



# Civil Service Sailing

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HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our readers! There's many sailing opportunities available to our members this year, so do take a look at what's coming up, ashore and afloat.

Contributors from our Dinghy Clubs & Offshore Divisions report a successful 2009 - my thanks to them for their efforts in providing copy for this magazine! More news can be found in their online news pages (links at [www.cs-sailing.org](http://www.cs-sailing.org))

New members are always welcome, both offshore and at our dinghy clubs. Any ideas on how to best publicise CSSA sailing inside your Department? - if so, do get in touch. Enjoy sailing in 2010! D.R. Ed.

## ECYD - 25 years on the East Coast - the celebration begins!



*ECYD Yacht Secretary Hilary Nixon (above right) presenting the Club Captain Jean Rehill with a set of flags - Echo, Charlie, Yankee, Delta, Two, Five - to be used on board Freyja as recognition pennants for joining crew when she is berthed in 'foreign' marinas during the club's 25th anniversary year .*

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### East Coast Yacht Division - ECYD

#### Happy Anniversary: in celebration of 25 years of leading the way in providing adventurous sailing and practical training for members

This year's laying up supper and annual general meeting at The Roebuck Hotel in Ware was an opportunity for members to start looking back at what the East Coast Division of the Civil Service Sailing Association has achieved over the last 24 years and to plan for a 25<sup>th</sup> year that would make the year a special one for everyone.

Top of the agenda was where to take Freyja next year. The 'long trip' is a unique feature for ECYD. Looking back over the number of ports and anchorages our members have visited over the years is truly amazing. From Bordeaux in the south to Oslo in the north, from Cork in the west and the Aland islands off Finland in the east, just what is left for us to explore?

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## Commodore's Corner

### A note from Eddie Pope, our Rear Commodore (Dinghies)



#### ROSY FUTURE?

It's my turn to pen an article again. I have included a few themes, all with an eye to the future.

Firstly I want to congratulate and encourage our juniors. Fishers Green has featured prominently in the yachting press due to the fantastic success of their Cadet sailors, who are providing half of the UK team at the next world championships. This is not an overnight development, but is testament to ongoing leadership and support from volunteers and parents as well as the dedication and talent of the youngsters. At Littleton there has also been an increase in interest from juniors wishing to learn the sport, and more training dinghies have been purchased. With encouragement some are taking part in club races. Let's hope this keenness continues and that many of the juniors at Fishers Green and Littleton end up working for the Civil Service.

Secondly I want to acknowledge our volunteers. We are lucky to have officers at all our clubs who give of their time so freely. It can prove difficult to persuade people to volunteer for posts, but I am constantly impressed by the dedication and expertise of those who volunteer. Without them some of our clubs would undoubtedly have given up the ghost.

Thirdly I want to look at finance. Dinghy sailing represents good value for money, with it being possible to buy a competitive single-hander for around £1,000 and to join a club for less than £200 per annum. The country is coming out of recession, and one sign is that it is now

quite easy to sell a well looked after boat.

And finally I want to mention the pending CSSC review. CSSA people are resourceful and skilled, and I am confident that we will be able to effectively represent the interests of our clubs.

So in summary I think I have answered the question at the beginning – the future is rosy.

#### EDDIE POPE



Cadets sail at Fishers Green SC

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

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|-------------|---|
| 2 February  | CS Offshore Racing Club AGM at RORC London Clubhouse, SW1 |
| 23 February | AGM - Hooe Point SC                                       |
| 14 March    | Skippers' Training Day @ LSC                              |
| 21 March    | Victory Trophy @ Littleton SC                             |
| 22 April    | CSSA AGM @ CSSC Centre SW1                                |
| 7-11 June   | Inter-Departmental Offshore Regatta (IDOR) @ Cowes        |
| 19-20 June  | CSSC Dinghy Championships @ Netley Cliff SC.              |

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Thanks! David Richards, Editor

## Skippers' Training Day

An invitation from Peter Burry, our Training Officer: -



***“Skippers’ Training Day for 2010 will be on March 14, at Littleton Sailing Club as usual. 1030 for 1100.”***

This year we've been very lucky. The main speaker will be Rod Carr OBE, the current CEO of the RYA. Rod was one of the earliest Yachtmaster Examiners; became Chief Instructor of the old National Sailing Centre (as which he ran a memorable pre-IDOR training course for CSSA in the early 80s) before becoming first Secretary General and then CEO of the RYA. He's been concerned with the UK sailing team at the last three Olympic Games, at which the UK has become the world's leading sailing nation. He'll be talking about some of his Olympic experiences, before going on to talk about cruising. He's a charismatic speaker, so this is an opportunity not to be missed.

