



# Civil Service Sailing

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## “It’s 2009! Where shall I go sailing this year?”

CSSA members are certainly spoilt for choice.

How about Netherlands, or western France as far as La Rochelle? ECYD.

Or, the Clyde estuary, the Hebrides and West Highland Yachting Week? 5KSC.

Or, Devon, the Cornish coasts, Channel Isles or northern France? CSD.

Or, perhaps racing in the Solent, to France, or the Fastnet Rock! CSORC.

This is an exciting choice for members, friends and family. Plus there’s all the usual training, taster days and introduction to sailing events.

It’s good value too - see inside!



Artful Dodger is lifted out (5 Kingdoms Sailing Club - 5KSC)

**WINTER!** Whilst some of our dinghy sailors brave out the winter cold in the appropriately named “Icicle Trophy” at Littleton Sailing Club - for the Association’s yachts it’s time to do some serious maintenance.

Despite longer sailing seasons these days all of our yachts will be ashore this winter for maintenance, routine on the one hand, dealing with those deeper nagging problems on the other.

In wishing all our members a very **HAPPY NEW YEAR**, this is also a good time to say a big **THANK YOU** to the Yacht Husbands and their teams of volunteers for all the work they do to keep us safely and happily afloat, both now and through the sailing season.

As an Association we are very lucky to be able to call on such a wide range of marine and related skills amongst our membership.

There are still opportunities to join in and help with the winter maintenance! Not all jobs require a marine engineer’s or sailmaker’s touch; there is much to learn - all without the fear of getting wet! Some Divisions have even perfected the art of winter maintenance by re-inventing it as a social event! If interested, why not take a look at the Offshore Divisions’ contacts and get in touch?

Wishing you all the very best of sailing in 2009!

David Richards, Editor

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## Commodore's Corner

### Eddie Pope, Rear Commodore (Dinghies) talks about, "OUR CHALLENGE"



I saw a short article in the Littleton Scene about this time last year looking for a volunteer for the role of Rear Commodore (Dinghy) in the CSSA. The rest is history!

My interest in sailing started when my father build a kit boat rather like a smaller version of the Mirror in the early 1960s. It had a single cotton sail, but was mostly used for rowing. It fitted on top of the car and was taken on camping trips and to local lakes. I then developed other interests and went to college, but enrolled on a dinghy sailing course in the mid 1970s. I was truly hooked and quickly bought my first Mirror, which I used to sail in the Menai Straits off Anglesey where my parents had a holiday cottage. On joining the Civil Service in London in 1977 I joined Littleton Sailing Club, which had a very active Mirror fleet. I have sailed ever since.

I have moved around a lot with my job, and am now a member of Littleton for the third time. There are still many familiar faces from when I originally joined, and I think it is a great club. I have owned numerous classes of dinghies and currently have two small singlehanders, a Byte and a Comet. I still enjoy competing in open meetings and championships. Next year my wife and I plan to buy a boat to sail together in Derbyshire, where we are renovating a cottage. But that's enough about me!

The critical challenge for CSSA is to gain new Civil Service members and their families. The question is how to achieve this? Dinghy sailing should be climbing on the crest of a wave, following continued Olympic success and completion of the new Olympic venue at Weymouth. But there are lots of competing attractions for

today's young people. Dinghy sailing is not an "instant" sport. It takes time to learn how to sail well, which can be frustrating for those with competitive instincts. Despite encouragement my own children only sail occasionally, and are much keener on other sports. So I appreciate the scale of the challenge. We all need to work together to attract new members, and this has to include marketing and branding. All ideas are welcome. The first main opportunity is the March 2009 Dinghy Show at Alexander Palace, where Fishers Green are organising a stand. We need to follow this up with other publicity and by offering sailing opportunities.

#### What's on? Dates for your Diary.

##### Winter Maintenance - all Offshore Divisions

An interesting opportunity to understand more about the inner workings of our yachts. Help our experienced teams prepare for a trouble-free sailing season in 2009. See club reports and websites for details.

##### 5th February, 1930hrs @ Littleton SC. "Racing across the Atlantic!"

Steph Hills talks about her experiences in the Round the World Clipper Race on "Durban 2010 & Beyond".

##### 12th February, 1930hrs @ Littleton SC. Civil Service Offshore Racing Club - CSORC - AGM.

AGM, plus hear the latest on plans for the 2009 season, including the Fastnet!

##### 29th March @ Littleton SC -Victory Trophy

The tough dinghy competition against the armed services!

##### 23rd April, 1800hrs - CSSA AGM

Our Association's AGM (& Prize-giving) at CSSC's London Recreation Centre in Chadwick Street, SW1P 2EP

##### 1st - 5th June, Inter-Departmental Regatta - IDOR

Meeting Sunday evening at Port Solent, racing based in Cowes, this is a big, enjoyable event for teams on chartered yachts.

Pete Shuttleworth [pete@shuttlewortho6.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:pete@shuttlewortho6.freeserve.co.uk)

##### 18th - 19th July, CSSC Civil Service Dinghy Championships, Netley Cliff SC.

Netley Cliff will again be hosting the Dinghy Championships. The quality of venue and legendary hospitality make this an event not be missed. Please put in your diary now!

