

Shearwater Sailing Club Log November 09

Commodore's message

Our sailing season is now well & truly over. The 'Last Thrash' has taken place & sadly, that is it until the beginning of March 2010. In reality I believe that few of us would want to venture out in the winter weather anyway. Absence makes the heart grow fonder & we know that we have next season to look forward to. Time for some of those winter boat jobs then!

We started the year with a little uncertainty over how the new system of individual sailing licences, an annual events licence for our fixtures & various other changes in our tenancy were going to impact upon the club.

I am pleased to say that following some minor teething issues it has been very much 'business as usual' for our sailing & racing. For practical purposes nothing has changed apart from there being a defined relationship between the sailing licence holders & the Estate. I look forward to many more happy years sailing on what must be one of the most beautiful lakes for many miles around. Not least at one of the friendliest sailing clubs too.

Following negotiation with the Estate there will be a slight increase of £5 (plus VAT which of course reverts to 17.5%) in the sailing licence fees from 2010. The new rate will be held until at least 2012. The reason behind this concerns business rates, which were being paid by the club but are now paid by the Estate. Even if we were able to revert to paying the rates again we would in all probability have had to increase the club membership fee to cover the cost. I do believe that we have negotiated the best compromise that we can with the Estate on your behalf. Overall the cost of sailing at Shearwater still compares favourably similar clubs.

Our end of year Dinner & Dance at Centre Parcs went very well indeed. Our own Steve Winter & his band 'Fat Boy Swing' really added the icing to the cake. In fact we enjoyed ourselves so much that we aim to hold a similar event next year.

Our AGM is on the 9th December at 'The George', Longbridge Deverill. Please do come along if you can. It is then that, after two years, I hand over my ceremonial burgees & very useful gravel (only joking committee) to Richard Fear who is taking over as Commodore.

I would like to say how much I have enjoyed my time as your Commodore. I have had the honour of having chaired a committee who have worked tirelessly for the benefit of the club & it's members. I am grateful to each & every one of them for the support that they have given both to the club & to me personally.

Shearwater sailing Club is run by the members & for the benefit of the members. We receive no outside support, financial or otherwise. If you are able to assist in any way towards the running of the club, perhaps by taking a position on the committee, please do let us know. I thank all of you who have assisted with the running of the club in any way over the last year by undertaking duties, administering our web site, liaising with fishermen, helping with the catering etc.

I wish Richard Fear & the 2010 committee well & I know that they can look forward to your full support too.

I shall be spending the winter researching 'How to make a Supernova sail faster upwind' & I look forward to seeing you all on the water again next year.

Kind regards to all.

Jon Rawson
Commodore until 9th December

Vice Commodore/Commodore Desig

It is indeed a privilege & an honour to be invited to serve as your Commodore for the 2010 season. My aim is to foster an inclusive & harmonious environment in which family, junior, racing & social members feel welcome & are encouraged to participate in our very special club. We are fortunate to be permitted to enjoy our sailing in such a splendid location. It is perhaps all too easy at times to moan a little about the wind, the fishermen or the estate licence, but these are in reality minor nuisances that we should not allow to distract from our enjoyment of the lake & the club. Next time you are in the clubhouse, messing about in the dinghy park, or getting serious on the water, take a moment to look around & embrace the unique setting that is Shearwater.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jon for all his efforts as Commodore over the last 2 years. He has steered the club with a steady hand during a difficult period involving the renegotiation of the lease & the inevitable uncertainty that has caused. With that now behind us & our membership numbers holding up I judge that the club is well placed for the second decade of the third millennia.

Enjoy the festive period & I look forward to meeting you at the club & on the water next season.

Yours Aye
Richard Fear
Vice Commodore

Diary

AGM

WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER

Boats to be
REMOVED

from SHEARWATER

THURSDAY 31st DECEMBER

WORKING PARTY

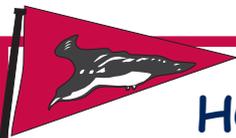
SATURDAY 6th FEBRUARY

WORKING PARTY

SATURDAY 27th FEBRUARY

FITTING OUT SUPPER

FRIDAY 5th MARCH



HOUSE 2010

Due to home commitments I cannot continue as Head of House next year without some extra help. I should like to re-instate a house committee so the galley can run as a team effort. It is a great way of meeting people and becoming involved in the club. Sailing ability is not needed just a willing pair of hands on event days, work parties and cooking behind the scenes. If you are interested give me, Marianne Roberts a ring on

Encouraging Others

Here's a picture of the Lark that was the dinghy park derelict last year. Having got it up together, Pat Jones sold it on cheaply to a student based in Southampton and he's since added a set of decent secondhand sails and is enjoying sailing he couldn't otherwise afford!