It's not just Rod. Other subjects to be covered will include weather on the Web, and the latest news on e-borders. We're hoping for a contribution on cruising sails from one of the big sailmakers, and we'll have the latest news from the RYA's Yachtmaster Instructor Conference.

Timings are 1030 for 1100 start, lunch at 1300, we should finish by 1600.

If you're thinking of coming then please let David Hartland know by e-mail at: -

[david.hartland@btinternet.com](mailto:david.hartland@btinternet.com),

so that we can arrange for sufficient seating, car parking and coffee, lunch & tea (available at a small charge).

Don't miss it!

**Peter Burry**

Travel information can be found at Littleton SC *online*; [www.littletonsc.co.uk](http://www.littletonsc.co.uk) / 'about us'

## In memoriam

The majority of our members will be familiar with the Weymouth Jolly, for a long time a source of enjoyment on the south coast.

Ted Giles writes with some sad news.

"Sadly, I must announce the death of my niece Anne. Veterans of the Weymouth Jolly will remember the silly puzzles set for their amusement and Anne's judging after our dinner at Portland Heights. It is most likely they will remember the way Anne set everybody chuckling as she commanded the floor with her witty comments. I have expressed to Gilbert our sympathy and our thanks."

T.G.

### ***Civil Service Sailing Association - 52<sup>nd</sup> AGM***

*An early note for your diary!*

Members are reminded that the 52<sup>nd</sup> AGM will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010; commencing at 18:00 hours.

The venue is the Civil Service Recreation Centre, Chadwick Street, London, SW1P 2EP

Full details, including our Annual Report and abridged Accounts will be published in the next (March) edition of *Civil Service Sailing* and also online at [cs-sailing.org.uk](http://cs-sailing.org.uk) & [cssc.co.uk](http://cssc.co.uk)

The meeting will include presentations of our awards and trophies and also opportunity for discussion.

Light refreshments will be provided after the meeting.

### **WANTED - on loan to copy & return**

A copy of *Civil Service Sailing* 1987, which includes an article on a passage by member Tom McCall, published July, September or even at the year end, December/January? Please contact the Editor.

## East Coast Yacht Division - ECYD

(continued from front cover)

Truth is, lots of places. If only because over the past 24 years many members have come and gone. But not before they have had the opportunity of sailing to new places with others who already know the waters, if not the anchorages and marinas themselves. Time to once again pass on that knowledge and experience to newer club members.

Up for consideration this year was a Baltic cruise, perhaps as far as St. Petersburg, but certainly to Tallinn and Riga via Stockholm. Maybe through the Gota Canal. For the second time in the club's history.

But in the end members voted overwhelmingly to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> year by sailing around Britain, something we last did in 1993.

We intend to start in the centre of London, within sight of London Bridge and then sail north in one long leg to the Shetlands so as to enable crew members to gain their Ocean Yachtmaster qualifying cruise of 600 miles. Then we are going to 'dawdle' taking Freyja south past the Hebrides and down into the Irish Sea to the Scilly Isles before turning east - maybe with dash to the Channel Islands - before bringing her back to Shotley her home port.

It's going to be really great trip with something to appeal to everyone.

Our plans are reflected in the new logo designed for our 25 years events - in 2010: -

### **Freyja... all but paid for...**

John Hall treasurer of ECYD had positive news for members at the AGM. In spite of having held our charter and training fees for 2009, and significant costs in maintaining Freyja to the high standard expected by members (to say nothing of the new bow thruster and genoa) we had been able during the year to pay off £14,500 of our loan, leaving just £20,000 outstanding. All things being equal we should be clear by the end of next year. Which drew the inevitable question 'When did we intend to buy a replacement?' Given the hard use our yachts have had over the years ECYD have tried to replace them every four or five years before we are faced with really major costs. But well-built that she is Freyja will no doubt sail on for another year or two before she will need replacement. It will be interesting to see what members want to do when the topic will no doubt be a serious issue at the



2010 AGM.

### **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. Seatime slots are put aside to also made sure that there are 'open' berths for those who want to sail on board Freyja. At the end of last year's summer long trip ECYD ran a very successful seatime-cum-training slot on the way home from Brest to the Channel Islands: two Day Skippers and a Comp Crew to show for it. Subject to demand we are considering the possibility of a similar cruise.

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)

### **Come and help us get Freyja ready for next year.**

At the AGM our yacht husband Tom Tooley was able to report that Freyja had stood up well to yet another hard

summer of sailing by members. She had spent 117 days in the water and achieved a near-record utilisation of 91% with 91 days under charter or in use for training and 8 days undergoing planned maintenance before and after the long trip to Brittany. During the whole season she stood idle for just 18 days. She put some 4260 nm under her keel and her engine was used for 693 hours.

