

ALEXANDRA

Yacht Club Founded 1873

Club Update

In the last newsletter I express the emphasis for the AYC this year is to make the club's jetty good again.

This is for the benefit of ALL members whether you are a sailor or not, the Jetty MUST be made safe and secure, this was not an option.

John Foster put together a programme of immediate works needed and offered his services to the club for free.

For this programme we needed to raise a minimum of £3,000. With an aim to completed most of the works by the end of May, in time for the start of the sailing session and before the school summer holidays

The above target is in addition to the existing ongoing jetty fund which helps to pay the jetty rent etc, this fund will continue and be ongoing to ensure we maintain the jetty in good order.

As, I said previously we did not have an option we have to make the jetty safe and secure with immediate effect.

For those who have been down the club in the last few months would have seen that we have started the work, the jetty is being transformed.

The jetty has had new fencing, new decking applied, an observation area has been created with seating so you can watch the race or just sit and relax. We have more work to undertake but the jetty is on its way to becoming on of the best jetty's on the foreshore, do I sound excited, of course but there are always hurdles..



Jetty: Race Officers table, Observation & Seating area.



Jetty: New Decking

Our hurdle are funds they are limited. We have started various fund raising schemes and with the help of John Graves who very kindly put up a loan which has allowed us to commence the work.

We currently have in place various fund raising schemes to help us raise the target of £3000.00. Todate we have managed to raise just over half of the £3000.00 but we need to raise at least another £1500.00 plus.

More support is needed in order to reach our target you can help us by either....

1). Sponsor A Plank

(Min suggested donation of £20.00 per plank for this you can make a dedication which will be placed on a board in the club forms are in the clubhouse).

2). Make a Pledge

(You can pledge an amount and pay your pledge by installments of up to 10 payments).

3). Other fund raising events, such as raffles.

If, you have not already helped and would like to support your club please see form on page 5.

To all those who have either sponsored a plank or made a donation or support the fund raising raffles todote - thank you, special thanks to Peter Scott for his very generous donation towards the jetty fund.

Without this support we would not have been able to undertake the immediate works, so I must take this opportunity to express my thanks to those involved.

To John Foster for providing all his labour to undertake the works for free and to his team of helpers: Maurice, Chris, Dean, Bob, John Graves, Carol, Tony, Martine, Andrew, John Bryant and for Ann who has made the refreshments.

Huge thank you to John Graves for the loan, without this we would not have been able to commence the works.

The enthusiasm and commitment to the work that John Foster and his team have given to this project has been unbelievable.

Thanks, to Vic & Lesley who do a lot of work in the back ground so we can get on with the work on the jetty. Stan Diggins, Chris Gibb for liaising with the council. To Linda who is never ending looking for ways to raise funds.

Once the jetty is completed we will be holding a launch party in July or early August.

Please see full sailing programme and updates on sailing activities on sailing page - Well done Sailing Committee.

The Galley (Club House Kitchen)

We are pleased to announce that club's kitchen (the galley), is completed. Huge thank you to Dean and John Foster for all their hard work and to Lesley & Vic for their support and hard work.

Sunday lunches will commence on 4 July please see club notice board for details and advertisement on page 4 in newsletter.

Vote of Thanks to Others...

This is the first update since the last newsletter published in Feb, so its my first opportunity to thank others who over the last few months have helped the club raise much needed funds for the clubhouse.

Helen & Shaun McCann for putting on the Cabinet Night at the AYC on the 20 March, the event was well supported and enjoyed by all who attended. Shaun has offered to put on another event - so please watch the dates for your diaries and club notice board.

To Beverley & Ian Wildish for organising the "egg painting competition" and to Barry & Pam Harvey for their support on Easter Monday and Airshow Weekend.

Huge thank you to all the members who worked in the club house over the airshow weekend, these are members who give up their free time so others can enjoy the airshow.

I must not forget the Monday quiz night team who as always continue to help raise much needed funds for the club.

If, I have forgotten anyone please accept my apologies..

Now for some more important club news.

Land Surrender

Whilst of course the jetty is very important to the club, the other very important project on the horizon is the land surrender. For those members who may not be aware the AYC had been in discussion with the council in regard to surrendering some of our land.

With the commencement of the work on the steps near to the clubhouse and with some of the landscaping they are doing around the club house, the land surrender discussions are active once again.

The surrender of the land is something that will effect the future of the club. We hope by surrendering some of the land this will free up the burden of trying to keep the grounds in good order however this will come with conditions.

This will be an entire project in its self and we hope to provide you all with an update in the very near future as to what has been discussed with the council and the terms of the agreement and how we plan to manage this project.

Ending on a lighter note, we have several social events happening in the next few months, we have a Race Night this Saturday 19 June and the popular band the Receeders playing at the AYC on Saturday 26 June, please try to come along and support these events.

