

PORTHPEAN SAILING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 1987

As we are getting into the swing of Autumn it is time to take stock of the Season that is drawing to a close and plan the winter activities.

Without doubt this has been the most successful season for some time. Membership and turnouts are both up in numbers.

The Regatta was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Many thanks to Jenny Pope and her helpers for the catering. Overall we netted a profit of £140. Well done.

Trouble loomed at Polkerris when we were taken to task by the beach proprietor for bringing too many boats. Everyone took the hint, concentrated on beach games and avoided his shop. It is always nice to feel welcome. The Taser crowd took on the rest at some form of cricket but the result was a draw!

Our crews did well at Pentewan Regatta. Peter Pope and Mary Newton won the slow handicap. (There must be a moral there somewhere.) Barry Vigus and Jeremy Rowett won the Long Distance race; Jenkins, pater et filius, won the fast handicap. (Not much left, was there?)

A Porthpean boat, Shockwave 1880, won the Scorpion Nationals, unfortunately no-one from Porthpean was sailing it. Shucks. Colin Campbell came second, and the Jenkins, (p et f), came in the 30s.

The PRE-CHRISTMAS SOCIAL PROGRAMME is now being worked out.

The idea is to have some sort of event every fortnight. After Christmas there will be talks on sailing topics; possibly we might get outside speakers in once or twice.

Nick Haskins

SOCIAL DIARY

OCTOBER 16th Friday 7.30p.m. Cheese and wine
(organised by P.Pope)

NOVEMBER 6th Friday LAYING OUT SUPPER
(the event of the Year) Clifden Grill 7.30p.m. Approx £7

Tickets from the Clubhouse on Sundays or Jenny Pope, 61185,
or Jenny March 75469.

NOVEMBER 13th Friday 7.30 Thornton's tasting.
(George Thornton will give a talk and samples on tea & coffee)

DECEMBER 6th Tuesday A.G.M. 7.30 for 8p.m. a MUST

Your chance to vote for the new Committee and to decide how YOU want YOUR CLUB run.

DECEMBER 18th Friday 7.30 Decorate the Clubhouse for Christmas.

BOXING DAY 11.30a.m. Mince pies and coffee (?) - watch the loonies bathing and catching hypothermia etc., from the warmth of the Clubhouse. (The swimming is usually much earlier).

NEW YEAR'S EVE - to be planned ?? Fancy dress & disco??

NEW YEAR'S DAY Annual Football Matches at Pentewan 10a.m.

Date for your Diary LAYING OUT (UP) SUPPER

6th NOVEMBER CLIFDEN HOTEL 7.30p.m.

Tickets from Jenny Pope 61185 or Jenny March 75469 (£7 approx)

THE EVERGREEN BLUE ENTERPRISE or "Eat your heart out - Dennis Bray"

For those older members who view the passing of wooden boats with more than a little nostalgia and feared that P.S.C. was fast becoming a Taser Club, I am happy to report that the Enterprise continues to flourish. Perhaps a slight exaggeration, but nevertheless I counted nine boats in the yard recently. We can boast a wealth of talent and experience - for most of us only the latter is relevant.

Richard Armstrong and Andrew Penaluna (E18049) continue to dominate the fleet and are to be congratulated on their performances during the last couple of years on the "Golden Hind" circuit. We are grateful to Richard for putting terms like "pre-bend" and "rig-tension" into our vocabulary.

Chris and Cathy Dew (E17358) have shown considerable improvement in their first "real" season and picked up a third at Charlestown.

Regulars like Mike and Paul Edwards (E5871) Chris Millard (E16120) Peter Pope and Mary Newton (E18274) have all had good results during the season.

A special mention for Mike Setchell who recently bought John Juleff's boat Shadow, from Looe. Having done very little serious dinghy sailing before, Mike's progress has been remarkable. Rather like Richard Armstrong, the harder it blows, the better he likes it, and with this disturbingly positive approach it must be only a matter of time before he finds himself at the front of the fleet!!

Ian Whitehead (E4807) Martin Gruber (E17358) and Patrick Seyler (E1882) have also shown that they can cope with demanding conditions and have been very welcome additions to the fleet this season.

With an entry of 160+ at this year's Nationals and the opportunity to sail against Enterprises at Penzance, Restronguet, Looe, and Tanar River in this county alone continues to make this an attractive and viable dinghy for the expert and novice alike. P.Pope

TASER sailors are pleased to report that the interest in the Class continues to be very lively with 6 new boats joining the fleet this season alone, which now brings us up to 10. We are still working on several more prospective TASER owners and are hopeful that the class will expand even more before the season finishes.

Racing within the class is very keen, and, with a good number turning out for most races, all results are well contested with places frequently changing as the boats are extremely well matched in performance.

If there are any club members who would like to have a sail, please ask any Taser owner, who will be only too happy to let you have a go. They are easy to sail, fast and with the added beauty of no spinnaker or trapeze, ideal for the husband/wife, adult/teenager combination, and, of course, being made of fibreglass, relatively easy to maintain, so you won't have to spend all winter redecking/painting/varnishing it and can get on with all the house decorating which was left during the sailing season!

