



## Paphos International Sailing Club

### Newsletter

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#### **A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS WELCOME TO 2015!**

The Commodore and General Committee wish all our members a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

We start our New Year with the news from Cyprus Sailing Federation Secretary Chris Comititis, that our application to join has been looked upon favourably to the extent that they now wish to inspect our facilities.

While we can say that we have been striving for this for ages it is encouraging news. Over the past few years our predecessors asked to join and it was back in September 2013 when I, the then Commodore, along with Kit (VC), Paul H-A and Bill C (RCS) gave a face to face briefing and full presentation to the CySaF President and his Team in Limassol.

Also in the previous July of that year we saw our Members rallying in all aspects at the CySaF run ISAF Youth Worlds in Limassol. The Club supplied one of the Primary Safety boats (Safety Sinka) along with the crews for this huge sailing event. Over the week of the World's our members greatly impressed all who met them. Jaqui, Brian P and many other members arranged the reception desks, help desks and the Security passes and other general Organisation for the World's. Jaqui subsequently received a trophy for her organisation at the World's. Later that year the Club was invited to the Annual presentations for Cypriot Sailing held at the Olympic building in Nicosia. We again saw Jaqui receive a National Sailing trophy for her teams efforts. So that capped last year and this

year we were asked by the President to apply to join the Cyprus Sport Organisation (K.O.A./C.S.O.) which we have now done. K.O.A./C.S.O. is the top level budget holder for all Sport in Cyprus.

Our CySaF bid came before the full Board on December 11th 2014 and it is understood that it was looked upon favourably with the Board wishing to now inspect our facilities.

The date of the inspection has now been confirmed as Saturday 31st January. We welcome CySaF President (Yiannos), Secretary (Chris) and Technical Advisor (Elena) to view our facilities.

#### **CYPRUS SAILING FEDERATION AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

I have shown below the aims and objectives of CySaF which will be of interest to you. It has been copied courtesy of the Federation web site.

“The Cyprus Sailing Federation aims at promoting sailing as a sport all over Cyprus, at developing a sense of fair play and fair competition among clubs and athletes, at representing Cypriot sailing at international level and at assisting the Members of the Federation by providing material and moral support, aspiring to the evolution of sailing in general and the cultivation of a love for the sea in line with the principles of good sporting attitude.

#### **THE FEDERATION PURSUES THESE OBJECTIVES BY:**

1. Organising, declaring, performing and supervising championships, races and other sporting events on a Cypriot, Regional or International level,
2. Forming the National and Olympic Team and participating in international sailing races
3. Promoting Cyprus sailing and organising several events dealing with the sport of sailing,
4. Acquiring and providing dinghies, equipment, technical assistance and equipment checks to its members,
5. Aiming at the passing of legislation and the taking of any other legal measure to facilitate the sport of sailing in Cyprus,
6. Promoting the creation of safe spaces for access to port, launching and placing on land of sailing dinghies and auxiliary vessels,

7. Issuing and renewing internal regulations and implementing international regulations governing the sport of sailing,
8. Approving and supervising the official internal and local races organised by the members of the Federation, and approving the participation of Cypriot sailors in international races in Cyprus or abroad”



Photo courtesy CNC/CySaF: CySaF President Yiannos Photiou

### CLUB FACILITIES INSPECTION BY CYSAF

We intend that our visitors visit our Facilities. They will be shown the prospective new Club House and facilities at the Beach site. They will be shown the Rib Shed's, boat park and Club equipment. Weather permitting we shall have normal Saturday sailing and crews for both Safety boats, course laying with a race of the Winter series being held. The visitors will then be offered a beach lunch with as many members as would like to attend, prior to returning to Limassol.

**Let's make a big show of our Club to the visitors!  
Please sail or attend on the day and take part.**

### STOP PRESS:

### PRE VISIT WORK PARTY DATES:

**Members are requested to attend and bring tools on:**

Wednesday 14th January 0930 - 1200hrs  
 Wednesday 28th January 0930 - 1200hrs  
 After work "Fatboys" Brunch at SeaRays.

RCS will be down at A.G. from 09h00, so in case of bad weather, please contact him by phone

### EDITOR'S CATCH-UP ON MEMBERS' REGATTA'S



In the last edition I covered the Vice Cdre's. Paul H-A exploits when he acted as Regatta Chairman for Nassau Yacht Club for the Star Sailor's League. This was a top flight Regatta of World and Olympic class sailors. We welcome Paul and Penny back to Cyprus after that huge success. Well now here are two more reports on regattas attended in 2014 from our Members. These activities all help to give excellent P.R. for PISC and that it shows our members are active in the Med as well as much further afield.

