



CLUB NEWS

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<http://www.newhavenyc.org.uk>

Commodores report

The club sailing season seems to be rapidly drawing to a close with only one more sailing rally to go before the end of our sailing events for this year, Littlehampton, but we do have an additional event on 20th September, the man overboard exercise with the RNLI and I am advised that there are still a couple of spaces on the Lifeboat for any member who wishes to watch the proceedings.

Most of you have now had opportunity to attend events at the Riverside Hall. Personally I consider that it is a comfortable, practical and very useful location for our club with better facilities than our last location and given a lack of local developments which may provide us with a clubroom, I would imagine it will be our home for many years to come. The charity MENCAP are facing a crisis of funding to pay for urgent and expensive work to the under floor structure of this building of which they are the owners. Your Committee will be considering ways in which we as users of the hall may be of assistance and I consider it likely that a financial donation will be made from our funds. If any members have any ideas for raising funds for this worthy charity please do not hesitate to contact the committee. It is in our interests that the building continues to be well maintained.

I am pleased to report that we now have a volunteer for the post of Membership Secretary. Roger Davis has kindly offered to take on this task. I would like to take this opportunity to express my own and the Committee's gratitude to Colm McDermott for having managed the job so well in the past year and to wish him good sailing in his new location in the Chester area. On the subject of Committee work, I have to say that we could still do with some more assistance, so please contact Alan Ball or me if you can consider giving up some time to help your club.

Finally, at the end of this month it will be time to think about the presentation of Cups for the 2009 sailing achievements. I would be grateful if members would look at their logs for the year to see if they have a chance of winning the "Seven Ports Trophy" or the "All Ports Trophy" which is for the greatest number of ports visited in this year. Please let our Secretary, Alan Ball have your lists during October so that we may work out winners in time for the AGM.

Good Sailing, Nigel Cooper

From the Waterfront

Rally to France

This took place on the 15th to the 22nd of August and both power and sail were invited to attend. Three yachts, Moody Blue (Mike Price with Nina Heaton and Maurice Elford), Ruby (Mike and Eileen Edwards with their grandson Rhees) and Zeta (Ann Heaton and Tony Titchener) set off for Fecamp in the early hours of Saturday 15th August, in a brisk Westerly. A fairly quick crossing through the shipping lanes was promising, but the wind eased off approaching Fecamp and the engine was brought into action. Ruby picked up a considerable amount of weed around her propeller which necessitated some manoeuvring to clear, but otherwise we all made it safely into Fecamp, with Ruby noting a family of dolphins on the way. Interestingly, and unusually, there was plenty of space – it seems that the Brits are not heading for France in any numbers due to the adverse exchange rate. Ann dressed Zeta with the flags, which attracted strange comments from nearby boaters. I thought Mike Price's quick off the cuff response to a French skipper that "it was our Sunday dress" was priceless (excuse the pun). Drinks and meals together were organised on board each boat in turn, and this proved to be good fun, but we did visit one of the local restaurants on Monday evening, and enjoyed good French cuisine. We made the best of the good weather, and undertook a long climb up to the Chapelle Notre Dame de Salut in which were displayed many paintings by local artists of Fecamp sailing disasters in days gone by.

Moody Blue sailed on Monday to St Valery en Caux, followed on Tuesday by Ruby and Zeta. Zeta enjoyed a lovely sail with cruising chute, about time we made some use of it! St Valery, a very attractive town, is entered via a lock, and the bridge opens for 30 minutes around high water. We were welcomed by the local harbour staff, and presented with a pack of local information. More interestingly we were offered three nights for the price of two. The weather remained kindly, and most of us enjoyed some swimming (or paddling in my case) at the local beach. Back at the marina, while messing about with lines, I managed to lose my glasses and sunglasses into the water from my shirt pocket. Disaster! Reliant as I am on my crew for seeing my way across the Channel, I now felt that I was becoming a liability ashore also. However, very much to my surprise, and while I was wandering around town Mike from Ruby disappeared overboard and reappeared with my main pair of glasses, and presented me with them on my return. Fantastic! I was able to see again. Thank you Mike.

