



CLUB NEWS

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

The Annual General Meeting of the NYC will take place on **Saturday 22nd November 2008 – 6pm.**

Paragraph 32 of the constitution states

Candidates for election to the Committee (not being Officers of the Club) shall be those members of the retiring Committee eligible to offer themselves for re-election and such other full or Family members whose nominations (duly proposed and seconded in writing by Full or Family members of the Club) with their consent shall have been received by the Secretary at least twenty eight days before the date of the Annual General Meeting in each year. Such nominations, together with the names of the Proposer and Seconder shall be posted to the club premises at least fourteen days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Note that the latest date for receiving nominations is now past.

Proposed Amendment to Constitution

Constitution Paragraph 9

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 **June in any year shall pay half the annual subscription applicable for that year and that a member elected after the first day in November** 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.

It is proposed by your committee that the words shown above in bold type be deleted and that they be replaced with **October**.

This will coincide with the start of our financial year, assist accounting and will encourage joining before the next year. Deleting June may discourage joining at that time.

Subscriptions

The committee recommend that you vote for the subscription to remain as for 2008

NOTE – The previous AGM minutes, audited accounts and agenda with the procedure for show of hands will be available at the meeting. They may also be sent to members before that date.

Nominations received for 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

Proposed by Glenn Gilbert – Ashcombe, Mill Lane, South Charley, BN8 4AZ
Seconded by Stew Proud – 21 Englefield Crescent, Cliff Woods, Rochester, Kent, ME3 8HB

Note they are all members of the previous committee. Colm McDermott was co-opted last autumn.

All members should try to attend this important meeting. It is followed by a social evening and a meal, which must be booked. See calendar of events for details.

Commodores report

It was good to see so many members at the Trafalgar Night event. Thank you for making the effort, particularly if you had a long way to travel. The AGM and Laying Up Supper on 22nd November will hopefully be similarly well attended. A bar will be available as well as the supper, and will be followed by a presentation from Jacquie Dowding about her round Britain sail this year. Don't forget Remembrance Sunday is on 9th November. We shall once again be taking out ex-servicemen for the annual service at sea, and we need skippers willing to take out their boats for this service. Please contact me if you can assist. More details of this are under sailing and events diary below. I am pleased to report that the club's website is once again fully operational, thanks to Glenn Gilbert who does the programming.
Good Sailing Nigel

From the Waterfront

RADIO BILL MAY SCUPPER RNLI

LIFEBOAT crews fear being scuppered by crippling new charges for using their radios from Ofcom, the communications regulator. The RNLI could see the price of using its VHF emergency frequencies rise to £250,000 under plans to charge the full commercial rate.

The charity, which saves hundreds of lives every year currently pays an annual £48,000 at a discounted rate of 50 per cent. It relies on donations and fears the move will have a disastrous impact on fundraising. Peter Bradley, RNLI operations staff officer, said:

"It's a lot of money when you think in terms of lifeboat days and little old ladies collecting pound coins."

"We could buy several inshore lifeboats for the same amount."

"The Government rely on us to provide this search-and-rescue service, at a cost of £124 million a year, but they want to charge us for doing it!"

Ofcom has set out plans to bring "market forces" into maritime and civil aviation communications in a policy it calls Administered Incentive Pricing.

£250,000 represents an awful lot of charity collections, even more so in the current economic climate so, if like me you feel strongly enough about this, please sign the petition below.

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/RNLI-RF-licences/>

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS

One of our members, Andrew Dandridge is holding a "One Man Exhibition" of paintings on 1st and 2nd of November at the English Wine Centre near Alfriston.

Full details can be seen on his new website at www.andrewdandridge.co.uk.

Exhibition invitations can be downloaded from the exhibitions page, though they are not a requirement of entry.

THE RALLY PORTUGAL NEXT YEAR (MAY 31ST TO JUNE 23RD)

The following email has been received from Tony Porter em.consulting@tiscali.co.uk and may be of interest to many members.

I am participating with my Hanse 370 'Renegade' in the Rally Portugal next year (May 31st to June 23rd) and then going on to Gibraltar followed by a 'not too demanding' coast hopping trip via Spain, Balearics, Sardinia, Sicily, maybe Malta and ending up in Greece (probably Lefkas or Corfu) some time in late August/September. (Semi retirement) I intend to keep Renegade in the Med for the next couple of years.

I currently have a crew for the Biscay leg of the Rally and through to Lagos Portugal but will be looking for interested participants to crew from Gibraltar onwards, I would be grateful if you advertise this fact and then any club members who have a yearn for a couple of weeks in the Med can sign up (individuals to cover own expenses only), level of experience and dates of availability would be useful. My intention is to meet and sail with those interested in spring of next year before the big event.

Renegade is a late 2006 new Hanse 370 with a very high specification for long distance offshore cruising now moored in Brighton Berth 23/12.

