



Ilfracombe Yacht Club

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NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2008

FROM THE COMMODORE

As I stated at the AGM our priority this year must be to steer the Club towards calmer financial waters. I am greatly heartened by the response by members to the problems we faced. The traditionally barren winter months have been turned around with a number of functions that were well attended. I am optimistic for the future but there is still plenty of work to be done. Special thanks go to Ann Clemence for a splendid Valentines Dinner and John and Gabriella for laying on a very fine goulash. We have a comprehensive programme planned for the future so please come along to as many functions as you can. Cat Jones from the Devon Wildlife Trust is coming to give a talk on local wildlife and how we may be able to help with conservation, it promises to be a very interesting evening-Friday 29th February. Talking of the future we are about to witness the launching of the Ilfracombe Pilot Gig Club. Two gigs are at an advanced stage of construction and are expected to arrive during the spring. The plan is that the Gig Club members will be able to use our premises and in return we will enjoy membership of their club. This arrangement precludes voting rights but if you want to have a go at rowing a gig keep an eye on the notice board.

Jane Gear has worked hard to bring training courses to the club and these are proving popular. However, it is unfortunate that a few people have made bookings but have failed to attend the course. In future we will have to insist that fees are paid at time of booking. This will also apply to pre-booked functions held in the Club. Talking of which, hurry to get your names down for the presentation night on 8th March.

You may have heard talk of the newly formed Harbour Forum which aims to provide representation by Harbour users to the Harbour Board. Bert Gear is our representative on the Forum so if you have any policy issues please contact him.

I was a little disappointed that we left the AGM without a full set of Flag Officers. Since then Bert Gear has kindly offered to act as Vice Commodore but we are still without a secretary.

Fortunately many of the duties are being undertaken by a number of members but I would be very pleased to hear from anyone who could spare a bit of time to co-ordinate their efforts.

With Boats in rapidly approaching I wish you all a safe and enjoyable season whether you are sailors or just enjoy being around the harbour and look forward to joining you at our many functions

Chris Marman

RYA TRAINING

Diesel Engine Maintenance. Cost £50. There will be two sessions, each with only six candidates per session. Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd March. Both sessions 09:30 – 17:30, please state which day when you book.

Sea Survival – Theory & Practical. April 5th start at the club at 09:30 for theory and then to Ilfracombe pool from 15:00 – 17:00 for the practical. Cost £70 - £80 depending on numbers.

Even if you have expressed an interest by putting your name on the notice board, all courses should be booked at the bar and paid for in full. Where there are limited numbers it will be first come first served.

FROM THE NEW 2008 COMMITTEE

Maureen Lowe will take on Memberships

Mark Silvester will be Sailing Officer

Gus Davis will be Maintenance officer

Dave Welsh will continue running the Web Site

Stuart Arnold will take on the newsletter

(Thanks for all your support during the six years I have put this newsletter together, but it is now time to let new blood pass the word around, Mike E)

Dave Ouldcott will continue to run the Dinghy Park

Bert Gear will be Vice Commodore

Still required are Secretary and publicity officer

A request will be posted for volunteers to help with the bar and the shifts required.

Bert Gear is our rep at the Harbour Forum and details of meetings will be posted on the notice board (The Harbour Master remains in charge of any Harbour problems).

Deposit / Full payment will be required when any member signs up for any event listed on the notice board.

ILFRACOMBE COMMUNITY HARBOUR FORUM

Inaugural Meeting 7th Feb 2008

The Inaugural Meeting of the Ilfracombe Community Harbour Forum was held at the Sandpiper inn on Thursday 7th Feb where the **Ilfracombe Yacht Club** was represented by Chris Marman and Bert Gear. Other groups represented were;

- * Commercial Fisherman's Ass
- * Boatmen's Association
- * RNLI
- * Ilfracombe Anglers Ass
- * Ilfracombe Town Council
- * Ilfracombe and District Community Interest Company
- * Ilfracombe and District Tourist Ass
- * Licences
- * Harbour Traders/Businesses
- * Environmental Management
- * N D Sub Aqua Club
- * Ilfracombe Gig Club
- * Harbour Ass.

This meeting was mainly to set out the aims and procedures of the Forum with an introduction by the Chairman of the Harbour Board, Paul Yabsley. A chairman was elected, Bob Thompson and Vice Chairman, Paul Crabb. So as you can see the Yacht club is well represented.

It was a very positive meeting and hopefully things will now start to happen around the harbour.

The next meeting of the Forum is 28th Feb. so if anyone has any points to bring up or needs more information please contact me at the club. Bert Gear

SOCIAL SIDE

Thanks again to all supporters and especially those who helped at the many successful events. These included a delectable and spectacular Valentines Dinner hosted by Ann Clemence, A delicious Goulash evening hosted by John & Gabriella, Mike Old for sharing his birthday party with the club, The R.N.L.I. and Braunton Small Boats & Angling Club for skittle matches and generally supporting the bar..! Any offers to host an event (of any kind) will be appreciated by the social committee and the club will pay costs.

Bobby.

STILL TO COME IN FEBRUARY

Sat 23rd

Music Quiz Night with Rob McConnell starting at 20:00

Sunday 26th

Allo Allo lunch has had to be postponed, watch diary for new date.

Fri 29th

The Devon Wildlife Trust will be making a presentation on wild life at sea. Although with the sailing members in mind, it will be an interesting night for all. Starting at 20:00

MARCH

Sat 1st

St. David's Day – an event waiting to happen, we can't miss this one. Watch notice board for details

Sun 2nd

Mothering Sunday Lunch, hosted by Andy Maslen & Bob Thompson. Book early at the club.

Sat 8th

Next years Dinner & Dance has been re-vamped into a 'Presentation Night' to be held at the club. It will be an 'evening wear / smart dress' event with buffet, awards and disco & raffle. £15 per person 19:00 for 19:30 dinner. Numbers will be limited so get your names on the notice board now.

Sat 15th

Boats In day and party from 21:00 till late with buffet. Music by 'Souled Out Disco'

W/E 22nd/23rd

Easter weekend with raffle to be drawn on Sunday, ticket available now at the bar.

Wed 26th

Ladies night Beauty Therapist Kerry Sturgess will be presenting 'all things beautiful' starting at 20:00

Sat 28th

Quiz night with Mike Old on the mic stats as usual at 20:00

COMING IN APRIL....

Sat 5th

Informal casino night

Sat 12th

Challenge night..! (Hopefully challenging North Devon & Watermouth Yacht Clubs).

CLOVELLY EVENTS

Clovelly harbour have published a comprehensive programme of events over the next few months including regattas, lobster feast and herring festival. See club notice board for full list

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.Ifracombeyc.org.uk

DIARY

MARCH

Sat 1stRYA Diesel Course
Sat 1stSt. David's Day party
Sun 2nd RYA Diesel course
Sun 2ndSunday Lunch
Wed 5thLundy C'tee meeting 20:00
Sat 8thPresentation night
15th /16thBoats In
Easter Sunday 23rdEaster Draw
Wed 26thLadies night 20:00
Sat 29thQuiz night. 20:00

APRIL

Sat 5thCasino night 20:00
Sat 12th Games night 20:00
Sat 19thFalmouth Maritime museum
Mon 21stSt Austell Race I 18:30

EASTER OPENING

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| Good Friday | 17:00 – Close |
| Saturday | 12:00 – Close |
| Sunday | 12:00 – Close |
| Easter Monday | as normal |