



Hello Members Spring has Sprung!

Welcome to our Spring and early Summer Newsletter.

We hope you are all enjoying the new Season wherever you are. Out here in Cyprus we have experienced a very busy first part of the year. We have been doing plenty of sailing, twice a week at Agios Georgios. We have also been sailing the Sail First J/80 Fleet and finishing the new RIB shed off. Also there has been much soul searching and preparation for the Annual General Meeting. Congratulations to Kit W and Paul H-A who are now elected as new Commodore and Vice Commodore respectively. I can now slink into the background for a while and do some jobs at home!

Congratulations also to Bill C who has been elected RC(Sailing), Tony C elected - RC (House), Brain P elected to Hon. Membership Secretary.

We are delighted to see Committee members from the last committee who will continue in post. These are Jaqui B elected as Hon Treasurer, Sue S Hon Social Secretary and Di B elected as Hon. Secretary. We welcome the new Committee and wish them luck with their deliberations

The delivery of the Commodore's Memorandum number 1 of 2014 to all members in February was met with a very mixed reaction. This document took the Committee two months to draft and a further month to get through its committee review stages. It is fair to say that reaction ranged from outright hostility to absolute apathy by many members. An Extraordinary General Meeting was immediately called for by members and the subsequent talks led to the withdrawal of the requirement for the EGM. Various issues ensued from this and it showed, once again, that there is a great need for a Club Forum on the internet in order that a more instantaneous communication can be seen by members and the Committee

The Committee has voted for a software budget for the production of a Club Forum and though it was called for in AGM by members it should already be in production.

Outgoing committee members are myself Commodore Chas, Rear Commodore (Sailing) Jon, Rear Commodore (House) Dave S and Hon. Membership Secretary Jan S who all stood down. The Membership thanked them all for doing a great job in bringing the Club forward during their term of office.

The new Committee continues to move forward on the issue of the Club House at Geroskipou. During de-escalation talks on the "close the club house" issue it was agreed that a new sub-Committee would be set up to explore possibilities for the future. Paul H-A has been nominated as Chairman of the sub-committee and he has eagerly began this important task. I will report on this as they begin their work.

The Big Three!



Showing the grown ups the way, Zara, James and Taylor

In April we were delighted to have three juniors out on the water with us. A pre-sailing brief on start line techniques was given by the U.K. pair, Zara and James, to the watching Adults. It was a brilliant way for the two top U.K. Oppie sailors to impress the crowd. I can say that our members were amazed with their knowledge and enthusiasm. After the briefing Zara and James took the Laser Vago out. Our local gal Taylor has continued crewing in one of the new Wayfarers. We look forward to having the trio sail with us again. Taylor, of course is a club regular now.

Fitting Out Supper at the 5th Floor Lounge

Thanks to you all for the great attendance at the Fitting out Supper which was held at the 5th Floor Lounge. This proved to be a very lovely evening in a venue with good food and dancing to a disco afterwards. After the AGM we needed an unwinding social and this did the trick. Congratulations to our Social Sec Sue for arranging the event.

Black and White Ball at Kamares

Sue S also organised the lovely May Ball at Kamares. The theme was black and white and our members and guests were all dressed to thrill for the event. We enjoyed the disco and excellent buffet food. Also a little magic. Dancing went on until late so it was a great success.

First Aid Courses 2014

Paul M (Club Training Principal) arranged for our annual First Aid course to be held at the Club House and we had a large uptake for the course. We now have up to twenty first aiders in date and available at the club house, beach sites or afloat. This gives the Club great safety cover for Club House and outside events. Please would all First Aiders keep eyes on the first aid kits contents and advise top ups where necessary. Thanks to all.



Outgoing Cdre Chas presents Di with her First Aid Certificate.

Cyprus National Sailing Awards

During the Season so far the Committee was invited to the huge Olympic building in Nicosia for the 2013 Annual Cyprus sailing awards ceremony. We enjoyed seeing the other clubs receiving their many awards and yet again, towards the end of the ceremony, we

were very thrilled and surprised that Jaqui B received a second award for the year. She was presented with her second trophy for our teams huge effort at the Youth Worlds in Limassol last July. Congratulations Jaqui!

Cyprus Sport Organisation (CSO/KOA):

Our bid to CSO we have now received notification from the Cyprus Sailing Federation Secretary that our bid to join the CSO is being staffed in Nicosia. We entered a lengthy bid document showing our capabilities, our history and our plans for the future. We hope that by joining the CSO that this will facilitate extra funding for CySaF which will allow their Officers to attend our Regattas and give us training input for the future.



