

Cardiff Yacht Club Newsletter



To Start

A message from the Commodore

Welcome to the first Yacht Club news letter

My thanks go Marine Scene who are willing to post the news letter to members who have forgotten where the club house is situated, being next to the moorings does not help all members in finding the wonderful facility we have.

My thanks also go to Geoff Sergeant for the sterling work he has done in the past getting our RYA theory courses off the ground, unfortunately for us he is not able to carry this on for the new term starting in October, but with Jack Taylor, Howard Atwood and Tony Burris I am sure they will have the success that Geoff started.

Without Jock, Kenny, Brian and their teams, members would have to pay far more for the services the club provides, Dave, Steve and Ray spend a lot of their spare time in keeping the grounds looking tidy and improving facilities

Things are moving forward with the new sailing sec organizing events during the winter period on a Wednesday evening for all members to try their skills at quiz nights and talks. Is this not a great time for all sections of the club to raise teams for these events to show that we are a united yacht club and we can make the winter months something to bond the club together, my general knowledge is not that great but I am willing to show up on Wednesdays to have some fun.

A lot of the members named plus many others not only bring revenue into the club but also follow the code of the club being a voluntary run establishment for the benefit of all member. We are a good friendly club of which members should be proud.

The committee is only as good as the members who help and contribute to the running of the club and not to the members in the background who can find fault in everything but do nothing in trying to resolve the situation, the time and effort that needs to go into running a club of our size on a voluntary basis is quite harsh on the members involved, thanks to our treasurer, our bank balance is very healthy, thanks to our secretary and bar staff the bar is run at a profit and functions are able to be held to bring in extra revenue.

One issue being talked about at the moment by members of the club is the galley. Over a period of time this has been brought up at committee meeting, especially now with the cost of utilities increasing. J & M caterers were offered the opportunity to use the club facilities at no cost to themselves to cater for club members on the weekends to see if it was sustainable from day one in the new club house. During all this period the club has not received any monies to cover the costs of gas, electricity or new equipment such as the new stove purchased this year.

The committee on behalf of the members have decided that it is time for the galley to contribute towards the running costs and to take a percentage of the profits made to put into the club funds, the same way that the bar, barbeques and other events where Kenny and Rowena are involved as voluntary members. Outside caterers when holding private functions for members and guests also pay the club towards the club running costs.

Anybody will be able to submit a tender as it will be based on value for money and not necessarily to the highest bidder.

Now that this subject has been brought out in the open for all members I hope that we can move forward and look to the future.

The only way for any club is forward and not dwell on the past, and I hope that is the sentiments of all the membership and look forward to a successful end to 2008 and a new beginning to 2009 with new ideas and thoughts in a more positive attitude

Thanks

Ray

Commodore

Over the Summer

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During the Summer 16 boats from the club went to the Bristol Harbour festival and had an excellent weekend. There was a little drinking, plenty of music, dancing and circus acts to be seen. There was much hospitality on various boats (Solitaire being a very hospitable boat). We all enjoyed the most spectacular firework display on the Saturday night.

CARDIFF Bay Festival

Boats from the club took part in the parade of sail at the festival and there was live entertainment provided by Wonderbrass at the club on the Sunday.

Some Gripes and reminders

Firstly there has been a problem with the skip. Hazardous waste has been deposited in this skip. Jock has generally been able to retrieve these before the skip has been removed. Recently a couple of containers of fuel were not picked up and went off with the skip. The company fined the club for this and if this is repeated the skip facility may be withdrawn by the skip supplier. **You are reminded that No hazardous waste may be placed in the skip. This includes Fuel, oil, batteries and tyres.** There are facilities to dispose of these on site, if in doubt please consult Jock or one of his team. Should anyone be caught disposing of hazardous waste in the skip they will be subject to action from the club which could include barring from the club.

While on the subject of waste you will notice that the black bins in the car park have been removed. These have become a problem with waste accumulating around them and then blowing around. An extra red Biffa bin has been placed adjacent to the pedestrian gate to the pontoons. This can be used for non toxic general rubbish from your boats.

A simple way to avoid these problems and at the same time save the club money is to where possible take your rubbish home.

Members are also reminded that the club rules state that no boat may be taken off a mooring or pontoon unless under the command of a club member. This is to assist with security and also that we know who is responsible should an incident occur. Again contravention of this rule could result in disciplinary action.

Future Events at the Club

Winter evenings

During the Winter there will be a series of quiz nights. These start on Wednesday 1st October at 8.30. You can play in teams at £1 per head. Further quizzes are on 15th and 29th of Oct and 12th and 26th November. Come along and have some fun and you may win a prize.

On other Wednesdays there will be some talks. Keep your eye on the club notice boards for further details.

While we mention the club notice boards in the entrance and hallway these are a good source of information on forthcoming events and other matters.

Another source of information is the website cardiffyachtclub.org or if you are like me too lazy to remember that, just type Cardiff Yacht Club into your search engine and that will show you the way.

The club bar is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings as well as from 12 midday on Saturday and Sunday. Why not come down and meet your friends for a drink and a chat. Even on a winter evening it can be an attractive venue.

Club Committee

An advanced notice. Nominations for next year's club committee are needed by the end of the year. Keep a look out for details of how to make a nomination or ask behind the bar.

Security

You can help with the security of the site, that means **your** boat. Please remember that the gates to the compound and to the pontoons should be kept closed and locked even if you are working in the compound. Also do not open to allow people through unless you know them or they have a key. These simple measures will help keep all boats more secure.

Membership

We continue to have a steady flow of new members bringing the total now towards the 400 mark. We give all new members a warm welcome.

Jacona

Welcome back to Sheryn and Dave after a mamouth trip to Canary Islands, Azores, Antiga and back taking 365 days. If you want to know more of the trip try looking at their blog.

<http://travel.yahoo.com/trip-journal-1392359-jacona>



If you have any suggestions for items in future news letters please let Wendy, Ray or Dave Bevan have them or better still write a short piece yourself. We are not at present committing to a publication schedule as we wish to see how this goes down but I would hope to produce something to go out with the membership reminders in December