Having time to spare, we messed about on Zeta with MOB ideas. Ann volunteered to don lifejacket and go alongside in the dinghy and play unconscious. We then practiced our MOB recovery technique with the mainsheet and boom to see if it would work. Apart from nearly pulling Ann's arm off while swinging her aboard, the lift went much better than I had believed possible, and although conditions were better than one could expect in a real MOB situation, the experiment was well worth while, and gave us ideas of how we may improve the procedure.



MOB practise in the marina at St Valerie en Caux. The dummy this time was Ann.

Moody Blue decided to move on to Dieppe on Thursday and was followed by Ruby on Friday while Zeta and Moody Blue returned to Newhaven. With a good wind, and not too uncomfortable sea, we made it back home by 2300, tired, but happy to have enjoyed what had turned out to be a very good rally. Ruby waited until Sunday to return from Dieppe and was unlucky to have to motor most of the way. However, it seems they had some great entertainment from a family of Dolphins on the way. .



On the eastern hill over the river from Fecamp



Pre dinner drinks at Fecamp



St Valerie en Caux



Relaxing at St Valerie en Caux



A view of St Valerie en Caux

Club rallies can be great fun, and this one had been one of the best, being blessed with good weather, great company and entertainment. It is, in my view, what being a yacht club member is about. It was a first Channel crossing for Nina, and also Mike Edwards and family, so congratulations are in order, and it was particularly pleasing to see their grandson, aged 13 handle their boat so well.

Nigel Cooper

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 to Graham Irving 07968 53272 who will co ordinate your name with the skippers available for you to 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.

Saturday 12th – Monday 14th September - Littlehampton Rally

Newhaven HW 0420 BST 5.63m. Both power and sail are invited to join us for one or both days.

Arun YC invite us to “Last Night of The Proms” and dinner. Dress is smart casual

A meal can be booked at a price of £15.

There is very limited space so early booking and you are asked that having booked that you ensure attendance even if by road. Organiser Ann Headon 01273 885942 pa.headon@ntlworld.com

Saturday 19th September – MOB discussion with RNLI –

This was planned to take place in the clubroom at 1900 but the RNLI are not expected to be able to attend on this date in which case a short talk will be given prior to going to sea on the 20th. Any change to this will be notified by email.

This is preparatory to the event on the 20th and Bill Walton of the RNLI will discuss tactics. There will be coffee and biscuits.

Sunday 20th September – RNLI Man overboard practice – 0900 assemble in marina.

Newhaven HW 1158 BST 7.10m

The life boat will drop two victims for rescue. There will be two NYC yachts with crews of five to make the rescues. There may be places on the lifeboat for spectators who should apply for places to Nigel coopernp@hotmail.com 01273 30284 and 07836739501

Saturday 17th October – Trafalgar Night Event – Clubroom 1830

A member of “Savage caricatures” will attend to draw as many of those attending as is possible and at least the first twenty should be drawn. Peter Bailey MBE of the Newhaven Historical Society will give a talk with slide show of local port history.

There will be a meal costing £8.00 (including £2.00 towards caricatures) of pasta and a dessert. The vegetarian option should be requested when booking the meal the usual five days before. There will be a bar.

Organiser Nigel Cooper 07836739501 coopernp@hotmail.com

Sunday 25th October – BST ends

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 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.

Saturday 21st November – AGM – 1800 Clubroom.

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. Note that this is immediately followed by the Laying Up Supper starting at approx 1900

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

There will be the usual photographic competition for “Anything Nautical”.

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 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.

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

claims must be made to the commodore or secretary at least fourteen days prior to the 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

Co-owner wanted

The owner of as well appointed "Sail 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

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. **Commodore is dealing with this until a new secretary is available.**

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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