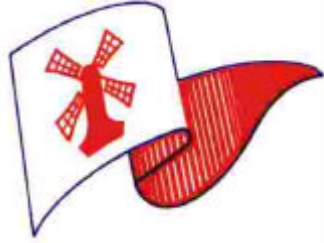


PINMILL SAILING CLUB



CIRCULAR NOVEMBER 2004

Commodore's Column:

Suddenly, the end of the year is in sight. In the Diary column of this Circular we are looking ahead to Christmas and the New Year celebrations, so I would like to draw your attention to them. Before doing this, however, I must say a big 'thank you' to Jackie and Jo for the superb Laying-Up Supper they cooked on 9 October. It was a sell-out and they, together with waiters Jenny, Jack, Henry, Elisa and Bea, worked very hard. I also want to thank Jake and Marjorie Cleyndert for putting on a most interesting photographic Competition on 16 October. It was well-organised with a good selection of photographs and Phil Chatfield judged the winners after giving his constructive views on every picture.

DINNER DANCE & PRIZEGIVING is not so far away (13 November) and I would like to thank all members who have already booked their tables. To those who haven't got round to it yet, please send off your forms and cheques a.s.a.p. We would like to see you there!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. A week after the Dinner Dance on 20 November, the AGM will be held. There is a full Agenda and we're hoping for a good attendance.

SUNDAY LUNCH AT THE CLUB. The November lunch takes place the day after the AGM, and I know this will be a popular and enjoyable occasion.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY LUNCH AT THE CLUB. Another treat in store. For the first time, Jackie and Jo are cooking a Christmas Lunch for us (on 19 December) – I can't wait.

SHANTIES & DITTIES is one of the most popular events in the Club calendar and will take place on 4 December. We all love to sing along with and be entertained by the talented group High Water Mark. Can we look forward to another vignette pantomime, I wonder? Let's hope so. We still have some beautifully illustrated Club Song Books, which will be for sale on the night.

CAROL SINGING ON CHRISTMAS EVE will start at 19.30 hours and I'm looking forward to this very much, as I missed it last year.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BUFFET PARTY Jackie and Jo will be putting on an excellent buffet to see us through the New Year celebrations.

Bryan Cook

Commodore

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Diary

Saturday 13 November
19.30

Annual Dinner Dance & Prizegiving at Waldringfield Golf Club.

Saturday 20 November
20.00.

Annual General Meeting at the Clubhouse.

Sunday 21 November *
12.30 for 13.00

Lunch at the Clubhouse

Saturday 4 December
20.00

Shanties & Ditties at the Clubhouse

Sunday 19 December *
12.30 for 13.00

Christmas Lunch at the Clubhouse

Friday 24 December
20.00

Carol singing at the Clubhouse

Friday 31 December *
20.00

New Year's Eve Buffet Party.

*for these events, write your name on a list on the noticeboard or contact Jackie Fookes (01473 328311)

if you wish to come to these functions.

Club subscriptions – The treasurer writes

This year the Club's General Committee has decided to recommend an increase in annual subscriptions. This is not a decision that was taken lightly and I must let you know how we came to make it.

The Club has had a fairly good year, managing to increase revenue and decrease costs, but although we will try our best to continue these trends, they cannot be guaranteed.

Over the last few years significant changes have been made to the Clubhouse: improvements to the front, the foredeck and the new windows which hopefully you will all agree have transformed things. These were not cheap and as a result, our reserves have dropped.

We know there are some repairs that will have to be made sooner rather than later and that there are other improvements to be considered. We therefore think it is prudent to raise a little more money.

The annual subscription has not been increased for 4 years and even at the new rates, we believe the Club proves good value for money, especially compared to others in the area.

The new subscriptions recommended to the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 20 November are :-

Existing subscriptions are:-

Single	£40	Single	£36
Household	£70 *	Household	£60*
Junior	£20	Junior	£18
Cadet	£10	Cadet	£6

*which includes all people under 18 living at one address.

Tim Grove
Hon Treasurer.

Sailing, Bye!

The air is filled with autumn chills and the boats are entering their winter hibernation. It's almost over for another year. How was your sailing this year everything you hoped it would be?

Mine wasn't but is your Hon Sailing Sec here to grumble: not at all. You can't buy memories of going aground, losing your tender, losing your engine, not finishing any race, etc, etc, so clearly I'm quids in. And anyone catching me near the Clubhouse bar and willing to listen to my tales of woe, can count on a steady flow of tinned mild to ease their pain.

How was it overall though? Well, the 3 Clubs series was a success again and although PMSC didnt retain the trophy we lost by a very narrow margin (1.5 points) and both we and Orwell are keen to keep the series going next year. The cruises were a mixed bag really. A slow start up the Deben was followed by the roaring success of St Katherine's but then the Wrabness weekend had to be shortened due to poor conditions. Nevertheless, congratulations to our Commodore for all his hard work on each of them.

