



THE PENNANT



A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

This is just a short introductory note in my role as Commodore.

As most of you probably know, my wife and I are from Holland but have lived in Wales now for nearly twenty years and in the UK for well over 25 years. We joined the boat club about five years ago and are therefore relatively new members.

Firstly, I consider it a great honour to serve as Commodore and I will do my best to live up to all your expectations and not disappoint in any way.

Our programme this year will include a number of worthwhile projects which will hopefully meet with your approval. The first is the Gents Toilets and Showers which will be started off late April and this project should be completed by mid summer, provided we get enough support for the working parties that will be organised for part of the project.

We shall look at ways to improve the boatyard, the security situation and we are planning a complete refurbishment of the patio in front of the clubhouse.

Furthermore, a medium term budget will be drawn up by the treasurer for discussion by the committee to establish our financial requirements for the next 3-5 years.

Our sailing programme will include some exciting cruises to

various destinations around the Bristol Channel, Devon and South Wales and these will be well publicised. We also hope to make the Cruiser Rally and Club Regatta events varied and interesting. Please do support our cruising programme, Rally and Regatta, as they are wonderful social sailing events where you will have the best opportunity to do some good sailing and also get to know your fellow sailing members.

We are working on a winter programme that will include film shows, quizzes, possibly some musical entertainment and a number of guest speakers, which will re-ignite the involvement of members over the winter months.

As I said in my short inaugural speech at the AGM:

THIS IS YOUR CLUB!!!

It is a good club, but with more active support from everyone it could be a lot better.

Remember, however large or small your contribution, it all goes towards making this club what it is!

I wish you all a good and exciting sailing season.

Dirk Doorduyn

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1 April	Eve Of Season Supper
7 - 9 April	Launch
14 -17 April	Cruise to Gloucester
23 April	Tide Race #1
29 Apr -1May	Cruise to Minehead
7 May	Tide Race #2
13 May	Knickerwister #1
14 May	Day Race #1
20-21 May	Cruiser Rally
27 May	Knickerwister #2
28 May	Day Race #2

EVE OF SEASON SUPPER

Saturday 1st April

Start 7:30 for 8:00

Good Food

Music from the Elastic Band

£10 per head

Phone Chris Roberts on

01495 763426

to book your ticket

SECURITY

As many of you will have noticed the clubhouse is within the grounds of Uskmouth Power Station. Whilst we have certain legal rights to gain access to the club grounds, the Power Station staff also have a duty to protect their property. It is therefore essential that we work with the Power Station staff to help them control access to the site. We can do this by displaying the correct car passes and ensuring that we notify the gate of visitors in advance. If you have lost your sticker – let the membership secretary know, he has spares.

It is also worthwhile pointing out that at the moment we only have a limited number of swipe cards for the power station gate. These have been issued on a strict one member one card basis. We do not have spare cards to give to anybody irrespective of whether you have been a member for a long time, or whether you give a lot of time to the club, or because you live the other side of town. We have asked the Power Station for more cards and they have agreed to supply cards for new members. We may be able to get more, but we will have to pay.

However, the Power Station has agreed that providing a person can demonstrate that they are a member, then they will be allowed in. The gate have a list of members and their post codes – next time you find yourself without a swipe card, all you have to do is stop at the gate, show them your club sticker and give them your name and postcode.

Remember, we benefit greatly from the security provided by the Power Station, a system that has worked well for over 40 years.

The new club gate will come into operation soon. You will need your key fob (the little black thing issued with the club book) to open the gate. This will give us much greater control over access to the club and we can easily deactivate the key fobs that are lost, or for members who do not renew. If you want a spare fob, they are £5 each, contact the membership secretary.

OOD DUTIES

There is an increasing tendency for OOD not to bother turning up for their bar duties and race officer duties. This is unfair to those member who do their share.

If you cannot do your duty, the onus is on you to find a substitute.

Also, if you wish to volunteer for extra duties contact the Rear Commodore.

If you have not yet collected your contact list of committee members from the clubhouse - provided here for your convenience is a "cut out and keep" list for your club book.

NUSC Committee Members 2005		
Commodore	Dirk Doorduyn	01633 484746
Vice Commodore	Chris Roberts	01495 763426
Rear Commodore	Alex Liberson	01633 881463
Mooring Officer	Jim Warrington	01633 483049
Cruiser Captain	Barry Welch	01453 763574
Training Officer	Howard Easton	01291 629087
Treasurer	Robert Lynbeck	01633 676274
Secretary	Steve Woodley	01633 413395
Membership Sec	Andrew Preece	01633 892215
House and Estates	Keith Bradfield	01495 201494
Bar Manager	Bryan Morgan	01633 450209
Bosun	Idris Lewis	01633 278672
General members		
	Mike Jones Downing	01495 221903
	Mel Williams	01633 867190
	Rhian Woodley	01633 413395

WE HAVE A THIEF

Sad to report, but we have a thief amongst us in NUSC. This time, it is not a question of "something left lying around", nor is there much chance that it was an outsider!