## The Late Alan Pitt, Hooe Point Sailing Club

Members will be saddened to learn of the death, on 1st October 2008 of Alan Pitt. Alan had been an active member of the CSSC at Chatham and Plymouth for many years. He was a longstanding member of our Association, serving as a previous Commodore of HPSC and at the time of his death, as Secretary. Our sympathies go to his family and friends: he will be greatly missed locally particularly for his enthusiasm and dedication to all matters sailing.

## CSSC Sailing Day

We try and be good partners to the Civil Service Sports Council - and on their part CSSC like to understand what sailing, and in particular CSSA, is all about. Hence an annual sailing awayday. As you would expect, with our Vice Commodore Rob Stephens at the helm all went well. Rob reports on their day aboard Sea Essay: -

"On Wednesday 27 August Marion Holmes, Chief Executive of CSSC, and six CSSC representatives were taken for a day sail in Sea Essay, the CSD yacht. For those unfamiliar with the delights of offshore sailing it proved a stimulating event and everyone asked questions about how CSSA is organised and operated. The weather was ideal and enabled a trip over the Solent to Cowes for a light lunch before returning to Mercury Yacht Harbour in the afternoon.

These annual trips provide a valuable opportunity for CSSA to show what it has to offer and enable CSSC staff to speak from first hand experience when marketing sailing as a CSSC sport."

## CSSA online.

We have a new Webmaster. John Holland who also manages the ECYD site has volunteered and has taken over responsibility for our web site at: -

[www.cs-sailing.org](http://www.cs-sailing.org)

John has already updated aspects of the site and has put together a Privacy Policy for ECYD that is likely to also be adapted to cover this aspect of CSSA online.

We have also agreed with CSSC to work together to share information on sailing and ensure better links and accurate, timely information on our sport. John can be contacted on:-

[john@ecyd.org.uk](mailto:john@ecyd.org.uk)

## Membership and Publicity

Which comes first I wonder?

Readers will see that more than once in this newsletter we raise the issue of needing an influx of new members. We have an ageing membership and we need to be sure that if, for example, one of our skippers retires, there is a new one to take on that role. No need to panic just yet, as we have a very high usage rate for our yachts - over 90% - which is excellent. However, we must plan ahead, especially as this is an issue for all parts of CSSA, dinghy clubs and offshore alike.

One of the problems facing us on publicity is the difficulty in getting "inside" Government Departments and Agencies. The trend is for internal communication with staff to be Intranet based. These are Intranets to which CSSA volunteers do not generally have access - unless you happen to be on the workforce. Yet the Intranet is an ideal way for us to promote our organisation and attract new people. CSSC promotes sailing within CSSC membership, but faces similar problems.

So if you think you can help us promote CSSA within your organisation, through your Intranet, or even by just letting us know who is the best sports and leisure contact - please do get in touch. It may save you having to sail singlehanded in the future! Thank you!

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[Ken Pavitt - kenpavitt@aol.com](mailto:KenPavitt@aol.com)

### Annual General Meeting 2009

The 51st Annual General Meeting of the Civil Service Sailing Association will take place on 23rd April 2009, commencing at 1800 hours., at: -

The Civil Service Recreation Centre,  
1 Chadwick Street,  
London, SW1P 2EP

Further information about the Centre, including map/directions is online at: - [www.cssc-london.co.uk](http://www.cssc-london.co.uk)

A full agenda, the CSSA Annual Report and Financial Statements will be published in the March edition of *Civil Service Sailing* and online.

Following the AGM, members are invited to raise any matters for discussion, after which a free buffet will be available.

## **EAST COAST YACHT DIVISION**

### **Another successful year has flowed beneath our keel**

The list of boats that ECYD has purchased over the years is a tribute to the club and its active members. From the second-hand but much loved Saoirse, a West-erly Konsort bought in 1985, to the present Freyja, a beautiful 12 metre Najad, things just get better and better. Except for one thing: the difficulty of recruiting new CSSC members to join us. Strange really. A beautiful boat; training courses at half the price charged by others; and sailing to and in some of the most interesting waters in the world. One would think there would be queue.

Last year after the early Cobweb Rally and sailing in local waters off Harwich and the Thames estuary, Freyja headed for the Baltic again; but to new waters along the north German coast between Travemunde and Stralsund, an attractive Hanseatic port. Route to get 'on station' was as usual across the North Sea to IJmuiden and along the canal to Amsterdam. Up through the inland sea and across northern Holland to the Kiel Canal. Ahead the Danish islands and the fairly sheltered waters of the southern Baltic. In contrast to the very attractive islands of Denmark the north German coast is at first sight fairly bleak. But that's deceptive. Punctuated along its length are towns and cities just out of sight that are attractive as anywhere. And thanks to investment by the EU the new marinas are superb. Five star in fact. Warnemunde near Rostock has just got to be seen to be believed. Granite-topped washbasins, dark polished timber and power showers. And that is just for starters. This is the life. Come and join us. And bring the family too.

### **Freyja...very nearly paid for...**

At the AGM in November at The Roebuck in Ware, John Hall treasurer of ECYD had an up-beat message for members. With the support of a further interest-free loan from CSSA the original loan from HSBC had been completely cleared. Loans from CSSA now total £34,500 and he was anticipating that it too would be completely repaid within two years. Originally we thought it might take us up to 8 years to pay for Freyja, but all things being equal 6 years is definitely looking possible.

