



Ilfracombe Yacht Club

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NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2009

FROM THE COMMODORE

Chris Marman

As I write this the power boats are on their ways to their various homes. Although slightly fewer in number this year, they still managed to put on a good show on the Saturday. Unfortunately, on Sunday the weather was a bit too fresh and they were forced to cancel the second day of racing. Nevertheless. They had an enjoyable weekend. Well done Mike Elmer for co-ordinating our support at the harbour and in the Club. Our thanks go to those members who gave up their time to help with traffic control and the evening barbecue, and to Maxine and Nikkie for the long hours they put in to keep things buzzing. Apart from being a grand spectacle, the powerboat weekend brings a welcome boost to the Club funds. Considerable good-will has developed over the years and I was heartened to hear that they consider Ilfracombe to be the friendliest and most co-operative of all the venues they visit.

Well done to the Gig Club crews who rowed to Lynmouth and back on the 28th June, it is a long way without a sail.

There are only a couple of weeks before the Lundy Race. This is our biggest event for the year. Entries are still coming in and we hope to match last years numbers but with the recession we might be slightly down. It will still be a grand event but we do need all the support that we can muster, so if you are able to spare a bit of time on 8th August please put your name down on the notice board. Fingers crossed for fair weather.

There has been some confusion regarding senior membership, the Club Constitution makes no mention of it, so the committee has agreed that the matter should be resolved at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on 9th September. This meeting will be followed immediately by an Open Meeting. I hope you will be able to come along.

From 20th July the Club will be open from 5pm on weekdays and noon on Saturdays and Sundays. I look forward to seeing you there.

TRAINING

To all IYC members who would like to take RYA courses.

If you check out our IYC web site under the tab for links, you will see that we now have one straight through to Colin. For all of you who have met or already taken courses with Colin he needs no introduction.

But for the benefit of those of you who have not, what are you waiting for!

Colin is a fully qualified RYA instructor able to offer all theory and practical RYA certified courses as well as cruising trips.

Theory courses are held in our own club house (subject to minimum numbers), and practical courses from competent crew right through to Yacht master can be arranged to be taken either on board Colin's Malo 38ft 'Salty's Scorcher' based in Fowey, or on a local boat in our own harbour or even upon your own boat if you would prefer.

IYC members have in the past enjoyed many courses with Colin including 'Navigation', 'Sea safety', and the popular 'International Certificate of Competence' now needed if you want to Charter or sail abroad. The most memorable to me though (and the most enjoyable) was the Sea Survival session up at the Ilfracombe Swimming Pool.

Colin is generously offering all IYC members a discount on Courses, so waste no further time, click onto the link to see what is on offer and get in touch with Colin to book yourselves up!

Many thanks for your continued support

Jane

NEW CLUB HOURS

From 20th July the Club will be open from 5pm on weekdays and noon on Saturdays and Sundays.

POWER BOATS WEEKEND

Thanks to everyone who gave some time over the weekend to make this another IYC success. Too many to mention but especially: those on the slipway teams, BBQ crew and Max & Nikki as well as those who turned up during the day to make our guests welcome.

In their presentations they paid tribute to the club saying it was the best venue for making them welcome and helping out with whatever was needed. Thanks again to you all.

Mike E

SOCIAL SIDE

Sat 8th August

is the Around Lundy race. Steve White who skippered 'Toe In The Water' in the Vendee Globe will be at the club on Friday night and will start the race on Saturday morning. Come and watch the start from the club patio with a bacon butty and cup of coffee. If there is anybody not involved with the race itself all help would be appreciated during the day from 10.30 to run the shore duties.

Fri 14th August

Jazz train and fun night out. The train leaves Barnstaple at 18:13 and the band plays on the trip to Eggesford. Then after a short walk to the Fox & Hounds Hotel where the jazz continues until 21:45 and the train returns to Barnstaple for 22:13

Tickets are £4.90 each but a group of 4 can travel for half price with a group saver ticket. Tickets can not be pre-booked so early arrival at the station is essential. The hotel has a hog roast for which booking is required on 01769580345 or if you take your own picnic the hotel charge £2 admission.

If you are interested put your name on the club notice board and we will try to arrange transport from Ilfracombe to Barnstaple & back.

Sunday 16th August

Sponsored swim from Lundy to Ilfracombe for Children's Hospice – S. West. Some of our boats are helping out on this challenge. Details are again on the notice board. A cheque presentation evening will be held at the club on a later date.

Friday 24th August

RNLI / IYC yacht race followed by a BBQ, all welcome.

Saturday 29th August

Gig Regatta, details to follow

Thanks

To all who have helped out in the past months events, to name a few;

Ann Clemence for her fiendish quiz. Kay Loveland, Maureen Lowe, Carol Old and Ann again for their help with various BBQ's. Mike Elmer for organising another successful powerboat event (and also arranging 100% funding for the disco to save the clubs pocket). Max & Nikki for their constant support and a great buffet for Martyn Hockings party. And thanks also to all members who turn up and support the club events

Cheers

Bobby

FROM THE DIARY

AUGUST

Sun 2.....Birdman on the Pier
Tue 4.....Lundy meeting 20:00
Wed 5Youth Race 18:00
Thu 6.....copperas Race 6 18:30
Sat 8..... Lundy Race
Wed 12.....Emergency services Rescue day
Fri 14.....Jazz Train
Sun 16..... Lundy Swim
Mon 17..... IYC / RNLI yacht race
Tue 18....Lundy de-briefing meeting 20:00
Wed 19.....committee meeting 20:00
Thu 20..... St. Austell Race I 18:00
Fri 21.....RNLI / IYC race & BBQ
Sat 22.....Clovelly Rum race 10:00
Sat 29.....Gig Regatta

SEPTEMBER

Fri 4..St..... Austell II 18:00
Sat 5.....Clovelly Race 09:00
Wed 9..... EGM / open meeting 20:00