Yet for all the hard usage she continues to be pretty trouble-free and there is no doubt that she is well loved by all those who sail her. Her sea keeping qualities are exceptional and even in a gale she is as steady as a rock. Yet she needs looking after to keep her in good condition. During the season she gets regular oil changes and plenty of TLC from those on board to keep her running smoothly. But come the end of the season she needs a pretty good overhaul to make sure she will not let us down the following year. It's nothing very technical (if it is we get someone with the right skills to do it), and most of the winter maintenance is done by members who put aside one or more Sundays to come and help get her ready. It's also a great opportunity to learn more about the boat so that if anything should go wrong you are much better equipped to help deal with it.

Come and join them. Full details, dates and contacts are on the ECYD website.

Incremental improvements to Freyja make a big difference to our enjoyment of sailing her. We have also learnt that some of the options we spurned when we bought her should have been included in our original spec. The hydraulic spring in the kicking rod fitted last winter has made the world of difference to safety on board. No longer does the boom drop down into the cockpit when the topping lift is accidentally released. And this winter we are now looking at fitting the low-level lighting cabin lighting so essential for night passages. In addition while replacing our well-used mainsail we are providing a new sail cover as part of a stackpack to make furling the mon-

ster of the sail that gives Freyja her amazing performance that much easier.

### **Ian Lummus Award**

Most years we are able to look round the club and see a relative newcomer who is making a unique commitment to its success, but who is also making progress at becoming a better sailor. Much like Ian Lummus in whose memory the shield was first presented. This year the award was made to a club member who had progressed from novice to Day Skipper and then Yachtmaster Coastal. And along the way had been a Crew Secretary and was now one of our Maintenance Team Leaders. To tumultuous applause at the AGM the award was presented to Mary Read by Brian Barnes a past ECYD club captain.

### **Where exactly am I?**

What seafarer has never asked that question? And worse found that it was on a shoal which one thought was miles away.

The guest speaker at this year's Laying Up Supper was Richard Dunn, Curator of the History of Navigation at the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich. Richard spoke about the progress that had been made over centuries to improving navigational safety, in particular the instruments and systems that had been developed to provide sometimes fairly accurate, but at least consistent results. His talk was interspersed with tales of shipwreck and tragedy that had driven their development and better charts. Members loved it, even when they were reminded that even with GPS, position was still a matter of probability both for the navigator and the rock one was seeking to avoid. Local knowledge and the Mark1Eyeball still had a role to play in keeping the boat and crew safe.

#### **CSSA 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 & cheques (payable to Civil Service Sailing Association) to:

**Brian Grubb, 64 St Cross Road, WINCHESTER, Hants. SO23 9PS**

<b>Freyja 's early 2010 Season</b>	
<b><i>This is how the early season is shaping up - the club's website is frequently updated with the latest information</i></b>	
18:00 Friday 9 April to 18:00 Sunday 11 April	Five days available for private charter Book Freyja with the Yacht Secretary Hilary Tyrell: yacht_sec@ecyd.org.uk Contact details on the ECYD website
18:00 Sunday 11 April to 18:00 Friday 16 April	<b>RYA Competent Crew/Day Skipper course</b> Bookings through Crew Bureau
18:00 Friday 16 April to 18:00 Monday 19 April	Long weekend available for private charter Book Freyja with the Yacht Secretary Hilary Tyrell: yacht_sec@ecyd.org.uk
18:00 Wednesday 19 April to 18:00 Wednesday 21 April	<b>Practical sextant course – everything you need to know</b> Bookings through Crew Bureau
18:00 Wednesday 21 April to 18:00 Thursday 22 April	<b>Introductory weekend, Start Sailing</b> Bookings through Crew Bureau
18:00 Thursday 22 April to 18:00 Friday 23 April	<b>RYA Radar course</b> Bookings through Crew Bureau
18:00 Friday 23 April to 18:00 Sunday 25 April	<b>Boat Handling Course – your chance for lots of practice</b> Bookings through Crew Bureau
18:00 Sunday 25 April to 18:00 Friday 30 April	<b>RYA Competent Crew/Day Skipper course</b> Bookings through Crew Bureau
18:00 Friday 30 April to 12:00 Monday 3 May	<b>Cobweb Rally</b> berths available through Crew Bureau
noon Monday 3 May to noon Monday 10 May	<b>Outbound from Shotley to London for Open Day then Introductory and Taster Sails</b>
noon Monday 10 May to noon Friday 21 May	<b>RYA /DoT Certificates of Competence Courses</b> Bookings through Crew Bureau
noon Friday 21 May to noon Sunday 30 May	<b>Start of Explore Britain long summer trip Depart pool of London</b>

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)

#### **A REMINDER FOR OUR MEMBERS**

##### **Membership Status - are you paying the right subscription to CSSC for sailing?**

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Please email me to let me know you have upgraded at [kenwpavitt@aol.com](mailto:kenwpavitt@aol.com). Thank you!

