

Shearwater Sailing Club Log November 10

Commodore's message

Summer time is now behind us and with just three Sunday meetings left on the race schedule it is perhaps opportune to reflect on another sailing season at Shearwater before looking forward to our 50th anniversary year in 2011. But first a couple of plugs!

Our annual dinner dance on Fri 26 Nov at Longleat Center Parcs promises to be another superb evening, with arrival cocktails, 3 course dinner, prize giving, and dancing to Steve Winter's band 'Fat Boy Swing'. If you have not already ordered your tickets then I would seriously encourage you to join us for a fun evening. Those who came last year had a great time. Tickets are available from our Treasurer, Lois Barlow.

Next, accompanying this log you will receive a Shearwater SC Questionnaire. It can also be downloaded from the 'new look' club website. Can I please ask you to complete and return this to Jeremy Naylor by e-mail or via the post box in the clubhouse? It should only take 5 or 10 minutes to complete and it will help the committee to better understand what changes to the club you would like to see and your sailing aspirations over the next 12 months. It also asks whether you are able to help with the running of the club and your views on the annual membership subscription. The Questionnaire is related to the club development plan that I mentioned in a previous log and I would very much appreciate if you could find the time to complete and return it by the end of November. Thank you

Now, reflections on 2010. Our membership numbers have held up very well in comparison to last year, with a steady influx of new members joining the club. We have also seen our core nucleus of sailors turning out for the regular Sunday and Tuesday evening series. However it is clear that, with a few exceptions, our new members are not racing on a regular basis and some of our more established members have also been a little absent. So overall the turnout on the lake has been a little down on last year. It is difficult to judge whether this is a natural cycle or something more fundamental in how our members wish to make use of the club. I am anticipating that the Questionnaire will provide some illumination!

Our annual weekend trip to Roadford in June was a great success with a good mix of families, social and competitive sailors, and even canoeists all adding to the party atmosphere. We will certainly be repeating this event again next year. The bi-annual Gilmer trophy against Bristol Avon SC produced the expected hotly contested team racing and, despite taking a lead with us from the Shearwater leg, we were unfortunately soundly beaten at Bristol Avon. Still it was good to mix with and test ourselves against sailors from a different club and continue with the long established traditions of the Gilmer event. The Comet and Topper, and CVRDA open regattas were well attended this year and it is clear that Shearwater remains a popular venue with those class associations. It has also been good to see many club members spreading their wings and trying out different venues and race series such as Falmouth (2 club Larks), Roadford, Abersoch, CVRDA, and the Western Laser series. This all helps to develop the standard of racing at the club and put Shearwater on the map!

Looking forward to 2011 and our 50th anniversary year, we are planning to hold an open regatta over the weekend of 18/19 June. The format is still under consideration but is likely to include a family's day with kids racing, fun sailing and an evening BBQ on the Saturday; and racing on the Sunday open to other local clubs, and past members of Shearwater. We will also be inviting our friends from the Alkmaar club in Holland. We are having discussions with Longleat estate about the possibility of restricting fishing on the lake that weekend. I would encourage you to reserve this date in your diaries now as it promises to be a memorable occasion. If you are able to help with the organisation of the anniversary regatta, or indeed with any other aspects of the club, then please speak with our Vice Commodore, Martin Honor, who is the committee lead for this event.

In case you are wondering about the boat house repairs, I am pleased to report that the replacement stone will be arriving from the quarry in the next couple of weeks and the repairs should complete before the end of the year, ready for the start of the new sailing season. We have also ordered a new safety boat and engine to replace the one lost in the fire and will take delivery of this next season.

Whether or not you are coming to the dinner dance, can I persuade you to join the committee for 'The Last Thrash' event on Sun 28 Nov (one race only at 11.00), including mince pies, sherry and a surprise guest appearance courtesy of your Commodore definitely not to be missed!

