



AQUILA

August 2013

A word from the Editor

Welcome to the August Aquila, my last edition. I am using a nice simple layout to show how easy the job of Aquila editor can be. And it is a great job to do for the club. Especially if like me you are not much of a sailor. So if you think you could take the job over, please let me (jandgburrows@btinternet.com) or Elaine (see below) know asap.

Julie Burrows

Commodore's Communique

What a fantastic summer we are having this year! Firstly **Summer Camp**, with over 30 people attending again this year it continues to be a popular event offering some amazing and varied sailing. A big thanks go to Roger Humphries as chief organiser and leader for the week, also to the experienced sailors who helped the less experienced get on the water every day in very challenging conditions. This year was the first time that the participants have had to self-cater and whilst it did change the dynamics a little I understand that it did not harm the event at all.

Secondly **Sea Week**, with 90-100 people attending the grass area was crammed with tents and the car park full of camper vans and caravans, I am sure others will comment on the events that took place during the week so I will concentrate on the thanks. These go to the support team that kept everything going, to the people that ran the events on the water each day, the people that provided rescue boat cover each day, those that kept the club clean and tidy, those that kept the boats maintained, that collected the camp monies, that ran the bar and fund raised, that took less experienced sailors out to include them in activities and so on.....

There are far too many people to thank individually however special thanks go again to Ronnie Hall for hosting us on Tuesday and Eastbourne sailing club for hosting us on Thursday. Lastly a big thank you to the caterers who kept us fed and watered for the week, enduring some very long days but not losing their smiles.

Again I need to draw your attention to the **successes** of our travelling sailors who continue to achieve good results in the National and international scene, they are:

- Roger McAll and Karen Hilder in the Laser 2000 Nationals 15th overall

- Lewis Humphries, Bronze medal in the Worlds silver fleet and 65th /245 in the Nationals
- Alex Geal in the Youth Nationals Laser Radial

At home we have recently seen Greg Fowler win the Mens Tankard, Nikki Boniface win the Ladies Bowl and Lewis Humphries win the Cadet Cup. Congratulations everyone on their achievements.

We have our **Taster day** a little earlier this year, **Saturday 31st August**, so please start inviting friends along to this, as this event is always good fun and a really good way of recruiting new members. The invitation sheet will be forwarded with this Aquila.

In July we were **visited** by Sarah Tresseder the Chief Executive for the RYA, she was very impressed with our facilities and the activities that we are able to put on here as volunteers and congratulated us on our achievements. She and Andy Hooper have also taken some ideas back to consider when offering support to clubs like ours in the future.

It is with sadness that I need to say good bye and a big thank you to **Julie Burrows** and her family, they are off to waters new, in Cumbria. Julie has been editing our Aquila for over a year and given us a new format that everyone enjoys so much, it will be sad to see her go but I understand what an exciting move this must be for her. We now have a vacancy for a new editor, volunteers urgently needed, no experience required, applications to Commodore@pbsc.eu.

Also due to a change in circumstances **Paul Umney** has had to resign from his post as Duties Coordinator, I would therefore like to send a big thank you to him for everything he has done with this this year, it is not an easy job! However we do need someone to replace him, experience and knowledge of the club are helpful in this post, if you would be prepared to give it a go please contact me at Commodore@pbsc.eu.

In the mean time I will endeavour to cover the **duties** myself, I will shortly programme the last duties for the season, if you cannot do the ones you are programmed for please use duty man to do swaps, instructions are in the email sent with your duty on. If you try to swap and are unsuccessful, chose other swaps and try again. Whilst calling me to sort it out for you seems the obvious solution, unfortunately I can receive up to 30 requests at one time and this is not manageable (especially on top of my other duties). Other methods of swapping that have been successful are popping into the club and asking someone else and advertising on Facebook.

Please **do not** ignore your duty and just not turn up, it is a requirement of your membership that you do duties, in deed everyone knows that the club is run completely by members volunteering. Even if you are not a racer, we ask you to help out, just as others make the club function so that you can enjoy what you like from the club. The reason for labouring this point is that we have had very poor attendance this year on duties which puts unfair

burden on a few, discussion has turned to whether we should fine people who do not do their bit, however I would prefer to sort this out by other means before taking such drastic measures.

