



Ilfracombe Yacht Club

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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE COMMODORE

At last the sun is shining, even if it is only for a day or two, and our two major events of the year are behind us; a good time to enjoy some recreational sailing and a glass or three of refreshment in the Club bar.

I mentioned the successful Lundy Race in last month's Newsletter and we have received a lot of positive feedback from out-of-town entrants which bodes well for next year's event (8th August 2009 in case you missed it). We have also had a comprehensive report from Jamie Jameson of the RYA with a number of useful suggestions. These are being studied by the Race Committee and should lead to improvements in the running of the next race.

The other big event was, of course, the Power Boat Grand Prix on the 12th and 13th July. Fortunately we did not have to organise the racing or take part - perish the thought - but we did host them and provide general support during the races. The racing was spectacular as always and the weekend was a great success; our thanks go to Mike Elmer for the considerable effort he put into making sure that things ran smoothly. Thanks also to all the members who turned out to help with traffic control and to Bobby and her team for a superb barbecue.

Continuing on the Social side, we had an excellent quiz night on 19th July hosted by Pete and Sandra, thanks to you both for a very entertaining evening.

I must apologise for jumping the gun and announcing the Gig Club naming ceremony in last month's Newsletter. The ceremony has been put off until later in the year, however, this does not mean that nothing is happening in the rowing world. Crews have been out most evenings and weekends and the Gig Club had their first social event, a barbecue, in the Club. Another successful evening; thanks again to Bobby and team.

I am writing this on a beautiful July evening having just returned from the Club where I met some sailors from Lydney who are visiting Ilfracombe on their annual Bristol Channel cruise. They have come in a variety of craft including Wayfarers and an assortment of Drascombes. Sadly three of their boats were lost to bad weather during the trip down here, fortunately there were no casualties. Nevertheless Good Sailors of Lydney I salute your adventurous and courageous approach to the Sport and hope to see you again next year.

Hopefully the fine weather will continue for a while and some good sailing can be had, and I look forward to seeing you in the bar or on the water.

Chris Marman

POWER BOAT WEEKEND



I would like to say a big thank you to all members and supporters who helped make this weekend a great success for the fifth year running. Without the dedicated help of the Bar Staff, BBQ and Slipway teams the event would not have gone ahead.

I have heard from Max that the money taken over the weekend shows that this event is still worth the effort put in by the club members - Thanks once again to you all.

Mike Elmer

SOCIAL SIDE

This is our summer period & the social side “goes easy”. Please keep an eye on the notice board for any extra events.

Bobby

DIARY

AUGUST	
Fri 1 st	Youth Race 18:00
Sat 2 nd	Clovelly Rum Race 08:30
Sat 16 th	Clovelly Race 08:00
Mon 18 th	Lifeboat Race 18:30 with BBQ afterwards
Fri 22 nd or Sat 23 rd	Cruise in Company to Tenby