



Ilfracombe Yacht Club

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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2009

FROM THE COMMODORE

Well! What a splendid month we have had as far as the weather was concerned, and things have been going well down at the Club as well. The patio is looking grand after a fair bit of attention from Gus and his squad of helpers; even the flagstaff has been lowered, painted and raised back up again. I prefer not to enquire as to how this was achieved, suffice to say the patio is now a splendid place to enjoy ones refreshments while the weather remains fine.

The boats all went back into the water with the minimum of drama and we are all set for season of sailing commencing with a cruise to Tenby on May 1st followed by the first Copperas Race on the 8th. If you do have a boat, why not give racing a try. You don't need to be aggressively competitive and evening sailing can be very enjoyable.

On the day the boats went in John Ward celebrated his Birthday in the Club and a grand affair it was too, a casino theme with appropriate motor cars parked outside. Mike Old hosted yet another excellent quiz evening and a very well attended St Georges night was enjoyed with a fish and chips banquet. Well done Maxine for managing to feed us all. And there is more to come so check the social calendar in this Newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you in the Club

Chris Marman

SOCIAL SIDE

Firstly a big thank you to John & Sharon Ward and family. Not only did they cook & serve a fantastic Mothering Sunday lunch, they then used the club to celebrate their sons 18th birthday with a James Bond / casino theme. Buffet, Croupiers James Bond look-alikes and even an Aston Martin parked outside to give the finishing touch...! Remember, if you are planning a celebration of any kind, the club is becoming a popular place to hold it, just have a word with Maxine behind the bar.

Sat 9th May we are holding another popular Beetle Drive starting at 20:00. Yes we know it is a silly game – but last time everyone had so much fun that we have been asked for another one.

On Bank Holiday Monday 25th May we are having a supper from 1700 – 1900 for the Lundy / Clovelly cruisers, but of course it is open to all. Why cook at home?

Sat 30th May is another birthday celebration at the club, this time its Bert Gear's turn but the years are undisclosed...!

Sat 6th June is the Henry trollop race from Swansea to Ilfracombe with a BBQ in the evening, more details next month

See you soon,
Bobby

CHANGE IN OPENING HOURS

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

SWANSEA MARINA LOCK

There will be closures for repairs until 10th May (ish) including Bank Holidays. Check their website or ring them for more information and closures times after 10th May

ADVANCE NOTICE

JULY

18th – 19th Powerboats weekend

AUGUST

2nd Birdman contest on the Pier

8th – 9th Around Lundy race

29th Gig Regatta

SEPTEMBER

5th – 6th Festival of the Sea

GIG CLUB

For details of what's going on check out
www.ilfracombepilotgigclub.org

COMMUNICATIONS

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FROM THE DIARY

MAY

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

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

Wed 13.....Lundy Committee meeting 20:00

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

Wed 29.....Committee meeting 20:00

W/E 23-25Clovelly triangle race

Sat 23.....New weekend hours 12:00 – Close

JUNE

Sat 6.....Henry Trollop Race 10:00

Mon 8.....Copperas Race II 18:30

Tue 9.....Copperas Race III 19:00

Sat 13.....Lynton Music Festival

Tue 23.....Copperas race IV 18:15

Sun 28.....Sponsored Gig row to Lynmouth