



CLUB NEWS

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

Commodores report

Sadly I have to report the death of A J (John) Coffey who passed away recently. He was Commodore in 1998 and 1999. We offer our condolences to his widow.

In the Marina the dredger has been working around the pontoons causing many boats to be moved while the work continues. I understand from the marina manager John Stirling that dredging should be completed in the next week or so and hopefully we will enjoy a season fairly free of mud.

It was pleasing to see so many members at our evening of instruction in splicing ropes from Ted Plant and Peter Butler. Our membership continues to grow slowly, with two more boat owning members joining in the last month. See "Membership" below for information about a newly introduced life membership category. If you qualify please contact the Membership Secretary. RYA courses are running successfully, and if any members want any particular course arranged, Tony Titchener is ready to take details.

The club website has been enhanced with a member's area in the "club" section. Any member wishing to post a note of crewing requirements or other matters of interest to other members can send the information to me to be added. Our website developer, Glenn Gilbert intends to add a password protected system so that members may add their own information.

I managed to get a three day sail to Eastbourne without sinking, so the repaired stern gland seems to work. I hope to see you out on the water for the Frostbite Race on 29th March. Please remember the Fitting Out Supper on 21st March, once again at Woody's, Newhaven. In the meanwhile I wish you all Good Sailing
Nigel Cooper

From the Waterfront

Reeds Nautical Almanac 2009 on-line version

For anyone who purchased Reeds Nautical Almanac 2009 on-line version, please note the following statement by the company.

Reeds Nautical Online Almanac Ltd regret that owing to the worsening economic conditions we are unable to continue trading.

We sincerely apologise to all those who have purchased the product over the past few months as we will be unable to continue to deliver the online edition of the Almanac.

Please direct any enquiries to support@reedsnauticalgroup.com

The Marina – item One

This is a repeat from last month that Oakdene Homes is now in administration. 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, West Quay in the new row of shops 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.

Ropes – Get Knotted!

On Saturday 21st February we had a talk and demonstration of "Ropes" in the clubroom. We learned how to perform a miracle with our three plait rope and make an eye splice, a very useful skill to have. Ted Plant assisted by Peter Butler demonstrated this complicated task and followed up by checking the progress of each member's handiwork.

The evening was very well attended, and with Ann Heaton's superb two course meal and Graham Irving's well run bar every one seemed to enjoy the evening'.

My thanks to all who assisted with the clearing up afterwards and also to members who took the trouble to book the meal. It is not easy to plan catering for events so any assistance you can give to organisers by booking the meal well in advance is a great help.

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

Note 1 - There is now an NYC notice board on one of the buildings of Simpson Marine.

Note 2 - There is need for volunteers to take on the duties of distributing our publications in the Newhaven area. Also for another to join the committee to develop and expand our publicity.

Saturday 14th March – RYA VHF course – at the RNLI building 1900.

Saturday 14th March – Sussex Yacht Club Boat Jumble - Sussex YC main car park – 1000 - 1400.

85/89 Brighton Road, Shoreham. West Sussex.

Sellers should book a space from SYC office between 1000 and 1400 on 01273 464868.

Open to sellers from 0800. Cars £5.00, Vans £7.00, Trade £10.00.

All proceeds go to Sussex Sailability for the benefit of disabled sailors

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

What to look out for with Surveyor, Graham Whittington. Many of you may know Graham, who presents information in quite an amusing and entertaining way, so it should be a good evening. 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 – Smart casual.

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. The menu has already been sent to members and the cost is £19.95 for three courses or £17.95 for two.

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

Sunday 29th March – Boat Jumble organised by Peter Leonard in his boatyard on Denton Island.

Admission £1.00 donated to charity. Start at 0900. NYC proposes to have a table available for club members to put items into the Jumble for which there will be a charge of £1.00 per person to be donated to charity. Please contact Gerald Simmons on 01273 515189 for details of how to sell your unwanted nautical items.
Note – this is also the date of the NYC Frostbite Race which starts at 1200 hrs.

Saturday 4th April – Barn Dance – in the clubroom.

This is organised in conjunction with MENCAP our hosts of Riverside Hall. Tickets will be available from Bernard Irving and Ann Headon,
More details will be issued when available.

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

The organiser is the Vice Commodore, Graham Irving 07968 253272
Note – Lent is over so have a beer.

Monday 13th April – Easter Monday

Monday 25th April – RYA VHF course – at the RNLI building 0900.

Due to high demand from the previous course last month this second course is offered.
Full details are available from the course principal.
Tony Titchener 07784 713612 or tonytitch@aol.com

Saturday 20th June – Round the Island Race – Arrangements must be made early

One of the NYC members, Mike Price, intends to enter this event and is looking for crew. Any volunteers should advise him as soon as possible as early notification of crew details is required by the organisers. He plans to sail from Newhaven to Gosport on Friday 19th March, compete and return on 21st June.
Telephone 01622832937

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

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

Crew Wanted

Mike Price intends to enter the Round the Island race and is looking for crew. He is required to give early notification of crew details to the organisers so apply soon.
See calendar of events **Saturday 20th June** for full details.

Membership

PROPOSED CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION

The Committee wish to introduce a new type of membership which will require a change to the Constitution and is as follows.

Life Membership without further payment of membership fees for members aged 80 or over who have been full members for the previous 5 years. Voting rights are not affected.

Your committee have decided to give this membership immediately and trust that this change will be ratified when put to the next AGM in November.

There will be very few members who will qualify and they will most certainly benefit the club more than they are likely to demand. The loss to club finances will be insignificant and may stop the elderly from resigning. Colm McDermott is looking forward to hear from applicants.

NEW MEMBERS

The following has 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.

The following have applied for membership of the NYC

Peter William Shew – NH Council – “Cavalier” Peter Leonard Marine, Denton Island,
Newhaven, East Sussex, BN9 9BA

Proposed by Nigel Cooper, seconded by T Titchener.

Michael Kim Edwards – Contract Caterer – Clover, Aviemore Road, Crowborough
East Sussex, TN6 1QU

Proposed by Graham Piddington, seconded by Graham Irving.

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

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.

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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