



Ilfracombe Yacht Club

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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE COMMODORE

This winter IYC Member Steve White will take on the toughest challenge in sailing when he attempts to break the Solo Non-Stop Round the World record sailing West about “the wrong way round”, against the prevailing winds and currents. This is the 40th anniversary year of the first successful recorded single handed passage made by Chay Blythe in 1971. On behalf of Ilfracombe Yacht Club I would like to wish Steve good luck and safe return on this epic voyage. Follow Steve's progress on www.whiteoceanracing.com See his [promotional video](#) on his site under Media Zone-Video. Steve is certainly keeping up with the club logo:-

IYC reaches parts that others do not

I am organising a coach trip to Portsmouth Docks on a Saturday in the middle of October, for access to the Victory, Mary Rose, Warrior, boat trip around the dock and all the Museums / shops (£15 a head so long as 15 people would like to do this) additional £20 per head for the coach seat. We need 25 people to go for these prices. Gunwarf Quay shopping is the other option for those who do not want to do the dockyard. Start time will be approx 0600 from Ilfracombe returning at 2100. A list will be put up at the Yacht Club please pay Max a Deposit of £20.

Don't forget to visit our website and make use of the new harbour webcam.

Dave Welch

OPENING HOURS

From Saturday 7th August the club will be open from 12:00 Saturdays

NAVIGATION CHARTS

So you would like to have charts for your area, you would like them regularly updated, you would prefer Admiralty Charts, you don't want to spend hundreds of pounds on chart plotters or C-map cartridges and you would like enough change in your pocket afterwards to buy a pint.

So this is your lucky day, go to www.visitmyharbour.com and you will find Admiralty Chartlets and Pilotage Information for 140 Harbours in the Bristol Channel and around the UK. Access to this is free.

Next there is now available 400+ Home Waters navigation charts, these are on-line at full size and resolution. You can view these on your home PC or Laptop, the charts will expand to fit your whole screen area. If you have mobile internet access then you will be able to view these charts on your boat.

Screenshots can be printed and laminated for a durable finish. Access to 400 charts is not free; there is an annual fee of £25. (You will not buy many paper charts for this price).

POWER BOAT WEEKEND

As you know, the Ilfracombe heat of the Power Boat races has been postponed until the **August Bank Holiday**. This change of date will also mean more boats will be taking part and the club will be even busier. Our usual guests, the OCRDA will be holding another round of their championships, but also this year there will be the Class 3B, Class 3C and V24 competing in their National Finals. All offers of help will be appreciated as I expect some of our boat owners will have arranged cruising for that weekend. The format will be the same as in previous years so if you can help please contact Mike Elmer or Bobby Davies. Thanks

ILFRACOMBE RNLI - SEA SAFETY TEAM

Useless Unless Worn

“Even in summer, cold water shock can kill you in minutes. Always wear your lifejacket. Give yourself a chance”

It sounds hard hitting, but it's a slogan based on hard facts. And it forms the basis of the current sea safety campaign being run by the RNLI, the charity that saves lives at sea. You may have noticed this advert in the latest yachting press....but did you recognise the background? *Take another look!*... You'll find a copy of the picture in the Sea Safety poster about Lifejackets located at the top of the Yacht Club staircase.....

While most sea-going leisure craft do carry lifejackets these days, there are one or two things to focus on! In an emergency situation, you need to be 100% confident that they're going to work. Your life, and those of your crew, could depend on it. Apart from returning your lifejackets to a service agent at the required intervals, there are regular checks you can make yourself. A quick inspection of the bladder, the tightness of the CO2 bottle, the condition of the firing mechanism, the outer fabric/stitching and the straps is usually all that's required during the season. If you're thinking about replacing or upgrading your lifejackets, then features like crotch straps, a spray hood, a light, a flare pouch, and an integral safety harness might be worth looking out for.

The RNLI provides free, practical sea safety advice to leisure water users. The Ilfracombe Lifeboat station has two local volunteers – who also happen to be Club members - Mark Rumson and John Clemence – so if you want to chat about lifejackets, epi-rbs, grab bags, anchors, weather, tides and much more over a cup of tea on board or a pint at the bar, then you know who to contact! We're here to share ideas and offer advice – and we don't give lectures!

Also have a look at www.rnli.org.uk/seasafety for more information.

SOCIAL SIDE

Some details of coming events:

The Birdman contest will be on Sunday 8th August and the club will be open as usual from 12:00, so why not pop in for a drink on the way. Sat August 21st sees the Gig Regatta with a BQ on the pier. The award ceremony will be at the club after the races with a buffet running from 16:00.

The Lifeboat race on Tues 26th August will be followed by a BBQ and also a bit of a farewell for Coxswain Andy Putt who is leaving Ilfracombe to take on 'The Lizard'

The Bank holiday weekend sees the Power boats returning and the club will be open from mid day on the Friday with a curry or similar in the evening. Bacon butties will be available in the mornings on Saturday & Sunday and a BBQ and disco will be on the books for Saturday evening.

Looking ahead, September 10 – 12 is the Sea Ilfracombe weekend with a BBQ on the Saturday evening. More details to follow.

Sunday 12 September (19:30) will be a quiz night hosted by Tesco Social Club with Dave Turk as question master.

The annual Trafalgar dinner will be on Saturday 23rd October, so that's another date for your diaries.

Bobby

FROM THE DIARY

AUGUST

Sat 31-Sun 1.....Clovelly Rum race
Sun 1.....Gig Club Sponsored row followed by BBQ
Sun 8.....Birdman on the Pier
Tue 10.....St Austell Race (II) 18:00
Wed 11.....Lundy 2011 meeting 20:00
Wed 18.....R.N.L.I. Rescue Day
Wed 18.....Committee meeting 20:00
Sat 21.....Gig Club regatta
Tue 24.....IYC/RNLI race with food afterwards 18:00
Wed 25.....Copperas race (4) 18:30
Bank Holiday weekend.....Powerboat festival