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The Mudlark

Letter from the Commodore by Darrell Fraser-Holland

You will no doubt be making your sailing plans for the coming season, whether it be a voyage to Ireland or a drift to Thornbury , or maybe Lydney I trust you will enjoy this pastime , Messing about on the River .

The website is having the desired effect, another probable member has contacted us recently and will be at the March meeting, he will be asking for crew to help him with his yacht from Milford Haven to St Pierre. (Another who does not enjoy the long drive and higher costs)

There is less work to be done this year at the Pill, apart from checking the moorings, welding the Leaning Posts, Painting the Club Shed, Clearing the Flotsam off the Saltings by the slip, Painting inside the shed, Welding the St Pierre Pontoon and new boards to be fitted to top of ramp, as I say, not too much to do.

For those of you who have yet to pay your dues, You have until the end of February.

Any queries regarding fees contact Roger Nasey, Hon Treasurer.



If you have computer access and have not signed up yet, pass your email address to Reuben ASAP and join in. If you have no computer we will continue to post paper copy .

The 2006 accounts have been audited and filed.

Finally thanks to all who put in sterling efforts last year, and to those who could not spare the time, perhaps this year you will be in a better position to participate more in club activities.

Rod and Jean Ling are putting together a small programme of activities that will require your support. If you cannot attend, please let someone know and if there is to be a raffle, a donated prize would be in order. (No twice submerged fishing boats please.)



CHEPSTOW AND DISTRICT YACHT CLUB



The MSI is now in local time and with more broadcasts per day & a special offer to obtain your VHF DSC SRC

Important Changes to VHF/MF/HF Coastguard Schedule

As of 01 Feb 2007 the Coastguard VHF broadcast will transmit the MSI every 3 hours starting at 0150 (approx.) and that the Severn Bridge aerial will transmit on VHF Channel 86. This time will now be local time and **NOT UTC**. The idea of the changes is to make them more accessible to pleasure craft and give a more detailed view of the weather conditions. Strong wind warnings etc will still continue to be broadcast on receipt by the Coastguard as well as in the MSI broadcast.

This timing alteration affects the Bristol Channel so anyone bound for West Wales etc. this is the new regime (different working channel depending where you are) but the information is generally as before, with the channel, as always, given on 16 first. All NAVTEX, SafetyNet etc broadcasts remain unchanged.

So, the VHF times (approx.) will be:

- 01.50
- 04.50
- 07.50
- 10.50
- 13.50
- 16.50
- 19.50
- 22.50

Note: all times local & this information is very different to most details given in almanacs and Arrowsmith's In addition don't forget the Ships' Licence is now free! Details on how to amend/apply for new and additional licences (eg hand portable for use on more than one vessel) on-line —see details on our Yahoo Group and for the MF/HF schedule updates.

Anyone who does not have a VHF licence -If four or more are interested we can arrange via SARA a course for £50 per person + licence fee—for further details contact either the Commodore or Rear Commodore

Mooring Work Party

As discussed at our last meeting Colin wants to get all the chains lifted and checked before the coming season, so has arranged three work parties to inspect and arrange the mooring facilities at the Pill.

It should be of key interest to anyone who has a boat in the Pill and I know that you all will want to attend, but just to underline the importance of this - may I remind you that the Club has agreed that it is ESSENTIAL for any members who have a mooring in the Pill to attend at least one of these events.

Sat March 24 ~ 08.00 - meet at the Pill

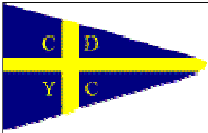
Sat April 21 ~ 08:00 - meet at the Pill

Sun April 29 ~ 16:00 - meet at the Pill

And in case anyone wonders - no, I won't be testing the water this year !