Ken Pavitt,  
CSSA Membership Secretary.

## Channel Sailing Division (CSD) 2010

### CSD announce plans for a new yacht for the 2010 season!

CSD is replacing its current Jeaneau 36i with a brand new **Dufour 405** Grand' Large.



- 3 cabin version offering comfortable and spacious accommodation
- Easy sail handling and fast and secure cruising.

To learn more visit Dufour's web site at: -

<http://www.dufour-yachts.com/index.php?id=252>

We anticipate delivery early in 2010 and the boat will be operational as soon as possible after fitting out and full coding for charter and training. We will keep you updated as the situation develops and definitive dates can be given.

**Skipper Familiarisation:** Skippers will need to attend a one day familiarisation event on board the new Dufour 405. Dates will be published once the delivery date is firmed up.

**Skipper Bids:** Approved Skippers should contact Idris Curtis [idris.curtis@ntlworld.com](mailto:idris.curtis@ntlworld.com) with their charter requirements.

**Long Cruise:** A cruise to South Brittany over the period



end of May to mid August is now fully booked, However, in the unlikely event that somebody drops out any Skippers interested in filling such vacancies should contact Idris Curtis [idris.curtis@ntlworld.com](mailto:idris.curtis@ntlworld.com) so that they can be kept on a reserve list.

### Crewing and training opportunities:

- For berths on single **day sails** contact Colin Smith [csddaysails@btinternet.com](mailto:csddaysails@btinternet.com)
- For crewing opportunities on weekend and longer **seatimes** and requests for berths on the long cruise please contact Andy Smith [csdseasitime@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:csdseasitime@yahoo.co.uk).
- For training opportunities please contact David Hartland, [training@channelsailing.co.uk](mailto:training@channelsailing.co.uk)



*Photos courtesy of Marco Marine, Hamble*

The 2010 programme is being developed with the latest version at the time of going to print below. Note that with the new yacht due soon there may be changes to the early part of the season. See the CSD web site for the latest information: -

<http://www.channelsailing.org>



Sea Essay Programme 2010					
From		To		Type <i>Early season dates in red = to be confirmed</i>	Skipper
	4 February		5 March	Delivery and Fit Out of New Boat	
	6 March		12 March	Skipper Familiarisation Days	
18.00	12 March		14 March	Sea Time	
	15 March		19 March	Skipper Familiarisation Days	
18.00	19 March	18.00	21 March	Private Charter	K Jolly
	22 March		26 March	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
18.00	26 March		28 March	Private Charter	P Armitage
	29 March			Maintenance	
	30 March		5 April	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
18.00	5 April	18.00	11 April	Private Charter	R Bone
18.00	11 April	18.00	18 April	CS/YM Prep Course/RYA Exams	
18.00	18 April	18.00	23 April	RYA CC/DS/CS Practical Course	
	24 April		25 April	Skipper Familiarisation Days	
	26 April			Maintenance	
	27 April			Skipper Familiarisation Day	
	28 April		30 April	Day Sails	
18.00	30 April	18.00	3 May	Private Charter	G Carstensen
18.00	3 May	18.00	6 May	Boat Handling Course	
	7 May			Skipper Familiarisation Day	
18.00	7 May	18.00	14 May	Private Charter	M Foden
18.00	14 May	18.00	21 May	Private Charter	D Hartland
18.00	21 May	18.00	23 May	Private Charter (J Burfoot)	A Smith
18.00	23 May	18.00	26 May	Private Charter (I Curtis)	
	27 May		28 May	Maintenance	
18.00	28 May		4 June	Summer Cruise Sea Time Delivery	
	5 June		11 June	Summer Cruise Charter	K Jolly
	12 June		18 June	Summer Cruise Charter	To be Confirmed
	19 June		25 June	Summer Cruise Charter	H Hickson

