



Welcome to the Spring news from PISC. We are all well on Island after the New Year celebrations. The planning of the New Years' activities and training programmes are well in hand. Despite some poor sailing weather since Christmas we have managed large numbers at the beach and other activities have ensued.

We were all absolutely delighted to receive a visit by Ian and Jane Porter of Ian Porter Boats, Emsworth U.K. Many members braved the cold and wind sheltering in the new Rib shed for an extremely informative impromptu brief into all things Wayfarer. He covered boat building methodology and the Wayfarer's history. He does build plenty of other dinghy classes as well as some great RIB's. Ian's huge experience covered his boat building career from wood and ply to the latest moulded boats from his workshops which was hugely informative to all of us.



Ian gives us the boatbuilders view of Wayfarer "Coccinelle"

I think he built it!



Fascinating talk by Ian Porter of Ian Porter Sales Ltd.



Shroud tension and rig setting up started a frenzy of testing



Group studying the techniques – neat boats!



Chief Instructor Phil has a go on the shroud

A really bad day for sailing turned into a very informative one so several members decided the Porters had earned their supper! Fifteen of us took them to "Ocean Basket" Restaurant later that evening. Many thanks Ian and Jane lovely to see you out here! Come again!

Supper out with PISC members



Nice meal enjoyed by all Photo Courtesy: Sharon K
Meanwhile back at the dinghy section



Oh how we have grown!
This picture from 2014 shows the beach site at Agios Georgios with PISC looking great. The dinghy section has grown to almost 50 dinghies
The new Rib shed has now had security items fitted as well as the new internal rainwater gutter completed which has stopped the water pouring in Well done Neil, Jim and the other members who helped with this working party.

CYSAF FACILITIES VISIT 31 JAN 15



Yiannos discusses the dinghies on show. Pictures courtesy: Chris S.

We all enjoyed the visit to the Club by the President, the Secretary and the Technical Manager from the Cyprus Sailing Federation. Yiannos, Chris and Elena respectively, were met in Paphos and escorted to the Club House at Geroskipou. Over a cup of coffee we discussed the current situation with the club house and gave a brief history of the club. Cdre. Kit, RCH Tony and myself escorted them throughout. The group then moved to Nikki's Restaurant which is being prepared as the new Club house for the Club. Here we were shown around and we viewed the site and facilities. We then drove the party to the Church car park at Agios Georgios where we again decanted to the brow of the Hill to view the Harbour, club facilities and boats laid out below.



Cdre.,V Cdre. Yiannos and Chris view a new Wayfarer dinghy
Many members turned out to support the visit and they made the visitors very welcome. RCH Tony arranged for the Chief Instructor, John T and Brigitte to brief them on training, power boat training and first aid. The visitors were keen to learn of our methods and other club affairs. Afterwards Jaqui and team produced a picnic lunch for everyone which allowed much mingling and discussions.



The visitors receive Phil M's briefing in the Rib Shed



Chief Instructor Phil and Yiannos



Technical Manager Elena and RCH Tony discuss the harbour issues



The PISC Mural makes a great backdrop for the Team photo

Pictures courtesy: Chris S.

It is great news that we have now received written confirmation from CySaF stating that they are pleased to inform us that the Board of Directors of the Federation, during its meeting on 25.02.2015, has approved our application as an Athletic Member of CySaF, effective as of the 1st April 2015.

This news is what we had hoped for. We have all been working towards this membership for several years now and it is the culmination of our many efforts to become a member Club of the Cyprus National Authority.

As they say in the Navy "Bravo Zulu" which is taken from the Allied Naval Signal book and means "Well done"!

RUSSIAN LETTER FLAGS



An interesting picture of the Russian flags with their meanings.