On the same thread of needing volunteers it has come to the point in the season where we start to consider who will be on next year's **Executive Committee**. As part of our Articles of Association it is important that this committee is quorate or the club will have to stop functioning. We have a number of people experienced on the committee who have done their set time and need to move off, therefore we are looking for new people to step forward to replace them and learn the ropes. The executive is a supportive group of members with a wide range of backgrounds, skills and views who work really well together to keep the club running, absolute novices at this type of thing are welcome as they quite often bring a freshness and a different perspective than the 'old dinosaurs'. Interested then email me Commodore@pbsc.eu. Remember your club needs you.

Elaine Fowler

NEW CLUB HOODIES

Available for adults and children.

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Child £20 Hoodie

Child £12 T shirt

All personalised with own name.

Email chest size, colour and name required



Membership Matters and Boat Park Blast

Please give a warm welcome to new members this month:

Zoe Dawes

Andy Fisher

and Richard and Christina Holttum

It's good to see you've been testing the water already!

What a fab sea week - thanks to all that made it so special. As I write there is still a super 6 man tent for sale (£50.00), buy now ready for sea week 2014, superb condition, just give me a call

You may have noticed there are **red WARNING signs placed on several boats** (50 of them in fact), around the club. These are boats without current PBSC stickers on. If you know who any of these boats belong to please let me know. Should these boats not be claimed their

prospects are not favourable! There are however several stickers in the clubhouse still waiting to be stuck on, please check the box at the top of the stairs for an envelope with your name on - SAVE YOUR BOAT!

Judy Griffiths

Sailing School

We have just finished another brilliant Sea Week, many thanks to all that made it such a success.

So now looking to the next set of PBSC training, the **Cadets start again on Saturday 31st August, as well as it being Taster Day**, so all help welcome to support the Cadets and Taster day. Following this on the **7th September is the Junior Federation at Bexhill** Sailing Club, it would be great to see as many Cadets as possible attending, either with your own boats or using the PBSC Toppers. We then have a have a break until 21st September when the Cadets restart and if any takers the RYA Level 1 will start. In between is the Martello race.

Being in the position of watching RS200 'Cupcake' doing the Sunday racing, as Sunday is my parental duty day (Saturday is 'my sailing' play day), gives me a chance to watch the racing with a cuppa on the balcony. So with my Safety Boat Instructor hat on and having mentioned before in Aquila, will reiterate as some crews don't seem to appreciate what they are supporting. The **Safety Boat crews**, having set the day's course to the RO's satisfaction, must pay attention to the boats on the water, you are there to watch out for the racing crews and support where required. The RYA recommend that any capsized dinghy should be attended to within 3 minutes, this means constantly evaluating and moving the safety boat appropriately within the course to cover as many dinghies as possible. If you're proceeding the course to show the way to the next mark, but a dinghy capsizes, then first priority is the dinghy, check that the expected number of crew are in view, i.e. two handed boats etc., if not go and check, the second person maybe trapped under the water, also one of the crew might have an injury requiring immediate medical assistance, for instance boom and head don't mix, back injury, heart attack, dramatic, but they happen as I have witnessed! Also remember that the RIB will proceed faster with the swell rather than against, so consider this when placing the safety boat around the course. If you are tied up with a 'casualty' keep checking that the other race dinghies/cats are okay, someone else might need your assistance more than your current incident, if all overloads your availability, radio the Race Officer for another Safety Boat or call another Safety boat for assistance. Do remember, you're the feedback to the Race Officer for the actual 'on water' conditions, so tell them if you think conditions are building etc.

In a normal race day, then the ratio of one safety boat to 12 dinghies is appropriate, however if the conditions are 'feisty' or worsen, then a second safety boat might need to be launched, especially if inexperienced trapezing crews are sailing or Cadets who are not heavy enough or inexperienced are sailing.

Lastly, the Safety Boat crew and the Helm must be prepared to enter the water to assist casualties, I have been in the position where my crew has been in the water several times and if tired, this moves to two options, either the dinghy is abandoned (read the club's emergency incident plan in the Race Office) or the safety boat crew swap positions. The Helm should not expect to not get wet, you just don't know what is going to happen next. If you have any questions with the above please come and talk to me, the RYA Book G16 – Safety Boat Hand Book has a lot of useful guidance, or come and enrol on one of our Safety Boat courses.

Dave Watson PBSC Principal

Sailing Secretary's Ramblings

This summer has been by far better than last year weather wise, and has as usual been packed with events at the club. This weekend saw the second weekend of the cadet cup, which was sailed in very windy conditions and some large waves. I would like to congratulate all who took part in both weekends. The final result was Suzy Geal 3rd, Lulu Mcanally 2nd and Lewis Humphries 1st. It is nice to see the girls challenging the boys.

