



CLUB NEWS

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the NYC will take place on 21st November 2009.
This is a most important meeting which affects the running of the club for the following year. Subjects include reports from the commodore and the treasurer, the election of the committee, setting membership fees, considering changes to the constitution and all items that require the yes or no vote of the members. Please consult your copy of the constitution.
Also consider what YOU want of YOUR club and who should be on the committee. Volunteers? The Laying Up Supper follows starting at approx 1900. See Sailing and Events Diary below.

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.

Nominations received for Officers and Committee members for 2009

NONE

Proposed Amendments to Constitution.

More comprehensive detail will be shown on the AGM agenda.

1. Life membership at 80 and to founder commodore
2. Half year reduction to new members first application fees'

Other items requiring a vote

1. Donation to MENCAP to assist repair of floor of building used by NYC as the clubroom.
2. Make available to members only a list of members addresses in a form similar to the content of the B.T. directory plus boat name, telephone, email etc. This requires individual agreement from members and you are asked to indicate after the meeting what information you are happy to have shown.

3. Accumulation of funds, this has been the subject of much debate at Committee meetings and the Membership is asked to give the Committee a clear mandate by voting on the following options.

- a. Continue to accumulate funds for the purchase of a future club room and with consideration to the size of both initial purchase and running costs.
- b. Without other large expenditure foreseen a lower contingency fund should be maintained.

Note - The Club's net worth to date is over £14,000.00 and at the current rate will increase by more than a £1,000.00 each year. Courses and fees income will take this to over £17,000 in January.

Subscriptions

The committee recommend that you vote for the subscription to remain unchanged.

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.

All members should attend this important meeting. It is followed by a social evening and a meal, which must be booked. The use of an outside caterer makes this necessary See calendar of events for details.

Commodores report

Remember, remember 21st November - Not likely to be fireworks, but you never know. There are some interesting points to be discussed which need your consideration and a decision. Please read carefully the listed AGM motions in the relevant section above and be prepared to comment and vote. Complaints regarding the running of the club, should I say suggestions, are always welcome?

The usual voting in of the Committee will take place, but unlike previous years, we have **NO nominations** for Committee positions. The date for lodging nominations has passed, and requests for volunteers and a vote will therefore take place at the AGM. Please discuss with your NYC colleagues who among you would like to help out with 2010 Committee work. **Vacancies** that will remain unfilled if we get no volunteers include **Commodore, Secretary, and Bosun, as well as general Committee positions.** I will be moving my boat to Brighton in December, and given difficulties in the past of handling Newhaven Yacht Club matters with an "absent" Commodore, I believe it to be in the best interests of the club that a "local" member takes on the position of Commodore. Needless to say, ongoing Committee work may cease if a quorum of Committee members required under the Constitution is not available.

The Club's balance sheet for 2009 is attached showing a continuing growth of the Club's financial health which shows a surplus of about £14,000.00. Please bring your copy with you to the AGM if you have any comments about the aspects of finance.

Apart from the AGM, **I need your urgent response to advise numbers attending the Laying Up Supper.** As we are asking outside caterers to provide a buffet for the evening, we need to order accurately so that no-one is disappointed. The reason for choosing to use outside catering for this event is that each year at the AGM several members are tied up with food preparation in the kitchen, and are not attending to the AGM business, and we cannot act in all members' interests if some are not applying their vote to the matters raised. Also, it is good to have a break once a year from the chores of high volume cooking and washing up. The bar will be available as usual.

Dredging in the Marina has been extended, and efforts are being made to clear much of the mud that affects our boating. I do believe that it is now beginning to make a difference, and hopefully it will be long lasting and give you more enjoyable sporting activity in 2010.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM.

Nigel Cooper

From the Waterfront

Message from the RNLI

I have been contacted by Bill Walton of RNLI. He has noted a situation recently in Newhaven whereby channel 12 (port control) was inadvertently blocked for 30 minutes by accidental jamming of the Push to Talk button of a handheld VHF. It is assessed that the user, having called up port control for clearance, then pushed the VHF set into a pocket where the button was then accidentally trapped in the on position. Crew conversations were clearly audible for that length of time.

As a safety issue he feels that it is worth bringing it to our attention. Had it been channel 16, any other emergency call would have been blocked for 30 minutes. Please bear this in mind and use care with handheld VHF equipment.

Trafalgar Night

We spent Trafalgar night in the clubroom on Saturday 17th October and this year we were entertained by Peter Bailey MBE, of the Newhaven Historical Society. His slide show and talk about the loss of HMS Brazen off the Newhaven Coast in 1800, together with other interesting local historical events, made for a very interesting evening. During the evening many members had caricatures drawn by local artist, Sean Savage, and when presented with the finished article, many were pleasantly surprised with his clever approach to the work. Sabrina who did the cooking – was the subject of his artistic skills and was shown in a Thai classical dance pose. Thanks to Graham Irving, the bar kept us well supplied with beverages, and Bernard provided some good prizes in the raffle.

The RYA Day Skipper shore based Course.

This started as planned on Thursday 29th October in the RNLI Building and has good attendance. We wish all candidates a successful course.

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.

The scheme has changed and all enquiries for buddy sailing should be made, **Note change of name to our New co-ordinator; Mark Blakey of yacht Scheihallion 01323 898658 - 07880 528874** who will advise you of the skipper available and a telephone number so that you may phone direct,

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

See also the NYC notice board on one of the buildings of Simpson Marine.

Buddy sailing – Due to difficulties in getting firm times from skippers we are no longer giving dates in this calendar. For more information see Buddy Sailing above.

Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday (1100 at sea) at about a mile off Newhaven

Low water Newhaven GMT 1440 hours 6.03m

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.

On the day, the skippers, or a member of the crew, go to the **RNLI Building on West Quay** 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.

Saturday 21st November – AGM – 1800 Clubroom.

This is a most important meeting which affects the running of the club for the following year. See first item of newsletter above.

Saturday 21st November – Laying up Buffet – Approximately 1900 following the AGM

The cost will be about £10.00 and there will be a bar. Although the event will be organized by Ann Headon she will be away on holiday so those wanting a meal please contact Nigel Cooper. **Note it is vital that we have your reply soon as an outside caterer is involved.**

07836739501 coopernp@hotmail.com

Contributions of food or money for the commodores Christmas party will be noted at this event so please be ready to state your contribution to help organiser avoid duplications.

Saturday 5^h December – Commodore's Christmas party and buffet in the clubroom at 1900.

There will be a bar. Organiser Ann Headon 01273 885942 pa.headon@ntlworld.com

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. SEAGO Life raft with cradle. £475.00
2. FIRDEL Radar reflector with Stainless steel mast brackets £45.00
Graham Jones 07900386274, 01273 569849, najadatsea@gmail.com

For Sale

Moondance – a 21 foot sloop built 1974. Owned by Jack Baker
YANMAR 10hp engine fitted 2003. Mainsail STACKPAK fitted 2004. Complete with GPS and VHF.
£6,950.00 OFFERS INVITED

For full details apply to
Simon J. Thomas, Lochin Marine International Ltd. Incorporating Simon Thomas Yacht Sales
00 44 +(0)1273 515085 stys@lochin.com

Membership

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 -

NOTE CHANGE OF NAME.

Roger Davis 1 Riverside House, West Quay. Newhaven, BN9 9BS – 01273 611396
roger.fdavis@tiscali.co.uk

The entrance and subscription fees are as follows;

Full member £45.00

Family member £50.00

Joining fee for new members - £20.00

For those joining after 1st October the above fees will cover them until the end of the following year.

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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