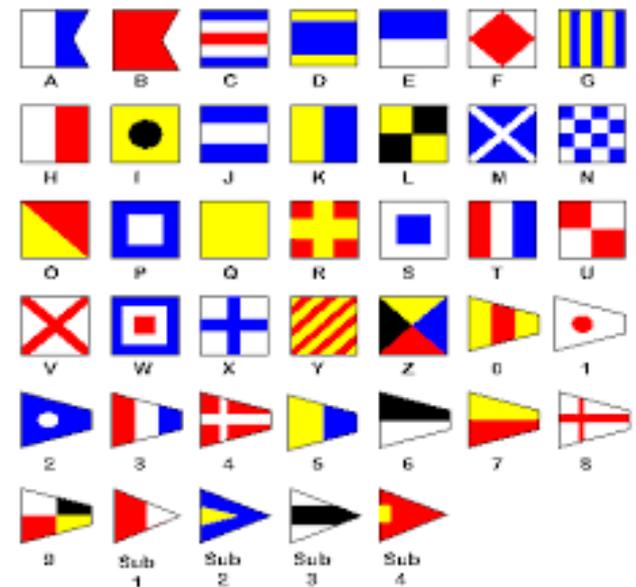
Have a look at flag Foxtrot



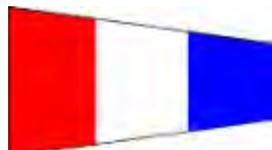
It crops up as two different letters in the Cyrillic alphabet. Flag India crops up three times! Just goes to show you need to know your International flags and the ISAF Flag meanings!

Here are the International flags.

INTERNATIONAL CODE LETTERS



NUMERAL PENNANTS



This month's pennant is pennant 3

There's beginning to be a bit of a theme here if you've seen my previous newsletters.

Numeral pennants are used in racing to indicate the course to be sailed. They can also indicate your class when flown on the backstay of Offshore racers i.e. this pennant would indicate "Class Three". For dinghy sailing when this pennant is flown it indicates Course #3 from the Sailing Instruction (SI's).

Right, now for our late season capsizes training!



This looks a good place for Tony's capsizes training

Photo courtesy: UK Windsurfing.com

CAPSIZE TRAINING

We had an amazing session of capsizes training and the following pictures give you a good idea what went on. The sea state was rather kind on the day!



As RCS says "Way 2 Go" Mk 2 - Pictures courtesy: John T



RCS and Brigitte check the rudder keeping hold of the main sheet



Brigitte hauls the jib sheet when it's thrown to her! RCS goes for the base of the mast



Marisa climbs aboard "Nefartiti" Wayfarer Mk4, Sheila in the boat/water



Sheila prepares to be scooped in (swim to the mast)

Interestingly we were recently informed by Ian of Ian Porter Boats that the Wayfarer Mk 4 is known to be almost impossible to recover from full inversion to the capsize position with one crew. I think Lesley can vouch for that after her efforts in Bart's bash. This means that either the safety boat has to apply lots of grunt using the tow rope or failing this, a second person has to get onto the nicely turned gunnel! (Good job the safety boat has a swimmer)! Phil will sort it out for you



Lesley on "Gung Ho" during Bart's bash watching the tow line

CATAMARAN CAPSIZE



Scotty tries his technique on the Dart 15 capsize



Scotty manages to right the cat using the built in righting line. You've got to watch for that sponson crashing down. Keep inside the hulls! That concludes the capsizing. Well done everyone who really threw themselves into it! There is nothing like actually doing it far off the coast and having to swim around avoiding the ropes and pieces of boat! When the boat is successfully recovered you achieve great satisfaction!

I would recommend it to you all. It becomes much clearer when you try it for real. Many thanks again for the capsize advice from Ian Porter, at least we now know how to react to the Wayfarer Mk 4 full inversion now!

2015 TRAINING PLAN

The new years training plan is now out and all members wishing to enroll for courses please do so as soon as you can. See the notice boards in the Rib shed

GREAT GENNAKER!



How's this for the all seeing eye?

In Greece they have something called a "Nazar". It is an eye without the hand but it is used to ward off the

evil eye, in the form of amulets or hanging ornaments usually made from blue glass. I would say this gennaker would also do it!

BILL C ACQUIRES A NEW BOAT



Bill's new catamaran. A Laser Vortex

This new boat is a small catamaran called a Vortex. It is made by Laser and the aim is to fly a large asymmetrical gennaker while at the same time the helm has to trapeze single handed. So we wish him well with that! The Laser blurb says you spend less time in the water than a normal boat and you don't have to join a gym to sail it...

