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New Season – New Commodore

Every two years it's time for a new Commodore. Oliver Plunkett, retiring Commodore, summarises the past year. On page 2 Paul O'Connor, incoming Commodore, outlines what's in store in 2011.



Last year at this time the clubhouse was knee deep in snow and the water was frozen solid. After a spate of warm and wet winters, this seems quite exceptional. Today when I visited the clubhouse with ten or so other enthusiastic members to prepare the clubhouse for boats in it was again knee deep in snow with the pond completely frozen over. The previous Saturday the Frostbite races on Saturday took place in sunshine but with frozen sheets. By Sunday the water was completely frozen. Typical Boshaw!

This season we have again hosted the Huddersfield Sailing Scouts, unforeseen events delaying their project at Green Withens. They have made a great contribution to our Saturday racing whatever the weather. Peter and Susan Haigh ran an invaluable first aid course and have been a real asset to the club. We all wish the Scouts well with their water sports centre project and will continue to welcome them until it is up and running.

2010 was packed with racing and training from March to December. We hosted the Yorkshire and Humberside Youth Series for their first meeting of the season and saw some fine racing, including our own youth members. Club racing continued with a hotly The amount of training both on and off the water has been outstanding. Paul O'Connor and Allan Brooks deserve particular mention for foregoing their own racing regularly to take novices out and provide help and advice. Our new members have flourished with their guidance. The club's programme of large maintenance projects

continues under the skilful direction of Richard O'Hara and Roger Molyneux. This year's mammoth task was to replace half the clubhouse flooring. We have also repainted the tower, dug new soak-aways, replaced the tower door and weather-proofed the front entrance. A lot of people have worked hard our club in good shape.

The club social events have been really well supported throughout the year. Hats off to the John Dearnley, the social secretary for his hard work. Our surprise party for Roger's Eightieth Birthday was simply wonderful.

No commentary on the year would be complete without mentioning Coniston, Shell Island and Boshaw Offshore. Twenty eight members had a great weekend on Coniston with great sailing and a memorable game of rounders. The Shell Island weekend took our dinghy fleet onto the sea for a 'grand voyage'. The offshore trip from Largs to Rathlin Island, Islay, Campeltown and Loch Fyne was as good a week's sailing as anyone could ask for. The club is simply a powerhouse of sailing and it has been a great privilege to serve as its Commodore for the past two years. I now pass the role onto Paul O'Connor, ably supported by Jim Robison. I hope you will give him the same great support that I have received from you all and I wish him the all the best for the next 2 years. See you on the water after boats out on 19th March.

Oliver – now Rear-Commodore 2011



Thank you Oliver

I'm sure you all agree that Oliver has done an outstanding job as Commodore over the last two years. It's not easy to juggle the pressures that accompany the role with everything that day-to-day life throws at you, but Oliver has brought a relaxed ambiance to the club which belies the time and effort he has put in. I'd also like to thank him for proposing me as Commodore. I've been on the General Committee or the Sailing Committee for a number of years now and some have said "it's your turn" but I still feel it's a privilege to be elected.

Boats out is on Saturday 19th March starting at the clubhouse at 9.30am. We need as many people to be there as possible and ALL boat owners. In addition to getting the boats out we have to get the clubhouse cleaned and tidied ready for the season and ready for the new floor to be laid. If you are a boat owner and you can't be there yourself please arrange for someone else to be there to look after your boat.

So what's new? Well, we (the committee) have decided to finish off the Two's Tuesday Series with a Two's Sunday Event open to all crewed boats. The event will also be an Open Meeting as we've been approached by the Enterprise Association to host an Enterprise Open. We are combining the two on 17th July. There will be more detail as the season progresses so watch out for that. The Coniston weekend is being replaced this year with a visit to Shell Island near Harlech in Wales. There has been a club outing to Shell for the last 2 years to investigate it's suitability / safety as a coastal venue. We like it! As the ever popular Coniston camp-site has turned out to be unavailable this year at a suitable time, Duncan and John

are working together to combine the two week-ends into one big family event. I'm sure it will be a great success.

Over the last two years we've recognised the importance of training our own members in the fine art of sailing. To that end this we replaced the Introductory Days with a Sailing Clinic aimed at getting the novice sailors within the club sailing independently; and the Racing Clinic aimed at getting slightly more advanced, if still novice, sailors racing. Both were successful. They are staying in the 2011 programme and are to be complemented by a Rules and Race Officering evening at the club in April (details in the Notice of Races). We'll start with the basics and work up from there. It will be packed with useful tips for all sailors on Boshaw.

I need to take a bit of a step back from training people myself so that I can fulfil my other duties. Three coaches have (been) volunteered to take this on; Peter Wilson (crafty sea dog) Toby Burhouse (in and amongst his exams) and your very own Oliver Plunkett. For those of you who are already experienced sailors this is not an exclusive list. I will still be helping out; I hope you can too. If you need any tips on how best to teach someone to sail please let me know.

Finally, the Newsletter. Thank you to everyone past and present who has submitted articles and helped to produce it. Do you have an article for the newsletter? Something for sale, something you want, photographs, a nautical joke perhaps? If so please send them to Simon Tunstall at simon@usmarine.co.uk.

Hope to see you on the water soon.

