



# Ilfracombe Yacht Club

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## NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2010

### FROM THE COMMODORE

We are well into the quiet time of the year as far as water borne activities are concerned but there is plenty going on in the Club. Future events include, notably, the Presentation Night on 27th February followed by the AGM a week later on 6th March.

The Presentation night will be held in the Club, the format being similar to the last 2 years with a sumptuous buffet and general good cheer.

Numbers will be limited so watch out for the list on the notice board.

Please note that any items for the AGM agenda must be lodged with the Club Secretary at least 14 days before the date of the meeting otherwise they cannot be considered. A list for nominations of Officers and Committee Members will be up early in the New Year.

On 26th November the Club hosted Finding Sanctuary who are involved in the establishment of Marine Conservation Zones around the UK coast. The purpose of their visit was to provide information to local users of the marine environment and was well attended by a variety of interests. The zones have not yet been established, nor has the nature of restrictions, but

these will depend on the conservation requirements. However, the needs of users will be taken into consideration when decisions are made. The Recreational Boating representative, Beth Henshall, has agreed to come back in February to give a presentation and discuss any concerns we might have. Beth is a sailor so she understands. Although she cannot make decisions she will be able to represent our interests. The date will be announced as soon as it is finalised so do come along and have your say.

The Committee and Trustees are involved in the negotiations for the renewal of the lease for the Club premises. The main changes will involve us taking full responsibility for the maintenance of the building and the management of the facilities for visiting yachtsmen. This will streamline the running of the premises and will involve a significant reduction in the rent.

By the time you read this, you will probably be recovering from all the good things that the Season brings. Janice and I wish you all a bounteous, exhilarating and fun filled New Year and we look forward to seeing you at the various Club functions.

Chris

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Club subscriptions are now due and should have been paid *before* the end of December 2009. All renewals made before this date will as usual be entered into a draw to be held at the A.G.M. for free membership the following year. Over the past years there have been some changes to the categories of memberships. These were outlined a previous newsletter and can be reviewed at the club. The rates for 2010 are not being increased

## NEW YEARS EVE

Hopefully you should get this newsletter before the 31<sup>st</sup> so come along and celebrate the New Year at the club. We will be ordering **Chinese take away** at 20:30 so come along and join the party.

## SOCIAL SIDE

My thanks this month to Pete & Sue Rawle for another great **Quiz**, unfortunately it clashed with other events, but those who came along had a great evening of head scratching..!

Thanks also to John Gabriel for organising the return **Skittle Match** with Braunton Small Boats & Angling Club. Who won? I was having such a great time I can't remember..!

Thanks again to Ann Clemence for a superb **French Evening** on the 5<sup>th</sup> with good food and good company. Not forgetting thanks to

Ann's Grand Daughter Emma who did a great job waiting on tables.

**Burns Night Supper**, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, starting at 20:00 with Tony Reeves hosting a traditional Burns Supper of Haggis, Neeps & Tatties, all washed down with a wee dram. £10 per head including sweet there is a booking form on the notice board with full payment to the bar.

**Swedish evening**, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, hosted by Mike Elmer. This will be the second part of the DVD about the Swedish ship "East Indiaman Gothenborg". Although this one has sub titles, it covers the sailing of the ship from Sweden to China retracing its original route in 1738. Swedish meatballs will be making an appearance after the film, so come along and enjoy.

**Sunday Lunches** will be available through the New Year so check the notice board and monthly emails for details.

Cheers,  
**Bobby**

## TIDE TABLES 2010

2010 Tide tables now in stock at club £1.30 each

## FROM THE DIARY

### JANUARY

Tue 12..Lundy Race meeting 20:00  
Sat 16.....Quiz Night 20:00  
Wed 20..Committee meeting 20:00  
Sat 23.....Burns Night Supper 20:00  
Fri 29..Swedish night Part II 20:00