Bad news is that we now have to pay for a year-round berth at Shotley Marina. In the early years when it was half-empty we paid a reduced rate for a berth at the

start and at the end of the season. But now its £3,500 a year. Take it or leave it. But the location is perfect and the marina staff are an excellent team.

### **Looking forward to the 2009 season**

Plans for next year are well advanced, though this early in the year still not quite set in stone. Freyja will start the season with the usual series of training courses and local sails for prospective members and those who want to brush up their skills.

Then we have planned a short expedition to southern Netherlands. It's been some time since we were last there and a crew who sailed past bringing back Freyja from the Baltic reported that it was idyllic. So we are going to do a quick dash to check it out. Fortunately with the Euro and the pound being 'off' we will be able to victual the boat in Harwich before setting off. Then it's down to the western coast of France for the summer season. We seldom get very much further than Brest, which is a pity as the coast has much to commend it. But we are definitely going to La Rochelle this year.

How? By exploiting the blue water capability of Freyja. We are planning an Ocean Yachtmaster qualifying cruise next year and it's planned that we should have a taster cruise this year. So if you fancy joining our 'blue water crew' the chance is there.

### **Berths for crews this summer**

ECYD tries very hard to try and ensure that all those members who want to sail over the summer have the opportunity to do so. Skippers for each of the slots have to put together crews, but are usually very happy to take members who approach them through the club's crewing bureau.

John Miller, the bureau's secretary, puts details of free berths he knows about on the club's website; but is also very happy for members to phone or email him for advice and information. Want to know whether a skipper is likely to 'gel' with you? Ask John. Want to know what sailing is like along a particular coastline? Ask John. If he doesn't know the area personally he knows somebody who does.

**For the latest information on available berths visit our website: [www.ecyd.org.uk](http://www.ecyd.org.uk)**

### **Getting ready for next year**

Last year Freyja sailed some 5200 miles, with the engine running for 780 hours. While away on the long trip crews serviced the engine twice. And just to make things inter-

esting tracked down and fixed an intermittent fault on the newly installed bow thruster. And let's not forget the gear control cable that needed replacing. All this by 'amateurs'. You can spot a mile off those who have helped with the winter maintenance of Freyja and her predecessors.

Almost every Sunday from January through until the end of March small groups are helping our yacht husband Tom Tooley get Freyja ready for the next season. The work is simple and good company almost a given. There are new skills to learn and it's also the ideal opportunity to explore nooks and crannies. You will never have a better chance to prepare for the time things stop. As they inevitably will. Come and join them. Full details and contacts are on the website.

### Novice of the Year

Paul Rose a long-standing ECYD member has sponsored an ECYD award for those new to sailing: Best Novice. Committee found it very difficult to choose between the two finalists, Elaine Parsons and Jason French. Both throw themselves 100% into what they do; are keen as mustard to become better sailors; are fun to have on board and are both good cooks. So how to differentiate between them? Committee decided to go with the novice who: went over the side into freezing April water to free a weed-encrusted canvas strop jammed between the hull and rudder. And as a squall bore down when the Furlex jammed in the drum came forward without being asked to help the skipper tame a flogging genoa and secure it round the forestay. As he said afterwards: "If this is what is expected of beginners, just what does ECYD expect of its skippers?" it won't be long before he knows the answer to his own question. Jason is already a Day Skipper.

### Our thanks....

Training is as important a feature of ECYD membership as any. Most, if not all, come to ECYD without much cruising experience. They quickly pick that up sailing with us, but also soon recognise that 'sailing with a purpose' makes things even more enjoyable. Following a structured course makes sure you pick up good habits and cross the 't' and dot the 'i'.

Every year we offer a series of value-for-money RYA courses with qualified and experienced RYA instructors, all members of ECYD. But they don't just happen. Somebody has to organise dates, take and control bookings and send out joining instructions to everybody, instruc-

tors included. For the last three years Jackie Dyett has done an admirable job, but is standing down in 2009. But for the past year Jackie has been working very closely with John Miller in the Crewing Bureau who has agreed to take it under his wing. At the AGM a motion thanking them both was passed enthusiastically.

Full details of the 2009 training programme are also to be found on the ECYD website.

**More information is to be found on the ECYD website, including details of skippers able to offer berths on the summer long trip.**

**[www.ecyd.org.uk](http://www.ecyd.org.uk)**



*Aboard Freyja crossing the North Sea*

### WANTED

A member of CSSA who is also a member of the Civil Service Retirement Fellowship.

If you belong to both organisations, are you the person who could help to prepare an article on sailing with CSSA for the Civil Service Retirement Fellowship Magazine "avant"?

If you are, please contact our Editor .