The Regatta went very well. Strong winds meant shortened courses but that seemed to be well received and everyone arrived back safely. A very convivial evening in the Clubhouse and not a protest to be heard. Sadly the Ladies Race (the only Club race this year) had no support. Will there be a call for it next year I wonder? I'll have to ask them.

Does this mean that absolutely no trophies will be awarded at our Annual

Tuesday 11 January 2005
08.15 at the Venture,
Chelmondiston, see tear off
slip attached to this
circular.

Christmas is coming

Yes, it's that time of year again. Time to start wondering what to get the sailor with everything – well don't forget PMSC merchandise. You can order rugby shirts, polo shirts, fleeces, etc for Christmas delivery. Added to the Club's range this year are 18" (fly) burgees and an exquisite lapel badge. If you are looking for something really special, there are the panoramic photographs by Matthew Brook a 360 view of Pin Mill and an excellent 180 view of Goes. Take a look at the website for a preview, or look at the real things on the wall in the Clubhouse Bar.

See the order form attached to this Circular, for our complete range. Please Order by 14 November

Lee Foster

Dinner Dance on 13 November? In fact not! As I type, there before me is one time trial and two cruising logs, with time still left for other logs to arrive.

And then will it then be all over? Well, not for me. My boats is not coming out and I expect to spend many a clear winters weekend avoiding shallows and retrieving tenders. I'll tell you all about it next year!!

Best wishes

Laurie Thomas

Hon Sailing Sec

London Boat Show

Following the success of last year's coach trip to the London Boat Show in its spacious new home at the Excel Exhibition Centre in London Docklands, it has been decided to run it again next year – details as per the tear off slip attached to this Circular. Note the ultra low inclusive price!

As before, the trip will be open to members of other local sailing/yacht clubs. Priority will be given to applications from PMSC members in the first instance, but from 1 December onwards, places will be allocated on first come first served basis. So the message is don't delay! Request your place as soon as possible preferably by e-mail to simplify and keep down the cost of subsequent communications. Then complete and send in you tear off slip and cheque to confirm your booking.

Don't worry too much about your cashflow though, as cheques won't be banked before early December. In the meantime you can keep an eye on the Boat Show website www.schroderslondonboatshow.com and have a good old daydream about all the boating goodies you'll be able to afford to buy, with the money saved on the normal cost of travel and entry to the Show.

Rick Kirkup

Library updates.

Two more books have been added to the Library. The first is Dutch, (though in both English and Dutch) about the old Zuiderzee, accompanied by many photographs of places and people. It was presented by Val Stone. The other is a collection of photographs of wrecks round the East Anglian coast going back to 1868.

For those who have been aground, or had difficulty in negotiating the Hard at low water, help is at hand. The Permanent Service for Mean Sea Level of The Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory in Liverpool, recently announced that the sea level over the past century has risen by 2 millimetres per year. Over the past ten years, this has increased to 3 millimetres. This effect coupled with the reported slow tilting of East Anglia downwards should ease problems with the Hard. (Details in New Scientist 2 October last page 73).

A large number of books and charts have been presented to the Library in memory of Max Pennington. Normally the larger or traditionally sized charts cannot be accommodated, because although they could be of interest to members, suitable storage is not available. The charts with this latest presentation however, are of the smaller folded variety and can therefore be stores on shelves. Members are warned that along with pilot books stored in the navigation section, small charts are out of date. They do however provide a guide for those planning a cruise. If a final decision is made to sail, then of course he latest information should be obtained.

Fred Everitt has also presented a number of books from his marine collection. Thanks to him also.

Tony Cowley

Hon Librarian

Photographers go from strength to strength.

A record 68 photos were entered in the Nautical Photographic Competition on 16 October and our judge, Phil Chatfield, was very impressed with the high standard of all the entries. He was delighted to see what he described as "lots of lovely photographs", and discussed each of them in an instructive and absorbing talk that evening. Members may not realise that everyone, not only the competitors, is invited to attend Phil's discussion of the entries on the evening of the Competition. Make a note for next year, you'll find it fascinating.

Judgement was difficult, but after much consideration the results were given as follows:-

1st prize to Clare Thomas for 2 views of Emeline at the Colne Smack Race 2004

2nd prize to Keith Waite for Simba Nimbus (a cloud closely resembling the Lion King)

3rd prize was awarded jointly to Renee Waite for Pin Mill Dawn and to Pat & Stuart Grimwade for Iken Evening

The following were Highly Commended:

Graham Cameron for Heeling over

Marjorie Carter for Baltic sunset

Clare Thomas for William at the Colne Smack Race 2004 (b/w)

Renee Waite for A Glimpse of the Orwell

Jake Cleynert