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From		To		Type	Skipper
	26 June		2 July	Summer Cruise Charter	D Haward
	3 July		9 July	Summer Cruise Charter	C Smith
	10 July		16 July	Summer Cruise Charter	P Sutcliffe
	17 July		23 July	Summer Cruise Charter	L Tait
	24 July		30 June	Summer Cruise Charter	V Crawshaw
	31 July		6 August	Summer Cruise Charter	P Armitage
	7 August	18.00	13 August	Summer Cruise Charter	A Barnes
	14 August		15 August	In Reserve	
	16 August			Maintenance	
	17 August		20 August	Group Day Sails	
18.00	20 August	18.00	22 August	Sea Time	
	23 August			Day Sail	
	24 August			CSSC Day Sail	
	25 August		27 August	Day Sails	
18.00	27 August	18.00	3 September	Sea Time	
	4 September		5 September	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
18.00	5 September	18.00	10 September	Private Charter (I Curtis)	
18.00	10 September	18.00	13 September	Boat Handling Course	
	14 September		17 September	Group Day Sails	
	18 September		19 September	Day Sails	
18.00	19 September	18.00	24 September	RYA CC/DS/CS Practical Course	
18.00	24 September	18.00	26 September	Sea Time	
	27 September			Maintenance	
	28 September		1 October	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
18.00	1 October	18.00	6 October	RYA CC/DS/CS Practical Course	
	7 October		8 October	Day Sails	
18.00	8 October	18.00	10 October	Sea Time	
18.00	10 October	18.00	13 October	Boat Handling Course	
18.00	13 October	18.00	17 October	Private Charter	R Stephens
18.00	17 October	18.00	24 October	CS/YM Prep Course/RYA Exams	
	25 October			Maintenance	
	26 October		28 October	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
18.00	28 October	18.00	31 October	Private Charter	K Jolly
18.00	31 October	18.00	5 November	RYA CC/DS/CS Practical Course	
	6 November		21 November	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	

To		From		Type	Skipper
	22 November		23 November	Radar Courses	
	24 November		28 November	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
	29 November			Maintenance	
	30 November		3 December	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
18.00	3 December	18.00	5 December	Private Charter	D Hartland
	6 December		10 December	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
18.00	10 December	18.00	12 December	Private Charter	K Jolly
	13 December		21 Jan 2011	Winter Maintenance	
	<b>20 Nov 2010</b>			<b>CSD AGM</b>	

- All entries in the programme before 1 May are marked as 'To be Confirmed' and this will be done as soon as we have a firm date for delivery of the new boat into the UK. Fitting out, testing and Coding will take up to a month from that date and the programme has to remain flexible so as to be able to absorb any delays that may occur. The new boat will not be allowed to go out of UK waters until the Registration process has been completed and, as in the past, it could be early May before the Registration Certificate is received.
- All Skippers who intend to take the boat out will be required to attend a **one day familiarisation** before they do so. These sessions will be run by the Yacht Husband team and dates will be confirmed in due course.
- All charter slots on the long Summer Cruise to South Brittany are currently full but any Skippers interested in taking part are asked to contact Idris Curtis so their names can be put on a reserve list should anyone drop out.
- RYA Training Courses - David Hartland, [training@channelsailing.co.uk](mailto:training@channelsailing.co.uk)
- Courses and Examination by External Examiner for Certificate of Competence are available. Please let me know your requirements for Competent Crew, Day Skipper, Yachtmaster (Coastal & Offshore) Boat handling and Radar. Invitations for scheduled courses will be sent out in January to Candidates in strict application order.

### CSD Charges

The following rates will apply for the 2010 season. As in previous years CSD will reimburse skippers for fuel & gas.

**Day Sails.** These are 0900-1800hrs only; other charters and sea times 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).

There is a Temporary Membership charge of £5 per day for any crew member who is either not a paying CSSA/CSSC member or their wife/husband or child under 21 years 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.

The CSSA Associate Member fee for 2010 is £94. (The rate is set at 120% of the CSSC Membership Plus rate, rounded up to the nearest pound).

**RYA Examination Fees** Current fees (valid from 1 January 2010) are:-

Yachtmaster Offshore - £170      Coastal Skipper - £149

These are payable in addition to the above YM/CS Preparation Course fees.)

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### ***Come Sailing on one of the Tall Ships!***



A number of folk from the CSSC sailed on "Royalist" in April this year and I believe that a good time was had by all. A further trip has been organised for 2010 leaving Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> from Gosport, returning Friday 30<sup>th</sup>. The cost this year has only increased marginally to £340 and is cheap sailing for anyone's money.

"Royalist" is a Square Rigger sailing vessel and needs 24 pairs of hands to sail. If you like team work and want a challenge please join us on the trip. No experience required.