### MALAYSIAN "RAJA MUDA" REGATTA 2014



### Regatta Management Team afloat

Lesley A flew back from Cyprus to U.K. then on to Hong Kong for a short time in October before flying back to Malaysia to attend the Raja Muda (Regatta) during late October. She flew from Hong Kong to Selangor, Malaysia to act as an Assistant Race Officer.



**Competitors in the Raja Muda 2014**



**Raja Muda Race Management Team, Lesley centre stage!**  
Nice Officials shirts!

Malaysia sponsored several really large sports events this year including the Formula 1 and this big regatta which was run between 11 – 12 Nov 2014 at Pulau Indah, Pelabuhan Klang, Malaysia.

The Raja Muda Selangor Regatta is held annually and has been running since 1996. The patron is HM Sultan Selangor and attracts renowned yachting enthusiasts from Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Singapore and Malaysia and Hong Kong. Participants include professional yachtsmen and the event is listed in the International regatta calendar. Every year, the Ministry of Tourism and Culture of Selangor is entrusted with the task of organizing exhibitions as well as a gala dinner which is graced by HM Sultan Selangor.



**Too close to call and there was no contact!**

The Raja Muda Selangor International Regatta is a challenging offshore & inshore sailing race organised by the Royal Selangor Yacht Club in association with the RORC. It consists of three overnight passage races, 260 miles in total, plus 3 days of harbour racing in Penang and Langkawi. The event attracts a large variety of yachts, from top class IRC1 racers to slow classic cruisers dating back over 100 years, all of whom had to cope with unpredictable weather and changing tactics during the 9 day mix of races past tropical islands.

Lesley reports that it was a challenging race series to organise but that she thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.



**Raja Muda Regatta utilise a cool Police Rib (600hp engines)**



**THE SOUTHERN IONIAN REGATTA SEPTEMBER 2014**



“Tom” C reported that he had entered the Southern Ionian regatta for his second year in his Sweden Yachts 45 “NewMoon”.

The regatta had a turnout of 180 starters, split into two groups by boat size. The smaller boats started 10 minutes ahead of us, so any boat in class 1 had virtually the whole fleet to contend with in a fairly restricted channel, making for some exciting moments!

We on “New Moon” didn't make a brilliant start, but we crossed the line within 20 seconds of the start signal and followed our game plan of keeping out of trouble in clear air. By the time we had exited the Meganissi channel we were ahead and to windward of the fleet. We crossed the line after 2 hours and 16 minutes about 3 minutes ahead of the second class 1 boat - on corrected time we were 3rd overall, leaving us a challenge for next year. Yes, we will be there, God willing. A great fun day!



**“New Moon” in the Southern Ionian Regatta**

The South Ionian regatta is organised by Vliho Yacht Club, Lefkas open to all comers of all experience levels. We sailed with a crew of 9 people, who all enjoyed themselves.



**“New Moon” a Sweden Yachts 45**

Tom’s yacht is based in Lefkas Marina, Greece.

I did look at the result list and there was some really respectable opposition for “New Moon”. They did do amazingly well. Well done!

**By Ed. Many thanks for informing us about your entry into this regatta and very well done**

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**Cyprus Sport Organisation**

**OFFSHORE CRUISER SHARE CHANGES HANDS**



**Bob doing Junior Training**



**Lesley with “Gung Ho”**

I heard before Christmas that Lesley and Bob have just purchased a part share in a 40.5 foot Beneteau in a Mediterranean Marina. That is wonderful news for them and it might mean we see more of them on Cyprus as they travel to and from Hong Kong.

The pair also regularly sail Bob’s X 99 “X-Terminator” out of Hebe Haven Yacht Club, Hong Kong and with Lesley’s new Wayfarer “Gung Ho” on the park at Agios

Georgios this means they are spoilt for choice on their sailing areas and which boat to use!



Lesley and Bob sailing "X-Terminator"

### VOLVO AROUND THE WORLD RACE

I need to update you on the Volvo around the World Race. Amazingly we do have a PISC member taking part in the next edition of the race (UK to Brazil leg) so as I receive his training and latest news I will let you know how he is getting on.

Our member William G of Basingstoke U.K. is taking part in leg one of the 2015-16 Clipper Round the World Yacht race some 4400 miles from the UK to Brazil in August 15 to raise money for the replacement of the HQ for Basingstoke, Old Basing Scout Group ( OBSG).

OBSG are without anywhere for the youngsters to meet every week following the headquarters being flooded in 2007 and the building being condemned. They currently have to find facilities on a weekly basis to meet, from church halls to school halls and this is obviously not good for the Scout movement. They need your support to replace the original 50 year old condemned Scout HQ with a new purpose built facility for the Scouts and Guides to call their home. To bring this to reality they need to raise in excess of £250,000 so that they can start the demolition of the existing facility and replace it with a new facility to last at least the next 50 years.