David Richards: -

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<b>ECYD - Freyja Early Season Plan</b>	
18:00 Sunday 5 April to	<b>Shakedown cruise</b>
18:00 Wednesday 8 April to 18:00 Monday 13 April (Easter weekend)	<b>Five days available for private charter</b> Book Freyja with the Yacht Secretary Hilary Tyrell : <a href="mailto:yacht_sec@ecyd.org.uk">yacht_sec@ecyd.org.uk</a>
18:00 Monday 13 April to 18:00 Wednesday 15 April	<b>Boat handling plus familiarization for new skippers</b> Bookings through Crew Bureau
18:00 Wednesday 15 April to 18:00 Friday 17 April	<b>Boat handling, Start Sailing Taster cruise</b> Bookings through Crew Bureau
18:00 Friday 17 April to 18:00 Sunday 19 April	<b>Introductory weekend, Start Sailing</b> Bookings through Crew Bureau
18:00 Sunday 19 April to 18:00 Friday 24 April	<b>RYA Competent Crew/Day Skipper course</b> Bookings through Crew Bureau
18:00 Friday 24 April to	<b>Private charter weekend</b>
18:00 Monday 27 April to 18:00 Wednesday 29 April	<b>RYA Radar course</b> Bookings through Crew Bureau
18:00 Wednesday 29 April to 18:00 Friday 1 May	<b>Boat Handling Course</b> Bookings through Crew Bureau
18:00 Friday 1 May to	<b>Cobweb Rally</b> Berths available through Crew Bureau
noon Monday 4 May to	<b>Outbound to Netherlands and local cruise</b> Private charter
noon Monday 11 May to noon Monday 18 May	<b>Netherlands local cruise</b> Private charter
noon Monday 18 May to noon Monday 25 May	<b>Return from Netherlands - Seetime for club members</b> Bookings through Crew Bureau
noon Monday 25 May to	<b>RYA Coastal Skipper Course</b> Bookings through Crew Bureau
18:00 Saturday 30 May to 18:00 Monday 1 June	<b>Boat handling course</b> Bookings through Crew Bureau
18:00 Monday 1 June to 18:00 Saturday 6 June	<b>RYA Competent Crew/Day Skipper course</b> Bookings through Crew Bureau
Departure for long trip sometime between Sun 7 and Sat 13 June, depending on the target destination and if one or two crews take part.	For two x 8 day slots, i.e. one crew to Brest, another to La Rochelle, depart Sun 7 June; For one 10 day passage, depart Sat 13 June. Jean Rehill co-ordinating ; <a href="mailto:jeanrehill@ecyd.fsnet.co.uk">jeanrehill@ecyd.fsnet.co.uk</a>
noon Tuesday 23 June	<b>Southern Brittany charters</b> : slot 1 starts Private charter begins the summer Brittany charters.

## 5 Kingdoms Sailing Club

the northwest yacht division of the Civil Service Sailing Association

### Annual report 2008

2008 has been a good year for 5KSC. Club members have shown renewed drive, commitment and enthusiasm for *Artful Dodger*. Positive feedback from trainees, cruisers, racers and skippers has far outweighed concerns. We have improved our financial position. We have added to our register of skippers. *Artful Dodger* has now completed 6 years with the Club and has, perhaps, provided the most comfortable season's sailing since coming into our service.

Our 2008 programme closely followed our now well-established format. We lost our winter racing with Liverpool Yacht Club at the beginning of the year because of the closure of the marina lock for upgrades. The work on the locks was completed behind schedule but just in time for *Artful Dodger* to leave, on schedule, for Oban in May. We had a short season of cruising in the Hebrides before a transfer to the Clyde for most of the season. The annual Clyde Muster with the Scottish Civil Service Cruising Club took place in Kilchattan Bay on the southeast corner of Bute. *Artful Dodger* returned to Liverpool at the end of August. The late season saw a series of popular weekend cruises, taster day-sails on the Mersey and racing with Liverpool Yacht Club.

Len Creswell, Chief Instructor and his team of Cruising Instructors provided RYA training and examination on the Clyde and elsewhere producing 2 Certificates of Competence as Coastal Skipper, 2 Coastal Skipper practical, 2 Day Skipper practical, and 4 Competent Crew. The Cruising Instructors provided the RYA practical courses from Introduction to Yachting to Day Skipper and provided all-comers skippered 'sea time' cruises to meet members' demand for gaining experience without formal instruction.

Introductory day-sails on the Mersey have proved very popular with novices and have been over-subscribed. Informal skills honing days have provided opportunities for those with some experience to polish skills ranging from close quarters motoring in marinas to spinnaker handling.

5KSC completed its first CSSC representative event. Unfortunately there was little wind and the officials started only 3 of the 6 scheduled races. On the bright side, *Artful Dodger*

*ful Dodger* finished second in Class.

5KSC took advantage of the rule changes for the Inter Departmental Offshore Regatta (IDOR) permitting entries by CSSA Clubs and our team thoroughly enjoyed the week.

*Artful Dodger* could continue to serve 5KSC well for many more years – but not without the efforts of a committed and skilled maintenance crew. Big thanks are due to Andy Deyes and his helpers for completing essential maintenance and installing upgrades to ensure that *Artful Dodger* remains an attractive, comfortable and dependable yacht. Skippers and crews have also played their part by tending to minor repair work during the season.

Income for 2008 exceeded that for 2007 and will be close to the target turnover of £17,500 for the year. We have increased our business, upgraded our yacht, made our scheduled repayment against our loan from the CSSA, and have a small but comfortable reserve of funds.

5KSC is continuing to provide value for money sailing opportunities for civil servants and their families and friends. The activities of 5KSC have introduced members to opportunities in all Divisions of the CSSA and aboard private yachts both at home and abroad. As always, 5KSC has generated the income needed for viable operation of *Artful Dodger* and this year has generated sufficient surplus to fund further upgrades and assure sustainable development of the Club and its assets.