Full board and safety gear is included. Wet weather gear available. Secure parking is also available at Gosport. I am

looking for around 18 people - and there is space for around 4 females with some privacy. For further information contact **Tom Power**, Event Team Co-ordinator, CSSC Sports & Leisure.

E-mail: [alr.g6dve@ntlworld.com](mailto:alr.g6dve@ntlworld.com)

Tel: **01993 844853 (Office)**

## 5 Kingdoms Sailing Club

the northwest yacht division of the Civil Service Sailing Association

### 5KSC's programme for 2010

**Artful Dodger** will be on the hard for winter maintenance in February and 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 Dave Moran [dav3mor@fsmail.net](mailto:dav3mor@fsmail.net). 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 be arranged to meet demand from the end of March and through April on Saturdays. Let Dave Moran know you are interested.

**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.

**Skipped/Sea-time** 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 7 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.

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)

### 5 Kingdoms SC Provisional Sailing Programme 2010

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Saturdays in March & April	Taster sails/skills honing	Liverpool	Berths available
Sundays in March & April	Racing with LYC	Liverpool	Berths available
Sat 1 May – Sat 8 May	Delivery	Liverpool – Oban	
8-15 May	Training/Sea time	Oban – Oban	Berths available
15 – 22 May	Private charter	Oban – Oban	
22 – 29 May	Available for charter	Oban – Oban	TBC
29 May – 5 June	Private charter	Oban – Oban	
5-12 June	Training/Sea time	Oban – Oban	Berths available
12-19 June	Available for charter	Oban – Oban	TBC
19-26 June	Delivery	Oban – Largs	TBC
Sat 26 June – Sat 3 July	Private charter	Largs – Largs	
3-10 July	Available for charter	Largs – Largs	
10-17 July	Private charter	Largs – Largs	

<b>5 Kingdoms SC Provisional Sailing Programme 2010 (continued)</b>			
17-24 July	Sea time	Largs – Largs	Berths available
24-31 July	Available for charter	Largs – Largs	
31 July – 7 August	Training/Sea time	Largs – Largs	Berths available
7-14 August	CS Training (exam*)	Largs – Largs	Berths available
14 – 21 August	Training/Sea time	Largs – Largs	Berths available
21 – 28 August	Available for charter	Largs – Largs	
28 August – 4 September	Delivery	Largs – Liverpool	
Neap Weekend in Sept & Oct	Taster sails/skills honing	Liverpool	Berths available
Spring Weekend in Sept & Oct	Cruise Anglesey/Isle of Man	Liverpool	Berths available
Sundays in Nov & Dec	Racing with LYC	Liverpool	Berths available
<b>Clyde Muster 2010</b>			
A muster of 5 Kingdoms Sailing Club and the Scottish Civil Service Cruising Club is being planned. The date is likely to be in July. All welcome.			

\*Examination for RYA Yachtmaster Certificate of Competence (Coastal or Offshore) by arrangement

### **5KSC berth fees 2010**

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

Temporary and Family members must pay an 'Additional Fee' of £5 per day (or part day) spent aboard *Artful Dodger* 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.

<b>Charter Type</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Whole yacht/Bare boat charter per week [7days normally commencing noon Saturdays]	£1085
Whole yacht/Bare boat charter per day NB: A weekend charter from Liverpool is normally counted as 2 days with start time variable to suite tides.	£155
Training per berth per night (Crew fees cover skippers berth fee)	£45
Skippered charter/Sea time per berth per night (Crew fees cover skippers berth fee)	£45
River Mersey Day Sail or Race per berth [inc fuel] NB: Lock out and back on same high tide.	£15
River Mersey Skippered Day sail per berth [inc fuel]	£30
Cruising berth per night (NB: For small crew charters with own CSSA skipper.)	£33
<b>Extras:</b> Fuel, marina fees, and any other expenses are shared by the crew unless noted otherwise above.	

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### Civil Service Offshore Racing Club - CSORC



The CSORC committee wish CS Sailing readers a happy and prosperous 2010, especially those who've been racing with us over the last year, we hope to see you all again this year.

The CSORC AGM has been arranged for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 at RORC HQ, 20 St James's Place, London SW1A 1NN - see details - Page 15.

CSORC has had a good year in 2009 with a full racing programme. The Club's raison d'être is to provide Civil Servants with the opportunity to race at the highest level and this was achieved. Our racing this year included a crew in three RORC races and the Rolex Fastnet Race and another in the Sunsail Regatta Final.

