC radio course and those interested should contact Tony Titchener.

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 2008 for a trip to Ireland.

Graham Jones 07900386274, 01273 569849, najadatsea@gmail.com

Membership

NEW MEMBERS

The following have been accepted 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.

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 was due on the 1st 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
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