**Paul Brereton**

**Honorary Captain**

**5KSC**



“Team 5KSC”

## 5KSC's programme for 2009

**Artful Dodger** will be on the hard for winter **maintenance** from January to March. Volunteers to join the maintenance crew are always welcome. Contact one of the 5KSC Officers – contact details below – to be put in touch with the maintenance crew.

**Racing** with Liverpool Yacht Club will be on Sundays from late March through to the end of April. Anyone wanting to know more about the racing calendar should contact **Racing Secretary** Dave Moran [dav3mor@fsmail.net](mailto:dav3mor@fsmail.net) or see 5KSC members info for phone. LYC charges LYC non-members £1 for entry into their races. The boat entry fee is £2.

**Boat handling sessions, spinnaker handling sessions** and **taster sails** will begin at the end of March and through April on Saturdays. Dave Moran has details.

**Cruising** will start in May. There will be the usual opportunity to **cruise, race, and train** in the beautiful **Clyde estuary** and the **Hebrides** from May through August. Handovers will take place in Dunstaffnage (Oban) for the Hebrides and usually Largs for the Clyde. Handover ports are to be confirmed by skippers.

**Skippered cruises** and **RYA practical training (Start sailing, Competent Crew, and Day Skipper)** is scheduled throughout the season both from Largs and from Oban. These RYA courses are also offered, by arrangement, over a series of late season weekends from Liverpool.

Examinations for **RYA certificates of Competence** as Yachtmaster Offshore and Coastal Skipper preceded by refresher training and **RYA Coastal Skipper** training is being provided from Largs in the week commencing 15 August.

Late season will see a mix of **weekend cruises** to **Anglesey** or the **Isle of Man**, more **taster sails** and **boat handling sessions** on the **Mersey** and **LYC racing**. Weekend 2-day cruises usually depart early evening on Friday for an overnight passage and return during the day on Sunday to arrive late evening in Liverpool. Some 4-day cruises are also planned.

## Clyde Muster 2009

A muster of 5 Kingdoms Sailing Club and the Scottish Civil Service Cruising Club is being planned. The date is likely to be in June or August. All welcome.

**For bookings and latest information on yacht and berth availability** contact: -

Dave Moran - [dav3mor@fsmail.net](mailto:dav3mor@fsmail.net), or see [www.5KSC.com](http://www.5KSC.com)

## West Highland Yachting Week - 31 July – 7 August 2009

West Highland Yachting Week comprises a week of in-shore and passage races progressing from Croabh to Oban to Tobermory. Racing starts on Friday 31 July from Croabh and finishes on Friday 7 August in Tobermory, Mull. Full details are posted at [www.whyw.co.uk](http://www.whyw.co.uk)

## CSSC Representative Event

5KSC is making **Artful Dodger** available for a crew of 5 selected to represent the Civil Service in a CSSC representative event. CSSC sponsorship for 2009 is yet to be confirmed. If granted sponsorship should at least cover the charter of the yacht and may be sufficient to cover travel and other expenses.

Logistics for getting **Artful Dodger** to and from the race area are a little complicated and will be arranged to suit the race crew and the crews chartering **Artful Dodger** in the week before and after the event. The best handover port is probably Oban, both before and after the event. Oban is about half a day sailing from Croabh and Tobermory and has rail and coach links to Glasgow and beyond.

Please register your interest in the prospective CSSC/CSSA team with **Dave Moran**.



Anyone for Spinnaker training ?

<b>Artful Dodger's summer season 2009 (provisional)</b>			
<b>Saturday change-over dates:</b>	<b>Type of trip:</b>	<b>Handover port(s)</b>	<b>Berth availability</b>
Saturdays in March & April	Taster sails/skills honing	Liverpool	Berths available
Sundays in March & April	Racing with Liverpool Yacht Club (LYC)	Liverpool	Berths available
2 – 9 May	Passage to Oban	Liverpool/Oban	Berths available
9 – 16 May	Private charter	Oban	Full
<b>16 – 23 May</b>	<b>Sea time/IS/CC/DS</b>	<b>Oban</b>	<b>Berths available</b>
23 – 30 May	Private Charter	Oban	Full
<b>30 May – 6 Jun</b>	<b>Sea time</b>	<b>Oban</b>	<b>Berths available</b>
<b>6 – 13 June</b>	<b>Available for charter</b>	<b>Oban</b>	<b>Berths available</b>
13 – 20 June	Passage to Largs	Oban to Largs	Full
20 – 27 June	Private charter	Largs	Full
27 June – 4 July	Private charter	Largs	TBA
<b>4 – 11 July</b>	<b>Sea time/IS/CC/DS</b>	<b>Largs</b>	<b>TBA</b>
11 – 18 July	Private charter	Largs	Full
<b>18 – 25 July</b>	<b>Sea time</b>	<b>Largs to Oban</b>	<b>Berths available</b>
25 – 29/30 July*	Sea time/IS	Oban	TBA
<b>31 Jul – 7 Aug*</b>	<b>West Highland Yachting Week</b>	<b>CSSC Rep event</b>	
8 – 15 August*	Passage Largs	Oban /Largs	TBA
<b>15 – 22 Aug</b>	<b>CS &amp; Exam</b>	<b>Largs</b>	<b>Berths available</b>
22 – 29 Aug	Sea time/IS/CC/DS	Largs	TBA
<b>29 Aug – 5 Sept</b>	<b>Passage to Liverpool</b>	<b>Largs /Liverpool</b>	<b>Berths available</b>
5 – 12 Sept	Maintenance	Liverpool	None available
Sept & Oct	Available for charter	Liverpool	Berths available
Nov & Dec	Racing with LYC	Liverpool	Berths available

\* The programme over the period from 25 July to 15 August will be finalised to make **Artful Dodger** available to a crew selected to represent the CSSC in West Highland Yachting Week competition.

