



CLUB NEWS

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Don't forget to check out the NYC web site
<http://www.newhavenyc.org.uk>

Commodores report

I am pleased to report that planning approval went through in mid May for the next stage of the Marina Development. Work has started to prepare the ground, and we can now reasonably expect to see the completion of the main Marina building which will house the Yacht Club/Function Room, and the long awaited shower and toilet facilities. Let's hope it will not be too long in the construction.

Over the last month we have had the Eastbourne Rally, postponed due to bad weather together with the Sovereign Tower Race. Buddy sailing to the Brighton Marina however a great success as was the Lifejackets evening and for which we are very grateful to the RNLI instructors.

Congratulations to Jane Twyman on passing her "Day Skipper Practical" Instructor Exam. Jane will now be able to run the practical courses for NYC.

I am looking for a volunteer to join the committee. We have much work to carry out in making the club the success it deserves to be. We are attracting more members, admittedly slowly, and your committee are working flat out at present to ensure that the club's profile is raised both locally, and among the yachting fraternity on the South Coast. Please help if you can.

I am sorry the news letter is a little short this month but what with bad weather and event cancellation we have a shortage of news.

Good Sailing Nigel

From the Waterfront

Buddy Sailing to Brighton marina for lunch.

This took place on Saturday 17th May and was a great success with a Thai take away brought in to us on the pontoon. The only slight problem seemed to be the return at low water – Newhaven Mud!!!!
The next "Brighton for lunch" is on 28th June and lunch can if desired once again be a Thai take-away brought in for us on the pontoon.

RNLI Lifejackets /MOB – 1800 followed by Sea Safety Course

This took place on Saturday 17th May following the sail to Brighton for lunch. It was very instructive, with clear instructions as to how to test your jacket. One member benefited from the evening by finding a faulty lifejacket that Plastimo have now undertaken to replace. Our thanks to Bill Walton and Jacquie Dowding (RNLI) for giving up their time to come and give a very useful lecture. Given the importance of reliable lifejackets, it is proposed that the event should be repeated for those who were unable to attend.

Eastbourne Rally

This was planned for the 24th to 26th of May and we had seven boats including two motor boats, ready to go but the weather beat us yet again. Gusty (F7) conditions meant that the rally had to be abandoned. However we intend to try again in August. See sailing and events diary below.

Found by Graham

Why is he not on the men's side?

One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his Sweat- shirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?" "It depends," I replied. "What does it say on your shirt?" He yelled back, "University of Oklahoma." And they say blondes are dumb...

A couple is lying in bed. The man says, "I am going to make you the happiest woman in the world." The woman replies, "I'll miss you..."

"It's just too hot to wear clothes today," Jack says as he stepped out of the shower, "honey, what do you think the neighbours would think if I mowed the lawn like this?" "Probably that I married you for your money," she replied.

Q: What do you call an intelligent, good looking, sensitive man?

A: A rumor

About Graham

Graham Jones, supervised by Barbara Brooks and Ann Headon, set sail on GANNET on Thursday 29th May bound for Ireland. With little wind they motored to Falmouth with two stops. On their latest text to Nigel on Tuesday 3rd June they reported in true nautical language that it was "Lumpy, Bumpy and Windy". Their next stop is Cork and then on to the Scillies Isles. A more complete report will no doubt be made on their return and again I hope in the autumn on a club night by Ann with her usual excellent photographs.

A Little Historical Nautical Nonsense

In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything had to be transported by ship and cargos of manure were common. It was shipped dry to save weight, but once water (at sea) hit it, it not only became heavier, but fermentation began again producing methane gas.

As the stuff was stored below decks you can see what could (and did) happen. Methane built up and the first time someone came below with a lantern, BOOOOM! Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening. After that, the manure was always stowed high.

Thus evolved the term "S.H.I.T", (Ship High In Transit) which is still in use to this very day. I had always thought it was a golf term.

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

NYC RACE RULES

Last month we published the cancellation/postponement rules for the frostbite race. This was that for future years we will fix alternative dates for a possible re-run should the event be postponed.

We see our races as competitive cruises for skippers more interested in cruising than in the more risky out and out racing and consequently wish to run them under safe conditions.

The NYC conditions under which a race is to be postponed is a forecast of winds greater than force five and/or a sea state of moderate to rough.

Postponement will of course also apply if there are no competitors.

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

Forthcoming buddy sailings are shown under calendar of events.

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

Sailing & Events Diary

Saturday 7th June – Buddy sailing in the bay - 1100

Low water Newhaven BST 0839 hours 0.76m and BST 2002 hours 1.02m.
Organizer Graham Irving 07968 253272.

Saturday 7th June – Newhaven Fish Festival, West Quay, Riverside – Adjacent to car park

This is organised by the Newhaven Community Development Association (NCDA). There will be a "Dieppe Market" and representation from Coastwatch and others connected with the harbour. NYC will have a stand, with tombola, photographs of club activities, and brochures. Offers of help please to Liz Loveday on 01323 641638 or zbthloveday@yahoo.co.uk

Sunday 8th June – NSSC Third Cruiser Race – 1030 hours race start

Low water Newhaven BST 0930 hours 0.95m NYC organizer Graham Irving 07968 253272.

