



CLUB NEWS

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

Commodores report

I am pleased to report that the club website now has a "members area" in the "club" section, and that with a password which I can supply, members can now log in themselves and add notes – ideal for crewing requirements etc, or items you want to sell that other members may be interested in.

I was disappointed that the club was unable to commit to the cost of hire of the Barn Dance caller and dance music organiser for 4th April. The event had to be cancelled due to lack of response. Unfortunately we received several requests for tickets just a few days after we had cancelled. I must stress that events the Committee work hard to put on for members MUST be given more urgent attention if you want to attend. You must also remember that the catering has to be worked out in advance, and this is prepared by members willing to give their own time. Please do your best to help out by booking early.

The Sailing Season has started. Rather disappointing though, as we had not a breath of wind for the Frostbite Race. After drifting with the tide for an hour, the race was abandoned, and it is now to be held on Sunday 12th as per the calendar of events. I thought I might claim a victory as I drifted further than Graham and Bernard Irving in *Yacht Amie*, but I don't think that would go down well!

The Eastbourne Rally, 2nd to 4th May, looks likely to be well attended, with 5 boats booked so far, so we will probably organise a meal at the Sovereign Yacht Club for one of the evenings there. Contact me if you wish to join in.

I am able to dispose of out of date flares at a cost in region of £1.00 /flare. Please get in touch with me soon as it involves a trip to Portsmouth and is only viable if enough people wish to take advantage of the offer.

Good Sailing Nigel Cooper

From the Waterfront

OBITUARY

John Coffey - Commodore Newhaven Marina Yacht Club in 1994 – 1995,

In the March issue of NYC News, you reported the sad death of John Coffey on 5th February 2009 at the age of 62. Joan and I had the privilege of being one of John's many friends and we thought it would be fitting to add a little detail of his life.

By profession, John was a highly respected theatre consultant and lighting designer, working in many well known theatres throughout the U.K and overseas from Iceland to Qatar and from Trinidad to Portugal. He was married to the actress Olivia Breeze who shared his interest in matters nautical. John and Olivia first arrived in Newhaven aboard their steel Pedro class motor yacht named Irene M. They later sold her and purchased Arabesque, an Aquastar. Those of you who were in Newhaven

Marina in the 90's will know that John and Olivia voyaged abroad many times in these craft, visiting such harbours as Fécamp and St. Valerie and, on one occasion, navigating the Seine to Paris. They were staunch members of the annual Remembrance Day flotilla. Latterly, they purchased a Mediterranean style motor yacht which was moored in La Grande Motte, Montpellier.

John was elected Commodore of the then Newhaven Marina Yacht Club in 1994 and continued in office through 1995, his quiet enthusiasm steering the club to new strengths both in boating and social terms. In 1995 he was instrumental in organizing the local leg of the national round Britain relay cruise, the Voyage of Hope, proceeds from which were donated to a children's charity. Local newspapers and TV South captured his presentation of a cheque for £7000 to Jeremy Beadle.

John will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Irvine Parrot

RYA VHF course

Once again a successful RYA course which took place on Saturday 14th March at the RNLI building.

The Perils of buying a boat

This took place on Saturday 14th March at 1900 in the clubroom. The Surveyor, Graham Whittington known by many NYC members gave an interesting and instructive account of what a surveyor deals with when acting either for a purchaser or for the insurance company when a claim is made. The presentation was accompanied by a slide show, demonstrating many technical aspects that were hard to understand without photographs and he passed around and explained some of the specialised equipment he uses when conducting a survey. His amusing anecdotes of some of his experiences kept us all entertained. The evening was supported by a bangers 'n' mash meal with dessert all arranged by Sabrina.

Fitting Out Supper

Due to catering problems this event, held on Saturday 21st March was at "The Telscombe Tavern" instead of at Woody's as advertised. Twenty two people attended and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Frostbite Race

This, the first competitive event of 2009 was attempted to be held on Sunday 29th March with a start at 1200 hours. The wind was so slight that the two boats in the event gave up in favour of a race on the alternative date of 12th April. They grew tired of sailing backwards. We must hope that the alternative date of 12th April has more favourable weather. See Calendar of events.

