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Committee members' contact details are available on the club website under [members' area/club officers contact details](#).

Commodore's thoughts...

This is just a short issue to wish all our members.....

a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Also it's a chance to give my personal thanks to all those, both Committee members and non-committee members, who have helped over the last year in running the club.

Thank you

We seem to be ending the year as we began it, with a frozen lake. We were just able to get the Brass Monkey race in last New Year's day and hopefully we'll be able to do the same in a couple of weeks, we'll see.....

Apart from the weather in January and February the club has had a good year with a successful open day in May, and we have welcomed about 15 new members then and since.

We were inspected by the RYA this year and received a very favourable report and a few suggestions on further improvements.

Social activities this year

The Club runs social activities in order that members can meet and chat, away from the lake and in arguably more comfortable surroundings. This year we've had the Skittles Evening in March, the Quiz Evening/Fish and Chip Supper in June, the Summer Party in July and more recently the Annual Dinner. These activities take a lot of organising and our thanks go to those involved.

Thank you

49-ers and the Special Projects Fund

Thanks to all the members of the 49-ers, and since April, members of the Special Projects Fund. These funds looks likely to yield over £600 by the end of March next year. The Committee hasn't decided yet on what to spend the money on but an addition to the club's Toppers, which will benefit the juniors, looks favourite at the moment.

Thank you

And now a little bit of club business to end.....

The web site

Please don't forget the website, www.islandsailingclub.co.uk. We'll be using it a bit more now as a means of communicating with club members.

We have been improving it over the last few months and have added a "news" facility. Important news is added when necessary to the top of each page with a yellow background. There have been a few new links added, for example The Weather Club, (mainly for the mad-keen on weather), Windguru, which shows the weather for Burghfield Lake (less than a mile from our lake so likely to be a good guide to our weather). Also the Met Office's forecast for the club's postcode. Note the RYA shop link. If members buy something via the club's website from the RYA, the RYA system knows that they on the club's website and so will make a donation to the club automatically.

The calendar has its own page as does Dutyman if members need to swap duties or to check whether they are actually on duty on a particular Sunday.

The latest issue of "The Island" is available in pdf format as are back copies going back about 3 years.

There is also a gallery and if members want to send me a photo or two, I'll add it. Send it (them) to wrbtaylor@tiscali.co.uk. If you make it a JPEG image, around 800x600 pixels or around 100K, I'll do the rest. If you can't, send it anyway and I'll reduce it.

In any case please keep a watch on the website, it'll keep you up to date with club news and events. If there's anything that members want to see on it, or if you have any other suggestions, then please let me know.

The duty list.

Here is the duty list until the end of April. It is only strictly valid the day that it was printed (30th November) but it shows the starting list. Members are free to arrange swaps via Dutyman (link on the website under [home/club links](#)).

Sunday Duty Rota 1st Jan. to 24th Apr. 2011				
Date	Duty Officer	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Galley
Wet Suits Compulsory				
01-Jan	Brass Monkey	Volunteers	for Duty	Please
09-Jan	Geoff Planner	Bill Taylor	Stephen Rudman	Ann Planner
16-Jan	Tim Lockyer	Steve Dyer	Andy Clark	Kim Dyer
23-Jan	Mike Page	Maggie Page	Steve Savin	Teresa Savin
30-Jan	Danny Walsh	Catherine Britton	Tom Skelcher	Lindsay Skelcher
Wet Suits Compulsory				
06-Feb	Tim Jones	Nicola Jones	Ian Wickens	Melanie Wickens
13-Feb	Dick Sawdon Smith	Ian Finlayson	John Walker	Brenda Walker
20-Feb	Denis Handslip	David Blake	Rose Blake	Richard Pitman
27-Feb	Ken Tomkins	Penny Tomkins	Paulo Cau	Emma Tait
Wet Suits Compulsory				
06-Mar	Peter Cawthraw	Rob Howell-Jones	Tilly Taphouse	TBA
13-Mar	John Beech	Simon Chattock	Rowan Chattock	Joan Beech
20-Mar	Mike Jeffries	John Frake	Bob Ferryman	Joy Jeffries
27-Mar	Geoff Planner	Tim Lockyer	Stephen Rudman	Ann Planner
Wet Suits Optional				
03-Apr	Bill Taylor	Andy Clark	Tom Skelcher	Lindsay Skelcher

10-Apr	Steve Dyer	Catherine Britton	TBA	Kim Dyer
17-Apr	Mike Page	Maggie Page	Steve Savin	Teresa Savin
24-Apr	Easter Series	Volunteers	for Duty	Please

This list is only valid on print date (30 Nov 2010) as changes may occur due to swaps on Dutyman.

See the website for the link to Dutyman.....

www.dutyman.biz/dmmain.aspx?id=10001364

Club races start at 1200, 1400 (and 1530 when the clocks change).

Please make every effort to turn up on your duty day as without your attendance the day is disrupted. If you are unable to carry out your duty, please exchange with someone else. If that fails please notify the Commodore at least two weeks prior to the date so that changes can be made.

All officers should arrive at the club at least one hour before the start of the first race. They should have buoyancy aids with them and be prepared to man the safety boat in an emergency.

The Duty Officer is responsible for the general management of the days racing.

Please could the Galley bring 1 Litre (two pints) of milk with them (for which they will be reimbursed).

Finally, thanks for reading this far and again, here's wishing all the club's members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.