

Ilfracombe Yacht Club

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NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE COMMODORE

The Ilfracombe Pilot Gig Project

Following a well attended public meeting advertised in the local press, I am pleased to announce that the Yacht Club are going ahead with this exciting project. We intend to introduce a maritime activity involving the widest possible range of people in our community. By taking advantage of Ilfracombe's existing facilities and opportunities, we see this initiative as contributing greatly to the regeneration of our harbour and town.

Based on a traditional 30 foot design, and made of narrow elm planks, the first gig was built 200 years ago in St. Mawes, and this original boat is still being used today with 6 rowers and a helmsman. They proved to be speedy, seaworthy craft for taking pilots out to vessels on passage and for rescue work. Competition between gigs developed and this racing tradition still thrives today.

New Web Site

This should be on line from Christmas with loads of regularly updated information, articles, and links. Visit www.ilfracombeyc.org.uk

Bob Thompson

FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Last month saw some excellent events at the club including an evening of music and dancing to 'Alan Yates' Unfortunately, probably due to a clash of dates, only a few club members came along for this great night out. With the every increasing demand on social time for families now, it is very difficult to gauge what entertainment members want from their club. If you have any thoughts or ideas let us know by leaving a message at the bar or speaking to me directly. How about when we have a party night, making an evening of it and eat at the club as well - just think – no cooking or washing up – just dancing and partying....

At the end of this newsletter is a diary list which you can tear off and keep in your wallet, handbag or just pin on the wall of the smallest room to remind you of forthcoming events. See you there.

The Christmas draw is now up and running with many prizes. For just 50p a go, you could win a 'Guy Cotton' Sailing Jacket – to name but one prize. Don't miss out and buy your ticket before Christmas Eve

Bobby Davies.

Dinner & Dance – March 3rd 2007

At the Palm Court Hotel, Ilfracombe. Ticket price to be confirmed but will be approx' £20 depending on number of people. A savings club is now running at the club bar for this special night. Save whatever and whenever you like and hopefully by March you will have paid for your night out. Diary the date now and lets make it a sell out.

WHAT'S COMING....

Saturday 2nd December Music quiz with Ray Williams 20:00 start come and test your musical knowledge.

Friday 8th December Christmas decorations time – any help will be appreciated, 20:00

Sunday 10th A festive three course Christmas lunch at £11 per person, with Bookings please through the club (863969). All details will be on the notice board.

Tuesday 12th December Social committee meeting 20:00

Wednesday 13th December Craft fair from 19:30. Come along and support some very talented club members who will be displaying various gift ideas for Christmas. (Enjoy a glass of mulled wine while you browse).

Sunday 17th December Children's fancy dress Christmas party 15:00 – 17:30. A list is on the notice board for your children or grand children to make sure Santa doesn't miss anyone with his sack of presents. Its also a great day for not – so – young at the club watching the faces on the children while enjoying a drink!

Saturday 23rd December Christmas party 21:00 This is it – Christmas is here – make it your club party night.. Celebrate and dance the night away with our favourite D.J. "Night Owl"

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve draw at 18:00. Mince pies and mulled wine and maybe even a prize or two!

Sunday 31st December Come to the club and see 2007 in among friends and like minded people. Dancing through the night and chimes at midnight

EARLY BIRD DRAW

Don't forget the Early Bird Draw, where by paying your 2007 membership before the 31st December, you will be entered into a draw for one year's free membership. (Credit cards are now welcome at the club).

LONDON BOAT SHOW

Instow YC are arranging a bus from Instow to the Boat Show on Jan 13th. Anybody interested should contact Pat at Instow directly on 346560

Message from Donna & John Peters (recently moved back to New Zealand).

Please pass on our thanks to all members of the IYC for the great welcome they extended to us throughout our stay in Ilfracombe. We enjoyed our time in Ilfracombe and will carry our happy memories back to NZ. Please convey to all members that they are welcome to visit us in NZ at any time. Please pass on our email to all members: johnonna05@yahoo.com Our street address is 23A Glen Road, Raumati South, Paraparaumu, Kapiti Coast, Wellington, New Zealand. No phone number yet. Please come and visit us! Lots of love Donna and John.

If you have any comments, suggestions or feedback please feel free to email icysecretary@another.com or forward paper copy for the attention of the secretary at the club.

DECEMBER

Saturday 2ndMusic quiz with Ray 20:00
Tuesday 5thLundy Meeting 20:15
Wednesday 6thCommittee meeting 20:15
Friday 8thChristmas decoration going up (any helpers) 20:00
Sunday 10thChristmas Lunch
Tuesday 12thSocial committee meeting 20:00
Wed 13thCraft night 19:30
Sunday 17thChildren's Christmas party 15:00 – 17:30
Saturday 23rdAdults Christmas party & Disco 21:00
Christmas Eve Christmas Draw Mince Pies etc. 18:00
Christmas Day.....Club Closed
New Years Eve Party night with all the usual NYE stuff! 21:00