IS – RYA course – Introduction to Sailing

CC – RYA course – Competent Crew

DS – RYA course – Day Skipper

CS – RYA course – Coastal Skipper

Exam – Informal refresher training followed by RYA practical examination for certificates of competence and Coastal Skipper or Yachtmaster

Dates for Taster Sails, Boat Handling, and Spinnaker Handling may be changed to suit the availability of early bookers.

**5KSC berth fees 2009**

The berth fees for cruising or racing aboard **Artful Dodger** are inclusive of all her equipment - tiller pilot, spinnakers, dinghy outboard, etc. as available. Fees for 2009 are summarised in the Table below.

<b>Charter Type</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Whole yacht / Bare boat charter per week. [7days normally commencing noon Saturdays]	£1050
Whole yacht / Bare boat charter per day. NB: A weekend charter from Liverpool is normally counted as 2 days with start time variable to suit tides.	£150
Training per berth per night. (Crew fees cover skipper's berth fee)	£44
Skippered charter/Sea time per berth per night. (Crew fees cover skipper's berth fee)	£44
River Mersey Day Sail or Race per berth [inc fuel] NB: One lock opening.	£10
River Mersey Skippered Day sail per berth. [inc fuel]	£30
Cruising berth per nightNB: For small crew charters with own CSSA skipper.	£32
<b>Extras:</b>	
Fuel, marina fees, and any other expenses are shared by the crew unless noted otherwise above.	
<b>Additional fees - membership:</b>	
Temporary and Family members must pay an 'Additional Fee' of £5 per day (or part day) spent aboard <b>Artful Dodger</b> in lieu of the subscriptions paid by full members of CSSA.	
The 'Additional Fee' for temporary members holding one share in CSSC is £2.50 per day.	

Training berth and skippered charter fees are set to cover the cost of the trainer's/skipper's berth and include an element to contribute to the Club's expenses. The cost of any course material required, e.g. from the RYA, is additional to the berth fee.

**For bookings and latest information on yacht and berth availability contact: -**

Dave Moran - dav3mor@fsmail.net, go online at [www.5KSC.com](http://www.5KSC.com) (see your 5KSC member information for tel.)

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**CHANNEL SAILING DIVISION - INFORMATION FOR 2009**

<b>CSD Charges</b>						
The following rates will apply for the 2009 season. As in previous years CSD will reimburse skippers for fuel and gas.						
<b>Approved Skipper Private Charters</b>				<b>High</b>	<b>Mid</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Whole yacht</b>	Charter by approved skipper	~ week		£1450	£1250	£845
<b>Whole yacht</b>	Charter by approved skipper	~ 5 days (Mon – Fri)		£890	£760	£545
		~ week day		£178	£152	£109
<b>Whole yacht</b>	Charter by approved skipper	~ weekend		£560	£490	£300
		~ weekend day		£280	£245	£150
<b>Other Club Cruises and Courses</b>				<b>High</b>	<b>Mid</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Per Person Per Day</b>	RYA and CSSA YM/CS Prep Courses (includes marina fees and fuel)			£68	£56	£49
<b>Per Person Per Day</b>	RYA Radar Course (includes course booklet)			£68	£56	£49
<b>Per Person Per Day</b>	Boat-handling Courses (marina fees <u>NOT</u> included)			£72	£60	£54
<b>Per Person Per Day</b>	Introductory / sea time cruises, (club skipper provided)			£54	£46	£34
<b>Per Person Per Day</b>	Introductory day sails, (club skipper provided) *			£34	£34	£34
* These are 0900-1800hrs only; other charters start on previous evenings at 1800hrs.						
Low season: 1 November to 31 March (5 months).						
Mid season: 1 April to 31 May, & 1 to 31 October (3 months).						
High season: 1 June to 30 September (4 months).						
<b>Membership</b>						
There is a Temporary Membership charge of £5 per day for any crew member who is not either a paying CSSA/CSSC member, or their wife / husband or child under 21years of age.						
Temporary membership can only be used for a maximum of 14 days in any 12 month period, before joining CSSA as a Full or Associate Member.						
<b>Insurance Levy</b>						
Sea Time Berths, Day Sails & Training Courses - £1 per person, per day						
Private Charters - £5 per day (charged on the boat, not per person).						
<b>RYA Examination Fees</b>						
These are payable in addition to the above YM/CS Preparation Course fees.						
Current fees (valid from 1 January 2009) are:- Yachtmaster Offshore - £163; Coastal Skipper - £142						
<b>CSD Contacts 2009</b>						
	<b>Approved Skipper's Charters</b>	<b>Sea Time Berths</b>	<b>Training Courses</b>	<b>Days Sails</b>	<b>Skipper Familiarisation</b>	
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**SEA ESSAY - PROVISIONAL SAILING PROGRAMME  
2009**



Sea Essay off the Needles

The Sea Essay provisional sailing programme for 2009 (Pages 13 - 14) shows the usual raft of training, sea-times, day sails, and private charters. Charter bids will be confirmed early in the New Year.