Length	4.20m
Beam	1.53m
Mast height	6.77m
Boom	2.45m
Hull weight	65Kg
Mainsail area	10.5m ²
Spinnaker area	15.0m ²

I look forward to seeing it go.

ANOTHER CATAMARAN ARRIVES!

Sam and Barbara from Pissouri switch the Scorpion to Pissouri and move their Hobie Wave to A.G.



Here are the details of the Hobie Wave

Length	3.96m
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Beam	2.13m
Mast height	6.09m
Hull weight	111kg
Mainsail area	9.0m ²
Hull	Rotomoulded



THE VOLVO OCEAN RACE – LEG 3

Following the progress of the The Volvo Ocean Race. They started the third leg from Abu Dhabi to Sangay, China. The first three days the fleet remained within 9 miles of each other. The winds were extremely light and Team Mapfre believed they had caught a fisherman's rope so a crew member stripped and went over the side. On diving in he saw it was a 1 metre snake! A knife was handed to him and the Snake cut loose without any other problem. Just goes to show what you might encounter in the the Arabian Sea / Indian Ocean. *Alvimedica* and *SCA* lose faith in their westerly position and *Mapfre* cash in their losses from a move to the east earlier in the week, things continue to look good for the three leading boats of *Abu Dhabi*, *Brunel* and *Dongfeng*. These three will be particularly happy that the leverage of the fleet from east to west is now much reduced, so the chance of a significant windshift gain is correspondingly smaller. However, it will not be all smiles at the front as the the lead three are heading into a light wind zone, which will almost certainly allow those behind the chance to catch up. It could be a tense few days.

Vestas Update:

Since their grounding on an Indian Ocean reef there has been little reported about *Vestas Team Wind* in these updates. There has been a great deal of speculation around the web and sailing world as to how a professional yacht racing team can hit a clearly charted island. And as is often the case in this sort of incident it seems to be the culmination of a number of small mistakes. *Vestas'* navigator, Wouter Verbraak posted an update to his Facebook page taking responsibility and giving an explanation as to

what happened, though this post was subsequently removed. Within the message Verbraak explained how a number of factors contributed to the series of errors that caused the grounding, but ultimately said it had just been a mistake.

It should be noted that this is not the first time a yacht has grounded in these circumstances, both generally and in the Volvo Ocean Race itself, nor is it likely to be the last. Hitting the reef must have been terrifying and for anyone who has done any offshore racing it represents all the elements of a nightmare made real. What is equally shocking is just how calm the crew were who remained onboard. A lesson to us all in how to deal with an evolving disaster situation.

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As the fleet round the bottom of Sri Lanka they turned upwind to cross the Bay of Bengal before approaching the famous Malacca straight. Ian Walker, skipper of Abu Dhabi breaks down the leg as follows: "After [Sri Lanka], we turned upwind to cross the Bay of Bengal on our way to the Luzon Strait between Taiwan and the Philippines – the entrance to the notorious Malacca Straits.

"I always saw this leg as split into five fifths. First was exiting the Arabian Gulf, then the drag race to Sri Lanka, then crossing the Bay of Bengal, then transiting the Malacca Straits and then, finally, the long beat to the finish in Sanya, China.

Charles Caudrelier's team on Dongfeng led the third leg almost from day one and, despite a few close moments, more or less sailed their own race at the front of the pack with the rest of the fleet left to fight for the minor placings. Not only will victory into their homeport provide a welcome boost in terms of their sponsors, the team now leads the race overall. "It's the most stressful leg I've ever done in my life," said a relieved Caudrelier, minutes after crossing the line.

Following the Chinese entry into Sanya was Ian Walker's *Abu Dhabi* team who sailed a strong leg fighting the whole way with the bulk of the pack. A second position finish not only adds another podium to their tally (Walker has stated he is aiming to be top three in every leg of the race) but also leaves them in second overall, just one point adrift of *Dongfeng*.