In any case, whatever boat you sail, HAPPY SAILING.

Dennis and Heather Bray Taser 1274

STOP PRESS Summer Series Result. 14 races, ave 16 per race.

TASERS		HANDICAP		
1st	A & J Smith	1st	A & J Smith	Taser
2nd	D & H Bray	2nd	D & H Bray	Taser
3rd	S & M Bray	3rd	P. March & Crew	Scorpion
		4th	P. Pope & M. Newton	Ent
		5th	M & M Trise	Taser

REGATTA '87

The growing interest in dinghy sailing this season was reflected in an increased entry for the '87 Regatta. Despite a clash of dates with the Taser Nationals at Looe 47 boats, including a good number of visitors, took part. Apart from the traditional Regatta drift on the Sunday morning, the weather was reasonably kind and the Race Officer, Ray Noble, was able to select a variety of courses to test helms.

A light off shore breeze on Saturday afternoon allowed 'the tacticians to shine' - quote Jeremy 'head for the cliffs' Rovett.

Results

Enterprises	Richard Armstrong
Darts	T. Harnby
Tasers	Lionel Rigby
Fast handicap	Barry Vigus
Slow handicap	C. Carnell

Sunday morning's "race" was sailed in virtually no wind and most competitors were relieved to see the shortened course flag after two rounds.

Lionel Rigby again got away in the Tasers; T. Harnby won for the second time in the Darts and Paul Jenkin was first in the fast handicap.

John Hill, crewed by seven year old son Andrew, won the slow handicap in Mirror 12829, whilst Richard Armstrong (despite a considerable disadvantage in crew weight - sorry Andy) sailed a superb tactical race to hold off a strong challenge from Andrew Gill.

Conditions didn't look much better for the afternoon race and an air of resignation accompanied the procession out to sea. Suddenly a breeze sprung up and sailing faces were soon in evidence; some of these became distinctly strained as the wind freshened to a 4-5 and the boats planed across the start line. A number decided to call it a day, while many revelled in the conditions and enjoyed one of the best races of the season.

Ade & I arrived late, (see me for the reason). Fortunately Dennis Bray and Sharon Quick had been to the briefing!

The first race started "bang" on 2.30 (Canon fired from Committee Boat. Several crews had to be rescued from the water or mast heads suffering from fright.) The wind was 3-4 extremely variable with a 180 shift; however the 19 entries coped with all that and Dennis & Sharon finished 14th, Ade & Jerry 6th.

Monday morning, winds 3-4, and afternoon race delayed because the Redwings hadn't finished the morning race! Results 8th & 11th.

Tuesday was Malcolm Lee weather 5 increasing to 7; 19 boats left the beach 5 returned within 20 minutes, Dennis was 3ft in the air because he had discovered a crack on on of his rudder stock pintels!. Redwings capsized everywhere so the course was shortened, (lucky because Ade & Jerry had broken their mast spanner.) 4th & 8th.!

Wednesday was a day of rest?! Thursday saw the first false start, & a lot of shouting; P.S.C. took 6th & 7th places.

Friday started with wind force 1/2! but eventually increased to 3.

Porthepan boats finished with Ade & Jerry 4th in the Nationals & 6th in the Europeans, Dennis & Sharon 12th in both series, a very creditable performance. The Social events were lively & noisy; it was a good week.

Next year's Nationals are at BRIXHAM, go for it.

The latest Taser is 2163, a yellow peril called Teddy Bear.

Jerry Smith

The Commodore took to the water on the first beat and several others (clearly as a mark of respect), followed suit.

OVERALL RESULTS

<u>ENTERPRISES</u>	1st	R. Armstrong/A. Penaluna	
	2nd	A. Gill Looe	
	3rd	P. Pope/ M. Gruber	
<u>DARTS</u>	1st	T. Harnby P.S.S.C.	
	2nd	M. Furniss/P. Larsen	
	3rd	S. Toy	
<u>Slow Handicap</u>	1st	J. Hill/A. Hill	
	2nd	C. Carnell Restronguet	
	3rd	K. Newton/P. Newton	
<u>Fast Handicap</u>	1st	B. Vigus/J. Rovett	Sc 1880
	2nd	P. Jenkin/J. Jenkin	Sc 1353
	3rd	A. Mitchell/S. Mitchell	Sc 1850
<u>Tasers</u>	1st	L. Rigby/N. Rigby	
	2nd	M. Trice/M. Trice	
	3rd	I. Attrup	

The Commodore's wife Jayne, presented the prizes.

The Club wish to thank Ray Noble for managing such a successful series of races, Brenda Setchell, who did the recording and Henry Pope who took the entries, and a special thanks to Ron Crocker, who took part of his holiday to man the rescue boat throughout the weekend. Our thanks as usual to Pentevan Sands Sailing Club for providing a rescue boat and crew.

Finally a big thank you to all club members who generously donated items to the galley - the end result was very well received indeed and the Club was able to show a reasonable profit to augment funds.