William wrote: "Hi Chas Thank you for your interest in my Round the World adventure and please feel free to use any of the posts on my Clipper page in the PISC newsletter and I am happy for you to include the link to this Facebook page as it would be great to see the support from the sailors in Cyprus while I am away as I will be doing a daily blog. And of course any support towards my charity would be appreciated by donating at <http://virginmoneygiving.com/williamgreen91> All the best and thank you in advance for your support signed William"

There we are then, an amazing sailing challenge to follow and a very worthy cause to support. If you wish to sponsor I will put you in touch with William as above.

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Meanwhile we will track the current edition of the Volvo Ocean Race for your interest with some background Items courtesy of [www.volvooceanrace.com](http://www.volvooceanrace.com)



### THE 12TH EDITION OF THE VOLVO OCEAN RACE

Started from Alicante, Spain on October 4, 2014. The race will finish in Gothenburg, Sweden with a final in-port race on June 27, 2015. The route takes in 11 ports, 38,739 nautical miles.

THE VOLVO AROUND THE WORLD RACE teams are:

**Team SCA**, the first all-female team to compete in the race since 2001-02.

**Abu Dhabi Ocean Racing**, back for a second race with British skipper Ian Walker.

**Dongfeng Race Team** from China, skippered by Frenchman Charles Caudrelier.

**Team Brunel** from the Netherlands, skippered by race veteran Bouwe Bekking.

**Team Alvimedica** with a double flag Turkey/USA, skippered by American youngster Charlie Enright.

**Team MAPFRE** - A Spanish team, skippered by Iker Martínez.

**Team Vestas Wind** from Denmark, skippered by Australian sailor Chris Nicholson



**Team SCA All-Female team**

The new Volvo Ocean 65 supercedes the Volvo Ocean 70 and the new boat incorporates a series of innovations that, combined, make a boat that is not

only fast through the water - but also cool looking and capable of withstanding the toughest conditions on the planet. Here are a selection of the new features.

**1. Keel**

The maximum draft has been increased from 4.5m to 4.7m. This allows an increase in the righting moment while decreasing the keel weight, giving the boat a noticeable performance improvement.

**2. Keel Pin**

The new boat has an inclined keel pin axis that will be positive for performance: creating a large vertical force on the keel fin, creating lift and reducing the displacement and the amount of drag.

**3. Structure**

There are eight bulkheads inside the Volvo Ocean 65 – compared to a typical number of four on a Volvo Open 70. The increase means a stronger and more solid structure.

**4. Reverse bow (By Ed. and Cdre an odd term)!**

The reverse bow is mainly a cosmetic feature, in the most photographed area of the boat, but it will also help keep water off the bow.

**5. Water ballasts**

In the Volvo Open 70 there was only one water ballast in the stern. The Volvo Ocean 65 has two aft water ballasts and one forward water ballast.

**6. Onboard media packaging**

There are five fixed camera positions and two uplink points, which will combine to give coverage from all angles. The camera and mic point in the companionway hatch will get right in the faces of the sailors. Cameras can be remote controlled and directed, while new microphone locations and systems will enhance voice recording. Key to the project is that the cameras and microphones now have much better protection from wind and water, enabling interviews in the cockpit

**DISASTER! TEAM VESTAS HITS REEF AT 19 KNOTS**

One of the aforementioned yachts has suffered a major tragedy on the Leg Cape Town to Abu Dhabi. It hit a reef at St Brandon at 19 knots (35 kph) and ended up grounded, and not very dry just over three weeks ago. Since that time it is now off the rocks damaged but in one piece. She has since been lifted onto a Maersk line container ship and is being taken ahead of the racers in Abu Dhabi to a Malaysian yard.



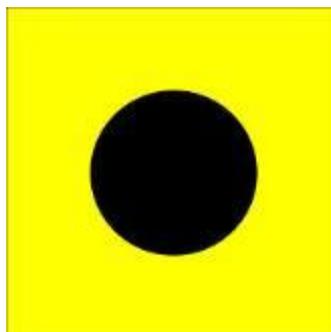
**Team "Vestas Wind" on an Indian Ocean reef**

I will let you know more on the race as it unfolds. These 65 foot boats fly with best speed over a 1 hour period being 24.4 knots and Team MAPFRE covered a distance of 517.4 nm over a 24 hour period! The fleet sails from Abu Dhabi on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan for Sanya, China ETA 24<sup>th</sup> Jan.

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**LEARN A FLAG AND A PENNANT!**

To help you learn your International flags here is the next flag for your flag recognition.