Gary McKay - Commodore AYC

RESULTS OF THE EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Draw was held on Monday 12 April, the Winning Ticket was 483 - Mrs Sue Richardson who has very kindly requested that the prize to be given to Little Haven Hospice for Children. The Egg was hand delivered to the Little Haven Children's hospice by Gary on Friday 16 April (receipt on club's notice board). The raffle raised £180.00 for the jetty fund, thank you to all who support this raffle. Little Haven's was very pleased to receive this gift for the children. Other winners were Deb, Jock, Atlantis, Phil Coe.

WINNER OF THE DVD DRAW

Drawn on Monday 31 May at the end of the final day of the Airshow. The winner of the DVD was Naomi McKay, runner up was Maurice Jardine who won a bottle of wine. The draw raised £280.00 towards the jetty fund.

ARE YOU A WEB MASTER ?

The AYC needs a Web Site so we can promote the club and all its activities.

Can you help ?

Are you a member who can design and maintain a web site for us.

If, you can help in this area please contact Linda McKay on 01702 335806.

WANTED ANY UNWANTED GIFTS OR ITEMS THAT CAN BE SOLD IN A BOOT SALE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE JETTY

If, you have any items that you would like to donate to the AYC so we can sell them in a boot sale to raise monies for the Jetty Fund. Please leave the goods at the clubhouse marked up for boot sale, if you need someone to collect please leave message at clubhouse.

AYC SAILING - 2004

Rear Commodore Sailing - Maurice Jardine.

We are very excited that the Sailing has commenced at the AYC with the first event took place on Sunday 16 May. The event was a great success and enjoyed by all. The AYC will continue to build on this success with further racing and sailing events, including some fun events.

The jetty has now largely been made good (still a few thousand nails to go). My special thanks to John Foster and all those members who volunteered to help make the jetty secure. It is a tribute to their hard work that this was done to start with the sailing season. Many thanks and a special thanks for all those who helped and all those who have already pledged to donate monies to support this important club project.

I am also pleased to announce that Greg Solkhon who is involved with the sea cadets and has a mirror dinghy at the club was elected the AYC Cadet Captain at the last sailing meeting. Greg hopes to get more young people sailing at the AYC.

Hope to see as many of you on the water soon and make a note in your diaries that the mid season sailing supper is held on Saturday 10 July please do try to attend even if you have not been on the water yet !

DON'T FORGET THE NORE RACE

SUNDAY 27 JUNE, we would like as many members as possible taking part for more details please contact Maurice Jardine or John Foster.

If, you are interested in sailing please contact Maurice Jardine.

AYC SAILING PROGRAMME 2004

Date	Start Time	High Tide	
Sunday 4 July	13.30	14.25	Summer Points
Sunday 18 July	12.45	13.58	Trophy
Sunday 1 August	12.45	13.29	Summer Points
Sunday 15 August	12.45	13.05	Summer Points & Commodores Day
Sunday 29 August	12.30	12.45	Summer Points
Sunday 12 September	12.00	12.00	Summer Points

REGULAR SAILING MEETINGS - FIRST WEDNESDAY IN EVERY MONTH

Regular sailing meetings will be held on the **first Weds in the month at 8.00 pm** for all those members who are interested in sailing or getting on the water they are welcome to attend.

PETER SCOTT - AYC SAILING MEMBER - In the Fastnet Sailing Challenge in June.

Peter Scott long time member of the AYC has been selected to participate in the Fastnet Sailing Challenge in June this year on behalf of the Children in Crisis Charity. Peter who has solicitors practice in Elm Park decided to mark the completion of his first decade in practice with the week long race from Portsmouth to Kinsale in Southern Ireland. Seven 38ft yachts will race the around the legendary Fastnet Rock and return to Portsmouth on June 19th. Each crew member is committed to raising at least £2000 for the charity.

If, you would like to made a donation to this charity which provides education, healthcare and protection to the most disadvantaged children of the world and support Peter by making a donation, forms are available in the club house. We wish Peter well and hope that he returns safe and look forward to reading all about his adventure in the next newsletter.



Chris Brookes sailing with Greg Solkhon



Greg Solkhon in his Mirror.



Greg Solkhon with his father and Alexandra McKay with her father getting ready for a sail.

Some of you may remember the first edition of the "All At Sea" a sort of soap about life in a Yacht Club. Every scenario is purely fictitious, as are all the characters. So here we go again.

"ALL AT SEA – SECOND EDITION" by Barbara Morris

"What on earth are you doing with that?". Susan was starting at her brother George who was turning a guilty shade of pink as he tried to hide the smallest sailing Trophy, a miniature copy of a TEOD, behind the Guinness pump at the bar. "I.....I just thought it needed polishing. The silver looks quite tarnished and with the winners presentations next week "I....:" , Susan turned around and with a grunt stormed out of the bar.

In the past two weeks, three of the clubs trophies had mysteriously vanished from the cabinet and the one person she did not ever want to suspect was her own brother. He was after all the Commodore !