Sea Essay's extended cruise is scheduled for Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August, with a possible extension of up to 2 weeks if there is considerable demand. She will be heading for the south-west with opportunities for sailing south Devon and Cornish coasts, with possibility of visits to the Channel Islands, Northern France or the Scilly Isles, subject to weather.

If you are an approved skipper wishing to charter on this cruise please contact Idris Curtis. Handovers ports are to be agreed between skippers although to ease transport arrangements these might be easiest on the UK mainland or at major ferry ports in Channel Islands or Northern France.

There will be at least one delivery sea-time, providing opportunity for longer passage making, and subject to demand, may also be a sea-time in the South West. If you are interested in a berth on these sea-times please contact Andy Smith.

The full training programme is taking shape and is provisionally shown on the programme. Radar and sail setting courses were popular last year and are being repeated again this year. Please contact Nikki Shearman to express interest in any of these.

There are still a number of approved-skipper charter slots available. Please contact Idris Curtis with your bids.

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PROVISIONAL Sea Essay Programme 2009 (see notes)					
From		To		Type	Skipper
	1 January		30 January	Winter Maintenance	
	31 January	18.00	8 February	AVAILABLE	
	9 February		13 February	Skipper Familiarisation Days	
09.00	14 February	18.00	15 February	RYA Radar Courses (2 x 1 day each)	
	16 February		22 February	AVAILABLE	
	23 February			Maintenance	
	24 February		28 February	AVAILABLE	
18.00	28 February	18.00	8 March	RYA YM(I) Assessment	
	9 March		13 March	AVAILABLE	
18.00	13 March	18.00	15 March	Sea Time	
18.00	15 March	18.00	22 March	CS/YM Prep Course/RYA Exams	
	21 March		22 March	AVAILABLE	
	23 March			Maintenance	
18.00	23 March	18.00	27 March	Private Charter Bid	D Haward
18.00	27 March	18.00	3 April	Private Charter Bid	P Armitage
18.00	3 April	18.00	5 April	Private Charter Bid	N Shearman
	6 April		17 April	AVAILABLE	
18.00	17 April	18.00	19 April	Sail Setting	
18.00	19 April	18.00	24 April	RYA CC/DS/CS Practical Course	
18.00	24 April	18.00	26 April	Sea Time	
	27 April			Maintenance	
	28 April		1 May	AVAILABLE	
18.00	1 May	18.00	8 May	Private Charter Bid	M Foden
	9 May		10 May	AVAILABLE	
18.00	10 May	18.00	12 May	Sail Setting	
18.00	12 May	18.00	15 May	Boat Handling Course	
18.00	15 May	18.00	17 May	Private Charter Bid	G Cartensen
18.00	17 May	18.00	19 May	Private Charter Bid	N Shearman
	22 May			Maintenance	
18.00	22 May	18.00	29 May	Sea Time	
18.00	29 May	18.00	5 June	Private Charter Bid	D Haward
18.00	5 June	18.00	7 June	Sea Time	
18.00	7 June	18.00	12 June	RYA CC/DS/CS Practical Course	
	13 June		14 June	AVAILABLE	
09.00	15 June	18.00	19 June	Group Day Sails - Contact I Curtis	
18.00	19 June	18.00	21 June	AVAILABLE	
18.00	21 June	18.00	25 June	Private Charter Bid (I Curtis)	
	26 June			Maintenance	
18.00	26 June	18.00	3 July	Summer Cruise Sea Time Delivery	
18.00	3 July	18.00	10 July	Summer Cruise Charter Bid	P Armitage
18.00	10 July	18.00	17 July	Summer Cruise Charter Bid	D Collins

## Civil Service Sailing - January 2009

From		To		Type	Skipper
18.00	17 July	18.00	24 July	Summer Cruise Wk4 - <b>AVAILABLE</b>	
18.00	24 July	18.00	31 July	Summer Cruise Wk 5 - <b>AVAILABLE</b>	
18.00	31 July	18.00	7 August	Summer Cruise Sea Time Delivery	
	8 August		14 August	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
09.00	14 August	18.00	16 August	Sea Time	
	17 August		24 August	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
09.00	8 August	18.00	8 August	RYA Radar Course	
18.00	8 August	18.00	10 August	Sea Time	
	25 August			Maintenance	
09.00	26 August	18.00	26 August	CSSC Day Sail	
09.00	27 August	18.00	28 August	Day Sails - Contact I Croft	
	29 August		4 September	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
18.00	4 September	18.00	6 September	Private Charter Bid	G Cartensen
09.00	7 September	18.00	7 September	CSD	
18.00	7 September	18.00	11 September	Private Charter Bid	I Curtis
18.00	11 September	18.00	14 September	Boat Handling Course	
09.00	15 September	18.00	18 September	Group Day Sails - Contact I Curtis	
	19 September		20 September	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
18.00	20 September	18.00	25 September	RYA CC/DS/CS Practical Course	
	26 September		27 September	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
	28 September			Maintenance	
18.00	28 September	18.00	2 October	Private Charter Bid	D Haward
18.00	2 October	18.00	4 October	Private Charter Bid	N Shearman
	5 October		9 October	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
18.00	9 October	18.00	11 October	Sea Time	
	12 October		16 October	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
18.00	16 October	18.00	18 October	Private Charter Bid	L Tait
18.00	18 October	18.00	25 October	CS/YM Prep Course/RYA Exams	
	26 October			Maintenance	
	27 October		1 November	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
18.00	1 November	18.00	8 November	Private Charter Bid	P Armitage
	9 November	18.00	22 November	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
	<b>21 November</b>			<b>CSD AGM</b>	
	23 November			Maintenance	
	24 November		6 December	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
18.00	5 December	18.00	7 December	Private Charter Bid	D Hartland
	14 December		22 January 2010	Winter Maintenance (Lift out 14th)	

