



Ilfracombe Yacht Club

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NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2009

FROM THE COMMODORE

Spring is definitely in the air and many of us took advantage of the recent good weather to get some work done on the Boat. Less than 2 weeks before they go back into the water, always a pleasing prospect. Saturday 4th April looks like being busy around the harbour with the boats going back in and the Sea Cadets will be launching their new RIB with a variety of associated activities. The Club will be open from 11am until 5pm and again from 7pm for John Ward's birthday party with a James Bond theme complete with casino games & optional fancy dress!

On the Subject of opening times we will be extending them a bit as the season progresses. At Easter, Friday and Monday will be as normal but on Saturday we will be open from 11am to 1am and on Sunday from noon to 1030pm.

Thanks to all of you who turned up to help with the maintenance of the patio last weekend, and in particular, to Nick Watson who joined us only recently; well done. There is still a bit of work to be done, not least the re-erection of the signal mast scheduled for 27th March; if you can lend a hand please do.

Thanks are due to those who have arranged functions: Dave Welch and Andy Maslen for their quiz and to John and Sharon Ward for a superb Mothering Sunday Lunch. We also enjoyed a return skittles match with the Braunton Small Boats and Anglers.

One piece of bad news; unfortunately we have been forced to increase the price of all draught beers and cider by 10p per pint from 10th April.

Recent experience has highlighted the suitability of the Club for functions so why not consider it for your special anniversary; contact Bobby to arrange a date.

All the recent sunshine has certainly injected a positive feeling into the area and I am optimistic for an active and successful season for the Club. I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Chris Marman

EASTER OPENING HOURS

Fri 10 th	19:00 – 01:00
Sat 11 th	11:00 – 01:00
Sun 12 th	12:00 – 22:30
Mon 13 th	12:00 – 20:00

From May 23rd the club will be open weekends 12:00 – close
Midweek remaining from 19:00 – close

SOCIAL SIDE

April
Sat 4th

Boats in day with bacon butties & coffee from 11:00 – 17:00. This is followed by a James Bond themed birthday party (see above) which all members are invited to

Sat 18th

Mike Old will be setting the questions for another quiz evening starting at 20:00. Teams of 4 and usual rules with cash prizes.

Thu 23rd

St Georges Day – Come along for a traditional take away Fish & Chip supper to be ordered before 20:30

GIG CLUB

It's all happening in gig world at the moment – our new training gig 'Lantern' is close to completion, members are beginning to flock to the slipway and take to the water in the Spring sunshine and our Men's 'A' crew [actually we only have one competitive men's crew at the moment – we need a second crew so the current outfit can justifiably call themselves the 'A' team!] have acquitted themselves very well in the first two events of the season:

- 'Lantern' built by **Phoenix Fibreglass** of Hele will be on the water for the Easter weekend and will enable us to really grow our membership for 2009. We'll be able to get 18 rowers on the water per session and hope to schedule sessions most evenings and weekends.
- Our heavy duty **Men's crew** finished a highly commended [by us] 3rd place in a field of nine at the **Bideford Bridge Race** a couple of weeks ago. It was gratifying to hear spectators from other clubs muttering encouraging comments like – 'at least they're not going to the Scillies this year...!' **Saturday March 21st** saw them complete the gruelling **Bristol River Race** and finish, feeling fresh, sixth place out of nine, but only 5 mins behind the winners.

Diary Dates:

- IPGC Members' **Open Evening** [IYC] **April 8th** – confirmation of rowing schedules, regatta entries and open forum.
- **Rowing Taster Day** – provisionally **Saturday April 18th**.

Check what's going on at www.ilfracombepilotgigclub.org

Kevin McLintock

ADVANCE NOTICE

JUNE

28th Sponsored Gig row to Lynmouth

JULY

18th – 19th Powerboats weekend

AUGUST

2nd Birdman contest on the Pier

8th – 9th Around Lundy race

29th Gig Regatta

SEPTEMBER

12th – 13th Festival of the Sea

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DIARY

APRIL

Wed 1.....Gig Club Meeting 20:00

Sat 4Boats In

Sat 4Birthday & Casino party night 20:00

10-13Easter weekend

Tue 14.....Lundy Meeting 20:00

Wed 15.....Committee Meeting 20:00

Sat 18.....Quiz night 20:00

Thu 23.....St.Georges day Fish & Chips 20:00

MAY

W/E 1-3.....Tenby Cruise

Fri 8.....Copperas race one 17:30

Sat 16.....Bilbeck Race 09:30

W/E 23-25Clovelly triangle race

Sat 23.....New weekend hours 12:00 - close