The highlight has been the 2009 Rolex Fastnet race in August. The crew consisted of seven members with racing experience and two members who were new to racing. The RORC qualifying races were to le Havre and to the Eddystone Rock and back, in May, and down the

English Channel and back in June. In addition the full crew went through sea survival training. The race itself was a bit of a mix, with a brisk wind at the start followed by calm periods, and fog at the Fastnet Rock itself. The CSORC boat crossed the finish line in Plymouth Sound around 1am on the Saturday morning having been at sea for 5½ days.

The club fielded a crew in four of the eight Sunsail Regattas in which the crews dealt with everything from flat calm to near gale, with the high point being a second place, which qualified us for the final, making five entries in the Sunsail Regatta series.

We also entered a crew in the June IDOR. Some of these races were also abandoned due to light winds. All-in-all the weather could have been better over the Summer but we're pleased with the racing that we have completed this year. We entered 10 events which totaled about 20 races.

We are currently drawing up plans for 2010 and we intend to offer a range of racing opportunities from in-shore racing with Sunsail, the IDOR, JOGs and RORC races across the English Channel. We are always keen to try CSSA approved skippers as CSORC racing skippers in these races so, if you're interested, Trevor Drew or Nick Bowles will be pleased to hear from you.

We will consider ourselves successful at the end of 2010 if we have another two or three racing skippers, if we have completed our planned racing programme and our finances are in the same good shape as they are now.

The programme for 2010 is available on the website at [www.csorc.org/](http://www.csorc.org/). As usual, keep an eye on the website for latest plans and reports of recent races.

### ***Civil Service Offshore Racing Club - AGM***

The CSORC AGM will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 at: -

**RORC - London Clubhouse,  
20 St James's Place,  
London, SW1A 1NN**

**Starting at 1930.**

*All members of CSSA are welcome to attend.*

The venue is conveniently located near Green Park & Piccadilly Circus tube stations. For directions go to: - [www.rorc.org](http://www.rorc.org) - RORC > Club > London Clubhouse > Directions & map

***Derek Gant invites us to help get some special kids afloat!***

***Kidz Out! Friday May 14 2010.***

Kidz Out is an event organised annually by the Rotary Club Sussex Branch, to provide a day out and a few hours on a boat for children with special needs. If you don't like Kids or have no desire to make a child with special needs very happy for a couple of hours, read no further.

For those of you who do, this is one of the most rewarding events in my annual calendar. This is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event and Rotary is making a special effort to involve as many children as possible with a new record of 60 boats.

Kidz Out takes place in Chichester harbour starting from a number of pick up points including Chichester Marina, Itchenor and Bosham. The children arrive from a variety of schools throughout Sussex with their carers and are chaperoned to the boats where both carers and children embark at around 10:00. Each child is provided with a packed lunch and each boat is provided with silk streamers denoting the particular children's school.

The usual mix is 1 carer to 2 children and between 2 and 4 children plus carers per boat depending on boat size. Occasionally, where a child has special needs, there is a 1 to 1 arrangement. At this point I must emphasise that responsibility for the children is with the carers, responsibility for the boat is with the skipper.

The boats set off toward East Head at a gentle pace. At this point, the skipper may opt to allow the children to participate in a variety of crewing tasks like steering or pulling halyards and sheets or turning winches as he feels safe, thereby enhancing their voyage considerably, giving them something to compare notes with others who attended or to chat about to their friends on return. We also found that a packet of jammy dodgers and some soft drinks goes down a treat.

On arrival at East Head, they anchor or raft while the charges nosh and the Sea Rescue helicopter performs daring stunts in the sky above to the thrills and hoots of all below. Lunch over, we head back to the drop off point and chaperone the charges back to their buses. We have been told by their carers that this is one of the most exciting outings of the year which they really look forward to. It seems so little to give to enable these special children to have such a wonderful time.

On past events, Lyn and I have anchored up with Carol and Martin (Vulcan of Hamble) on the Thursday prior to the event and enjoyed an evening eating and drinking making ready for the off in the morning.

On Friday evening, Rotary lay on an excellent dinner in Chichester Yacht Club, for those who wish to participate. The dinner usually costs about £20 per head and always has an excellent guest speaker. As a bonus, the Chichester Marina Harbour Master is usually gentle on the mooring charges since all proceeds go to charity, of course.

The next opportunity to join in will be on Friday 14th May 2010 - please let me know if you can come

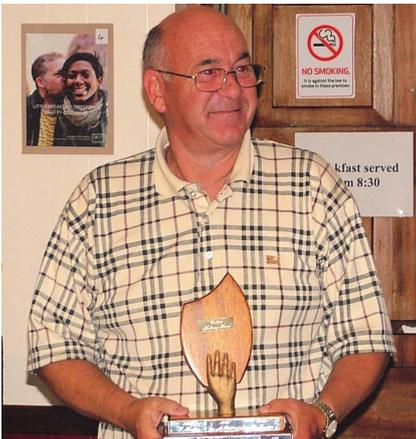
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## Hooe Point SC.

