



Ilfracombe Yacht Club

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NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2008

FROM THE COMMODORE

With the boats safely out of the harbour we can concentrate on amusing ourselves through the winter months. There has been a full programme of events during November. Attendance at the Halloween Party was disappointing but things picked up a bit the following Saturday with a beetle drive which was thoroughly enjoyed by all of those who came along. The Commodore's Quiz, also, was well attended but I am still getting some funny looks from people.

Not to worry, Mike Old will be back this Saturday. Mike's quizzes are legendary so come early for a good seat. In amongst the entertainment there was a very informative talk and demonstration of RADAR. This prompted a lot of interest from members. Our thanks to John Rice for coming along to show us the latest kit. We finished the week with a Pink Floyd concert on the big screen.

My earlier announcement that the Club would be closed on Tuesday evenings is hereby rescinded and there will be more shows on Tuesdays hosted by Dave Welch. I hear rumours of Mamma Mia, but whatever the show the quality is superb. We can guarantee some great evenings.

There is another busy social programme planned for December. Lists are up for lunch on Sunday 7th and Christmas Lunch on 21st. Places are limited so I recommend early booking.

Gus and his small team have been busy again, in the skittle alley; the Club is now looking pretty smart. Jane Gear is still arranging courses, we have just had an excellent Diesel Engine Course. Please check the notice board and newsletter for future courses.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Chris Marman

RYA COURSES

Now that the winter season is upon us again and the boats (well most of them) are tucked up safely on the shore, it is time to get booked up onto courses again.

We started the season off with a **Radar** demonstration on Tuesday 18th November. Thank you for such a good turn-out for this. I have enough names going forward to put on the full RYA Radar course sometime in January. Anyone interested who hasn't seen me yet please get in touch.



Saturday 22nd November saw another **Diesel Engine Course**, this is proving to be a very popular course and we again had more people wanting to take it than there were spaces, so get your name down quickly if you do not want to miss out on the next one!



There is a **VHF Radio Course** going ahead some time in early/mid December. Anyone interested please let me know in good time.

Don't forget that there is a form on the club notice board for you to put down your name contact number and any courses that you would like to take.

Thanks *Jane* (07876 773404)

NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!

On a totally different tack, for all those who enjoyed my daughters' string trio performance at the club on Valentines night... Jenny with her London Quartet **Midnight Strings** is part of a UK tour promoting their newly released album **Believe** with Thomas Spencer-Wortley (billed by the press as the English Josh Groban). The show/album features Soloists from London's West End.

Jenny being a Devon girl has brought the show to Devon for us to enjoy. This is a wonderful opportunity to see such talent at a local venue and is looking to be a sell out.

Braunton Parish Hall on Wednesday 10th December 7.30pm. £10 See you all there?

Anyone who would like advance tickets please contact me on 07876 773404 - Tickets are going on sale in the bar of 'The Aggi'.

SOCIAL SIDE

The last month was a bit hit & miss with our functions. We do try to vary things but coming up with new ideas is always difficult. We really want to encourage you to use the club as much as possible and if things are not to your liking then please let us know, either personally or through the suggestion box at the club.

A Christmas draw will run from November 29th and will be drawn after the Christmas lunch on December 21st. 50p per ticket. Many prizes.

All Subscriptions are due on December 31st. Those paid by December 31st will be entered into the "Early Bird" draw for a years free membership. This will be drawn at the A.G.M. on Saturday February 21st.

NOVEMBER

Sat 29th Quiz 20:00

Mike Old will be posing the questions in his usual affable style.
Teams of four and the usual quiz rules. Cash prizes.

Sun 30th Table top Sale 12:00 – 15:30

A sale of crafts, gifts & bric-a-brac. £5 per table for sellers (setup at 10:30).
Refreshments available. Phone Maxine (01271 863969) to book a table.
Come along for a browse and maybe pick up a Christmas gift or two.
Your support is required please.

DECEMBER

Sat 6th Wine Tasting 20:00

With a view to providing a different choice of wines in the bar, you are invited to come along and try approx 10 different wines with cheese. Your opinions will be noted along with any other suggestions you might have. To cover expenses a charge of £5 per person in advance is required.
We value your opinions – lets have them! See notice board for details.

Sun 7th Sunday Lunch 13:00 – 15:00

Beef Bourgogne, Various sweets, & coffee. £6 per person.
Booking required. See notice board for details.

Sat 13th Christmas Quiz 20:00

Dave Welch has come up with the questions for this quiz.
Teams of four and the usual quiz rules. Cash prizes.

Sat 20th Concert Night 20:30

Music for dancing (& drinking!)

Sun 21st Christmas Lunch 14:30

John & Sharon Ward have kindly offered to cook & serve a Christmas lunch. Numbers are limited – only one sitting at 2:30. £15 per person. See notice board for the menu and booking form.

Bobby

DIARY

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Sat 29 th	Quiz with Mike Old 20:00
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Sat 6 th	Wine Tasting 20:00
Sun 7 th	Sunday Lunch 13:00 – 15:00
Sat 13 th	Christmas Quiz with Dave Welch 20:00
Sat 20 th	Concert Night 20:30
Sun 21 st	Christmas Lunch 14:30
JANUARY	
Sat 10 th	Quiz with Pete & Sue Rawle 20:00
Wed 14 th	Skittles Match v Braunton Small Boats & Angling Club
Fri 16 th	Talk by Kat Jones from Devon Wildlife Trust
Sat 24 th	Return of the Boozy Beetle Drive
FEBRUARY	
Sat 7 th	Presentation Night Dinner
Sat 21 st	A.G.M.