



Ilfracombe Yacht Club

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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE COMMODORE

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Don Blake who passed away Saturday 8th December. The funeral will take place Monday 17th December at 14:00 at Barnstaple Crematorium and afterwards at Dedes – all are welcome.

Mary has asked for family flowers only, but if anybody would like to make a donation in Don's memory this can be made to North Devon Hospice, through W Pearce Funeral Directors, Wilder road.

Our thoughts are with Mary and the family at this difficult time.

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Due to the downturn in trade in the Club we are having to lose one of our staff. Tracey will finish with us at the end of the year. She has been with us for 18 months and has been a really valuable member of staff. Considering what she has been through, she has always presented a fun, sunny face to the members with a great sense of humour. She will be missed.

There have been some superb events in the Club over the last few weeks and some even more to come. Please, please, try and make it to the Club to support the efforts of the Committee and especially the Social Committee for all of the hard work that they have put in to try and make the Club successful. Come and say hello to some new members and to some of the other members who you may not have seen for a while.

RYA TRAINING

The Navigation course is now booked for the weekend 16-17 Feb at a cost of £50 per head. As the club need to order books & charts etc we require payment with booking, and there is a name list on the notice board – First Come, First Served.

The Diesel Engine course is also booked and Leigh can take a maximum of 6 people at a time. The date will be Sat 1st March with a second six candidates on Sunday 2nd. Both sessions will start at 09:30 in the club and again it will be £50 per head payable with booking and a application list will be on the notice board.

The life saving is still being arranged and it is just a question of co-ordinating the tutor with a suitable time that we can hire the pool. It is looking like late Feb. The First aid is also going ahead, but we are waiting for confirmation of dates.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are now due for 2008 and remain unchanged. Please use the attached form and return it to the club so that the database can be updated or confirmed. Cheques should be made payable to Ilfracombe Yacht Club and cards are also accepted at the bar. All renewals should be made before 31st December and they will be entered into the Early Bird Draw for a free 2009 membership.

Please note that only members who have renewed their membership prior to 31st December will be eligible to vote at the A.G.M. on 2nd February

SINGLE.....	£50.00
FAMILY.....	£75.00
SENIOR SINGLE.....	£25.00
SENIOR FAMILY.....	£37.50
DINGHY PARK.....	£25.00

A Fond farewell to a seasoned sailor

Members of the Ilfracombe Yacht Club enjoyed a relaxed get together in the clubhouse on Friday 16th November, to say farewell and good luck to founder member Ray Comer and his wife Mary, who are moving away inland, to Ottery St.Mary to be with their daughter.

Ray and Mary have been members of the club since just after it's creation over 40 years ago, Ray being one of the first 'trendsetters' of the day to own a fibreglass yacht in the days when the usual sightings were still of wooden or plywood boats.

Ray shared a wealth of experience and encouragement to many a beginner on the seas, Patiently taking young budding sailors (his daughters included) under his competent wing and launching them into the world of seamanship, many of which indeed went on to own and sail their own boats out of Ilfracombe Harbour.

Ray has always been at hand for anyone in need of help, nothing is too much trouble for him, and he is one of those very rare people who you never hear a wrong word said against by anyone.

The evening was enjoyed by all as Ray's sailing years were fondly remembered by viewing an album containing pictures of his former boats, shipmate's and cruises, after which, Mark Rumson reminded all present of each of the boats names and the years that Ray owned them, and also narrated tales of Ray's sailing prowess and skills on trips to such well loved North Devon harbours as Clovelly, Porlock and Lynmouth, as well as the beautiful Island of Lundy.

A farewell gift and lifetime honorary membership was then presented to Ray by IYC President Bob Thompson.

As Ray hangs up his so'wester, we must remember that he is the last in a long line of Comers who have sailed out of Ilfracombe Harbour, many of his family ran tripping boats and earned their living from fishing as far back as Victorian times. Some of you may remember "Ferret" Comer? or Alfie Comer who was an established worker for P&A Campbells in the days when we had the visiting paddle steamers?