Paul O'Connor, Commodore 2011

PRIZE GIVING
Saturday 9th April 2011
7:30 pm
In the Clubhouse

BOATS OUT
Don't forget
19th March 2011
9:30 am prompt
If your boats in the clubhouse you need to
be there – last in, first out.

New Season – New Sailing Secretary

Peter Wilson is handing over to Andy Rhodes after many years of successful organisation of the sailing programme.



Yes, it really is Peter (left), and Andy (right), under there!

The 2010 season is over, cut short by the ice and snow. The last sailing day was Saturday 27th November when two races were held despite frozen sheets & blocks. It's not called the Frostbite season for nothing.

Deep snow prevented the boats being put into the clubhouse on the scheduled day but we managed it the following weekend.

A full list of trophy winners can be found at the end of the newsletter but congratulations particularly to Allan Brooks, Andrew O'Conner & Roger Stephenson. The Prize Giving will be in the Club House on Saturday 9th April.

Boats Out of club house is on Saturday 19th March starting at 9.30am, leaving a few days for fitting out & buoyancy testing before the first race on Sat 2nd April. The Easter Series will take place on 23rd/24th April followed by the Yorkshire & Humberside Youth Series Open on the 30th April.

I'm sure Andy Rhodes will appreciate me reminding members to fill in Buoyancy / Insurance Registration Forms for every boat. It will also make the new Sailing Secretary's job much easier if all Race Officers can remember to fill in the race sheets fully.

Peter Wilson

**Boshaw Offshore
Cruising the Clyde 2011
Contact Peter Wilson
Simon Tunstall
or Duncan Walpole
if you fancy joining us.**

Two's Tuesday Series

7th June – 19th July 7:30 pm start

Here's a chance to sail with your kids, partner or mates. It's fun and social racing with an early finish. Slow boats start first, faster ones later – in theory we all finish at the same time! If you're in a Mirror you've got the same chance as a Fireball, probably more! Great for kids, new members and learners to take part in friendly competition Short series in the last half of the summer term. 7 races, best 4 to count.

All crewed boats welcome

Working Parties

Maintenance dates for the new season are as follows: **Sunday the 27th March and Sunday 3rd April 2011.** Start time **9.30am till 12.30pm** There is plenty to do to get the clubhouse and boat park ready for the new season, so please come and give a hand. New faces very welcome. DIY skills not required just enthusiasm.

Richard O'Hara, Bosun

Social Scene

Social Secretary John Dearnley reviews a year of successful social events.

2010 started off with a well-attended annual prize giving at the clubhouse. The social side of the Coniston sailing weekend with good weather, a great barbeque and a record attendance was a fantastic complement to an excellent, and at times challenging, weekend's sailing.

Our second exploratory weekend at Shell Island near Harlech was also blessed with good weather and some superb hospitality from Llanbedr and Pensarn Yacht club. Back at Boshaw the summer barbeque rounded off another good weekend of sailing. In September the lucky few who were able to participate in some big boat sailing from Largs on the Clyde enjoyed a passaget to Northern Ireland for a well deserved pint of Guin-

ness. Thanks again, Duncan and Peter, for organising this event.

The Halloween party was in aid of the R.N.L.I and we had lots of fun whilst raising money for a very worthy cause. With a good turnout we raised £108. Thanks to everyone for their donations. We finished the year with a curry evening on the 3rd of December. This is fast becoming a tradition.

John Dearnley Social Secretary

Forthcoming events:

Annual Prizegiving 2011 – Sat. 9th April
Shell Island Weekend 1st – 3rd July

Key Dates 2011

Working Party	27th March & 3rd April 09.30
Buoyancy Testing	20th March to 27th March
Annual Prize Giving	9th April 19:30
Rules and Race Officer Training	12th April 19:00
Midweek racing starts	13th April 19:30
Y&HYSA Open	30th April 11:00
Mirror Heron Open	8th May 11:00
Sail Training Trust Fundraiser	11th June 14.00
Shell Island	1st – 3rd July
Swallows and Amazons	1th June to 16th July
Two's Tuesdays	7th June to 19th July 19:30
Masters Trophy	21st August 14:00
Anniversary Day	4th September 14.00
Secret Sailing	7th September onwards
Single-Handed Open	18th September 11:00 am
Boats In	4th December 09:30

Boat Registration and Dinghy Park

Over the last few seasons spare berths in the dinghy park have become quite scarce and the storage of boats over winter in the clubhouse has just about reached its maximum. In an attempt to organise the dinghy park, and the allocation of berths more efficiently, all the trolleys in the dinghy park have now been labelled. This should enable everyone to know which berths are free and which are occupied (even when there is not a boat on it). Members are reminded that all boats sailed at the club must pay the boat registration fee, even if the boat is not kept at the club. A copy of the club rules is available at the club.

Communication

Our public website is www.huddersfieldsailing.org.uk and our Yahoo Group site for member's news and messages is <http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/Boshaw/>. Anyone who is not a member of the Yahoo Group or has difficulty accessing it can email me at oliver.plunkett@btopenworld.com and I will register them or get their access restored. Feel free to upload photographs, post items for sale or use the messaging facility. The club diary will be posted soon with email reminders for the key dates. Racing results and newsletters are posted throughout the season.