Check your Moorings and support Your Club



Club Member's Special Offers

Our Commodore has secured some special offers for us this month:

Hannson Inshore Distress Fares for day or night use, up to 3 miles from land. Contains: 2 Red hand flares, 2 Orange hand smokes

Price £39.95 del. £14.99 Total £54.94

CDYC price £34.50—includes delivery

Hannson Coastal Distress Flares for day or night use, up to 7 miles from land. Contains: 2 Red hand Flares, 2 Red Parachute Rockets, 2 Orange hand smokes

Price £76.95 del. £14.99 Total £91.94

CDYC price £66.50—includes delivery

Three packs sold, seven to go - Hurry, Hurry, Hurry!

You pay when delivered. We need a minimum order for 10 packs to take advantage of this offer. Cheques to be made out to CDYC (sent to the Treasurer) and delivery will be two days after minimum order placed.



Our guests from NUSC enjoying the Christmas Dinner at the Old Ferry Inn

Club Social Calendar

Rod and Jean Ling are putting together an active social calendar for our club. The provisional calendar is given below, but Rod & Jean have asked that any members who have any ideas for additional events please to contact them direct as they wish to produce a series of events to appeal to all club members tastes, such as inter - club racing, group cruises, site visits and events and shore based social events.

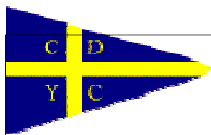
All suggestions are welcome.

Sat/Sun April 7/8 Club Hut “clean up and TLC” followed by
POSTPONED barbeque and bring your own bottle

Friday May 18th Cheese and Wine—Mathern Athletic Club
Social Evening

Thursday 12 July Paddy's Nite—Millers Arms, Mathern

Friday December 14th Old Ferry Inn – Christmas Dinner



CHEPSTOW AND DISTRICT YACHT CLUB

Club Merchandise

We have CDYC Club burgees available. They are made of weatherproof material and look smart on all types of craft, available to members for £10. While land-based, why not continue to display your support the club and have a CDYC car window sticker—these are available at fifty pence each, but with limited stock. Cheques made payable to CDYC with order to Hon. Treasurer Roger Nasey.

Club Mooring Access by Darrell

April 6th is the date for vehicle access across the fields. If the ground is water logged do not drive even if you have 4 wheel drive cars. The landowners will take a dim view of any one seen churning up the fields. Keep to the track marks and lock any gates that you have to unlock. When you park your vehicle and there are cattle in the fields we strongly advise you to erect the electric fence as they have a taste for licking wing mirrors and paintwork and of course rubbing themselves on the what they see as the new rubbing posts.

TimeTeam — CDYC on the TV ! By Darrell

The morning started with Mike telephoning to say thick mist was on the river, I was looking out at brilliant sunshine, Mitcheldean obviously that much higher. We met at 11.30 at Mathern Church, arriving at the Pill around 12, Life jackets and safety briefing given by Roger, I was in the Rib with Elizabeth as crew. After cameras had been set and directions given we set off for Black Rock. Our instruction to avoid getting into camera range meant we had to hang way back. Just out of the Pill the engine on the Rib sounded very unhealthy, had Colin sabotaged my attempt for TV stardom? Undaunted I rowed back to the Pill not wanting to mess about in the River trying to sort things, The fault was a plug lead had come off, (definitely sabotage). To speed things along the Dockerall was towed to various points for the best camera shots and at 4pm the filming was over and back to the Pill.

Thanks to all who took part: Jim Orr, Who has also been taking photos, Mike Anstey for use of his Bayliner, Roger Nasey as safety officer, Peter Hart crew on Bayliner, Colin & Elizabeth Lee for the Dockerall 17 and Rib, Hugh Janson as helm with Colin & to all who loaned lifejackets. We will let you know the date of screening as soon as we know !!

Next Meeting & Raffle — Wednesday April 4th 7.30 for 8.00pm

Our next meeting at MAC will be on 4th April at Mathern Athletic Club. Members are reminded that prompt attendance will help all club business be completed in a professional and punctual manner, before the 'social' aspect of the evening. Please advise a Club Officer if you are not able to attend, it keeps us informed that you are still with us. At our last meeting twelve members attended; so come along and show your interest and support.

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