I can be contacted by E-mail, as I am currently in Saudi Arabia

Best regards, Tony Porter

TRAFALGAR NIGHT

What an entertaining evening we had on the 18th October. It started at 1900 with members catching up on friends' news and buying drinks at the bar run by Graham. The Fish and Chip supper was supplied by the local 'chippy' and was followed by a sweet prepared by Ann Headon. This was then followed by an evening of sea shanties from Christopher Snook, who entertained the crew of Kittiwake on their Atlantic Rally last year. He sang with great gusto, and demonstrated his passion for the music by also providing very interesting explanations of the origins of the shanties. The first shanty was the well known "What shall we do with the drunken sailor".

The presence of thirty members and of three visitors interested in joining our club was a wonderful improvement on the previous attendance at some of our other events this year. I hear stories of poor attendance at many other larger clubs in the area, but it was heartening to see such a good response for our own relatively small club.

Out thanks go to Ann Headon for organising the meal, Graham Irving for running the bar, and to Bernard for once again providing good entertainment with the raffle and some worth while raffle prizes.

Nigel

HUMAN LIMB FOUND

Seen recently in the press where the police were called to recover a human arm in Poole harbour. Three policemen in a commandeered boat retrieved it with a net and the hand fell off. It turned out to be part of the RNLI practice rescue manikin. It is great that the RNLI have gone to such lengths to have realistic practises.

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.

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

Sunday 9th November - Remembrance Sunday (1100 at sea) at about a mile off Newhaven.

Low water Newhaven GMT 1355 hours 1.70m.

Organizer Nigel Cooper on 01273 302846, 07836 739501, or coopernp@hotmail.com,

Please take one or more veterans with you. A few days before the event, those boat owners, who intend to go out to the wreath laying ceremony, should telephone Nigel and let him know how many persons you are prepared to and can safely take out.

Note change of assembly point for this year – On the day, the skippers, or a member of the crew, go to the **RNLI Building on West Key** by 0930; 10.00 at the very latest if you wish to get to sea in time for the service. Introduction will be made to those to whom you have been allocated after which you can take them to board your boat and proceed to sea in time for the 1100 service. Although the lifeboat will be present skippers should not need to be reminded that all passengers require a lifejacket. On return, it is usual to meet with the others, this time at the RNLI. Regardless of whether you take a visitor you are most enthusiastically welcomed to attend. There have been times, quite recent, when the sheer number of boats makes it a most memorable occasion and it is such a spectacle that is nice to repeat. The object is to get as many boats out as possible. See also from the waterfront.

Saturday 22nd November – AGM – 1800 in the clubroom

All members should attend this most important meeting which elects the committee, decides the fees and any amendment to the constitution. Such an amendment is proposed this year so note the detail shown in the newsletter. Remember that the constitution is there to prevent the committee (or any one else) from acting without the authority of the members. It is important that change is made only with majority agreement.

Note that this is immediately followed by the Laying Up Supper.

Saturday 22nd November – Laying Up Supper – this immediately follows the AGM and will start at approximately 1900 in the clubroom.

Please notify P Llewellyn on 01323 897339 or Ann Headon on 01273 885952 if you wish to have a meal. The cost will be £5.00 per person for a two course meal and there will be a bar. Jacquie Dowding will give a talk on her recent around Britain cruise for charity, There will be a photographic competition for sailing or sea related pictures so bring your winners and enter on the night.

Will those who were awarded trophies at the last laying up supper ensure that they are returned (preferably polished) at least a week before the AGM, to Nigel Cooper (07836 739501).

Saturday 6th December – Commodore's Christmas party and buffet in the clubroom at 1800.

Something free at last but you will be able to spend at the bar. This is the last chance for all of us to get together this year.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Note that claims for the following must be made prior to the AGM allowing adequate time for the committee to assess your claim.

The Kittiwake challenge prize
Seven ports

The spirit of Kittiwake cup
All ports

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.

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

For Sale

Yacht "Moondance". Sundance class, 21 foot, fin keel, Bermuda rig sloop.
Yanmar GM10 diesel (new in 2003). Four berths with galley and sea toilet.
Slab reef mainsail, roller reefing headsail with two genoas, one main, two spinnakers, and one storm sail.

Full comprehensive inventory including auto pilot, DSC radio and antenna (New Feb 2008),

Has not been sailed to it's full potential for the past 3 years. £7,500 o.n.o.

Jack Baker 01273 516163

Membership

NEW MEMBERS

The following have applied 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

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.

It is important that at this time of the year I remind potential members that by joining NOW, the full membership fee gives membership for the rest of the year plus the following year (2009).

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 plus a 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. 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 – Alan Ball. 40 St Mary's Road. Tonbridge TN9 2LE. 01732 359170
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