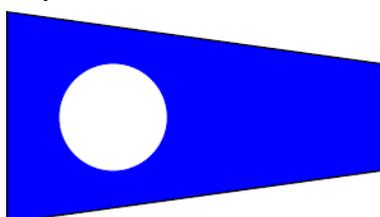


**Flag I - India**

This flag is one of the four Preparatory Signals. In racing it means Rule 30.1 is in effect. When the I flag is flown and any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the Course side of the starting line in the last minute before her starting signal, she shall therefore sail from the course side across an extension to the pre-start side before starting.

**HERE'S A NUMERAL PENNANT.**

**Do you know this one?**



**Pennant 2**

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 Two".

For dinghy sailing when this pennant is flown it indicates Course #2 from the Sailing Instruction (SI's).

P.S. Sometimes this pennant might be painted on a board on the committee boat.

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**CHRISTMAS PARTY AT G & T'S RESTAURANT  
KALLEPEIA**



**Christmas Party dining at G & T's**

A new venue for our Christmas Party this year saw many of us enjoying a delicious Christmas dinner along with great live entertainment at Kallepeia. Many members hadn't been to this village before, which was close to Tsada. A mini bus was arranged by the Cdre. for the Pegeia and Coral Bay members so that they could enjoy the event without the worry of driving home afterwards, which was great. Our Social Secretary Sue S produced this very lovely evening and she ensured that each lady guest was given an early Christmas gift.

We all ended the evening dancing to the live band and a great time was had by all. Some members even returned to the Restaurant the following Sunday for the buffet lunch. So the food must have been good!



**Laser Pico** with trolley (grey/blue sail) Nice boat hardly used. Please contact Claire should you like one of these nippy, modern dinghies.

**Laser Vago** with gennaker, trolley etc. now available as boat for crews of 75kg and below. Now Reduced to go: Offers to RCS Excellent boat for youngsters and light crews.

**Power Boat For Sale:** Brian L has his very clean powerboat "Rhian Ceri" up for sale. American Mercruiser 135hp engine. Ski's, tow line etc newish trailer. It is on view in the boatyard at Geroskipou. Contact Brian L or me.

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

**Toyota Corolla "Spirit"** D4D TDI 1.9 Diesel engine 2003 One owner. Good fuel economy, well maintained, with sunroof and professionally fitted towbar asking £2700 (yes Sterling) or negotiate with Nikki on 99170406

**ED. CHECKS OUT WHERE OUR SWALLOWS FLY TO!**

We all had a lovely Christmas Break in the U.K. and while over there we met up with Hon Treasurer Jaqui in Emsworth. Then we met Peter and Hilary for a great lunch at Itchenor.



**PISC Members Christmas outing at Itchenor, U.K.**

When we ventured further North to visit our Son and his partner in the Wirral we also called over to visit Richard and Ceri in St Asaph, North Wales. Lovely to see you all and thanks for the great hospitality! We look forward to seeing you back on Island later in the year

## SWALLOWS IN NORTH WALES



Richard, Gaynor, Ceri and Sharon attack Conwy Castle

This next photo shows why we like living in Cyprus!



Boxing Day Snow in the Wirral

## BAD WEATHER

Talking of bad weather please have a look at our web site currently under [Events](#) then under [Social Events](#) for the current Coptic storm dates.

Of note is that the web site will soon be updated to show a full Annual events Calendar where all known dates will be shown for the whole year.

## COPTIC STORMS IN CYPRUS

We have Coptic storms on 11<sup>th</sup> January , 19<sup>th</sup> January and again on the 27<sup>th</sup> January so this should be a difficult month for sailing.

We also have another Coptic storm on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

If the sailing is cancelled maintain your boats and enjoy the early lunch!



## NEXT YEAR'S DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

**Winter Series** - 6th December 2014 - 28th February 2015

**Spring Series** - 7th March 2015 - 30th May 2015.

**Summer Series** - 6th June - 29th August 2015.

**Autumn Series** - 5th September - 28th November 2015.

**PISC Summer Regatta** - Friday 26th - Sun 28th June 2015.

**PISC Autumn Regatta** - Friday 18th - Sunday 20th September 2015.

**Bart's Bash 2015** - Sunday 20th September 2015.

## Well that's our New Year news.

Thanks to our reader and member Dejan in Dublin who kindly emailed Secretary Di to say the updated Newsletter was great. Good Man; cheque is in the post!

Love to Nives.

Should you have any photos of interest please let me have them however I don't intend to use photographs that have previously been viewed on Facebook Group pages.

I trust and hope you all have a very Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you later in the Year.

New Year Greetings to you all

Chas

for Commodore