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Commodores Wisdom – Tom Lori

Welcome to this special 200th issue of The Island which launches the new committee for the 2011/12 season.

Firstly many thanks to my predecessor Bill Taylor for an excellent and stimulating year as Commodore and giving me a sound base to start and grow the club. Bill has now been promoted to Club President in time honoured fashion for the club.

It's entirely appropriate with the changing of the committee to recognize the enormous contribution over many years of both Tim Lockyer and Mike Jefferies who have stepped down after a great period of service to the club.

The AGM was held on 16th March and your new committee is as detailed before this note so please give them your every support.

We have already restarted the Wednesday evening sessions at the earlier time of 6pm and we have been lucky with some fine evenings which members have enjoyed,

I look forward to seeing you down at the club and enjoying our facilities.

Key Points from the AGM

Club is trading at break even situation.

49ers club has been replaced by the special projects fund. The current chosen special projects are to get some more second hand Toppers to allow younger member's access to boats they can sail themselves. Late breaking news is we have acquired a club members Topper so now have 3 and the Oppie which are suitable for younger members. We would welcome a couple more so if you know of anyone selling a reasonably priced and serviceable Topper please let the committee know.

Membership fees have been agreed for the coming season – still excellent value.

ISCR passed its RYA training Centre inspection last year and is currently self sufficient for training both in Dinghy Sailing and Powerboat courses.

Work Parties – Rose Blake

The first work party of the year took place on Saturday 25th April. My thanks to all those members who helped.

We managed to repair the club drive way, sort out the fence near the gate and tidy up the entrance. Club toppers were also power washed in readiness for the coming season and the club open day.

Please don't wait for work days if you can see something that needs doing and have the skills then please get on and do it. We recognize that not everyone is available on set days and times as we are a club run by volunteers for volunteers.

Island Sailing Club Website – Bill Taylor

We are trying to put more information available to members via the website and provide brief updates to improve communication with the membership.

Social matters – Maggie Page

A successful club quiz night with fish and chip supper has already taken place and the next event is the Open Day on 2nd May when we show case the club to potential new members and provide a BBQ.

Following this there will be the summer party which will be on Saturday July 9th starting at 7.30.

2011 Membership Fees – Dennis Ollington

The AGM decided on new fees which are virtually unchanged this year and offer excellent value for money. I have sent out new membership applications for the New Year shortly and it would really help me and the club if all members paid promptly

Family Membership	£125
Individual	£85,
Country membership	£45
Student	£45,
Associate	£30.

Boat Compound Fee £44

NB All boats must be adequately insured at all times

Boat Park reminder

Please remember it's your responsibility to keep your area around your boat tidy and in good repair throughout the year. Also all boats need to be fully insured whilst in the boat park even if you do not sail them

It was also decided that the joining fee would be reduced to £25 and this could be off set against a training course to encourage memberships.

Wednesday Fun Evening Sessions – Steve Warwicker

These started again on **Wednesday 6th April** and run till the light gives in – clearly over the summer season more sailing will be possible with the increase in light.

Our intention is some of us will be down from **6pm** to help anyone with their sailing, getting their boats afloat, friendly advice and guidance to help you get most value for your sport.

Also after you have done RYA L1 this will be an ideal opportunity to build your skills so that eventually we can plan to do a direct assessment to RYA L2 rather than the formal 2 day course – this will be a cheaper option as well as hopefully developing friendships and support amongst members.

Perhaps you will like to make a BBQ in the better weather of bring fish and chips etc (please take your own rubbish away!)

Safety Matters – it really does – Steve Warwicker

All Members

We all want to have fun in a safe fashion so we all need to play our part. Thankfully the number of incidents is low but mainly fall into the bumps and scrapes category however just to remind everyone of some of the main ones

- All children (ie under 18 years old) must be under the supervision of a parent or guardian at all times on club premises
- Buoyancy aids must be worn at all times on the water.
- Take care when rigging your boat that booms , sails cannot move in the wind and injure someone (including yourself)
- Only trained members may drive the powerboats

Powerboat Driver reminders

Some important points to check

- ALWAYS WEAR the kill cord – around the thigh so it can't slip is current best practice
- Check there is sufficient fuel

- Ensure ropes anchor , first aid kit etc on board
- ENGINE OFF if close to anyone in the water
- Always ensure that you as the helm is between anyone in the water and the engine

Race Officer Report – Geoff Planner

The frostbite Series finished on the 20th March and the results were:-

1st Mike Page

2nd John Beech

3rd Rob Howell Jones

The Spring AM Series (12:00 start) and the Spring Series (14:00 and 15:30 start) are now under way. Spring offers some of the best sailing conditions of the year so come and take advantage of this and get your name on those Results Sheets.