Both previous legs have seen *Dongfeng*, *Abu Dhabi* and *Brunel* with a lock on the first three positions, making them the form teams in most people's eyes. However, the youngest crew in the race, Charlie Enright's *Alvimedica* today sailed into Sanya in third securing their first podium position. An excellent performance, which will only add to their confidence going forward. It will be mixed emotions on board *Mapfre* as the team crossed the finish line ahead of *Brunel*, with whom they have been locked in a very tight battle, but just outside of the top three. At least

the team will feel they are getting quicker unlike *Brunel* who posted their worst position so far: "Well, we're not having an expensive party at losing to *Mapfre*, but we sailed a pretty good leg," commented *Brunel's* Bouwe Bekking.

Team Vestas: While the rest of the fleet continue to fight it out in the race, Team Vestas, who grounded on a reef in leg two of the race, have been hard at work trying to get their boat back to Italy where they hope to affect repairs to the severely damaged VO65 in time to return at the end of the race. There will be more to follow Article courtesy : Yachting World

LATEST JAMES BOND MOVIE "SPECTRE" FILMED ON THAMES

The latest James Bond boat has been caught on camera as filming for the new 007 movie Spectre got underway on the Thames during December. Daniel Craig, playing her Majesty's most famous fictional spy, was seen riding a black and grey RIB near Vauxhall.

Holding onto a handrail on the bow, the star of Skyfall and Casino Royale cut a stark figure all in black. Presumably the producers decided that a luminous lifejacket would somewhat ruin the look. Accompanied by Rory Kinnear, who plays Mi6 Chief of Staff Bill Tanner, the James Bond actor made his way up the Thames in the bright December sunshine. Both men were flanked by a pair of armoured guards – seemingly members of the Marine Policing Unit who had landed a cameo role in the film. The latest James Bond movie, Spectre, is due out on 6 November 2015 and also stars Christoph Waltz as the chief villain. Article courtesy: Motor Boat & Yachting

CYSAF NEWS - OPTIMIST EUROPEAN EVENT – MALTA DECEMBER 14.

The Cyprus Optimist National team travelled to Malta on December 17th to take part in the Optimists Class Euromed Malta Championship 2014, between the dates 19th to 22nd of December.



Cyprus Optimist Team return enthused from Malta

Picture courtesy : CySaF website

The goal of the Cypriot sailors was to achieve the best possible places. The Cyprus team consisted of the following athletes: Panos Konstantinou (Famagusta Nautical Club), Stavri Totou (Famagusta Nautical Club), Haris Papazoglou (Limassol Nautical Club), Rafail Theoharous (Limassol Nautical Club), Apostolos Apostoides (Limassol Nautical Club), Andreas Ghristodoulides (Famagusta Nautical club). The Coach for the Cypriot team is Kostas Gnafakis

Article courtesy : CySaF website

The biggest three foreign contingents hail from Sicily with 29 sailors, Ireland with 16 sailors, and Russia with 14 sailors.



Photo courtesy: MaltaToday

A distinguished participant this year was Ebru Bolat from Romania who last July in Dublin was declared the overall Optimist European Girl Champion 2014. Bolat will be on her third Euromed participation which she is yet to win. Fourteen editions which find Maltese sailors leading with 5 victories, the Russians have three victories and the Swedish are with two wins. Great Britain, Ireland, Italy and Turkey are all represented with one victory each. Malta's Thomas Zammit Tabona is the only winner who has won the Euromed on two occasions - 2006 and 2007 - while Russian Nikita Ushkov in 2009 at the age of 11 became the youngest ever winner of the Championship. The Euromed is not only a big challenge to Maltese young sailors but a great opportunity to participate in an international event against other foreign sailors on home waters thus without the need to travel overseas. For the foreign sailors, who are normally accompanied by other members of their family, the Malta Championship is an occasion to enjoy a competitive event in milder weather conditions from those prevailing in their countries. Furthermore the foreign groups always go on excursions to Malta's places of historical and cultural interest. Certainly, Euromed is an established winter event and a typical local attraction under the sport tourism spectrum. As usual the Malta Euromed Championship will be held under the jurisdiction of a panel of International Jury Members. Luigi Bertini of the Federazione Italiana Vela will be Jury Chairman who will be

assisted by Henry Sleutel (Netherlands), Bojan Gale (Slovenia), Carol Heines (Great Britain), Jovin Rausi and Godwin Zammit (Malta). Peter Dimech is the Championship's Principle Race Officer.