On that note it just leaves me to wish you all a happy and prosperous 'non sailing' season and to remind you that the AGM is on Fri 21 Jan at the George Inn, Longbridge Deverill.

Yours Aye

Richard Fear
Commodore SSC

Diary

Annual Dinner Dance & Trophy Presentation

FRIDAY 26th NOVEMBER

Last Thrash

soup rolls & mulled wine

SUNDAY 28th DECEMBER

Sailing is an "Assumed risk, water contact sport" that may carry risks. Members should be aware of and accept these risks, and be responsible for their own actions and involvement.

Shearwater Dinner Dance 2010



Dear Shearwater Members,

With much pleasure I invite to our annual Dinner Dance to be held at 'The Venue', Centre Parcs, Longleat Forest on Friday 26th November 2010, 7:30 for 8:00 PM.

This is a repeat of our popular venue from last year and will once again include live music from our very own Steve Winter's band 'Fat Boy Swing', cocktail reception, 3 course dinner, dancing, prize giving, and a free day pass entry to Longleat Forest Centre Parcs included in the ticket price.

You are most welcome to invite your family and friends to join us and help celebrate the end of another sailing season at Shearwater.

This is one time of the year when we discard our old sailing gear and dress up in our finest (black tie for gentlemen and posh frock for the ladies) and get together for a formal but fun dinner, dancing and socialising. Our annual prize giving also takes place along with a few (short) speeches. Why not make a whole day of it and enjoy the use of the Longleat Forest and Centre Parcs sub-tropical swimming paradise.

Dinner places are unfortunately limited so please book early by completing the enclosed 'Order Form' stating your menu choices and return this to our Treasurer, Lois Barlow, with your cheque before the 10th November 2010.

I very much hope you will be able to join us and I look forward to seeing you on the night.

Richard Fear
Commodore SSC



Shearwater Sailing Club

Dinner Dance Order Form 2010

The Venue, Center Parcs, Longleat Forest

Friday 26th November 20107.30 PM for 8.00 PM

£30 per person (Students in full time education and under 18's £25)

Names (Please indicate if student/under 18).....

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Please tick one choice per course. Use separate form if more than four guests.

<i>Names</i>				
<i>First course</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rillette of Salmon with Marinated Cucumber, Mustard and Dill Dressing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Butternut Squash and Parmesan Soup with Cheese Straws	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chicken Liver and Mushroom Pate served with Red Onion Chutney	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Second course</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leg of Lamb Steak with Red Currant and Thyme Jus served with Roasted Parsnip Mash	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chicken Breast filled with Mozzarella wrapped in Smoked Bacon served with Basil and Tomato Jus and Fondant Potatoes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ravioli of Sun Blushed Pepper, Spinach and Ricotta with a warm Caper and Sun Dried Tomato Dressing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Third course</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toffee & Chocolate Flavoured Crunch Pie with Chocolate Sauce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strawberry Tart with Clotted Cream	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Selection of Cheese and Biscuits with Grapes, Celery and Tomato Chutney	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please complete this form, enclose your cheque and send by 10th November 2010

to:

Lois Barlow, 16, Lansdown Place, Frome, Somerset BA11 3HP

Please make cheques payable to Shearwater Sailing Club

AGM

Fri 21 Jan at the George Inn,
Longbridge Deverill

'Anyone borrowing a laser rudder from the green bag in the underfloor store in the gents changing room is respectfully requested to return it'
Jeremy Naylor

Shearwater Website

The new look Shearwater Website has been launched by Pat Jones. Thank you Pat!

Since it is WordPress based it is much easier to update than the previous version, and it is hoped that next season, the news, log publishing and duties will be updated by members themselves.

There will be a members area to which you can log in to, arriving shortly.

Any one with decent photos please email them to Pat [pat@pmj.me.uk].

It would be great to have a new header image, the current one is rather dark. We need a suitable image that looks good in the right size (940 x 158 x 72dpi) and with space in the right places to put the caption and flag.