J/80 Sailing to Paphos

Members jumped at the opportunity to sail five of the J/80's from Latsi to Paphos on a beautiful day in March. David of Sail First and his crew also sailed the sixth yacht. We were asked to help to move the yachts to Paphos for Sail First and we didn't have to ask around for too long before we had crewed all our boats. After an early start at Latchi we used outboards to get across Chrysochou Bay as the wind was calm. Once we rounded the Cape the wind arrived from the West and all the yachts soon deployed the large gennakers and we raced off to Paphos. The yachts spread out almost line astern eventually spreading out to a line of about five miles. Our members ashore viewed the yachts sailing across the bay from Coral Bay to Paphos Castle from as far away as Kamaris. On arrival Michael N provided the crews with refreshments on the quay at Stevies Bar which was great. Well done all who took part you all sailed very well. Thanks to Michael for the great sail



J/80 Gennaker flying



J/80 rounds the Cape

New Rib Shed Mural

Bill and I agreed that the huge white side wall of the new RIB shed was a massive target for possible graffiti artists so we thought that a mural on the wall might preempt graffiti that might be sprayed. Consequently Bill and I ventured up to The Learning Centre (TLC) to enquire if the Art department would like to paint a mural. We were very pleased that Katarina and her pupils agreed to take part. We have greatly enjoyed working with the Staff and pupils of The Learning Centre in Agios Georgios for the work that they have done on the project. Katarina and her (mainly year 11) students have created great interest from all parts of the community while they have been painting the mural. They have worked weekends and our local fishermen have requested their boats have their names painted in on the fishing boats. We also had visits from Chinese and Russian families who witnessed the painting being done. One group of Chinese visitors had their picture taken with the mural and their guide, Mr Li painted a small part for us. You can see if you can spot it. The mural took

three months of work and it was completed by an amazing multi National effort for us as there were Chinese, Latvian, Bulgarian, Russian, Cypriot and Tunisian artists as well as U.K. artists who all took part.

Many thanks to Katarina and her TLC team.

It is very noteworthy that Katarina was married in the church at A.G. and her parents were also married there so it was nice for her to be able to paint the local scene for us. Katarinas' father is also an artist and her Russian husband Arseny is a sculptor. Arseny advised us on the mural and have offered to take some of the pupils out for a sail. Two of them said they would like that. This is something that can be pursued shortly with Bill. Well done TLC..



Katarina the TLC Art Mistress directing the painting



A chinese student paints the fishermen on the mural

Boat Review – Oluf

Oluf H (Norway) received his new Kestrel at Agios Georgios in March. We also received a further four boats during that month which I will report on later. Oluf was extremely pleased with our members great assistance and particularly wanted to thank all the

members who, not only helped to ship his boat, but also dealt with the shippers, paperwork and unloading them. Once unloaded all four boats were all towed to the beach to take place in their new positions in the dinghy park. As Bill C keeps saying this is a great Club! A big thanks for Phil M who arranged the whole load through Hartley's of Derby and UKCY of Cyprus.

Our own new Sponsored club Kestrel also arrived in the load. The boat is named "Hartley" and Claire and I took it for its maiden voyage. It sails very well!

As well as the Club Kestrel new dinghies also received this Spring were a Wayfarer for John M and a Wayfarer for Tony D and Brigitte. Phil M took delivery of a brand new Wayfarer. Dave S and Peter A both received a separate load of two Wayfarers from Porter Brother's of Emsworth.



Olaf sailing his new Kestrel at Agios Georgios

New Members – Good Sailors!

We had a few changes to our Laser fleet over the Winter. Scotty is now sailing his Dart 15 regularly so he has sold his Laser 1 to new member Dave of Latsi. Dave used to sail at Stokes Bay SC so he is a really good sailor. Dave can now choose from his Rooster 8.2 sail, a standard sail or a radial 5.2 sail so he will be someone to watch in the results.

We also have John from St Ives SC who is their Commodore for 2014. John is going to split his time between PISC and St Ives SC for the next year. He is also good Laser sailor so I am going to have to up my game on my old Laser if I am going to keep up with these two new guys!

After much discussion Kevin B has shipped his Laser "Flying Banana" back to Plymouth for use with his Powerboat school. He told me that the second hand prices for Lasers has risen in the U.K. so it was

cheaper for him to ship his back instead of buying one in Plymouth!