The cadets were having their last race of the season. Competition was fierce. Either Peter or Justin would win the series as both twelve year olds had a natural ability to race their mirror dinghies to the maximum and both wanted to win. In a gusty 17 knot wind they were tacking to the windward mark when suddenly a loud crack foretold disaster for one of the small boats as the mast came crashing down onto the head of perhaps the most promising young sailor the club had seen in many years. Justin let his sails flap into the wind as he turned to see his best friends' boat floundering and looked horrified to see a small trickle of blood dribbling down the side of the hull.

Jill and Martin had only been members of the Yacht Club for three months since they had moved, because of Martins work commitments from the Midlands to the South Coast. They had only previously had experience of sailing on their holidays on the Norfolk Broads but both had an aching desire to own their own boat and sail further afield. As they strolled hand in hand down the steps of their newly found social haven of the clubhouse Martin stopped abruptly, took Jill in his arms, and speaking almost in desperation he whispered 'Darling, lets get married very soon".

Jill stared lovingly into his eyes and a tear trickled down her cheek. They kissed long and tender....

TO BE CONTINUED

JON and JENNY NOW PRESENT SUNDAY LUNCHES AT THE AYC

Starting on 4th July from 12.30pm to 3.30pm.

Prices will start at £6.95 for a two course meal (main course and sweet). Tea and coffee will be available.

Please put your name down on notice on club's notice board or contact Jon on 07881 546841.

Last booking accepted will be Saturday 3rd July at 4pm.

ADVERTISE IN THE NEWSLETTER

For a 'small' donation to the club, you can place an advertisement in the club's newsletter and we will also create a poster for the club's notice board, if you so wish.

Please contact Linda McKay or email on linda.mckay@dtint.co.uk

MEMBERS ADVERTISEMENT

Ever tried Greece for your holiday?

Porto Heli, on the Peloponnese is a wonderful place and is perfect for a relaxing holiday. It has something for everyone, except 'Lager Louts' and 'Package Tour enthusiasts'. It has the largest natural and very safe harbour in Greece, and is a great base for a good sailing holiday. And for those who don't want to be on board constantly, we let out our apartment, which is in the village and overlooking the bay. It sleeps 4/6 and has all necessary facilities. You can hire sailing boats/dinghies on a hourly/daily basis, or sail with our friends on 'The Two Lisas', they are experienced sailors. Porto Heli does not have large white beaches, but lots of beautiful bays, reached by either walking, car or boat.

Porto Heli also has many different Tavernas, shops and supermarkets and even an open-air cinema. Noisy Discos are out of town, so you will not be disturbed by loud music. It is the idea place to de-stress.

Cost for the apartment is £150.0 – £250.00 per week.

Anyone interested, call Alan or Eve on 01702 309449/Fax 316 969

e-mail eve.Poulton@virgin.net - Our website - <http://freespace.virgin.net/eve.poulton>



EVENTS

******* RACE NIGHT THIS SATURDAY 19 JUNE *******

**Ticket £5.00, includes entrance to Races, One Free Bet Per Ticket
Disco and Ploughmans Supper**

******* The Receeders - Saturday 26 June *******

**Popular Band - Rythem & Blues Band Playing Live at AYC
Tickets £5.00 on sale at clubhouse.**

Mid Season Sailing Supper - Saturday 10 July

More details will be posted nearer to the date.

Commodores Day - Sunday 15 August

**This years Commodores Day will have the theme of 'Pirates'
Sail commences at 12.00 hours followed by the Commodore Walking the Plank
After sailing buffet in clubhouse, with the compliments of the Commodore.
ALL MEMBERS AND FAMILY WELCOME.**

End of Season Sailing Supper - Saturday 10 November

More details will be posted nearer to the date.

MONDAY IS THE REGULAR QUIZ NIGHT

*****NEW*****

FUN GAMES NIGHTS

All the old favourite games, bridge, solo, dominoes

**If, you are interested please come along John Foster is looking to commence this
on TUESDAY 29 JUNE from 8.00 pm, anyone with crib board please bring with you.**

No winners as such, just fun.

MORE EVENTS WILL BE ORGANISED - PLEASE CHECK CLUB NOTICE BOARD

WATCH THE "EURO 2004" AT THE AYC

Phase One Matches:

Sunday 13 June	- France v England	-	19.45 (France 2, England 1)
Thursday 17 June	- England v Switzerland	-	17.00 Kick Off
Monday 21 June	- Croatia v England	-	19.45 Kick Off

Quarter Final

Thursday 24 June	- Runner Up 'B' England may be playing	-	19.45 Kick Off
Friday 25 June	- Runner Up 'A' England may be playing	-	19.45 Kick Off

Semi Final

Wednesday 30 June	-	7.45 PM
Thursday 01 July	-	7.45 PM

FINAL

Sunday 4 July	-	7.45 PM
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