



CLUB NEWS

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Commodores report

This Sailing Season 's weather seems to have improved, at last – after three attempts at the Frostbite Race, each one failing for lack of wind, nine yachts finally completed this event on the club rally to Eastbourne. This turned out to be an excellent event, with good weather, good company, and good food.

It is pleasing to see more new members joining the club – mostly boat owners, so a warm welcome to all who have joined us recently. Our buddy sailing scheme is still in need of more volunteer skippers, and Graham has changed the scheme to fit around skipper availability rather than fixed calendar dates. Hopefully this will work better. We have a number of enquiries from potential new crewing members and we should be able to support and encourage those new to sailing.

Alan Ball, our long serving Secretary and Newsletter Editor, is selling his yacht Endless Love, and giving up yachting. Sadly for us, he has expressed his intention to retire from club secretary position in the near future, and I am therefore looking for volunteers to take on his work. Please contact me if you would like to assist us on the committee for this or any other work.

If anyone is thinking of suggesting a club flotilla holiday in Cancun this year – don't bother.

Good Sailing Nigel Cooper

From the Waterfront

Eastbourne Rally 2nd – 4th May

With a fair weather forecast for the bank holiday weekend, the first decent weather for this event in three years, a total of ten NYC yachts entered the rally. Saturday, around mid-day, we set off for Eastbourne. Since the Frostbite Race had been abandoned three times due to lack of wind, it was decided make use of this leg to run this trophy race. Gary Nicholson – a recent new member – joined the rally at the last minute, and sailed creditably well single handed in his Contessa 26. Linda & Mel Wood in Capricia were first into Eastbourne, but the results are still to be received and assessed for a trophy. The run down to Eastbourne was not without incident. Zeta's cruising chute managed to wrap itself up round the forestay on a gybe, and the delay in sorting this out probably put her at the back of the fleet on handicap. The wind was almost perfect for the trip, and everyone enjoyed the day's sailing. Saturday evening began with eleven people celebrating the journey on Zeta, followed by a splendid two course meal at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. This was attended by a total of twenty four members. The turnout for the event was extremely encouraging.

On Sunday five boats had to return home, due to other commitments, which left five to enter the Sovereign Tower race. We assembled by the outfall can and started the race at 1230. With a Westerly wind, it was a comfortable broad reach both ways, and we completed the race in record time. With flukey winds close inshore on the return leg, much tacking took place to get close to the finishing buoy, and Zeta was first past the post. (That makes a change !! – no more scenic routes!). However, we await full details for handicap evaluation for the trophy.



Sunday evening began with a bring a bottle party on Zeta, and eighteen sailors somehow managed to find space on board. How we remained afloat I do not know. Great fun, and the best Eastbourne Rally in four years. Monday's weather was kind to those who left at a reasonable hour, and all managed to get home in reasonable time against the force 4/5 Westerly, assisted by the tide. I do hope that this sets the pattern for the rest of the year. Many photographs were taken by several members, and it is planned that an album of the event will be published for show at future club meetings.

Nigel

RYA VHF course

Due to high demand from the previous course this second course was run on Monday 25th April at the RNLI building. Detail from the course principal Tony Titchener 07784 713612 or tonytitch@aol.com

Quiz Night

The evening of Sat 25th April was attended by thirty six members and visitors. The RNLI put in seven for their team, and the Coastwatch team of three was topped up by NYC members. The evening started with a run on Graham Irving's bar by the thirsty sailors and lifeboat men, and was followed by a meal of Thai chicken curry, prepared by the Commodore's wife, Sabrina. This was followed by Ann Headon's dessert of various fruit pies and custard. Thanks to some hard work also by Hilary Titchener, Angela Simmons, Bee Rehman and Graham Piddington, the clearing up was completed very efficiently, and we were able to launch the quiz.

Gerald called out the questions, which certainly caused a few headaches among the members (or was that the beer?), and after forty questions, and ten locations on map of Ireland to identify, everyone was gasping for more beer. The Coastwatch team proved to be by far the most knowledgeable team, with only five questions wrong, and deservedly won the first prize of six bottles of wine. The NYC team led by Brian Willcock took second prize – the beers. Bernard's successful raffle completed the evening, with the usual array of fine prizes. This was our last clubroom event of the winter season, and our events will now all be on the water. The next clubroom event will be Trafalgar Night, on 17th October.

Open Day

This was scheduled to take place in the Clubroom on Sunday 26th April but was cancelled.

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.

All enquiries for buddy sailing should be made to Graham Irving 07968 253272 who will co ordinate your name with the skippers available for you to phone direct.

As our likely meeting place for these events will be the new restaurant I once again and finally give details;

The "Captain's Table", Villandry, West Quay, Newhaven, BN9 2BE. 01273 514504

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

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

Note 2 - Buddy sailing – Due to difficulties in getting firm times from skippers we now ask you to enquire of Graham Irving. He will co ordinate your name with the skippers available for you to phone direct. See also Buddy Sailing above. Graham Irving 07968 253272

Tuesday 19th May – NHS blood donating at Hillcrest Community centre Hillcrest Road Newhaven
Call 08457711711 for an appointment or walk in.

Saturday 23rd May – RYA VHF Course – RNLI Lifeboat station

The course Principal Tony Titchener 07784 713612 or tonytitch@aol.com will give details.

Monday 25th May – Late May Bank Holiday

Sunday 14 June – Mid Summer BBQ – Up River – Leave marina at 1100

Newhaven HW 1606 BST – 5.71m. BBQ start time at bridge is approximately 1230.

BBQs, and some wine and beer are provided so bring your own food, plates and glasses plus any other drinks you require. The organiser is Peter Llewellyn 01323 897339

Wednesday – 1st July – Evening Sail

1800

Newhaven LW 1144 BST 1.48m - Pontoon Fish and Chips

The organiser is the Vice Commodore, Graham Irving 07968 253272

Saturday 4th July – RNLI fete on the sports ground

Saturday 11th – Saturday 25th July – Solent / Poole Rally

Newhaven LW 0828 BST 1.1m – HW 1428 BST 6.22m

Both power and sail are invited to join us for one or two weeks

Organiser Ann Headon 01273 885942 pa.headon@ntlworld.com

Saturday 15th – 22nd August – Rally to France

Newhaven LW 1221 BST 2.09m – HW 0553 BST 5.20m

Both power and sail are invited to join us for the weeks.

Organiser Nigel Cooper coopernp@hotmail.com 01273 30284 and 07836739501

Monday 31st August – Bank Holiday

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 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

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

For Sale

Endless Love – A Westerly Renown ketch. Details will be made available soon.

Co-owner

The owner of as well appointed "Seal 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

Membership

NEW MEMBERS

The following have been accepted for membership of the NYC

John David Couch – Site engineer – 10 Huntington road, Crowborough, East Sussex, TN6 2LJ
Proposed by Linda Wood, seconded by Nigel Cooper
Garry Nicholson – Basement Flat, 42B Norfolk Square, Brighton BN1 2PE
Proposed by Nigel Cooper, seconded by T Titchener.

The following has been proposed for membership of the NYC

Mr Mark Blakey - Care Manager – Seaford Cottage, Alfriston Road, Seaford, BN25 3 AB
Proposed by Nigel Cooper, seconded by Linda Wood

Application forms are available from the membership secretary and new applications and also renewal fees (due by the 17th of January) 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
ak.ball@btopenworld.com