PISC Assistant (Dinghy) Instructor Course

Phil M acting as our Sailing Instructor prepared a syllabus and paperwork for our PISC Assistant Instructor Course. The first course has just been completed and it has been an eye opener for quite a few of the experienced sailors who took part. The candidates were Brian L, John L, Paul H-A, Dave S, Chas. Like car driving we all quickly found that we were doing quite a few things incorrectly which was quite a revelation. Many thanks to Phil and Sylvia for the huge amount of preparation for the course. Also for the supply of ginger, lemon and chocolate cakes! Once we started we had to reef the dinghies which caused quite a few head aches in order to get afloat in the correct fashion. The four day course was held during rain storms, force 4 to 5 winds and rough seas so the candidates all had a baptism of fire throughout. I had huge difficulty trying to sail Phil's new Wayfarer at sea without a rudder!



Torrential rain for the PISC AI Course

Safety Koula – Cyprus Registration

By Ed. Safety Koula is now transferred to Cyprus Registration so after the Department of Shipping Inspection, possibly second week in June, she will sport the National Flag. Just in time for the Regatta!



John L instructing



Wayfarer's in doors! What facilities we now have!



Paul H-A Vice Commodore waiting for the tide

PISC Basic Dinghy Sailing Course

As reported previously we have trained our first tranche of PISC Assistant Instructors so they were all briefed to hold the first Basic Dinghy Sailing Course. Six members took part, two ladies and four men. It is hoped that a second course will be programmed for July. Over the four busy days PISC Sailing Instructor

Phil M and the new AI's took the candidates through all the basic sailing syllabus. The weather for the course was warmer and less windy than for the Assistant Course though it was just about on the upper edge of F3 which made the instruction challenging. The course covered boat work, dry sailing techniques, safety, first aid/hypothermia. Knot tying and lessons on the weather, tides and local conditions at Agios Georgios were also covered. Successful candidates will receive a PISC certificate in due course. It was very noticeable that the candidates were very keen and challenged thoroughly throughout the course. If you wish to go on a course please contact Bill or Phil. We did take some HD video of the sailors at sea so if you would like to have it Scotty has it on an SD card.

Members who have been ill of late

Since the New Year we have seen several of our members with a spate of ailments. Some members have been hospitalised and undergone operations. This has been a worrying time for families and friends but we all give our warmest congratulations to our fellow members who have visited and fully supported our sick during their troubles. We are pleased to see that most of those who have had to endure operations or other illnesses are now on the mend. We hope you all have speedy recoveries and that you can get back to your normal selves as soon as possible!

Who would own a car like this?

Anybody guess whose car this is? A superb Alvis car which is going under the hammer at Brookland's has been owned by a member for 30 years (or more).



Superb Alvis belonging to an Improver!

Congratulations to Beck's and Lesley in Hong Kong .

Many Congratulations to our Hong Kong members who have a recently added to the H.K. sailing team. Beck's has given birth to beautiful baby boy who was born at 10 08 on Wednesday 30th April weighing in at 2.98 Kilos. William Leo David was born at the Prince of Wales Hospital. We are all looking forward to Lesley's arrival at the end of July and we hope the whole gang comes! We might ask the boys to blow the Wayfarer tyres up for their arrival!



Beautiful baby! - Billy born 30th April 2014

Improver's Trophy presentation



Stewart and Avril receive their 2013 Improvers trophies

Apologies for the bright photograph but Stewart and Avril were here in May and so Bill took the opportunity of presenting them with their belated trophies. Very well done to you both!

For Sale:

Power Boat For Sale: Graham H reports his neighbour has a powerboat that cost Euro 47,000. It has been lightly used. The owner has unfortunately "passed over the bar" and his widow would like to sell it. The boat is at Lee's Boatyard and is for sale at Euro 39500. Contact Lee or Graham H for more information

There is a selection of boats for sale advertised on the notice board in the Club House.

What's On:

See Main Web site for details. pisc.org.cy/whatson

Dear All, Just to report that I have been invited by the Cdre to continue with the newsletters for the club to which I have agreed. I will need your photographs to put in the news if you have items of interest. I hope to report further on the other new dinghies in the next edition. We all go to Dhekalia this weekend for their spring regatta so wish our team luck

Chas

Editor for Commodore

Stop Press: Many Congratulations to Brian L for a 1st at Dhekalia (Single handed two man boat race). Beating 4 Albacores Dhekalia is a great achievement!



Brian L with a rather similar glass trophy!

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