## Civil Service Offshore Racing Club

The Civil Service Offshore Racing Club has continued to build up its activities this year with seven events, involving 25 races, successfully completed along with one training event. We had a wide range of results, including a first place.



*Overhauling "Bear of Britain" - Yeah, right!*

The racing was quite a mixture, ranging from exciting and intense "round the cans" races to no less challenging but longer, cross-channel races. We entered four of the Sunsail series, the Interdepartmental Offshore Regatta (IDOR), along with races to Weymouth and Cherbourg.

The Cherbourg was particularly challenging, racing into the teeth of a southerly gale! However the crew did well, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> out of 10 in IRC class 3, and overall 12<sup>th</sup> out of 35 entries (14 didn't like the forecast and failed to start). In the "Seahorse Division" we finished 1<sup>st</sup> out of 5 entries (for club, rather than individual, boat entries), winning the Seahorse Medallion.

In the IDOR the CSORC crew finished third in the Pairs Competition, second in the CSORC Plate and 1<sup>st</sup> in the final offshore race, from Cowes back to Portsmouth.

There were four students for the 2-day training event in September in which spinnaker work, race starts, upwind techniques and other topics were explained and practised. We were keen to provide some experience/training opportunities and were grateful to CSD for allowing us to charter "Sea Essay" for the task.

### 2009 Programme

We are currently finalising plans for next year. The intention is to run a variety of events:

**Sunsail Series** – following on from the success of these events last, they will provide good training opportunities, racing in the Solent. There are four races over two days, each lasting 2-3 hours, with a lively overnight stay in Cowes.

**JOG Inshore Series** – we are proposing to enter 5 races over 3 weekends in order to qualify for the series prizes. These events bridge the gap between the "round the cans" Solent races and cross channel offshore RORC events. The aim is to run these on a high performance asymmetric yacht (J109) which will be of particular interest to CSSA's dinghy and keelboat sailors.

**IDOR** – we will be entering the IDOR again which will start on the 1<sup>st</sup> June.

**RORC Fastnet campaign** - CSORC has regularly competed in this famous race and the coming year will be no exception. The race itself starts on Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> 2009 from Cowes. We are aiming for a larger yacht than usual and are looking to assemble a crew of 10. The entry requirement for the skipper and crew include completing 300 qualifying miles, so we are planning to compete in three of the RORC qualifying races. As these qualifiers provide ample opportunity for training and mile-building, enthusiasm and commitment are more important than depth of experience. We estimate that costs will be around £1500 per person which will cover the charter of the yacht for a training weekend, the three qualifying races and the Fastnet race itself. We think this is excellent value for about 1000 miles of top-quality racing experience! To help keep costs down, we will be applying to the CSSA for Representative Event funding which should also qualify civil servants for special leave with pay (discretionary, of course!). We are planning to have chosen the crew and taken deposits of £400 by the end of February so if you are interested,



*Fancy going around the ragged rock in 2009?*

then e-mail Nick at [csorc@madasafish.com](mailto:csorc@madasafish.com) to be added to our e-mail list.

Any CSSA member is eligible to race with us – we have no separate membership fee. We welcome people of all levels of sailing skill and look forward to hearing from you.

#### CHANDLERY

##### Rectangular CSSA House Flags

##### Triangular CSSA Burgees

Sizes:	Large (30cm x 45cm approx)	£16.00
	Small (20cm x 30cm approx)	£13.00

**CSSA Ties (Polyester)** £10.00

P & P included. Please send your requests to :-

Brian Grubb; - [grubbs@stcross.fslife.co.uk](mailto:grubbs@stcross.fslife.co.uk)

(cheques will be payable to Civil Service Sailing Association).

don't delay, please speak to Nick Bowles, contact details below, for more information on costs, the qualifying race schedule and anything else that springs to mind. The first qualifying race is likely to be to le Havre on 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> May.

**Training** – following the success of the two day training event in September we will hopefully be arranging another in 2009.

We are aiming to publish the race programme, which will contain a list of races that we propose to enter, with dates and prices, on our website, around the time of the AGM (mid February)

#### AGM

The CSORC AGM will be held at the Littleton Sailing Club on Thursday 12th February 2009 at 7.30pm. Any members of CSSA are most welcome.

**New members** - if you're interested in coming racing with us in 2009, especially the Fastnet, and want to find out about upcoming events and the club itself, then please check our website <http://www.csorc.org> or phone Nick Bowles (see your CSORC member information for tel.)

If you want to be notified by e-mail of impending races,

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