Wanted:-

Officer in Charge of Duties 2011

Could you spare an hour each week to oversee the Shearwater Duties Rota. The database is online, so up to date fixtures are readily available on the Shearwater Website. No previous experience necessary. Knowledge of Email and Word are handy to follow up offers of help, and send out reminders 7-10 days in advance. Contact any committee member for a chat about the role, or contact Ruth (duties@shearwatersailingclub.co.uk). Thank you for your interest.

Ring Found

A ladies ring - possibly 'engagement' has been found in the jetty area. Its not new, blue centre stone with small diamonds (one missing) around the outside. Its in a safe place at the moment. If you think its is yours please contact Colin Singer [springfieldhouse@talktalk.net]

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Mirror dinghy

With trolley and spare sails
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£350

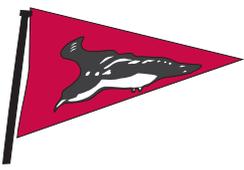
Launching trolley - new
Honeyfield adjustable suit
small/medium dinghy
(not Mirror)

£80 negotiable!

Bill Lynn 07767 843217.

Gilmer Trophy Day Two





RNLI "Lifeboats" News.

Since the establishment of Shearwater S.C. the club and its members have been great supporters of the Lifeboat service. The annual RNLI Trophy race series has always attracted a good fleet turnout and this 2010 year was no exception. Many thanks.

On the club noticeboard there is a poster giving some detail of the 'Lifeboat College' in Poole, a most wonderful place to visit and to understand the complex organisation and efficiency of the lifeboat service as they save lives on the beaches and off our entire UK coastline.

If you are an RNLI member entry to the college is open to you at any time. Hotel style accommodation is available on half board or B&B, the rooms all having wonderful views over the harbour. Excellent and well priced food is served in the restaurant or the upper deck bar, both with similar great views.

If you not an RNLI member at present could I encourage you to consider it. As sailors you will already know that water sports are great fun - yet with dangers - and appreciate the importance of safety and a rescue service either on a lake, river or off the coast.

Join the RNLI either as an adult Shoreline or Offshore Member, and/or join an under 16 year old as a Storm Force member.

As well as gaining entry into the Lifeboat College, and assisting with funding of the Lifeboat service, each member receives an interesting and informative Lifeboat magazine every 3 months. Storm Force members first receive a pack of RNLI information, members card and badge, plus their own quarterly magazine.

Interested and you would like to help support the RNLI :-

There are a few leaflets/application forms (Here's how to become a member) available within the SSC clubhouse, or contact myself if you wish.

Colin Singer - Local Branch Chairman, 01985 213696
With thanks.

Ping Pong Table Tennis Calling.

Tuesday evenings
At the club house
7.00 - 9.00
All welcome

Club Key Holders -Important for OOD's & Rescue Boat operators:-

Key holder	Location	Contact Number
Colin Singer	Crockerton	01985 213696 07790 623915
Nic Cross	Dilton Marsh	01373 822258
Ken Adams	Bratton	01380 831252
Richard Fear	Steeple Ashton	01225870615
Jack Langley	Bath	01761 471304
Leon Ward	Westbury	01373 824126
Paul Athay	Frome	01373 463474
Margaret Pell	Frome	01373 462549
Matt Weale	Longbridge Deverill	01985 841223
Richard Loverock	Trowbridge	01225 762838 07968 762838
Chris Mulholland	Warminster	01985 300434

Your Next Log

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this log. I will be delighted to receive your articles for the next one, ideally by Email please. The next issue will be in January Contributions Please to :- Catherine cathmul@blueyonder.co.uk (3a Bishopstrow, Warminster BA12 9HQ)

PS If you have received this 'Log' through the post, either you have no email address, or we have an error in your 'e'address. If you "do" have an email address could you please email it to Diana (diana@barters.co.uk) so in future we may use it for easy, immediate and cost effective Log's and/or any other information which could be of interest to club members. Thanks.