Away from the club we have had many of our sailors competing in nationals and world championships, our cadets as usual have been active with Oliver Greber 3rd at the ISAF youth worlds in the SL16, Lewis Humphries 53rd in the Topper worlds Gold fleet, Alex Geal 59th in the gold fleet at the Laser nationals and Suzy Geal coming 65th in the 4.7 fleet. In our senior fleet Rodger McCall and Karen Hilder came 15th at the Laser 2000 Nationals. Well done to all and any I have missed.

This Month we have also had summer camp which was a great success with some great sailing in a variety of conditions and enjoyed by all who went. We also had Sea week which was as popular as ever. It was good to see so many new members getting involved and our cadets displaying their sailing talents especially on the sail down to Airborne in some breezy conditions. I would like to say a big thank you to all who took part and all who helped out during the week and those who helped in the organization to make it such an enjoyable time for all who came. And an event which I think is pretty much unique to our club.

Following on from Sea Week and the fantastic sailing and racing from the cadets, we are looking to run a Cadet Series on the following Saturdays at 2pm. 2 races back to back, will be 12 races in total, with 7 to count. That means if you do 4 out of the 6 Saturdays you could win! The dates are 21st and 28th September, and the 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th of October. The prizes will be handed out at the Halloween party on the evening of the 26th October.

Could I please remind everyone that Duties are part of our membership conditions and that if you cannot make a Duty to please organise a swap. If we do not have sufficient safety

Boat cover for the boats on the water we will have to limit the number of boats that can go afloat and none of us would wish this to happen.

On Saturday the 31st of August we have our second taster day. So if you are able it would be great if you could come along and help out with either taking people out for sails or on the beach. These events are important to the club so please help if you can.

The summer weather seems to be set to continue for a while yet at least so why not come down and make the most of our great club while the sun is still out!! Hope to see you all on the water soon!!

Chris Clarke

Trophies

In readiness for the Laying Up Supper all trophies need to be returned to the club so that they can be collated and engraved ready for presentation. We ask that all trophies are cleaned before their return as we usually handle upwards of 60 trophies which is too much for any one person to clean!

Thank you

PS See you at the Laying Up Supper

Vice's Verbals

We have just had the most fantastic sea week!

Those who were there will know, ... those who were not! ... Well, you really do not know what you are missing! The friendships that bond a club are cemented during events such as open meetings, social events, on the water, etc and we are lucky to have a full fun frolicking week doing all of the above. To top it all, even the weather was good. What with the tan, and camping all week, I could have easily been mistaken for Dale Winton! if that's a good thing?!?!?

Anyway, ... many people contribute so much to make sea week what it is and a big personal thank you, to all those buddies ... you know who you are ... because you made my week special, and therefore special for everyone else that was there. It was great to see and catch up with Will Street and Nikki Boniface our inspirational budding Olympians ... taking a little break from their busy campaigns ... and let's face it being kids again!!! All the very best for the future.

Plus a big thank you to all the young adults (or squidgers) for repelling those marauding Vikings led by Big Ish the Viking King ... you saved the club once again or at least until sea

week 2014!!! You had to be there to know what I am talking about, so make sure you are for 2014.

Also thanks to all those that attended the Thursday evening sessions, all over now but we will review and come back next year with more improved / refined training. Your **feedback** would be valuable.

Looking forward, still plenty of the season to go, weather looking good to hold so let's see you all at the club and on the water. I can vouch the water is warm having fallen in a couple of times recently in the waybarge! Much to the amusement of others ... no names ... Tim Humphries!

Gary Pearson – Your Spicey Vicey

Social Side

This is your first reminder about the **Laying Up Supper** at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club on **Saturday 30th November**. It is the one opportunity to get dressed up and celebrate, with other club members, a great years sailing with the annual prize giving. Further details will follow. And for the cadets, the Halloween prizegiving party will be Saturday 26th October which is also the final sailing Saturday for cadets.

If members have any suggestions for fundraising social evenings please do contact me.

Karen Hilder

Galley Re-launch

In response to members' feedback, as of 31st August the caterers will be reinventing their menu, this will mean:

- change in selection available
- improved quality of food
- larger portion size
- and obviously an increase in prices