We all hope to see Ray and Mary returning to Ilfracombe on many visits, as they will be genuinely missed by everyone who knows them.

FOR SALE.

SIMPSON & LAURENCE. Ackers Windlass, (8mm Chain Gypsy). In good condition, suitable for a Yacht 23ft to 33 ft. Can be seen at the club £60. Proceeds to IYC.

SOCIAL SIDE

Many thanks go to Tony & Mo reeves for a great Auction Day on 17th Nov. Thanks also to everybody who turned up and brought things.

The Christmas draw is now up & running, and will be drawn at the Christmas Party on Sat 22nd Dec. So hurry up and get your tickets for some great prizes.

The Social Committee wish you all a happy Christmas and thank you for supporting your club in 2007. Now, let's see what we can do in 2008...!

DECEMBER

Sat 1st.

Music quiz night with Andy Maslen and questions for all ages. Come along and give it a try starting at 20:00.

Sunday 9th

Sunday Lunch from 1200 – 1500 hosted by Mo & Tony Reeves. It will be 3 courses at £10 per head including a glass of wine. A list will be on the notice board for you to book your table and preferred time. All proceed to the club.

Sunday 16th

Another Sunday lunch this time hosted by the Maslens and Thompsons. Again 3 courses for £10 and a list will be on the notice board.

Sat 22nd

Children's Christmas party & disco from 1500 – 1700. A name list will go on the notice board and we must have the names & ages of children (just in case Santa has something in his sack..!). We must have ten or more children to make this viable.

This will be followed at 2100 by the Adults Christmas party with music, dancing & buffet (£5 per head for the buffet) until late. As we are not booking a disco for this evening bring along any cd's you may wish to party to. There will be a light hearted Christmas Trivia Quiz and the Christmas draw will take place around 23:30

Sun 23rd

Christmas Lunch at the club. A list will go on the notice board as usual, or ring the club to make a reservation. Three courses and coffee for £10

Mon 31st (New Years Eve)

The Malaysian Curry Night hosted by Abbey & Roger Duncan has been postponed until the new year so this will be the traditional NYE party with dancing and chimes into the small hours.. More details in the next newsletter and on the notice board.

JANUARY

Sat 5th

Another terrific quiz night at the club, so come along with teams of four and have a go at winning the cash prizes. Mike Old will be in the chair for this one, but we would like to thank all the question masters who have tried to baffle us over the year.

Sat 12th

Games night at the club. We will be digging out the cards and casino games so come along and see how you get on.

FEBRUARY

Sat 2nd

A.G.M. to be held at the club. More details to follow.

MARCH

Sat 8th

Next years Dinner & Dance has been re-vamped into a ‘Presentation Night’ to be held at the club. It will be a black tie event with buffet, awards and dancing. More details to follow.

DIARY

DECEMBER

Sat 1stMusic Quiz night 20:00
 Wed 5thCommittee Meeting 20:30
 Sun 9thSunday Lunch 1200-1500
 Sun 16th Sunday Lunch 1200-1500
 Sat 22ndChildren’s Christmas party & Disco 15:00
 Sat 22ndAdults Christmas party 21:00
 Sun 23rdChristmas lunch
 Tue 25thXmas Day - closed
 Mon 31stNYE Party Night

JANUARY

Wed 2ndCommittee meeting 20:15
 Sat 5thQuiz night 20:00
 Sat 12thCasino night 20:00

FEBRUARY

Sat 2ndAGM

MARCH

Sat 8thPresentation night
 15th /16thBoats In

WEB SITE

The Club web site is now up and running and regularly updated. There is a page for members to sell boat related bits (called ‘QuayBay’) for a minimum 10% donation to club funds. Why not give it a visit and see what else is there.

www.Ilfracombeyc.org.uk