The locked metal filing cabinet in the Office has been broken into and manuals and books of use only to a sailor have been stolen. Amongst the items taken are some first aid manuals and copies of Chart 5011, so if you have recently purchased a cheap copy of either of these, please let the Commodore or Training Officer know.

We have in the past had items left lying around which have then disappeared – opportunist theft. We have also had boats broken into, when we have been able to convince ourselves that it was someone from outside the club who was responsible. But breaking into things inside the club is a new development and we need to catch the individual involved. Not nice to ask, but report any suspicions confidentially to a flag officer.

Membership Issues

At the time we went to print, 124 members had renewed and 1 member had resigned. Ron and Margaret Browne have, after 27 years membership, decided to spend more time in their motor home. This leaves a hard core of 43 who are still to pay.

For those of you who paid promptly, a big thank you, especially to the two thirds of you who also returned the membership record form (as requested). For the defaulters, I will be sending your final reminders out soon, a quick reply would be appreciated since it takes time and club money to chase you.

Members will be sorry to hear that both George Murdock and Gill Blakesley have been unwell lately. We wish you both a speedy return to health and hope to see you at the club soon.

And finally, congratulations to George and Kath Murdock who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The New Look Pennant

Astute readers may have noticed a different feel to this issue of the Pennant to those of the last few years. The reason for this is that after more than 3 years Ron Paraman has decided to step down as editor, typesetter, copy reader, printer and delivery boy. I'm sure that you would all like join me in thanking Ron for his hard work on the pennant and for keeping us up to date with happenings at the club.

The plans for the Pennant from now on, are to move towards a shorter newsletter format that will be issued approximately bi-monthly. In addition to this we will still have a special edition where longer articles will be published. So if you are stormbound in Padstow, neaped in Ilfracombe or bored in Blaina write up your cruising stories and send them in to me, Andrew Preece at the club or by email to aquila@nusc.co.uk.



NUSC Sailing Programme 2006



Day	Date	Event	Race	Start	HW	Height
Friday	07 April 2006	Launch			1523	9.4
Saturday	08 April 2006				1634	10.1
Sunday	09 April 2006				1729	11.1
Friday	14 April 2006	Cruise To Gloucester			0820	13.1
Saturday	15 April 2006				0853	13
Sunday	16 April 2006				0923	12.9
Monday	17 April 2006				0954	12.8
Sunday	23 April 2006		Tide Race #1	1430	1612	11.1
Saturday	29 April 2006	Cruise to Minehead			0847	14.3
Sunday	30 April 2006				0927	13.9
Monday	01 May 2006				1006	13.2
Sunday	07 May 2006		Tide Race #2	1400	1545	10.1
Saturday	13 May 2006		Knickertwister #1	1815	2007	13
Sunday	14 May 2006		Day Race #1	0930	0824	12.9
Saturday	20 May 2006	Cruiser Rally			1115	1301
Sunday	21 May 2006				1230	1417
Saturday	27 May 2006		Knickertwister #2	1815	1959	13.6
Sunday	28 May 2006		Day Race #2	0930	0824	13.4
Sunday	04 June 2006		Tide Race #3	1130	1321	10.3
Friday	09 June 2006	Portishead Docks Rally			1811	12.2
Saturday	10 June 2006		Tide Race #4	1700	1856	12.6
Sunday	11 June 2006		Day Race #3	0900	0716	12.6
Tuesday	13 June 2006		Knickertwister #3	1915	2109	13.2
Sunday	18 June 2006		Tide Race #5	1100	1251	12.1
Saturday	24 June 2006	Cruise to Lydney	Knickertwister #4	1700	1850	12.6
Sunday	25 June 2006		Day Race #4	0900	0718	12.6
Tuesday	27 June 2006		Knickertwister #5	1915	2109	12.8
Sunday	02 July 2006		Tide Race #6	1015	1157	11.4
Saturday	08 July 2006		Knickertwister #6	1545	1737	11.7
Tuesday	11 July 2006		Knickertwister #7	1900	2012	13.7
Sunday	16 July 2006		Tide Race #7	1000	1146	13.2
Saturday	22 July 2006		Knickertwister #8	1600	1740	11.5
Tuesday	25 July 2006		Knickertwister #9	1900	2013	12.9
Saturday	30 July 2005		Tide Race #8	0915	1056	12.2
Friday	26 August 2005	Cruise to Watermouth			0931	12.9
Saturday	27 August 2005				0958	12.7
Sunday	28 August 2005				1023	12.4
Sunday	03 September 2006		Tide Race #9	1330	1524	10.2
Friday	08 September 2006	Cruise to Burnham	Knickertwister #10	1900	2029	14.9
Saturday	09 September 2006				0853	14.6
Sunday	10 September 2006				0936	14.7
Saturday	16 September 2006	Regatta			1245	1431
Sunday	17 September 2006				1400	1605
Sunday	30 September 2006	Cruise To Bristol			1207	10.2
Sunday	01 October 2006		Tide Race #10	1130	1313	10.2
Saturday	14 October 2006	Recovery			1220	10.2
Sunday	15 October 2006				1130	10.2