Boat Jumble

This took place in Peter Leonard's boatyard on Sunday 29th March and the NYC table of items from many members did well. Nigel made £13 on his bits for the charity and I have yet to here from our other salesmen.

Barn Dance

This event was cancelled well before the advertised date of Saturday 4th April due to lack of interest. We must hope that the event can be run later in the year when more members will be interested and again hope it to be organised in conjunction with MENCAP our hosts of Riverside Hall. Next time let us hope that applications for tickets will be made before the "latest cancellation date".

The Marina restaurant "The Captain's Table".

Here is the latest news of Newhaven boat owner Alan Britton's waterside restaurant in Riverside, West Quay in the new row of shops built by Oakdene Homes.

The Captain's Table is now open, from 7 am (not 9am as previously advertised) until 6 pm daily. It is doing well as far as I can see and is very popular at weekends. They have agreed to let us use the premises for our buddy sailing meetings prior to sailing and if we could develop a nice relationship with them we may be able to use it for other club events in the Marina.

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.**

The commodore has asked for skippers to volunteer specifically for the Buddy Sailing on Easter Monday 13th April with a 1030 hours start. We have a number of requests for buddy sailing, some from potential new crewing members, so please help if you can.

Nigel – 07836 739501 or 01273 302846.

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 one to join the committee to develop and expand our publicity.

Friday 10th April – Good Friday

Monday 13th April – Buddy sailing for Easter weekend – 1030

The organiser is the Commodore, Nigel Cooper 01273 302846

Note – Lent is over so have a beer.

Sunday 12th April – Frostbite Race – Start 1200

The previous attempt to run this race on **Sunday 29th March** was cancelled due to lack of wind. See from the waterfront. Newhaven HW 1243 GMT – 6.49m.

The organiser is the Commodore, Nigel Cooper 01273 302846

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 25th April – Quiz Night at the Clubroom – 0900

There will be a meal of “Thai Cuisine” followed by a dessert. Please don’t forget to order your meal well before the event. The cost of the meal will be about £6.00.

The organisers are Ann Headon – 01273 885952 and Angela Simmons - 01273 515189

Sunday 26th April – Open Day – Will not go ahead this year

Saturday 2nd May – Monday 4th May – Eastbourne Rally

Newhaven HW 0422 GMT – 5.51 m.

All vessels both motor and sail are invited to attend. Further details are available from the commodore, Nigel Cooper coopemp@hotmail.com 01273 302846 and 07836739501

Sunday 3rd May – Sovereign Tower Race (sail)

(Alternative date if cancelled due to unacceptable weather conditions will be from 23rd to 25th May)

Entries accepted when at Sovereign Marina.

Monday 4th May – Early May Bank Holiday

Saturday 23rd May – Buddy Sailing – 1000

The organiser is the Commodore, Nigel Cooper 01273 302846

Monday 25th May – Late May Bank Holiday

Saturday 6th June – Buddy Sailing – 1100

The organiser is the Commodore, Nigel Cooper 01273 302846

Sunday 14 June – Mid Summer BBQ – Up River – 1100
Newhaven HW 1506 GMT – 5.71 m. The organiser is Peter Llewellyn
01323 897339

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 June, compete and return on 21st June. Telephone 01323 441819

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 Gerald Simmons 01273 515189

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.
3. Members may now place their own advertisements and other messages in a new area of the club website. A password, not be disclosed to non members, is required and is available from the commodore.

For Sale

- Small craft additions of Admiralty charts,
 - SC5600. The Solent and its approaches, 10 charts. £20-00
 - SC5601. East Devon and Dorset coast 10 charts £20-00
- Imray Mediterranean Almanac. Covers over 400 Harbours in the Mediterranean. £20-00
- 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

(Due to it's importance this is a repeat of last months entry)

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 have been accepted 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.

The following has been proposed 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

Gary Nicholson – Company Director – Basement Flat, 42B Norfolk Square, Brighton BN1 2PE

Proposed by Nigel Cooper, seconded by Tony Titchener

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
ak.ball@btopenworld.com