SHEARWATER 2009 DVD

-Is coming together nicely, for those interested. If anyone has photos taken of the Shearwater Sailing Club during this season, I'd be happy to include them on the DVD, to capture as much of what we've been up to as possible. No problem if they are prints, I can scan them in, or You can either email them to me at driftwood@rya-online.net, or put them onto CDs/memory sticks etc of which I will return to you once I have copied them off. If you wish to post them, please drop me an email and I'll advise the address to send to. The Events covered on the DVD so far are the 1st Thrash, 8th March 1st Annuals, Clywedog CVRDA and Aug 30th Social Sailing day, with a separate DVD for those interested covering the 'Safety Boat Refresher' Training Day.

WANTED
- LAUNCHING TROLLEY
SUITABLE FOR MIRACLE

Please call Mak Ballamy
01985-846568.

FOR SALE

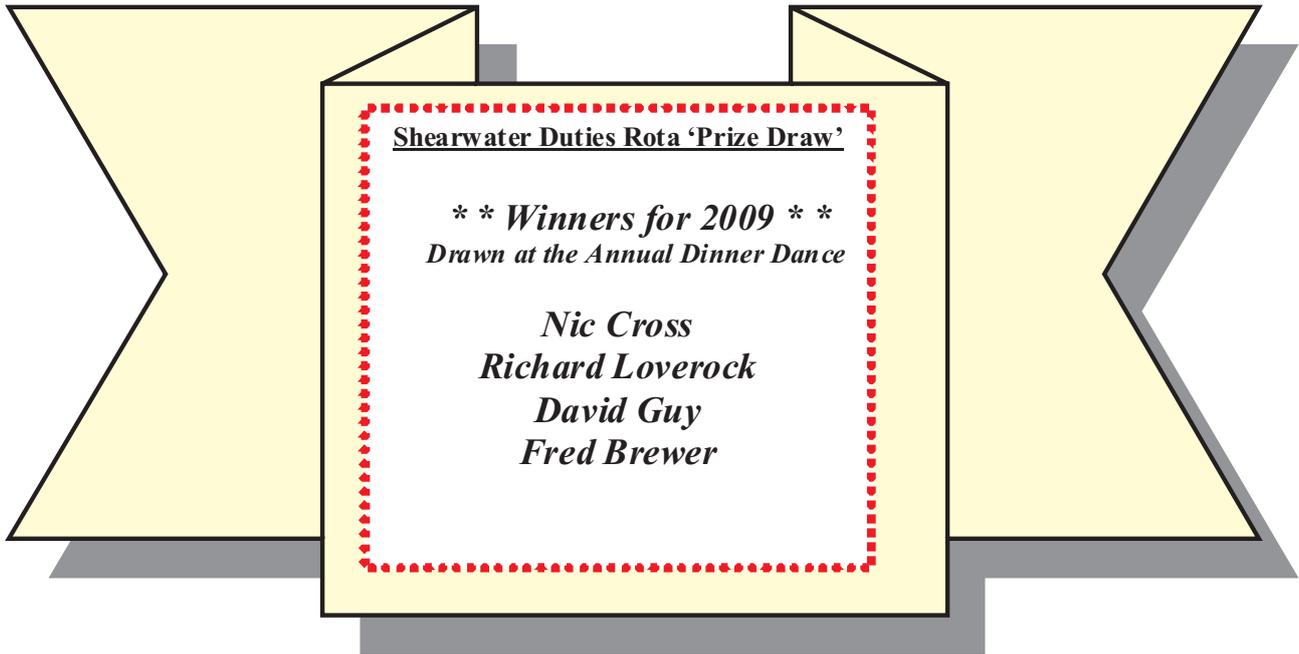
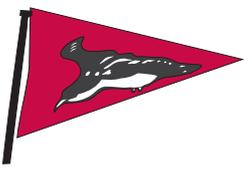
Knitting machines For Sale - all working order and going cheap, knit 'sailing' jumpers over winter!. Contact Ruth Hudson for details, email Duties@shearwatersailingclub.co.uk



Shearwater Dinner Dance 2009



Ruth took some photos at the Dinner Dance of just some of the many trophy and glass winners. Centre Parcs did us proud, creating a lovely setting with their Christmas decorations and producing a very good meal. Fat Boy Swing made the evening, with their perfectly chosen set, and we will ask them to play next year too, so if you didn't come, please come next year, and if you did, wasn't it great!



Shearwater Duties Rota 'Prize Draw'

***** Winners for 2009 *****
Drawn at the Annual Dinner Dance

Nic Cross
Richard Loverock
David Guy
Fred Brewer

Don't forget the winter Table Tennis

In the club house has started again for all of those interested.
For details ring Nic Cross on **01373 822258**

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

Key holder	Location	Contact number
Jack Langley	Bath	01761 471304
Chris Mulholland	Bishopstrow	01985 300434
Penny Lee	Crockerton	01985 215610
Colin Singer	Crockerton	01985 213696
Nic Cross	Dilton Marsh	01373 822258
Ken Adams	Devizes	01380 720526
Margaret Pell	Frome	01373 462549
Paul Athay	Frome	01373 463474
Matt Weale	Longbridge Deverill	01985 841223
Leon Ward	Westbury	01373 824126

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

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