The official hotel of Euromed 2014 was the Seabank Resort and Spa in Mellieha while the Maxima Lido on the sandy beach of Mellieha Bay housed the race office and the launching area of the Championship.

Article courtesy: "Malta Today" by Wilfred Sultana

CORINTH CANAL



The Corinth Canal. Article and photo courtesy: Herbeat.com

This is what you call a narrow passage. The Corinth Canal in Greece is a very popular architectural attraction. It connects the Gulf of Corinth with the Saronic Gulf in the Aegean Sea. This canal is carved down into the rock. The steep walls and the clear water is a great attraction for people young and old. The canal consists of a single channel 8 metres (26ft) deep, measuring 6,346metres (20,820ft) long by 24.6metres (81ft) wide at the top and 21.3metres (70ft) wide at the bottom. The rock walls, which rise 90metres (300ft) above sea level, are at a near-vertical 80° angle. The canal is crossed by a railway line, a road and a motorway at a height of about 45metres (148ft). In 1988 submersible bridges were installed at sea level at each end of the canal, by the eastern harbour of Isthmia and the western harbour of Poseidonia

Although the canal saves the 700-kilometre (430 nm) journey around the Peloponnese, it is too narrow for modern ocean freighters, as it can only accommodate ships of a width of up to 16.5 metres (54 ft) and a draft of 7.3 metres (24 ft). Ships can only pass through the canal one at a time on a one-way system. Larger ships have to be towed by tugs. The canal is nowadays mostly used by tourist ships; 11,000 ships per year travel through the waterway.

By Ed: I did hear from one of our members who went through from the Ionian end that they escorted an Aussie guy on a big catamaran. When they enquired

where his mast was they were told by the Aussie that it had gone over the side. Our members asked where the Skipper's wife was and the skipper retorted that he hadn't seen her since! By Ed. Strewth!

Meanwhile over in Hong Kong



Lesley and Bob take Gabby sailing in the Kowloon Cup series Hong Kong. Nice news that Gabby from South Africa has met up with our Hong Kong members. It's a small World! We hope they enjoyed the Chinese New Year. We welcome the year of the Goat! Here's one for you!



Baaaaaa!

PISC invited to the Annual Cyprus Sailing Awards in Nicosia

Gaynor organised a small bus to take 22 members and Committee to the Olympic Building in Nicosia. After a 52 seater turned up we all had a very pleasant drive to the big city. We arrived in time for the dignitaries speeches and the start of the many trophy presentations. There were many winning sailors of Laser Radial, Laser 4.7 and Optimist fleets which was really impressive to see. Several State TV companies were filming the event. We then met with Olympic Silver medallist (Laser) Pavlos Kontides at the after awards cocktail party, so I asked him if he would allow us a photo of him for our newsletter. As you can see he willingly agreed



Pavlos Kontides (Olympic Silver Medallist) meets with PISC members at the annual Cyprus sailing Awards in Nicosia. Pictured Brian Parker Membership Sec., Sharon Kimber, Gaynor Kimber, Pavlos Kontides and Liz Parker

Later I asked Pavlos if he should venture to Paphos whether he would visit us in the future. He said he would like to.

Proud Parents

It's great to report that two of our PISC members were recently delighted and very proud parents. Their daughter now Dr. Alex Parker had not only just been awarded her PhD. but her thesis had been chosen from thousands of similar submissions to be published by one of the leading academic publishers in the world. Congratulations to Brian and Liz who are pictured above

Club House and Fitting Out Supper

I hope to report on the new clubhouse in the next edition, be patient we are nearly there now. The Fitting Out supper was a marvellous success thanks to Sue, Jaqui, Liz and Pauline and Jim and others. Held in the Geroskipou Clubhouse this was possibly the final big ticket event to be held there before we move home. The meal was absolutely excellent. Large portions or what! Dancing to a live singer "Bob" was a very nice experience. Very nice music.

Finally the AGM is nearly on us and the Committee is busy preparing for the new season. The resolutions are now in and just the Organisation on the day is to be arranged. Don't forget to renew your membership before March 31st!

That concludes the Spring news, have a great year. On behalf of Commodore Kit I wish you all the best

Chas

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