As 2009 closes Hooe Point SC can report another good year of sailing despite the weathers best efforts to disrupt everything. Although the dinghy sailing fleet is still in need of extra numbers our yachts have enjoyed a good year of racing with a strong fleet and some new faces collecting silverware at the prize-giving in November. Members have again cruised extensively around the waters of the South West as far as the Scilly Isles, some even turned left on leaving Plymouth and went East for a change! Several members have been to the Channel Islands and onwards to Brittany and the Morbihan. On-going improvements to the site have recently included the fitting of a new front door and frame to the Clubhouse and installation of CCTV to deter some of the sporadic thefts we endure.

In October several members and friends attended the Port of Plymouth Sailing Association (PPSA) prize-giving to see the first recipient of the Alan Pitt Award step up to collect the trophy. The award, in memory of Alan who was a staunch supporter of youth sailing in Plymouth, is given by the PPSA to the youth sailor who shows the most endeavour during the PPSA Regatta – Plymouth Week. This year the award went to local sailor Luke Olde.

At our own prize-giving in early November, kindly hosted by Mayflower SC, there were some new skippers and crews collecting trophies which is always good to see. The Endeavour Trophy this year went to Alan Casey and his wife Gail for their progress in yacht racing. The Helping Hand trophy (*below left*) went to Jim Beverley for all his hard work on behalf of the Club, which included, amongst many other things, servicing and refurbishing the tractor, to the point where a member asked where our new tractor had come from!



Also in November members were saddened to hear of the death of Arthur Gibbs the sole remaining founding member of the Club. Arthur was one of a group of five members who formed Hooe Point Sailing Club back in 1967 and was awarded Honorary Life Membership in 1994 for his services to the Club.

Looking ahead to 2010 the Club AGM will be held on Tuesday evening 23<sup>rd</sup> February in the Clubhouse starting at 1930 hours. Later in 2010 we intend hosting a new event - the "Alan Pitt Dinghy Weekend". This event will feature a weekend of varied dinghy racing in Plymouth Sound and the Cattewater and an invitation is hereby extended to all CSSA dinghy sailors to join us for the weekend – and for those of you who knew Alan, shorts will of course be "de-riguer" regardless of the weather!!

Hooe Point has ample on-site storage for visiting dinghies and the weekend will include a BBQ on the Saturday night. Provisional dates are 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June. A Notice of Race will be added to the HPSC website in the New Year. Please contact the Hon Sec. Steve Whitting for more information :- [stevewhitting@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:stevewhitting@blueyonder.co.uk)

### **The UK Dinghy Sailing Champion of Champions**

Since Geoff Carveth is already an Honorary Life Member of Littleton SC (& son of past Rear Commodore Derrick Carveth), it is not surprising that things happen when he's at the helm!

Forty-nine year-old Geoff, who last sailed the event seven years ago, has won the coveted *Endeavour Trophy* for the fifth time. He and his crew Emma Clarke representing the RS200 class "stole the show" at the event in October.

Full details & pictures online at - <http://royalcorinthian.co.uk/endeavour-championship> > more about Geoff's story





## Civil Service Sailing - Extras

Sometimes our printed edition is short on space, or copy can “miss the tide” - you will find any overflow here. This month in “Extras” we have :-

- Another photo from Hooe Point SC. Here is Luke Olde receiving the Alan Pitt Award at the Port of Plymouth Prize giving. Well done Luke!
- A reminder of two of our CSSC representative events, with publication by CSSC of the posters to advertise them. Of course it's the **Civil Service Dinghy Championships (10-11th June)** and the **Inter-Department Off-shore Regatta, ( 19-20th June)**. *Why not print the poster(s) for your sports & leisure notice board?*



Luke receives the Alan Pitt Award (See Hooe Point SC report Page 16.)

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# DINGHY SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS



**19 - 20 June 2010**

**Netley Cliff Sailing Club, Victoria Road,  
Netley Abbey, Southampton, SO31 5DR**

## **Trophies**

**CSSC Rose Bowl for the first CSSC member**

**The Seal Cup for the Overall winner**

**The Littleton Bell Team Trophy**

For further details, please e-mail [champs@ncsc.co.uk](mailto:champs@ncsc.co.uk)

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**Inter Departmental  
Offshore Regatta**

**7 - 11 June 2010**

**Cowes, Isle of Wight**

**Teams of 8**

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