The Wednesday evening session has been started nice and early this year by Steve. These sessions are for anything that you want to do and I hope to be present for most of these in support of Steve. With my Race Officers hat on I will be more than happy to arrange anything to do with racing. So if you want to have a little race, find out more about the rules, about being an OOD or practice starting come along on Wednesdays and we will see what we can do.

Notes for Race Officers.

A sheet entitled Notes for Race Officers has been placed in the Starters Hut along with a calculator and a copy pinned to the Notice Board. The idea is that it enables an OOD to produce the results of a race if the computer is not available or if you don't know how to work it. It also asks if Race Officers of the Day would be so kind as to let me know the results of racing, preferably by email, if I am not present on the day.

It reads as follows:-

Notes for Race Officers

Calculating the Corrected Time

To be able to give racers their finishing positions as soon as possible after the race and the computer not being available, a calculator has been provided in the Starters Hut.

Getting a Corrected Time from an Elapsed Time is quite simple. The formula is:-

Elapsed Time in Seconds / Yardstick X 1000.

The readout from the timer is in the form of MMSS. To get the Elapsed Time in Seconds take the first two numbers (the Minutes) and multiply by 60, then add the Seconds. Then divide the result by the Yardstick for the boat and multiply that result by 1000.

Tracking Race Results

To track Race Series Results the Club Race Officer needs to be made aware of the race results from each race day. Should the Club Race Officer not be present on the day The Race Officer of the Day should take steps to inform him of the results in some way, preferably by email, as soon as practicable. If this is not possible maybe delegate this to a Committee Member or the OOD. Completed Race Sheets should be left on the Clipboard provided which is kept near the computer in the Clubhouse.

Club Race Officer contact details:-

e-geoff.planner@ntlworld.com

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There were 5 boats in the race (see the front cover picture taken about 30 seconds after the start). The lead changed hands several times and Tim was first across the line but the handicapping system gave the trophy to Maggie.

Thanks to all the racers and also to the crowd who watched from the safety and warmth of the club house.

Training Centre Update – Steve Warwicker

We have now registered the club with the RYA for both Dinghy Courses and Powerboat Courses (PB2 and Safety Boat).

In order for us to develop the club we are looking to train some more Assistant Instructors (AI) which will take place in April and May this year.

We will get a further RYA inspection in May /June 2011 period

Last year we had to postpone the RYA L2 Dinghy course due to my illness on the day and decided to postpone till this year.

We are trying a different approach to get people to RYA L1 on a formal 2 day event , then hoping we can help develop skills and confidence at the Wednesday evening sessions so that the RYA L2 can be done in a single day as a direct assessment approach.

All members are very welcome to help on the courses we run as more hands are always helpful.

Anyone who wishes to develop to be a Dinghy Instructor at any level then please let me know so we can see how we can help your development.

Duty Rota – Dennis Ollington

Date	Duty Officer	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Galley
		Wet Suits	Optional	
01-May	Bank Holiday	Volunteers	for Duty	Please
02-May	Bank Holiday	Volunteers	for Duty	Please
08-May	Danny Walsh	Rose Blake	David Blake	TBA
15-May	Denis Handslip	Dennis Ollington	TBA	Richard Pitman
22-May	Mike Jeffries	Ian Wickens	Melanie Wickens	Joy Jeffries
29-May	Bank Holiday	Volunteers	for Duty	Please
30-May	Bank Holiday	Volunteers	for Duty	Please
		Wet Suits	Optional	
05-Jun	Mike Page	Ian Finlayson	Tom Skelcher	Lindsay Skelcher
12-Jun	Dick Sawdon Smith	Dennis Ollington	John Walker	Brenda Walker
19-Jun	John Beech	Rob Howell-Jones	Stephen Rudman	Joan Beech
26-Jun	Bill Taylor	Simon Chattock	Rowan Chattock	Tilly Taphouse
		Wet Suits	Optional	
03-Jul	Steve Dyer	Catherine Britton	Andy Clark	Kim Dyer
10-Jul	Tim Jones	Dennis Ollington	Nicola Jones	TBA
17-Jul	Maggie Page	John Frake	Mark Tait	TBA
24-Jul	Peter Cawthraw	Steve Savin	Bob Ferryman	Teresa Savin
31-Jul	Denis Handslip	Rose Blake	David Blake	Richard Pitman

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Club races start at 1200, 1400 and 1530

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 Rear Commodore at least two weeks prior to 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.

GALLEY : Please could you bring 1 Litre (two pints) of milk with you, for which you will be reimbursed.