



# Ilfracombe Yacht Club

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## NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE COMMODORE

You know that summer is nearly over when you get the “All Boats Out” letter from the harbourmaster; the boat hardly seems to have been “In” for 5 minutes. Nevertheless I think we can safely say that it has been a pretty good summer for the Club.

Since the last newsletter we have had the RNLi race when 9 yachts took Lifeboat personnel on the voyage of a lifetime around Copperas Buoy followed by a convivial meeting back at the Club. The following week saw the Gig Club’s first Regatta, with 8 visiting Gig Clubs it was a resounding success and a splendid celebration was enjoyed in the evening.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of September the Sea Ilfracombe Festival was launched. A day of fine weather and maritime activity around the town. In the club we were entertained to sea shanties and folk music by strolling musicians. Driven by the success of the event it is hoped to have a whole week of activities in future years.

I would like to record our thanks to Bobby, Maureen, Ann, Mo, Kay and Carol for all the hard work they put into providing barbecues at all of these events.

On 9<sup>th</sup> September we held an extraordinary general meeting to resolve the issue of senior membership. There has been a senior membership for some time but we could not find any record or definition of it anywhere. At the meeting it was agreed that Senior Membership would apply to all members who are aged 60 years or over on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. In the case of Family Memberships when the oldest in the family reaches 60 they qualify. This change takes effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 and will not be retrospective. Family members will pay reduced subscriptions as decided by a General Meeting. Currently these are 50% of the normal rates.

Although we formed a quorum at the meeting I did feel that the attendance was disappointing. The Club will be better suited to you if you come to meetings and let us know what you want from it.

We will need help with the Lundy Race in 2010 so please come along to the meeting at 8pm on 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Look out for details of the Trafalgar Dinner and Sunday lunches. I look forward to seeing you there.

*Chris Marman*

### CLUB OPENING TIMES

Just to remind you of the club opening hours as we head towards winter.

19:00 to close Monday to Friday, and midday to close at weekends.

From Boats Out weekend (24<sup>th</sup> October) the winter weekend hours will be

19:00 to close Monday to Saturday and midday to 20:00 on Sundays.

## SOCIAL SIDE

Although we didn't quite get the barbeque summer the weather people promised, we still managed to pack in 5 barbeques during the last month! This means a lot of organising and preparation and my thanks go to all who helped with ordering, shopping, salad prep' and cooking etc., not to mention the gazebo's, lights and a host of other jobs. So much goes on behind the scenes and without such a loyal team these events would not be possible – thank you all.

We are now looking at a winter programme of events and food is always popular, so with this in mind we will be putting on a series of themed food nights. These will be low cost informal events starting with a 'Best of British' Bangers & Mash night on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. If any members have a particular dish or cuisine you love to cook we would be delighted for you to host an evening (all expenses covered by the club). Just contact me or leave a message at the bar.

Sunday lunches are returning to the club with John and Sharon Ward looking after the catering side of things. The first one is Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 13:00 and all you have to do is make a reservation and enjoy your Sunday. Many members already know John & Sharon's expertise in the catering side from various events in the past. They will again be catering for the traditional Trafalgar Night Dinner which this year, in a break from tradition and due to many requests from members, will be on the nearest Saturday to the official Trafalgar day which is Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 19:00 for 19:30. Places are limited for this formal dinner evening so get your money in (£20 per head) and put your name on the notice board to reserve a place.

Boats out this year will be Sat 24<sup>th</sup> October and bacon butties will as usual be available from the club. No official party in the evening this year, but with the wine & beer flowing lets turn the music up and see what happens!!

Quiz nights will also be returning through the winter and although Mike Old has hosted quite a few in the past, any offers to set the questions would be well received so he can join in from the other side of the microphone. Sue & Pete Rawle have already offered the first one on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November starting at 20:00. Usual rules - £1 per head, teams of 4 (ish) and cash prizes.

Cheers

**Bobby**

## FROM THE DIARY

### October

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> ..... Bangers & Mash evening 20:00  
Tue 13<sup>th</sup> .....Lundy Race open meeting 20:00  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup> ..... Committee meeting 20:00  
Sat 17<sup>th</sup> ..... Trafalgar Dinner 19:00  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> ..... Lundy Swim cheque presentation 20:00  
Sat 24<sup>th</sup> ..... ... Boats out

### NOVEMBER

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> ..... Sunday lunch 13:00  
Sat 14<sup>th</sup> .....Quiz night 20:00