Saturday 14th June – MENCAP Quiz Night - £1.00 entry per person – 1900 for 2000 start at clubroom

Not an NYC event but we like to help our partners of the hall. There is no bar licence for this night so bring your own food and drinks. Offers to join the NYC team to Nigel please.

Sunday 22nd June – Midsummer BBQ up river - 1100 start at marina

A great success in the past few years. Organiser Gerald Simmons 01273 515189.

Saturday 28th June – Buddy Sailing to Brighton marina for lunch - 1000.

Low water Newhaven BST 1301 hours 1.66m.
Book meal from organiser Nigel Cooper on 01273 302846, 07836 739501, coopernp@hotmail.com,

Saturday 28th June – RYA Radar Certificate Course – 0900 to1700 – At the RNLI building, West Quay

Details from the course Principal Tony Titchener 07784 713612 or tonytitch@aol.com
The cost of this course inclusive of course pack and RYA certificate will be approx £60. This is about half the cost charged by other sailing schools.

Wednesday 2nd July – Evening sail – Pontoon fish and chips – 1800

Low water Newhaven BST 1729 hours 1.08m. Organizer Graham Irving 07968 253272.

Saturday 12th July – Saturday 19th July – Solent Rally

Low water Newhaven for 12th – BST 1308 hours 2.13m.
Organizer Nigel Cooper on 01273 302846, 07836 739501, or coopernp@hotmail.com,

Saturday 2nd August – Eastbourne Rally

This was planned for the 24th to 26th of May but postponed due to bad weather.
Low water Newhaven BST 0640 hours 0.68m.
Organizer Nigel Cooper on 01273 302846, 07836 739501, or coopernp@hotmail.com,

Sunday 3rd August – Sovereign Tower Race – around mid-day

Event originally planned for the 25th of May but postponed due to bad weather.
Low water Newhaven BST 0725 hours 0.60m.
Organizer Nigel Cooper on 01273 302846, 07836 739501, or coopernp@hotmail.com,

Sunday 10th August – Sea based practical – 1000

Low water Newhaven BST 1210 hours 2.37m.
Test your man overboard skills. An interesting exercise at sea.
Organizer Nigel Cooper on 01273 302846, 07836 739501, or coopernp@hotmail.com,

Thursday 14th to Sunday 17th August – Eastbourne Air Show

Low water Newhaven on Saturday BST 1811 hours 1.25m.
A chance to drift about off Eastbourne and dodge the aircraft.

Monday 25th August – Bank Holiday

NSSC CRUISER RACING

The Newhaven and Seaford Sailing Club (NSSC) have introduced a series of cruiser racing events for this year. They have invited the NYC to take part in these events which are not shown on the NYC published calendar but will be shown in the newsletter calendar of events. They are being run on the second Sunday of each month until the end of August. Racing will start, subject to suitable tides at 1030 hours and competitors insurance must cover racing.

Forthcoming races are shown under calendar of events

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

ALL PORTS – Skipper visiting most ports in the year.

RYA Courses

Last month we said that one of the NYC members, Jane Twyman had just qualified as an RYA instructor to teach theory courses. We are delighted to say that she has since qualified to teach practical courses. We are equally delighted that the NYC will benefit from her success with more frequent and varied courses than we have had in the past. 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.

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

Westerly Fulmar – ZETA. 32 ft. of cruising comfort! Contact Nigel cooper
coopernp@hotmail.com or phone 07836 739501 – Full specification and photographs on
<http://www.npcweb.co.uk/zeta/index.html>

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

A 1948 twin screw Osborne Eagle Class motor yacht. Moored at Brighton marina.
Contact Jacquie Dowding 07722 836016 or 07796 852629 – email velifera64@hotmail.com

For Sale

Small craft additions of Admiralty charts,

1. SC5600. The Solent and its approaches, 10 charts. £20-00
 2. SC5601. East Devon and Dorset coast 10 charts £20-00
- Imray Mediterranean Almanac,
3. Covers over 400 Harbours in the Mediterranean. £20-00

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

For Sale

SALIDO – a good safe Moody 346. Details of the boat are on the club website.

Please contact Jane Twyman at salido@tiscali.co.uk

Membership

NEW MEMBERS

The following have been accepted for family membership of the NYC

Steve Atkinson and Jan Sampson.

24 Hillcrest Road Newhaven BN9 9EE

Proposed by Nigel Cooper, seconded by Alan Cranmer

The following has applied for membership of the NYC

Coln McDermott. Account Manager LTSB

Pilsey, Framfield road, Buxted, East Sussex, TN22 4LE

Proposed by Nigel Cooper, seconded by Graham Irving.

Please note that to comply with the constitution Section 3 Paragraph 13, names of proposed members are displayed in the clubroom and in the newsletter for fourteen days prior to them being accepted as members. Existing members who wish to object to their acceptance should advise the commodore immediately. 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, 20 Hawth Hill, Seaford, East Sussex, BN25 2RW – 01323 897659 – a.cranmer@tesco.net

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 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. Renewal is due on the 1st of January each year.

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 –

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